



Minutes

The Blue Mountains Special Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: April 30, 2018
Meeting Time: 10:00 a.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 of Council in attendance.

Also in attendance Interim Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Enforcement Services and Fire Chief Rob Collins, Director of Development Services Michael Benner, Manager of Human Resources Jennifer Moreau, and Integrity Commissioner Janet Leiper

- **Approval of Agenda**

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

THAT the Agenda of April 30, 2018 be approved as circulated, with the request for deputation at Agenda item B.2 being withdrawn, Carried.

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

None

B. Deputations

B.1 Alar Soever Re: Integrity Commissioner Report on a Complaint Alleging Violations of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council dated April 6, 2018

Mr. Soever spoke noting the purpose of his deputation is to comment on the Integrity Commissioner's ("IC") report on the current complaint against Councillor Seguin. Mr. Soever commented on the contrast between this report and how the first complaint was addressed.

Mr. Soever noted that in comparing the initial complaint and the current complaint it is noteworthy that both complaints address similar allegations, being words used by Councillor Seguin. Mr. Soever noted that the two complaints are similar, but what is different is how they were dealt with and the resulting sanctions.

Mr. Soever noted that the current Integrity Commissioner report is balanced and fair, further noting that the Integrity Commissioner considered all the facts and discusses them in an open and frank manner.

Mr. Soever questioned the section of the Integrity Commissioner's focus on donations made by citizens to Councillor Seguin's lawyer to assist with his legal fees, further noting that this issue remains unresolved at this time. Mr. Soever noted that these donations, as it appears from the report, were made directly to the lawyer, with Councillor Seguin deliberately not informed as to who made them and the amounts. Mr. Soever noted that the inability of citizens to support elected officials in challenging unfairness would seem to be an attack on democracy, further noting that if allowed to stand it would mean that only the wealthy, who can afford access to justice, can take the risks associated with being a Councillor.

Mr. Soever asked that Council, upon reading the current report, together with the Integrity Commissioner's recent recommendation for a new Protocol Policy for Complaints Related to Members of Council and Local Boards, would realize how poorly the initial complaint was handled, and move quickly to a resolution of this matter.

B.2 Julia Hinds Re: Re: Integrity Commissioner Report on a Complaint Alleging Violations of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council dated April 6, 2018

This request for deputation was withdrawn.

C. Reports

C.1 Integrity Commissioner Report on a Complaint Alleging Violations of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council dated April 6, 2018. Complaint dated May 8, 2017, FAF.18.61

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.18.61 "Integrity Commissioner Report on a Complaint Alleging Violations of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council dated April 6, 2018. Complaint dated May 8, 2017", Carried.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT with respect to Staff Report FAF.18.61 "Integrity Commissioner Report on a Complaint Alleging Violations of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council dated April 6, 2018. Complaint dated May 8, 2017", that Council consider the findings and recommendation for reprimand included in the Integrity Commissioner's Report dated April 6, 2018 as it relates to the breach of Section 9 (Influence on Staff) of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council Policy, POL.COR.07.07 by Councillor Michael Seguin

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

THAT, "and that Council await a further report regarding the violations of Section 2 (Gifts and Benefits) of the Code of Conduct of Council Policy, POL.COR.07.07" be added to the second paragraph of the main motion

Councillor Martin requested a recorded vote:

Deputy Mayor Ardiel	Yay
Councillor Gamble	Yay
Councillor Halos	Yay
Councillor Martin	Nay
Councillor McGee	Nay
Councillor Seguin	Abstain
Mayor McKean	Yay

The motion is Carried.

Council then voted on the main motion, as revised, as follows:

THAT with respect to Staff Report FAF.18.61 “Integrity Commissioner Report on a Complaint Alleging Violations of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council dated April 6, 2018. Complaint dated May 8, 2017”, that Council consider the findings and recommendation for reprimand included in the Integrity Commissioner’s Report dated April 6, 2018 as it relates to the breach of Section 9 (Influence on Staff) of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council Policy, POL.COR.07.07 by Councillor Michael Seguin and that Council await a further report regarding the violations of Section 2 (Gifts and Benefits) of the Code of Conduct of Council Policy, POL.COR.07.07.

Deputy Mayor Ardiel requested a recorded vote:

Deputy Mayor Ardiel	Yay
Councillor Gamble	Yay
Councillor Halos	Yay
Councillor Martin	Nay
Councillor McGee	Yay
Councillor Seguin	Abstain
Mayor McKean	Yay

The motion is Carried.

D. Adjournment

Moved by: Gail Ardiel Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 11:43 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.

John McKean, Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk