

Moved by: Michael Seguin

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT the Consent Agenda of March 6, 2017 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, being:

- E.1 Accounts and E.2 Invoices
- E.3 Committee of the Whole Report dated February 22, 2017
 - B.2.3 Municipal and School Board Election 2018 – Alternative Voting Methods, FAF.17.31
 - B.10.2 Unopened Road Allowances Bay Street West and Victoria Street North – Tammy Abbots Proposal for Purchase of lands, PDS.17.13
- E.9 Thornbury Business Improvement Area Minutes , January 4, 2017
- E.11 Thornbury Business Improvement Area Minutes, February 8, 2017, Carried.

▪ **Previous Minutes**

Moved by: R.J. Gamble

Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT the Council minutes of February 13, 2017 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

B. Deputations / Presentations / Public Meeting

Mayor John McKean 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.

B.1 Dan Harrison, Bay-Mount Service

Re: Load Restrictions – Request for Letter of Permission

Dan Harrison spoke noting that he is requesting a letter from the Town to allow him to deliver water to his customers that live on the roads with half-load restrictions. Mr. Harrison noted this is for a four to six week period until the half load restrictions are lifted. Mr. Harrison noted that he has been pulled over by the MTO and warned that he requires a letter of approval from the municipality to travel on the half load restricted roads or he will be charged.

Councillor Seguin questioned how many roads will be effected, Mr. Harrison replying that there are 15 roads at various locations in the Town, further noting that Meaford has provided a letter of approval to some in Meaford.

Councillor Halos spoke noting that this was done for apple growers a few years ago.

Mr. Harrison noted that water is an essential service, further noting that he is providing potable water to customers, and is not filling pools during the half load season. Mr. Harrison noted that they tend to deliver in the morning so as not to damage the roads.

Mayor McKean spoke noting that the apple growers were provided an exemption a few years ago because the Town knew the roads impacted were scheduled to be rebuilt. Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Reg Russwurm spoke noting that staff do not support providing a blanket exemption, further noting that Roads Foreman, Brian Kane could write exemptions for one time use, on request, when considering the temperature and weather conditions.

Mr. Harrison noted that the customer will pay much more for a load of water if numerous trips have to be taken to deliver smaller quantities of water, further noting that it makes more sense to make one trip when the roads are frozen.

Mayor McKean questioned if 24 hours notice to receive a permit is manageable, Reg replying yes, further noting that Mr. Harrison could schedule his time to deliver to customers during the exemption period. Reg noted that there are other water haulers in the municipality as well.

Shelly Harrison spoke noting that she has no idea when people will call for water, further noting that residents generally do not know when they will run out. Mrs. Harrison noted that farmers require water for their animals as well.

Councillor Halos spoke noting that water is an essential service, and that this needs to be balanced to make deliveries year round.

Deputy Mayor Ardiel spoke questioning why the MTO are enforcing now, Reg spoke in response noting that enforcement is a good idea as it protects our roads.

Councillor McGee spoke noting that weather can be forecasted for March and April to determine when the conditions are appropriate for hauling to ensure people have water.

Reg then spoke noting that he could draft a letter with conditions, but noted that enforcement would be a challenge for MTO to know if the temperature was a certain temperature overnight, etc. Reg noted that "one-off" letters would be a better solution.

Mr. Harrison noted that he is trying to accommodate his customers as well, further noting that the customers don't want multiple truck trips on their driveways.

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains authorizes staff to negotiate an agreement with Mr. Dan Harrison, Bay-Mount Service to allow the delivery of water, as required, during load restriction periods, Carried.

Councillor Seguin questioned if this exemption would be for all trucks, referencing landscapers, Mayor McKean replying that this direction is in response to Mr. Harrison's request alone. Reg noted that he will work with Mr. Harrison and Jim McCannell to determine when the conditions are right to haul on the restricted roads.

C. Correspondence as previously circulated

Author	Recommendation / Actions
C.1 Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Re: Invoice for 2017 Dues	
Moved by: John McGee	Seconded by: Joe Halos
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the renewal of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative membership and associated conference costs, Carried.	

C.2 Alar Soever, For the Citizens at the Corner
Re: Request for "Open Mic" at Council Meetings

Moved by: Michael Seguin Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of correspondence from Alar Soever, For the Citizens at the Corner dated February 26, 2017 regarding "Open Mike" at Council meetings;

AND THAT Council direct staff to include in the Procedural By-law Update, for Council consideration:

- i) Friday deputation deadline;
- ii) "Open Mic" 15 minute comment period at each Council meeting;
- iii) Provision to allow the public an opportunity to submit written comments on the day of a Council Meeting, regarding matters on the Agenda, to be read by the Clerk at the meeting, Carried.

C.3 Meaford Hospital
Re: Request for Support for "The Hospital Campaign"

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from Meaford Hospital Foundation dated February 8, 2017 regarding support for the Hospital Campaign,

AND THAT Council direct staff to respond to the Meaford Hospital Foundation that Council considers requests for support through the grants and donations program, Carried.

C.4 Communities in Bloom Ontario
Re: Registration to participate in 2017

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: Michael Seguin

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from Communities in Bloom, Carried.

C.5 Municipality of Neebing
Re: Carbon Tax Credits for Municipalities

Moved by: Joe Halos Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from the Municipality of Neebing dated February 7, 2017 regarding Carbon Tax Credits for Municipalities, Carried.

C.6 Submission by Residents of Woodland Park
Road Re: Notice of Study Completion of
Highway 26/Grey Road 40 Intersections

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: Michael Seguin

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from the Residents of Woodland Park Road dated February 21, 2017 regarding the Notice of Study Completion of Highway 26 and Grey Road 40 Intersections and refers the same to the Infrastructure and Public Works Department, Carried.

Mayor McKean spoke regarding the recent MPAC Assessment, and noted that because of the increase in farmland value, that some municipalities will have significant increases in assessment, and that The Blue Mountains assessment has been reduced slightly.

Mayor McKean noted that he had recently attended the OGRA Conference, with good attendance and great speakers. John noted that the Town's Municipal Licensing Officer, Luc Proulx, did a presentation on the Sharing Economy Act, and short term accommodation that was very well received.

Mayor McKean noted that the Town's Ron Gibbons received a long service award at OGRA for his 38 years of service with the Town.

Councillor Halos spoke noting that he recently attended the Rotary 75th Anniversary event, and noted that we are fortunate to have a community club like Rotary in The Blue Mountains.

Deputy Mayor Ardiel spoke thanking staff for preparing the flyer that was included in the tax bill, noting it was good information and good communication for residents.

G.2 Notice of Motion (Council)

None

G.3 Additions to Agenda (Staff)

None

G.4 Staff Discussion

None

H. Notice of Meeting Dates

Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 13, 2017,
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Meeting, March 27, 2017,
Town Hall, Council Chambers

I. Closed Session

Moved by: Gail Ardiel Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT, with regard to subsection 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, this Council does now move into closed session in order to address matters pertaining to:

- i) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, and with regard to the municipality's inventory of land;
- ii) labour relations or employee negotiations, and with regard to personnel matters;
- iii) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and with regard to board and committee appointments, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 9:07 p.m.

Council rose from closed to public session at 9:51 p.m.

J. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Mayor McKean vacated the Council Chamber having earlier declared a conflict. Deputy Mayor Ardiel chaired this portion of the meeting.

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: Michael Seguin

THAT By-law No. 2017 - 13, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on March 6, 2017, be hereby enacted as passed this 6th day of March, 2017, Carried.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 9:53 p.m. to meet again March 27, 2017, Town Hall, Council Chambers, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

John McKean, Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk