



## **C. Call to Order (7:00 p.m.)**

Council then paused for a moment of reflection

### ▪ **Adoption of Consent Agenda**

With the adoption of the Consent Agenda, all Recommendations found within previous Committee Reports or Minutes are then approved or received by Council, as noted. These Committee meetings are open to the public. The Consent Agenda content is available to the public when the Agenda is finalized but is not subject to discussion from the floor at this time, however, representations may be made at subsequent meetings on matters of interest.

Moved by: John McGee

Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT the Consent Agenda of May 9, 2016 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, being G.3 Committee of the Whole report, dated April 25, 2016, Agenda Item B.2.1 Grey County Roads Transfer Proposal, Carried.

### ▪ **Previous Minutes**

Moved by: R.J. Gamble

Seconded by: John McGee

THAT the Joint Special Meeting of Council and The Blue Mountains Public Library Board minutes of March 30, 2016, the Council minutes of April 18, 2016, April 25, 2016 and May 2, 2016 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

## **D. 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.

### **D.1 Deputation: Deb Crosskill**

#### **Re: Speeding and Road Safety along Marsh Street and Matilda Street in the Village of Clarksburg**

Deb Crosskill thanked Council for hearing her deputation. Deb noted that residents are concerned about the traffic speed along Marsh and Matilda Streets. Deb noted that a survey was circulated to residents along Marsh and Matilda Streets and noted that the survey was provided to the Clerk. Deb noted that residents have expressed concerns about the lack of signage, road surface, trucking along the route, and the number of accidents and potential for accidents.

Deb noted that she is aware that this is a County Road, and noted that she is requesting that The Blue Mountains elected officials act for the residents in bringing this matter to the attention of the County. Deb asked that the speed be reduced along Marsh and Matilda, and that the OPP enforce the speed limit in the area.

Deb then spoke regarding signage, noting that the "Community Safety Zone" signs could be placed in better locations, noting that the "Community Safety Zone" signs should be posted at the edge of the village, not in the middle of the village. Deb noted that the area is posted with a number of 50 km speed limit signs.

Deb noted that the police should parole at the edge of the village, further noting that there is much pedestrian traffic, including cyclists, and noted there are a lot of trucks and agricultural vehicles using the route as well.

Deb noted that she is aware that trucking is required for deliveries, but noted that it is concerning that the trucks are getting larger, and safety is a concern. Deb noted that the trucks are travelling past a library and a public school, and expressed concern with the number of accidents on Marsh and Matilda Streets. Deb noted that generally it seems to be road conditions and vehicle speed that are the reasons for the accidents.

Councillor Seguin spoke thanking Deb for her deputation. Councillor Seguin noted that the Clendenan Dam bridge closure has increased the amount of traffic as well, and that the current sign location is ignoring the residents on the outskirts of the village.

Councillor Seguin spoke noting that the two turns on Matilda Street are posted at 50 km, further noting that this speed is excessive and unsafe. Councillor Seguin noted that the speed should be reduced on the two turns.

Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Reg Russwurm spoke noting this is a County Road and that the County has jurisdiction over the road in this area. Reg noted that the Town could raise our concerns with the County and ask that the County perform a study on this stretch of road.

Deb then spoke asking for repeat "Community Safety Zone" signage along the Marsh and Matilda Streets.

Mayor McKean spoke noting he will raise this matter at the upcoming Police Services Board meeting scheduled for later this week.

Councillor Ardiel spoke noting that a police presence is required in this area, and that it should be raised at the County level as well.

Councillor Gamble spoke noting that it should be recognized that the number of vehicles on the roads in the area has doubled in the last five years.

Councillor Gamble spoke noting there is a long range plan for a bypass around Clarksburg, further noting though this is a long way out.

Deb spoke noting that the decommissioning of the Clendenan Dam bridge has brought the agricultural traffic to the main road.

Councillor Seguin spoke asking if Council can direct the County representatives to bring this forward to the County. Mayor McKean spoke in response requesting the Clerk forward Ms. Crosskill's deputation material to the County for inclusion on a future TAPS agenda. Mayor McKean noted that he will speak with the OPP as well at the next Police Services Board meeting.

Deb spoke noting that she will appear as a deputation at the County if required. Councillor Halos spoke in response noting that appearing as a deputation at the County would be helpful as well.

Deb thanked Council for hearing her deputation, and asked that she receive a response from Council.

## **D.2 Deputation: John Leckie, Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association Re: Single Tier Motion by Councillor Martin**

John Leckie spoke on behalf of the Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association, noting that going “single tier” is not intended to be a solution, but it could be the beginning of a journey. John noted that it is unknown how long it would take for the Town to move to a single tier. John spoke expressing concern that the County failed to return the full \$1.5 million overcharged to the Town by the County, the weighted voting issue at the County, the cost of a new County building and the roads takeover, and noted that it would be nice for the Town to be autonomous.

John noted that the Town may be faced with significant expenses in 2017, further noting that the blended rate to reduce the Town’s tax levy increase, is not sustainable into the future. John noted that success requires more capital, and more expenditure.

John confirmed that he is not speaking for all ratepayers. John noted that the Town supports the other eight municipalities who are not thriving, and that Council should investigate the options of single tier. John noted that the Town is in an odd situation being on the edge of Grey County and Simcoe County, and our MP and MPP representation. John then suggested the Town amalgamate to one single tier municipality including Meaford and Collingwood, called “South Georgian Bay Triangle” with a population of 110,000 that would give the municipality its own representation at Queen’s Park.

Councillor McGee spoke noting Councillor Martin’s notice of motion included on this agenda is to seek single tier status, but noted that Mr. Leckie’s deputation is requesting that Council should consider single tier or another scenario. John spoke in response noting that Council is on a good path with the requested roads transfer, and noted that Council should continue its efforts to investigate all options. John noted that the public is becoming aware of the options available to the Town.

Councillor Halos spoke thanking Mr. Leckie for his deputation, further noting that there is a chance that the roads transfer will go through, and would be a good test case to determine if the Town wants to move to a single tier status. Councillor Halos noted that passing the motion to move to a single tier status at this point will jeopardize the roads transfer. Councillor Halos noted that Council and staff will have to look at all options available, further noting that there is an attitude that The Blue Mountains does not want to aid the other municipalities in the County. Councillor Halos noted that all municipalities want a fair equitable deal, and noted that sending a motion to the County at this time noting that the Town wants to move to a single tier municipality would be counter-productive.

Deputy Mayor Ardiel spoke noting the Town was a part of the Nottawasaga Board years ago that included the Mayors along the shores of Nottawasaga Bay. Deputy Mayor Ardiel noted that we need to move forward in small steps, further noting that the roads transfer is the first step. Deputy Mayor Ardiel noted that the next step could be to bring the experts in to investigate moving to single tier, further noting it could be ten years down the road.

Councillor McGee spoke noting the road transfer will require the approval of the County plus a majority of municipalities in Grey County to agree to it before it can move forward. Councillor McGee noted that single tier has never been achieved, further noting there are a number of steps and approvals required before it can move forward to the Minister. Councillor McGee noted that the challenge is that The Blue Mountains are paying too much for market value assessment, further noting there are other solutions, and what is practical in the short and long term should be considered, rather than proceeding straight to single tier.

Councillor Martin spoke noting all comments have merit, further noting that he appreciates the Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association deputation, and noted that his notice of motion included on this evening's Agenda would advise the County that the Town has set an intention that The Blue Mountains will consider single tier.

**E. Correspondence as previously circulated**

**Author Recommendation / Action**

E.1 Grey Condominium Corp. No 24  
Re: Request to cancel/void invoices  
and to amend By-law 2014-3

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

THAT Council of The Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from Grey Condominium Corp. No. 24 dated April 22, 2016 and refers this correspondence to Fire Services for report back to Council, Carried.

E.2 Clearview Township  
Re: Zoning By-law Amendment  
To Permit Backyard Chickens

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT Council of The Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from Clearview Township dated April 25, 2016 and refers this correspondence to Planning & Development Services and the Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee, Carried.

E.3 Drinking Water Source Protection Act  
Re: Request for Source Protection  
Committee – Replacement of Municipal  
Members, if municipality is interested in  
Putting forward the name of a candidate

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT Council of The Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from Drinking Water Source Protection Act dated April 14, 2016 for their information, Carried.

E.4 Municipality of Dutton Dunwich  
Re: Request for Support for changes  
to Independent Electricity System  
Operator (IESO) process

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council of The Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from Municipality of Dutton Dunwich dated April 13, 2016 for information, Carried.

E.5 Laurie Scott, MPP For Council consideration  
Re: Request for support, Bill 158  
Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

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

WHEREAS human trafficking is a heinous crime that has been referred to as modern day slavery; and

WHEREAS traffickers recruit, transport, harbour and control the girl next door for sexual exploitation or forced labour; and

WHEREAS it is one of the fastest growing crimes that starts and stays in Canada, targeting victims – 90 percent of which are Canadian-born and predominantly female, averaging the age of 14; and

WHEREAS Ontario is a major hub of human trafficking in Canada, and victims are lured, manipulated and coerced, often over the internet from every part of Ontario; and

WHEREAS human trafficking is in our neighbourhoods and our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports Bill 158, *Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016*, support MPP Laurie Scott's motion for a multi-jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victims' services and frontline agencies; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament and municipalities, Carried.

E.6 Ministry of Citizenship For Council consideration  
Immigration and International  
Trade  
Re: Request for Nomination for  
Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council of The Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from Ministry of Citizenship Immigration and International Trade dated April 2016 and refers this correspondence to Communications and Economic Development Coordinator to post on the Town's website, Carried.

E.7 Township of North Stormont For Council consideration  
Re: Request for support  
regarding the Ontario Energy Board  
to expand Natural Gas Services

Moved by: Joe Halos Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT Council of The Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from Township of North Stormont dated April 14, 2016 for information, Carried.

- E.8 Municipality of South Dundas For Council consideration  
Re: Request for support to have  
Ontario Government  
reconsider suspension of the  
Rural Economic Development (RED)

Council referred this matter to the Clerk to determine if previously considered by Council.

- E.9 My Friend's House For Council information  
Re: Thank you for support
- E.10 Meaford Hospital Foundation For Council information  
Re: Thank you for support
- E.11 Silver Creek Stewardship Initiative For Council information  
Re: Information on a new project  
introduced along the Silver Creek
- E.12 Ministry of Natural Resources For Council information  
and Forestry  
Re: Response letter regarding  
The City of Waukesha's Application  
to divert water
- E.13 Municipality of Trent Lakes For Council information  
Re: Request for support, Bill 158  
Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
- E.14 Municipality of Southgate For Council information  
Re: Request for support, Bill 158  
Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
- E.15 Clearview Township For Council information  
Re: Request for support, Bill 158  
Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
- E.16 Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal For Council information  
Re: Request for support, Bill 158  
Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

Moved by: Michael Seguin                      Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of May 9, 2016 and further does support the Staff Recommendation made with regard to the Correspondence items E.9 through E.16, 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.

## **F. Motions and Staff Reports**

None

## **G. Consent Agenda**

### **Accounts**

- G.1** Accounts  
**G.2** Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (None)











**J. Notice of Meeting Dates**

Committee of the Whole, May 16, 2016  
Town Hall, Council Chamber

Council Meeting, May 30, 2016, 7:00 pm  
Town Hall, Council Chamber

Special Meeting of Council, May 31, 2016, 1:00 pm  
Town Hall, Council Chamber

Special Meeting of Council, June 10, 2016, 9:00 am  
Town Hall, Council Chamber

**K. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment**

Moved by: Michael Martin                      Seconded by: Michael Seguin

THAT By-law No. 2016 - 33, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on May 9, 2016, be hereby enacted as passed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016, Carried.

Moved by: Gail Ardiel                              Seconded by: R.J. Gamble

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 9:09 p.m. to meet again May 30, 2016, 7:00 pm, Town Hall, Council Chamber, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

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John McKean, Mayor

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Corrina Giles, Town Clerk