

B. Deputations/Public Meeting

B.1 Public Meeting, Re: 2011 Budget

Mayor Anderson read the Notice of Public Meeting with regard to the 2011 Proposed Budget noting that a Statutory Public Meeting to review the 2011 Proposed Budget and supporting Tax Rate Changes will be held at the L.E. Shore Memorial Library, 173 Bruce Street South, Thornbury, during the regularly scheduled Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 14, 2011.

Ellen noted that any person may attend the Public Meeting and /or make written or verbal representation regarding the 2011 Proposed Budget.

The Clerk then read correspondence received from Terence Thompson and Fred Barnes.

Deputy Treasurer Elizabeth Thompson spoke reviewing the budget process to date and noted a number of proposed changes have been made to the budget from suggestions made at the Special Meetings of Council regarding the Budget. Elizabeth then reviewed the budget noting the proposed budget proposes an increase of 3%.

James McKinlay, Chair of The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Board ("AGAC"), spoke introducing fellow Board members present, Grant McMurchy, Lynn Vail and James Farmilo. James noted the AGAC is requesting the enhancement to the 2011 Budget of \$10,000, further noting the Senior Management Team of The Blue Mountains challenged the AGAC to come up with a project for the AGAC, and through meetings and discussions of the AGAC, the "Environmental Farm Program" is proposed. James noted the Environmental Farm Program will benefit the residents of The Blue Mountains.

James then noted the AGAC put together a budget for the enhancement report noting 20% of an approved project, to a maximum of \$2000 per application, would be available to the agricultural community, and noted the reimbursement would be made once the project has been completed and inspected. James noted Grey Agricultural Services have offered to perform inspections free of charge.

James then noted the funding would be on a first come, first served basis to a maximum of \$10,000 of funding available. James then identified the risks and benefits of the Environmental Farm Program.

Councillor Halos then spoke questioning the maximum of \$10,000, James replying this is the proposed maximum available per year, further noting the funding is proposed to be available annually and noted the entire amount may not be allocated for 2011.

Michael Sequin, President Blue Mountain Ratepayers then spoke commending Director of Finance Robert Cummings and Staff for their work on the budget. Michael requested in future, that copies of the budget be made available prior to the Special Meetings of Council. Michael noted a 0% increase in the 2011 budget shows fiscal restraint, further noting that the proposed 3% increase in the 2011 budget does not show fiscal restraint.

Michael then noted the proposed budget does not represent the promises made by the members of Council during the recent election, further noting many Councillors noted that tax increases would not be more than the cost of living. Michael noted that 1% of the budget is for budget enhancements and not for essential services.

Michael then noted he does not support taxpayers paying for Tomahawk and he is also not in favour of cost of living increases for Town Staff, further noting there should be no increases in salaries and that there should be layoffs at the Town.

Michael then referenced the proposed Ravenna Yard expansion and new machinery purchases and noted this expansion and purchase of equipment should come from grants, not from taxation.

Michael then referenced the reduction of the Grants and Donations program from \$40,000 to \$20,000 and noted he is not in favour of this budget cut.

Michael then noted he is not in favour of the proposed budget and that any tax increases should be in accordance with the cost of living.

James Farmilo, resident in Clarksburg, then spoke questioning the justification for hiring two extra Staff, Acting CAO and Director of Engineering and Public Works Reg Russwurm replying that the Environmental Initiatives Coordinator is currently a contract position that has been contract for a number of years. Reg noted Council believe it to be beneficial to The Blue Mountains to have this position as a full time position as it is in accordance with the Town`s Sustainable Path.

Reg then spoke regarding the proposed IT position noting this may save the Town money as currently this work is provided by an outside company.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then spoke noting the budget schedule did not allow him to be at all budget meetings and referenced the cutting of the Environmental Farm Plan from the 2011 budget, Capital Accountant Darcy Chapman replying that the Environmental Farm Plan was identified as a priority in 2010, but with the proposed 2% increase requested by Council, it was brought forward as an enhancement to the 2011 budget.

Councillor Gamble then spoke referencing the \$10,000 proposed and noted that \$5,000 will come from taxation and that \$5,000 will come from another location.

Councillor McKean then requested clarification on where the funding will come from, Darcy replying that originally it was believed that Gas Tax Funding could be used to fund the Environmental Farm Plan, but on further investigation it was identified that the Gas Tax cannot be used in tandem with another grant.

Councillor Halos then spoke noting he agrees with the presenters and further noted he previously agreed that Staff should not be increased at the Town, but when the numbers were worked out, he agreed that it made sense to make the IT position full time. Joe further noted that the Environmental Initiatives Coordinator position should continue as contract.

Joe then referenced Tomahawk and noted many use the facility and believes it to be a good project for the Town, further noting the students hired for Tomahawk are paid for by grants made available to the Town.

Joe then noted the addition to the budget includes contribution to the roads reserves and noted the next few years has many expenditures and believes the budget to be reasonable in the circumstances, but then noted the budget could likely be reduced to a lesser amount.

James McKinlay then spoke questioning if the Gas Tax Funding could be allocated directly to residents, Manager of Revenue Ruth Prince replying that she has contacted AMO regarding uses for Gas Tax funding and noted it has to be a capital program of the Town.

Mayor Anderson then spoke referencing the "Friends of the River" program and questioned if this program could be a positive relationship with the Environmental Farm Plan, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt replying that the two groups could work closely together and good work could be done for the community.

Ellen then spoke in response to Mr. Seguin noting she appreciates his comments and noted in response to his question about the budget document being posted to the Town's website that the budget document is too large, but that perhaps a budget summary could be posted to the website for next year's budget process, Elizabeth Thompson replying that portions of the document could be posted to the website and noted there is value in the budget summaries.

Ellen then noted she received two emails regarding the proposed budget and that she received comments with respect to the reduction of the Grants and Donations program and the value the Grants and Donations program brings to the community. Ellen then noted if the Environmental Farm Program is included as an enhancement in the budget and the Grants and Donations is reinstated to \$40,000 from the reduction to \$20,000 that an additional \$30,000 would be added to the budget, Elizabeth replying that the budget increase would then be 3.3%.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then spoke noting Council has heard from the public and fellow members of Council and questioned if Council would like to go back to see if further savings could be realized in the budget.

Councillor Martin then spoke noting Council is in a dilemma, noting he does not support the cuts to the Grants and Donations program and that he does not support this budget.

Cal Willis, resident, spoke noting if Council revisited this budget it would give confidence to residents. Cal then noted purchasing equipment is a matter of discretion and noted if Tomahawk is running at a deficit that perhaps it could be contracted out. Cal noted Council should have fiscal responsibility when dealing with the budget and encouraged Council to review the budget further.

Joe then spoke referencing the cuts made to the Grants and Donations program, noting he was not in favour of the cut to Grants and Donations and further noted he does not see enough initiative to reduce the Town's spending and believes the budget should be reviewed again.

Councillor Ardiel then spoke referencing the 0% tax increases in the past and noted Council needs to go back and review the budget again for further cuts, further noting she is not in support of the current budget.

Councillor McKean then spoke noting he is in support of the reduction of the Grants and Donations funding noting the Town should not be collecting money from taxpayers for Council to decide what organizations should be supported.

John then noted 1% of the 3% increase in the budget is at Council's discretion, referencing the \$100,000 contribution to the roads reserves.

Bob then spoke noting there is room to reduce the current budget and referenced a surplus in 2010, further noting the budget could be reduced to less than a 2% increase, further noting he does not support the budget at its current level.

Duncan then spoke noting the budget is proposed to be adopted at the March 28 Council Meeting.

C.5 Jigsaw Casting Ltd. Re: Campaign for Ontario Tourism	Receive for information
C.6 Grey Bruce Health Unit Re: Industrial Wind Turbines	Receive for information
C.7 Township of Huron-Kinloss Re: Industrial Wind Turbines	Receive for information

D. Motions and Staff Reports

D.1 Aboriginal Consultation and Accommodation Agreement – Landfill Expansion and Mining, EPW.11.026

Manager of Solid Waste and Environmental Initiatives Jeff Fletcher reviewed the Report noting the Town's potential expansion and mining of the landfill, through the Environmental Screening Process, requires review by the local Aboriginal stakeholders. Jeff noted this includes entering into an agreement. Jeff noted that the Town's landfill project is located in the traditional area of the Saugeen Ojibway Nations.

Jeff noted part of the recommendation outlines the cost of the review and further noted that an archaeological and natural history expert will be consulted.

Councillor McKean then spoke questioning if this is standard procedure in dealing with First Nations people, Jeff replying yes, further noting that the agreement sets this type of relationship up, further noting the agreement is with respect to the screening.

Councillor Martin then spoke referencing "capacity" in the recommendation, Jeff replying that capacity refers to the funding, confirming that the Town will pay for the Saugeen Ojibway Nations' review of our document. Jeff further noted the Town is being well advised by the Ministry of the Environment that the Town is to engage the local Aboriginal Group and that the Ministry of Environment will not give approval until the Aboriginal Group is consulted.

Michael then questioned if the Ministry of Environment will pay the fees associated with this review, Jeff replying no. Michael then questioned if the Aboriginal Group requested this, Jeff replying that the Aboriginal hires their own experts to perform the review that the Town will pay for. Jeff noted this is a requirement of the Town.

Councillor Halos then questioned why the Aboriginal people would want to comment on the Town's landfill, Jeff replying the concern is downstream to fisheries, etc. and the possible impact on adjacent lands.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then spoke questioning if there is anything in the agreement that has not previously been agreed to, Jeff replying that the Town's solicitor has reviewed the document and is satisfied with it. Duncan then questioned if this is the position of the Dominion of Canada, Mayor Anderson noting that the Chippewas of Nawash and the Ojibway people have a land claim and the matter is before the courts. Ellen noted the Province and Municipalities must consult with Native people, further noting that without this agreement in place the expansion at the landfill cannot move forward.

Michael then questioned if this agreement has been negotiated or if the agreement is a standard form as he believes some clauses should be removed, Jeff replying that the agreement was not negotiated, that this is the first draft.

Jeff further noted the Town's solicitor John Metras is satisfied with the agreement as drafted. Michael then questioned if the Ministry of Environment has identified this consultation with the Aboriginal people as a condition of approval, Jeff replying yes.

Councillor Gamble spoke noting he is in support of the recommendation contained in the Report.

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: D.R. McKinlay

THAT Council receive report entitled "Aboriginal Consultation and Accommodation Agreement – Landfill Expansion and Mining" EPW.11.026; and

THAT Council approves providing capacity to the Saugeen Ojibway Nations' review of the Environmental Screening Process to a maximum of \$17,300 as outlined in the Agreement, with a contingency amount of \$5,000 for a total upset limit of \$22,300; and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Interim Aboriginal Consultation and Accommodation Agreement, upon approval of the Director of Engineering and Public Works and the Town's Solicitor.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Martin noted he is not in support of the Motion and noted the agreement should come back to Council for consideration once the consultation is completed.

Councillor Halos spoke noting he has concerns with the draft agreement, Jeff replying that consideration to the agreement could be made, but noted it will not likely change much from what it is currently, further noting it has taken six months to get this far and that the Town needs to move forward.

Councillor McKean spoke questioning the amounts referenced in the recommendation, Jeff replying that the \$17,300 is the cost estimated by the Aboriginal people and the \$5000 has been included by the Town as a contingency. John then noted that the \$5000 should be removed from the recommendation, Jeff acknowledging and further noting that the expenses will be received by the Town in the form of invoices.

Councillor Ardiel then spoke questioning if the amounts referenced in the agreement are standard and used by other Municipalities, Jeff replying that it is unknown as he has no knowledge of other Municipal agreements. Gail then spoke noting she does not believe there is room to negotiate.

Council then dealt with the following amending Motion:

Moved by: D.R. McKinlay Seconded by: R.J. Gamble

THAT the main motion be amended to remove the contingency amount of \$5,000, Carried.

Council then voted on the main motion, as amended:

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: D.R. McKinlay

THAT Council receive report entitled "Aboriginal Consultation and Accommodation Agreement – Landfill Expansion and Mining" EPW.11.026; and

THAT Council approves providing capacity to the Saugeen Ojibway Nations' review of the Environmental Screening Process to a maximum of \$17,300; and

D.3 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act – Integrated Accessibility Regulation-Response, CEDC.11.06

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council receive Staff Report, CEDC.11.06, “Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act- Integrated Accessibility Regulation Response”; and

THAT Council endorse the comments contained herein as the Town’s response to the Ministry of Community and Social Services respecting the Integrated Accessibility Regulation, Carried.

D.4 Establishment of Water and Wastewater Rates Effective January 1, 2011, FIS.11.07

Moved by: D.R. McKinlay Seconded by: R.J. Gamble

THAT Council receive Staff Report FIS.11.07, “Establishment of Water and Wastewater Rates Effective January 1, 2011” for information purposes; and,

FURTHER THAT Council enact a By-law to impose water charges and sewer charges effective January 1, 2011, Carried.

D.5 Official Plan Review – Consultant Selection, PL.11.29

Councillor Halos spoke questioning if Meridian has worked for the Town in the past, Senior Policy Planner Cindy Welsh replying yes and further noted that Meridian is currently working on the new zoning by-law for the Town. Joe questioned if this relationship could pose a conflict, Cindy replying no not at this time.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then reviewed the process of the selection of the Consultant through the Tender/Proposal Award Committee.

Councillor Gamble spoke referencing Section E of the Report noting \$224,000 was budgeted for the project and that the contract for services came in significantly less and that savings will be realized by the Town.

Moved by: D.R. McKinlay Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT Council receive staff report PL.11.29 Official Plan Review – Consultant Selection; and

THAT Council award the contract to provide planning services to undertake the Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan Five-year Review to Meridian Planning Consultants Ltd. in the amount of \$134,387.11 subject to the execution of a contract in the Town’s Standard Form of Contract for Consulting Services; and

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a contract for this assignment upon the recommendation of the Town’s solicitor and the Director, Planning and Building Services.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Martin made reference to the project and the process of hiring consultants and noted Council should review the agreement after the work has been completed. Michael noted it is important that Council drive the agreement.

Councillor Gamble then questioned if the County's 3% increase is 3% on assessment or on expenses, Duncan replying that he believes it is an increase on expenses, but that he will confirm this and report back.

Councillor Martin then spoke questioning if there is an increase in assessment at the Town, further noting The Blue Mountains are overpaying, Duncan replying he is doing everything he can for The Blue Mountains and noted The Blue Mountains has made gains here with intersection improvements and a new ambulance station in the last few years.

Michael then noted The Blue Mountains is funding 25% of the County's levy but are not receiving ample benefit from the County and that The Blue Mountains should separate from Grey County. John then spoke noting The Blue Mountains should look at ambulance, social services and roads and determine if it is of benefit to The Blue Mountains to be a part of Grey County.

Duncan then spoke noting he will do all he can at the County as The Blue Mountains' representative and noted compiling this information will require Staff time. Mayor Anderson then spoke noting this will require a resolution of Council to commence this research. John spoke noting this research can be done.

Councillor McKean then requested a Notice of Motion for the March 28, 2011 Council Meeting that Council determine if it is of benefit to The Blue Mountains to remain a part of Grey County.

Mayor Anderson requested that Clerk Corrina Giles and Manager of Revenue Ruth Prince work on this.

Bob then questioned if Grey County contributed any funding towards the Owen Sound Georgian College campus or its expansion.

E.2 Notice of Motion

None

E.3 Additions to Agenda

E.3.1 Canada Water Week 2011, EPW.11.027

Acting CAO and Director of Engineering and Public Works Reg Russwurm briefly reviewed the Report.

Moved by: Gail Ardiel Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receives Report EPW.11.027 entitled "Canada Water Week 2011" for their information, and

THAT Council endorse the objectives and commitments outlined in the ActionH2O Water Sustainability Charter and Canada Water Week 2011 by supporting the following resolution:

- The Blue Mountains recognize that limits to water supply exist and commit to living within our local water budget.
- The Blue Mountains recognize that water sensitive design and water conservation will generate environmental health benefits with positive impacts for individuals, families and communities.

F.2 Water and Wastewater Rate Adoption

Moved by: D.R. McKinlay Seconded by: John McKean

THAT By-law No. 2011 - 16, being a By-law to impose water charges and sewer charges be hereby passed this fourteenth day of March, 2011.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Gamble noted concern with the \$50 permit fee to water new lawns allowing a property owner to water as much as they wish. Manager of Water and Wastewater Services John Caswell questioned if Councillor Gamble would like this fee to be higher, Bob replying yes. John noted he will review this and consider an increase to this fee, further noting that conservation efforts are working in the community.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay questioned when a meter is installed in a new house, John replying upon hook-up to the water system.

Council then voted on the Motion, Carried.

G. Consent Agenda

Accounts

- G.1 Accounts
- G.2 Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (Clarksburg Contractors)

Reports List (Adopt)

- G.3 Planning and Building Committee, March 7, 2011

Deputy Mayor McKinlay referenced Report A.2 contained in the Planning and Building Committee Report and the conditions imposed in this Consent Application. Duncan noted the Ministry of Transportation will not consider issuing an entrance permit until a lot is created, further noting he is requesting that Council remove this condition from this Consent.

Moved by: D.R. McKinlay Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT the Planning and Building Committee Report dated March 7, 2011 together with the recommendations contained therein be adopted by Council, save the removal of Condition #2 of Planning Staff Report PL.11.26, Carried.

Councillor Martin then spoke noting he would like a timetable of when the Telfer Development will be dealt with and the appropriate zoning relating to that development. Michael then referenced the Matesa Development noting Council has not considered this development either as at this time.

- G.4 Infrastructure and Recreation Committee, March 8, 2011

Minutes List (Receive)

- G.5 Police Services Board Minutes, November 24, 2010
- G.6 Source Protection Committee Minutes, January 28, 2011
- G.7 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, February 9, 2011
- G.8 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Highlights, February 25, 2011

H. Notice of Meeting Dates

Council March 28, 2011

All Council meetings to be at the Library unless otherwise noted

Special Meeting of Council, March 21, 2011

Finance and Administration Committee, March 15, 2011 2:00 p.m.
Town Hall, Building Meeting Room,

Infrastructure and Recreation Committee, April 12, 2011

Planning and Building Committee, April 4, 2011

I. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Mayor Anderson then questioned if Acting CAO Reg Russwurm has any insight to provide to Council on the budget, Reg replying that Staff prepared a budget noting a 2% increase, and Council increased that budget by 1% for the roads reserve. Reg noted he agrees with the additional 1% addition to the roads reserve.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay spoke noting Council needs to look at the budget and direct Staff as to where cuts can be realized, Councillor McKean concurring that Staff require direction from Council.

Councillor Martin then spoke noting Council should be made aware of all expenditures made in 2010 and that the budget should be brought to actuals, and that additions to the 2011 budget should be identified and each department should then report on the changes in the budget from 2010 to 2011.

Councillor Halos then spoke noting if the County assumes affordable housing that the Town could realize savings for affordable housing. Duncan replying that he would like a County Planner to speak to Council regarding affordable housing as it was his understanding that the County would do the work at the County level as it relates to affordable housing.

Mayor Anderson then requested that the Clerk schedule a Special Meeting of Council regarding the Budget.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT By-law No. 2011 - 17, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on March 14, 2011, be hereby enacted as passed this fourteenth day of March, 2011, Carried.

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

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 9:35 p.m. to meet again March 28, 2011, 7:00 pm, L.E. Shore Library, or at the call of the Chair.

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Ellen Anderson, Mayor

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Corrina Giles, Town Clerk