

Minutes: The Blue Mountains Special Meeting of Council



MEETING DATE: March 3, 2014
LOCATION: Town Hall, Council Chamber
PREPARED BY: Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

A. Call to Order

- Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order with all members in attendance save Deputy Mayor McKinlay, absent due to vacation.

Also in attendance were CAO Troy Speck, Director of Finance & IT Services Robert Cummings, Manager of Revenue Ruth Prince, Financial Accountant Renee Ouellette, Financial Analyst Sam Dinsmore, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt, Manager of Water & Wastewater Services John Caswell, Manager of Roads & Drainage Jim McCannell, Chief Librarian Terri Pope, Planner Bryan Pearce and Administrative Assistant Sharon Long.

- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Agenda of March 3, 2014 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.

- No member declared a pecuniary interest with any matter as listed on the Agenda, save Councillor McKean regarding Agenda Item G.1 and G.2 Accounts and Invoices and the place of employment of a family member.

B. Closed Session

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT, with regard to subsection 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, this Council does now move into closed session in order to address matters regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board;

AND with regard to contract negotiations, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 6:18 pm.
Council moved into public session at 6:44 pm.

C. Call to Order (7:00 pm)

- Council then paused for a moment of Personal Prayer or Reflection.
- Adoption of Consent Agenda

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT the Consent Agenda of March 3, 2014 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, being Agenda Item G.6, the Committee of Adjustment Minutes of January 23, 2014, Carried.

NOTE: Councillor McKean earlier declared a pecuniary interest with regard to Item No. G.1 and G.2 and the place of employment of a family member and did not take part in related discussion or voting.

▪ Previous Minutes

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: R.J. Gamble

THAT the Council minutes of February 19, 2013, be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

D. Deputations / Presentations / Public Meeting

The Mayor noted under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and in accordance with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains wishes to inform the public that all information including opinions, presentations, reports and documentation provided for or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record. This information may be posted on the Town's website and or/ made available to the public upon request.

None

E. Correspondence as previously circulated

Author

- E.1 Lupus Foundation of Ontario Re: Request for support for World Lupus Day, May 10, and the month of October as "October is Lupus Awareness Month".

Moved by: Joe Halos Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council does hereby support and endorse the efforts of the Lupus Foundation of Ontario and May 10th as "World Lupus Day" and the month of October as "October is Lupus Awareness Month", Carried.

- E.2 Town of Arnprior Re: request support for motion to Ontario Energy Board to not approve any further electricity rate increases.

Moved by: Gail Ardiel Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT Council does hereby receive and file correspondence from the Town of Arnprior regarding their motion to the Ontario Energy Board to not approve any further electricity rate increases, Carried.

- E.3 Town of Arnprior Re: request support for proposed policing billing model change.

Moved by: Gail Ardiel Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council does hereby receive and file correspondence from the Town of Arnprior Re: request support for proposed policing billing model change, Carried.

F. Motions and Staff Reports

F.1 Asset Management Plan – Linear Infrastructure, FIT.14.10

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT Council receive Staff Report FIT.14.10 “Asset Management Plan – Linear Infrastructure” for information purposes; and

THAT Council support the progress of a comprehensive Asset Management Plan for all Town related infrastructure, Carried.

G. Consent Agenda

G.1 Accounts

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G.2 Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (CC Tatham)

Reports List (Adopt)

G.3 Committee of the Whole Report, dated February 24, 2014

G.4 Sign By-Law Review Committee Report, dated February 25, 2014

Minutes List (Receive)

G.5 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Minutes, January 15, 2014

G.6 Committee of Adjustment Minutes, January 23, 2014

Councillor Halos spoke regarding Agenda item G.6 Committee of Adjustment Minutes dated January 23, 2014 and expressed concern with the request for four minor variances for front yard setbacks in this new development.

Planner Bryan Pearce spoke noting that the four applications are for four corner lots in the development that have angular impacts and because of the model of home chosen, minor variances are requested. Bryan noted that the minor variances are attached to the sale of the lots to allow purchasers to build the house they want on the lot they have chosen.

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT Council received the Committee of Adjustment Minutes of January 23, 2014, for information purposes, Carried.

H. By-laws

H.1 Zoning By-law Amendment Re: Sobeys Capital

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: John McKean

THAT By-Law 2014-9 being a By-law to rezone the lands lying and being in the Town of the Blue Mountains, comprised of Lots 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39 Southwest of Arthur Street West; and Lots 36, 37, 38 and 39 Northeast of Louisa Street West; Town Plot of Thornbury; Town of The Blue Mountains; and to add a new Exception to Town of Thornbury By-law 10-77, as amended be passed this third day of March, 2014, Carried.

H.2 By-law to adopt the estimates of all sums required for 2014 for Town purposes

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT By-Law 2014-10 being a By-law to adopt the estimates of all sums required for 2014 for Town purposes be passed this third day of March, 2014, Carried.

H.3 By-law to impose Water Charges and Sewer Charges

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: R.J. Gamble

THAT By-Law 2014-11 being a By-law to impose water charges and sewer charges be passed this third day of March, 2014, Carried.

I. New and Unfinished Business

I.1 Grey County Council Update

None at this time

I.2 Notice of Motion

None at this time

I.3 Additions to Agenda

I.3.1 Grants and Donations

Councillor Ardiel then spoke regarding the Town Grants and Donations Program, noting the rules and regulations for the program may not be clear. Gail noted that some organizations are outside of The Blue Mountains and questioned if the application states that grants will be given to organizations in a deficit position. Rob then read the guidelines on the front page of the Grants and Donations program, Gail noting it should be clearly stated that if an organization is in a deficit, that they need not apply.

Rob noted the phrase “no deficits permitted” could be included, Mayor Anderson proposing the information be forwarded to Council and considered under Finance and Administration at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councillor McKean questioned if the front page of the Application could have a section that indicates that by signing and submitting the application, that the organization is stating that it complies with the requirements of the grants and donations program.

I.3.2 Committee of Adjustment

Councillor Martin then reported he would be absent for the next Committee meeting and at the last meeting there were concerns expressed surrounding the Dubczak application, that mudrooms and exercise areas will be used as secondary residences and questioned what controls were in place to address this and should Council give guidance to the Committee.

Planner Bryan Pearce then reported that Dubczak is reapplying for a variance from the application made in 2013 where bedroom facilities and a children’s play area was refused by the Committee of Adjustment. A reapplication has been made which showed an office area and workout room and common area.

Bryan further noted an Order to Comply was issued and the application met the four tests for a variance. Bryan further noted this was an area where secondary units may be permitted in the future but they are not approved at this time.

I.3.3 Meeting with Warden and County

Michael then noted a previous Committee of the Whole request for information from Grey County Council, Mayor Anderson noting she had spoken with the Warden this day and he is making plans to come to Council but a date is not yet set.

Councillor McKean then questioned the process for submitting questions, the Clerk replying that questions would be sent to the Clerk to compile and provide to the Warden and Grey County prior to the meeting.

1.3.4 Asset Management Plan

Councillor Gamble then referred to unaccounted for water flow volumes which had been studied two or three years ago and questioned if this should be brought back to the next Committee of the Whole meeting. John Caswell then noted he and the Director of Engineering and Public Works Reg Russwurm would bring a Report forward on unaccounted for water.

I.4 Staff Discussion

J. Notice of Meeting Dates

Committee of the Whole, March 17, 2014 1:00 pm
Town Hall, Council Chamber

Council Meeting, March 31, 2014 7:00 pm
Town Hall, Council Chamber

K. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT By-law No. 2014 - 11, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on March 3, 2014, be hereby enacted as passed this 3rd day of March, 2014, Carried.

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: John McKean

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 8:30 p.m. to meet again March 31, 2014, 7:00 pm, Town Hall, Council Chamber, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

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Ellen Anderson, Mayor

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Corrina Giles, Town Clerk