

Minutes - The Blue Mountains Council Meeting



MEETING DATE: May 28, 2007 – 7:00 pm
LOCATION: L. E. Shore Memorial Library
PREPARED BY: Stephen Keast, Clerk

A. Call to Order

- Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order with all members in attendance save Deputy Mayor McKinlay, absent due to vacation.
- Council then paused for a moment of Personal Prayer or Reflection.
- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT the Agenda of May 28, 2007 be adopted as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.

- No member declared a pecuniary interest with any matter as listed on the Agenda save Councillor McKean with regard to Items G2 and G4, Accounts and Engineering & Public Works Committee report, and his employment.
- Adoption of Consent Agenda

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT the Consent Agenda of May 28, 2007 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, Carried.

NOTE: Councillor McKean had previously declared a pecuniary interest with regard to Items G2 and G4, Accounts and Engineering & Public Works Committee report, and his employment and did not take part in related discussion or voting.

- Previous Minutes

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

THAT the Minutes of May 14, 2007 and Public Meeting minutes of April 23, 2007 be adopted as circulated including any revisions to be made, Carried.

B. Deputations/Presentations

None

C. Correspondence as previously circulated

Regarding correspondence item C.7, Jack Wittlin on behalf of the Thornbury Car Wash and with regard to utility billing concerns, Councillor Kennedy questioned if a comparison of impact of new rates on commercial users had been completed, Acting Director of Finance Rob Cummings noting Staff have reviewed the matter but have not yet completed analysis, adding Hemson Consulting did not fully address commercial impacts.

Mayor Anderson questioned if it would be possible to have this information for the review of the interim utility rate structure, Rob replying yes.

Councillor Gamble noted this may be an indication that The Blue Mountains is simply ahead of other area municipalities in addressing contemporary utility rates and that rates in surrounding municipalities will be increasing.

Cam noted the indicated 50% increase is significant over the first quarter, compared to a proposed 10% increase in area municipalities.

Rob noted the City of Owen Sound had recently increased their water rates as well, adding the final interim rate decision did shift billing focus from commercial to residential users.

Rob noted Staff will examine how the commercial and residential rate relationship is working.

Cam then stated it is difficult for commercial operators to use water and compete with businesses other area municipalities.

Regarding correspondence item C.13, The Ridge Estates and a request for permission to reproduce an enlarged Town tapestry map, Councillor Kennedy questioned if the request was to scan and reproduce the map themselves, the Clerk to contact the office and clarify the request.

Manager of Development Planning Rob Armstrong then noted Town Staff could scan the map and create a high quality reproduction, Mayor Anderson noting in that case the map could be sold as per the request and copyright protected.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of May 28, 2007 and further does hereby support and adopt the Staff Recommendations made with regard to the Correspondence items including any additional direction give to Staff and Committees through discussion, Carried.

D. Motions and Staff Reports

1. Noise By-law Exception

Moved by: R. J. Gamble Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT this Council hereby does authorize an exception to the provisions of the Town's Noise By-law, By-law No. 2002-9, to Town of The Blue Mountains, L. E. Shore Memorial Library for the lands known municipally as 7 Napier Street East for June 1st, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It being noted that such relief is specific to a Parking Lot Party for the Town of The Blue Mountains L. E. Shore Memorial Library, Carried.

2. Georgian Trail Board of Management 2007 Municipal Budget Request

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

THAT this Council hereby receive and approve the Georgian Trail Board of Management 2007 Municipal Budget Request in the total amount of \$76,300, with The Blue Mountains share being 40.2 % or \$30,673, Carried.

E. New and Unfinished Business

1. Grey County Council Update – None
2. Notice of Motion – None
3. Additions to the Agenda

Mayor Anderson then reviewed a request for support for an applicant currently before the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission for an area radio station providing coverage from Owen Sound to Collingwood.

Councillor McGee then questioned what level of support Council would be offering, Ellen noting the applicant had requested regional support.

Councillor McKean then questioned if support would allow placement of communication towers, Ellen stating support would only be for the CRTC application.

Councillor Martin then noted additional information would be of assistance, Councillor Gamble questioning if any existing radio stations would be impacted by the application.

Council then concurred the Clerk contact the applicant for additional information surrounding the application.

F. By-laws

1. Assessment Review Board Complaints By-law

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

THAT By-law No. 2007 - 46, being a By-law to authorize specific complaints to the Assessment Review Board, be hereby enacted this twenty-eighth day of May, 2007, Carried.

2. Budget Amendment By-law

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: John McKean

THAT By-law No. 2007 - 47, being a By-law to amend Schedule "A" of By-law No. 2007-15, being a By-law to adopt a Budget including all sums required during 2007 for Town purposes, be hereby enacted this twenty-eighth day of May, 2007, Carried.

3. Temporary Stop up and Close By-law

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy Seconded by: John McGee

THAT By-law No. 2007 - 48, being a By-law to temporarily stop up and close a portion of Louisa Street to facilitate the 2007 Golf Mania street dance, be hereby enacted this twenty-eighth day of May, 2007.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Martin questioned if the time limit should be restricted to 10:00 pm rather than 11:00 pm, Mayor Anderson noting former street dances went past 11:00 pm.

Councillor Gamble then noted he hoped the noise level would be acceptable to residents.

Director of Building and By-law Enforcement David Finbow then noted he had not received complaints or concerns related to the operation of previous Olde Fashioned Christmas events.

Councillor Martin then stated the former Labour Day Street Dance events were very disruptive to the community, Councillor McKean questioning if paid duty officers would be on duty, Councillor Kennedy noting it was not planned to have officers as no alcohol was proposed and stores would be open during the event.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

4. Temporary Stop up and Close By-law

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy Seconded by: John McKean

THAT By-law No. 2007 - 49, being a By-law to temporarily stop up and close a portion of Lora Bay Drive to facilitate the 2007 Telus Skins golf event, be hereby enacted this twenty-eighth day of May, 2007.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor McGee questioned how existing area residents would get access to their property, Director of Engineering and Public Works Reg Russwurm noting residents would be provided access via Sunset Boulevard to Highway 26.

Councillor Martin then stated public notice should be given to any affected residents as a matter of policy in such cases.

Director of Building and By-law Enforcement David Finbow then noted notice of the Telus event road closing would be provided in accordance with the direction of the Georgian Trail Board of Management.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

5. Parking Regulation By-law

Director of Building & By-law David Finbow then reviewed the parking restrictions and proposed shuttle bus routes during the Telus skins event.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

THAT By-law No. 2007 - 50, being a By-law to regulate the parking of vehicles on specific highways for a specific time period, be hereby enacted this twenty-eighth day of May, 2007, Carried.

G. Consent Agenda

Accounts

- 1. Accounts
- 2. Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (EC King)

Reports List

- 3. Finance and Administration Committee, May 15, 2007
- 4. Engineering and Public Works Committee, May 15, 2007

H. Next Meeting Date(s)

Council June 11 (**Library from this date forward**), 25, July 9, 23, August 28, September 10, 24, 2007
 Planning Council June 4 (**Library from this date forward**), 18, July 4 (Wed), 16, September 5 (Wed), 17, 2007

Engineering and Public Works Committee, June 12, 2007
 Finance and Administration Committee, June 19, 2007

I. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT By-law No. 2007 - 51, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on May 28, 2007, be hereby enacted as passed this twenty-eighth day of May, 2007, Carried.

NOTE: Councillor McKean had previously declared a pecuniary interest with regard to Items G2 and G4, Accounts and Engineering & Public Works Committee report, and his employment and did not take part in related discussion or voting on the Confirmation By-law.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 8:05 p.m. to meet again June 11, 2007, 7:00 pm or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

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 Ellen Anderson, Mayor

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 Stephen Keast, Clerk