

MINUTES - Council Meeting



MEETING DATE: April 11, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: The Blue Mountains Council Chamber
PREPARED BY: Stephen Keast, Clerk

A. Call to Order

- Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order with all members in attendance, save Councillor Ardiel, absent due to illness.
- Council then paused for a moment of personal prayer or reflection
- Adopt Consent Agenda

Reports List - ADOPT

1. Public Works Committee Report - March 29, 2005
2. Environment Services Committee Report - March 31, 2005
3. Fire Services Committee Report - April 4, 2005

Minutes List - RECEIVE

4. CAUSE Committee - March 3, April 1, 2005
5. The Blue Mountains and Meaford Physician Recruitment Committee - March 23, 2005
6. Collingwood G & M Hospital Board of Trustees - March 24, 2005

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

That the Consent Agenda of April 11, 2005 be received and adopted as circulated, Carried.

- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather Seconded by: John McKean

That the Agenda be adopted as circulated, Carried.

- Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No member declared a Pecuniary Interest with regard to any matter as listed on the Agenda.

- Previous Minutes

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

That the minutes of March 30, 2005 and Special Meeting of April 4, 2005 be

adopted as circulated, Carried.

- There was no business arising from the minutes at that time.
- Mayor Anderson then recounted discussion with Department of Fisheries and Oceans representatives in Ottawa regarding transfer of Harbour Lands, transfer to be expedited following resolution of aboriginal land claims affecting regional shorefront lands.

B. Deputations/Presentations: Action to be taken (recommendation, motion, etc): Initial(s)

1. Next as Lorne Kenny of the Collingwood Rotary Club was then in attendance, it was Council's pleasure to hear him regarding the Rotary Club "Sandparents" program for child mentoring utilizing senior volunteers from the community.

Mr. Kenny noted Federal funding assistance had recently been obtained and the program would be operational in The Blue Mountains.

Mr. Kenny then requested Council's support in principle for the program, as benefitting both young children and seniors in the community, Council concurring the program to be of benefit to the community.

Mr. Kenny then thanked Council and retired from the meeting.

2. Next, as Financial Analyst - Capital Projects, Jeff Brydges was in attendance, it was Council's pleasure to hear him regarding the proposed Development Charges By-laws including related Resolutions.

Jeff noted certain developers continued to review components of the By-laws.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then noted if Council did not enact the By-laws, there would not be any Development Charges collected in the Town, Jeff noting any qualifying improvements or projects would then be downloaded to general taxation.

Jeff further noted there is an appeal mechanism following enactment of the By-laws, adding the By-laws can be amended as updated or more detailed information is provided, for example following receipt of project tenders.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then noted the Development Charges By-laws provide security that certain projects and improvements required for new development would in fact proceed.

Councillor Gamble then complimented Town Staff and Consultants on the quality of work done to date, Deputy Mayor McKinlay noting Staff had developed a reasonable and fair process and By-law.

Council then concurred to hear solicitor Paul Peterson representing his client Intrawest Corporation. Mr. Peterson noted concern with certain components of the proposed By-laws and related Town documents, for example, sewage treatment plant studies, with a belief that Intrawest might over-pay for future sanitary servicing capacity they would not access, adding he hoped the Town would work with the developer to fairly assess the situation in a reasonable manner, although an appeal would be considered.

Councillor Gamble then questioned how Intrawest considered flow analysis, Paul

replying an M.O.E. model was utilized considering average flow over 3 years.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then noted the lack of predictability of future use for any given dwelling unit is a concern, given peak flows at various times of the year.

Mr. Peterson noted the Intrawest Village was a resort development and not occupied on a year round basis.

Councillor Fairweather then noted the Conference Centre would soon open and unit occupancy flows may be more accurate.

Mr. Peterson then thanked Council and retired from the meeting.

Town CAO David Creech then reported meetings between consulting engineers have already been scheduled to further refine the servicing question.

C. Correspondence

The Clerk then presented Correspondence as previously circulated.

Niagara Region, farm viability, Council concurred to consider a Motion of support at the next meeting.

Bob and Moira Yungblut, Georiganview Estates sewer servicing, Deputy Mayor McKinlay reported the Environment Services Committee had considered the matter and a response would be forthcoming.

Grey Bruce Habitat for Humanity, request for consideration to waive certain building fees, Council concurred to refer the request to the Finance Committee for review, the Clerk noting the Chief Building Official had provided preliminary comments for consideration.

AMO Alert, Ontario Trails Strategy, Council concurred to refer the matter to the Community Trails Committee for review.

MNR, Sunday gun hunt consideration, Council concurred to refer the matter to the Ad-hoc Firearm Discharge Regulation Committee for review.

Blue Mountain Resorts, Special Occasion Permit and festival designation request, Council concurred to refer to the matter to Fire Services and Building Staff for review, following which festival designation would be considered.

Lora Bay Corporation, MNR Work Permit Application affecting land considered for public dedication, Council concurred to refer the matter to Planning Staff for review and comment.

Town of North Perth, Building Code Act Amendments, Council concurred to refer the matter to Building Staff for review and comment.

Minister of Finance, Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, Financial Analyst Jeff Brydges confirmed there would be a slight reduction in Provincial funds to the Town over a number of years compared to the Community Reinvestment Fund program. Council then received the remainder of the correspondence.

D. Motions and Staff Reports

Council then dealt with the following Resolutions:

1. Accounts - March, Expenses

Resolution No. 1

Moved by: R. J. Gamble

Seconded by: Wayman Fairweather

THAT the March 2005 Accounts in the amount of \$4,795,649.52 be submitted to the Treasurer for payment. (Less any accounts authorized by separate Resolution.)
Carried.

Resolution No. 2

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

THAT the following Councillors' expenses and per diems be submitted to the Treasurer for payment:

Bob Gamble	\$895.00 per diem	\$394.27 Expenses
Michael Martin	\$590.00 per diem	\$758.54 Expenses

Carried.

2. Development Charges - Capital, capacity, report

Resolution No. 3

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: John McKean

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the preliminary capital programs, as amended, which were forward to Hemson Consulting Ltd. for consideration in their preparation of the development charges background study and related calculations;

AND WHEREAS Council has before it a report entitled "Development Charges Background Study, Town of The Blue Mountains", dated March 2005, prepared by Hemson Consulting Ltd. (the "Study");

AND WHEREAS Council has before it a report entitled "Addendum Report, Town of The Blue Mountains", dated April 2005, prepared by Hemson Consulting Ltd. (the "Addendum Report");

THAT Council intends to ensure that the increase in the need for services attributable to anticipated development will be met;

AND FURTHER THAT Council does hereby approve the Capital Programs contained in Appendices B through D of the Study.

Carried.

Resolution No. 4

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: John McKean

WHEREAS Council has before it a report entitled "Development Charges Background Study, Town of The Blue Mountains", dated March 2005, prepared by Hemson Consulting Ltd. (the "Study");

AND WHEREAS Council has before it a report entitled "Addendum Report, Town of The Blue Mountains", dated April 2005, prepared by Hemson Consulting Ltd. (the "Addendum Report");

AND WHEREAS excess capacity is identified in the Capital Programs contained in

Appendices B through D of the Study;

THAT Council intends that excess capacity identified in the Study shall be paid for by development charges or other similar charges.

Carried.

Resolution No. 5

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: John McKean

WHEREAS Council has before it a report entitled "Development Charges Background Study, Town of The Blue Mountains", dated March 2005, prepared by Hemson Consulting Ltd. (the "Study");

AND WHEREAS Council gave notice to the public and held a public meeting pursuant to Section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997 (the "Act") on March 21, 2005, prior to which the Study and the proposed town-wide development charges by-law (the "By-law") were made available to the public and Council heard comments and representations from all persons who applied to be heard (the "Public Meeting");

AND WHEREAS following the Public Meeting, Council afforded the public an additional period of time for the submission of further written representations;

AND WHEREAS Council further considered the Study and the By-law in light of the further written representations received and the By-law has been changed;

AND WHEREAS Council has before it a report entitled "Addendum Report, Town of The Blue Mountains", dated April 2005, prepared by Hemson Consulting Ltd. (the "Addendum Report");

THAT Council does hereby approve the Study and Addendum Report;

AND FURTHER THAT Council does hereby determine that no further public meetings are required under Section 12 of the Act prior to the passing of the By-law.

Carried.

3. Staff Report CAO.05.08, Leisure Activities Strategic Plan

Resolution No. 6

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

THAT this Council does hereby receive and adopt Chief Administrative Officer Report CAO.05.08, "Leisure Activities Strategic Plan - Terms of Reference", dated April 11, 2005, and further does support the Recommendations contained therein, being:

1. THAT Council does hereby approve the Terms of Reference contained therein, and
2. THAT Council does hereby authorize the Recreation Committee - Leisure Activities Strategic Plan Advisory Sub-Committee to initiate a "Request for Proposal" to hire a consultant/facilitator to assist with the process as described therein.

Carried.

CAO David Creech then thanked Shawn Everitt, Jack Peckitt and the other members of the Recreation Committee - Leisure Activities Strategic Plan Advisory Sub-Committee.

4. Staff Report ES.05.31, Lora Bay & Thornbury Servicing

Resolution No. 7

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT this Council does hereby receive Environment Services Staff Report ES.03.31, "Lora Bay and Thornbury Water and Sewer Servicing Phase 1(a)", dated March 30, 2005, and further does adopt the Recommendation contained therein, being that the tender for the Lora Bay and Thornbury Water and Sewer Servicing Phase 1(a) project be hereby awarded to Brantford Engineering and Construction in the tendered amount of \$2,369,978.00, said tender award being recommended by AWS Engineers and Planners, Carried.

5. Staff Report FD.05.06, Volunteer Fire Fighter

Resolution No. 8

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT this Council does hereby appoint the following persons to the position of Volunteer Fire Fighter (12 month probation), as recommended in Staff Report FD.05.06:

Rob Andrychuk, Craigleith Station No. 2

Carried.

6. Grain and Oilseed Producers support

Resolution No. 9

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay Seconded by: Michael Martin

WHEREAS Grain and Oilseed Producers make up about 50% of all Ontario farm families who are critical to the health of rural communities everywhere;

AND WHEREAS Grain and Oilseed Producers are a key supporting sector for other areas of agriculture that all rely on grain and oilseed for feed and other factors of production;

AND WHEREAS grains and oilseeds grown in Ontario are critical inputs for our food processing industries and the availability of these locally-grown commodities is a key anchor and attraction for food processing investment and employment in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS a healthy grains and oilseeds sector is critical to the development of the alternative fuels industry - a key element in Ontario's evolutionary environmental strategy;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario ended the Market Revenue Insurance

(MRI) program after the 2003/04 crop year - a program designed to support incomes in the grain and oilseed sector and a new federal-provincial program (CAIS) was put in place to address agricultural income stabilization but this program does not meet the needs of the grain and oilseed sector;

AND WHEREAS grain and oilseed prices are experiencing a drastic collapse with prices at 25 year lows, while energy and other input costs continue to soar, with Ontario producers facing prices far below the cost of production for the 2005/06 crop, thereby without public support programs such as the MRI, the viability of Grain and Oilseed Producers is seriously in question and the negative impacts through the rural and urban economy will be staggering;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Grain and Oilseed group is negotiating with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food for income support for the 50% of Ontario farm families who are struggling with the drastic price collapse;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of The Blue Mountains gratefully supports the efforts of the Ontario Farmers and the Ontario Grain and Oilseed Group in their petition to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Government of Ontario for:

- a one time injection of \$300 million dollars to the industry through the disastrously low prices of 2005 - 2006 (this is significantly less money than the discontinued MRI program would have generated for Ontario farmers);
- co-operation between the Grains and Oilseed Group and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food to find a longer term support mechanism that will be affordable to the Province in the worst years and that, in most years, will involve little or no pay-outs as our industry competes effectively;

AND THAT a copy of this Resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture and Food, local M.P.P.s and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association for endorsement and support.

Carried.

E. New and Unfinished Business Action to be taken (recommendation, motion, etc): Initial(s)

1. Grey County Council Update

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then provided Council with a Grey County Council update, noting the 2005 budget was approved with a 3% increase, however, utilizing one time funding that may yield higher increases in the future.

F. By-laws

1. Development Charges (3) - Town wide, Camperdown, Lora Bay

Resolution No. 10

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

That By-law No. 2005-27, being a By-law to establish Development Charges for the Town of The Blue Mountains, be hereby enacted as passed this 11th day of April, 2005, Carried.

THAT By-law No. 2005-30, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on April 11, 2005, be hereby enacted as passed this eleventh day of April, 2005, Carried.

Resolution No. 15

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay

Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT this meeting do now adjourn at 8:20 p.m. to meet again on the 25th day of April, 2005, 7:00 p.m., or a the call of the Chair, Carried.

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Ellen Anderson, Mayor

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Stephen Keast, Clerk