

MINUTES The Blue Mountains Special Meeting of Council



MEETING DATE: April 11, 2016
MEETING TIME: 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Town Hall, Council Chambers
PREPARED BY: Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

A. Call to Order

Mayor McKean called the meeting to order with all members in attendance save Deputy Mayor Ardiel absent due to a previously scheduled Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority matter.

Also in attendance were CAO Troy Speck, Director of Infrastructure & Public Works Reg Russwurm, Director of Community Services Shawn Everitt, Director of Planning and Development Services Michael Benner, Director of Finance & IT Services Ruth Prince, Manager of Water & Wastewater Services John Caswell, Communications & Economic Development Coordinator Elizabeth Cornish, Manager of Human Resources Jennifer Moreau, Administrative Assistant Sharon Long, Manager of Development Engineering Brian Worsley, Manager of Roads and Drainage Jim McCannell, Town Solicitor John Metras. Sign By-Law Committee Members including R.B. Waind, Gary Nordeman, and Julia Hinds

▪ **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Michael Seguin Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT the Agenda of April 11, 2016 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.

▪ **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof**

No member declared a pecuniary interest regarding any matter on the Agenda

B. Workshop and Presentation

**B.1 Council Workshop - Sign By-law,
Consultant Jim Dymont, MHBC Planning, Urban Design and Landscape
Architect**

Consultant Jim Dymont provided an overview of the draft Sign By-law and noted that he will revise the by-law as discussed today and requested direction from Council to proceed to a Public Open House and Public Meeting to receive comments on the draft sign by-law.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council direct staff to schedule a public open house to receive comments on the draft sign by-law, as revised, Carried.

B.2 Presentation: Low Impact Development, Brian Worsley, Manager of Development Engineering

Brian Worsley provided an overview of low impact development (“LID”) which is also referred to as sustainable infrastructure, noting this is not unique to Ontario or the United States. Brian noted that LID tries to replicate natural conditions in response to stormwater management problems.

Brian noted that LID designs target multiple goals and aims to copy pre-development conditions, further noting that most rainfall happens in small events over the year. Brian noted that runoff contains pollutants and that LID tries to treat runoff to achieve better quality water.

Brian spoke regarding stormwater management facility pollutant removal.

Brian noted that stormwater management has evolved over time to control quantity, volume, frequency and climate change and is a solution to multiple problems though it may not demonstrate everything it claims to do.

Councillor McGee referenced the Town’s parking lots and questioned where our parking lots drain to and can they be retrofitted, Brian replying yes, but it may not be cost-effective.

Councillor Halos noted that snow making creates runoff to Georgian Bay and noted that this needs to be taken into consideration when developing. Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Reg Russwurm spoke noting that Greenland was commissioned a few years ago to do a study on snowmelt calculations.

Councillor Halos noted that pavement is not permeable, but noted that semi-permeable concrete is available but needs maintenance to maintain.

Councillor Gamble questioned how LID relates to large lots with private septic systems, Brian spoke in response that a tile field does the same thing, further noting that LID is not appropriate for septic systems.

Mayor McKean questioned how much bioswale is required for a new development, Brian replying that the development community is on board as it removes the requirement for stormwater ponds, stormsewers and gutters. Brian noted that the operational costs are not fully known yet.

Councillor Seguin questioned if LID development effects the structure or placement of homes, referencing flooding, and questioned if basements are permitted. Brian spoke in response noting that the LID design puts water into the ground but will not flood the ground.

Mayor McKean thanked Brian for the information and presentation to Council.

C. Adjournment

Moved by: Michael Martin

Seconded by: John McGee

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 3:09 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.

John McKean, Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk