

Moved by: Michael Martin

Seconded by:

R.J. Gamble

THAT the Consent Agenda of March 26, 2018 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, Carried.

▪ **Previous Minutes**

Moved by: John McGee

Seconded by:

Michael Martin

THAT the Council minutes of March 5, 2018 and the Special Meeting of Council minutes March 9, 2018 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

B. Deputations / Presentations / Public Meeting

Mayor 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 Deputation: John Ardiel, Agricultural Advisory Committee

Re: Request an Environmental Assessment (EA) on Clendenan Bridge and upgrade the road

Deputy Mayor Gail Ardiel declared a pecuniary interest regarding Agenda Item B.1 and vacated the Council table.

John Ardiel spoke on behalf of The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee ("AGAC"). John noted that the role of the AGAC is to provide recommendations to Council, further noting they are a commenting body to Council.

John noted that the AGAC recently met with staff regarding the Clendenan Bridge, further noting that the Clendenan Bridge has been in place for over 100 years, and has been sorely missed over the last number of years that it has been closed to vehicular traffic. John noted that the Clendenan Bridge is a good route from the south side of the community to Binkleys and Bluewater Storage, further noting that trades people also used this route to alleviate traffic congestion in Clarksburg.

John noted that, with the increased number of tourists and cyclists in Clarksburg, that residents feel the brunt of the traffic going through Clarksburg. John noted that the AGAC is asking Council to complete an Environmental Assessment on the Clendenan Bridge. John noted that the AGAC is aware that the 2018 budget has been set, but asked that Council include an environmental assessment in the 2019 budget.

John noted that a repaired or replaced bridge in this location would be a great alternate route from County Road 40 north across the Clendenan Bridge to Goldsmiths, and would take the pressure off Clarksburg, Thornbury and the intersection at Bruce Street and Highway 26 in Thornbury. John noted that this route would also take the traffic off Russell Street and Duncan Streets as this is the route used now by many. John expressed concern for the safety of pedestrians on the hill in Clarksburg as there are no sidewalks in this location, and pedestrians/cyclists walking along the side of County Road 113 on the hill with traffic is dangerous. John noted that the residents of Clarksburg would appreciate the replacement of the bridge.

Councillor Halos spoke thanking Mr. Ardiel for his deputation on behalf of the AGAC, further noting that Council should consider this request. Joe noted that tourism is important, further noting that a new cross-walk has been requested at the school, also for safety reasons.

Joe then questioned the capacity of the bridge, John Ardiel spoke in response that it is 10 tonnes per axle, further noting that farm vehicles and small trucks could use the bridge.

Councillor Martin thanked Mr. Ardiel for his deputation, and noted that he raises good points regarding the use of farm equipment on Russell Street, Duncan Street and County Road 13 through Clarksburg.

Councillor Gamble spoke questioning what would be expected in a replacement, single or double lane bridge, and questioned how can we get around the road constraints. John Ardiel spoke in response noting that the AGAC and agricultural community would be happy with either a single or double lane bridge, further noting that there would have to be some road improvements associated with the bridge replacement. John Ardiel noted that with the increased development at Lora Bay and Georgian Peaks, that a two lane bridge should be considered.

Councillor McGee spoke questioning if this bridge replacement would qualify for an infrastructure replacement grant. Reg Russwurm, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works spoke noting that grant programs are available from time to time, and that the Town allocates grant funding to the highest priority project. Ruth Prince, Director of Finance and IT spoke noting that the Town is continually applying for grants, and that it is Council that sets the priorities.

Moved by: Joe Halos

Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council direct staff to include a capital budget sheet in the 2019 budget for the cost of an environmental assessment for Clendenan Bridge, Carried.

B.2 Deputation: Alar Soever

Re: Notice of Motion of Councillor Martin, included at Agenda item G.2.1

Alar Soever spoke asking Council to consider the notice of motion of Councillor Martin included at Agenda item G.2.1 noting that the judicial review is costing the municipality a significant amount of money. Mr. Soever noted that he believes the sanctions were disproportionate.

C. Correspondence as previously circulated

Author

C.1 Town of Essex

Re: Request for support requesting
User Pay Childcare Services at AMO and FCM Conferences

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the correspondence from the Town of Essex regarding User Pay Childcare Services at AMO and FCM Conferences, Carried.

C.2 County of Renfrew

Re: Request for support for a 5-year extension of Endangered
Species Act, 2007 rather than proposed 2 year extension

Council Joe Halos declared a pecuniary interest regarding residential tenancies he has and did not vote.

Moved by: Michael Martin

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the correspondence from the County of Renfrew regarding a 5 year extension of Endangered Species Act, 2007 rather than proposed 2 year extension, Carried.

C.3 City of Stratford

Re: Request for support to Proclaim May 20-26 2018
as National Public Works Week

Moved by: Joe Halos

Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the City of Stratford request for support to Proclaim May 20-26 2018 as National Public Works Week, Carried.

C.4 Jean Vanier Catholic High School
Re: Request for Ice Rental Subsidy
For OFSAA Championship

Moved by: Joe Halos

Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the correspondence from Jean Vanier Catholic High School requesting Ice Rental Subsidy for OFSAA Championship, Carried.

C.5 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Received for Information
Re: NVCA 2017 Annual Report

C.6 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Received for Information
Re: NVCA Board Member's Per Diem and Expenses

C.7 Ministry of Municipal Affairs Received for Information
Re: Proclamation of Building Better Communities and
Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 changes to the Land
Use Planning and Appeal System – Bill 139

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: John McGee

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of March 26, 2018 and further does support the Staff Recommendation made with regard to the Correspondence items C.5, C.6 and C.7, including any additional direction given to Staff through discussion, with an appropriate Staff action or response awaited for report back to Committee or Council where indicated, Carried.

C.8 Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs For Council Consideration
Re: 2018 Senior of the Year Award and Referred to Clerks

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the letter from the Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs, and refers the same to the Clerk to advertise for nominations for the 2018 Senior of the Year Award, Carried.

D. Motions and Staff Reports

D.1 Rural Economic Development (RED) Funding Agreement, FAF.18.47

Moved by: R.J. Gamble

Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.18.47 'Rural Economic Development (RED) Funding Agreement';

AND THAT Council approve the signing of the agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), by the Mayor and Interim CAO.

