



Minutes

The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Meeting Date: June 19, 2017
Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m. Closed Session
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
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 Councillor Michael Seguin due to previous commitment.

Also in attendance were CAO Troy Speck, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Reg Russwurm, Director of Community Services Shawn Everitt, Director of Planning and Development Services Michael Benner, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Manager of Human Resources Jennifer Moreau, Fire Chief Rob Collins, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator Elizabeth Cornish, Administrative Assistant Katherine Dabrowa, Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting and Budgets Sam Dinsmore

▪ Approval of Agenda

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

THAT the Agenda of June 19, 2017 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, being an addition at Agenda item I.3.1 Request for Support for Rural Ontario Medical Program (ROMP), Carried.

▪ Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

Mayor McKean declared a pecuniary interest regarding Agenda Item G.2 Accounts and a family member's place of employment.

B. Closed Session (5:00 pm)

Moved by: Joe Halos Seconded by: John McGee

THAT, with regard to subsection 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, this Council does now move into closed session in order to address matters pertaining to:

- i) The receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, and with regard to advice regarding Town Policy;
- ii) Labour relations or employee negotiations and with regard to personnel matters, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 5:01 p.m.

Council rose from closed to public session at 5:45 p.m.

C. Call to Order (7:00 pm)

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: Michael Martin Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

THAT the Consent Agenda of June 19, 2017 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, being Agenda item G.2 Invoices, Carried.

▪ Previous Minutes

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT the Council minutes of May 29, 2017 and Special Meeting of Council minutes of May 23, 2017, May 24, 2017, June 5, 2017 and June 12, 2017, be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

D. Deputations / Presentations / Public Meeting

Mayor McKean noted that 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 – Special Olympics

Re: Special Olympics thank you to Council for support

The Thornbury / Meaford Special Olympics Team attended the Council Meeting to thank Council for their continued support. The Olympians shared with Council the sports they participate in, including basketball, golf, skiing, curling and snowshoeing. Council congratulated the Olympians on their continued achievements, and thanked coaches Maureen Munden, Shawn Everitt and Jennifer Sheridan for their involvement with the Team.

D.2 Presentation to Robert B. Waind

Recipient of the Senior of the Year Award 2017 by the Town of The Blue Mountains in recognition of outstanding contributions to the community after age 65

Mayor McKean spoke noting that this evening, Council are honouring the Senior of the Year for 2017, Robert B. Waind, noting that this award is part of a Provincial Program that allows each municipality in Ontario the opportunity to honour one outstanding local senior, who, after the age of 65 has enriched the social, cultural or civic life of their community. Mayor McKean thanked Mr. Waind for his devotion to the Town over the years, and noted that The Blue Mountains is a better place for having Mr. Waind here.

Mr. Waind then spoke thanking Council for this honour, and noted that he learned many years ago that if you can, you should give back to your community.

D.3 Public Meeting

Re: Proposed Affordability Policy for Municipal Water and Wastewater Service Extensions

Mayor McKean read the Notice of Public Meeting and Public Information Session, regarding the Proposed Affordability Policy for Municipal Water and Wastewater Service Extensions.

Mayor McKean noted that Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains will hold a Public Information Session and Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed Affordability Policy for Municipal Water and Wastewater Service Extensions.

Mayor McKean noted that Notice is hereby given that Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains, at its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, September 25, 2017, intends to adopt the Affordability Policy for Municipal Water and Wastewater Service extensions.

Mayor McKean noted that it is important to note that a decision on the proposed Affordability Policy has not been made at this point, and will not be made at this public meeting. At the September 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting, staff will bring back a report with comments received from the Public Meeting and written responses. Council may consider adoption of the Policy at the September 25, 2017 Council Meeting.

Mayor McKean noted comments at the Public Meeting aid the Town and Council in their decision-making process, so be sure to have your say. Mayor McKean noted that any person or agency may attend the Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments regarding the levying of capital wastewater charges.

The Clerk spoke noting that notice of the public meeting was given in accordance with the Town's Notice Policy and that in response comments were received from Amber Bocknek, Jason & Lesley Ciciretto, Michael & Sheena Curran, James Gardner, Kathleen Gates & Donald Dafraiment, and Gordon Skultety.

Director of Finance and IT, Ruth Prince spoke noting that over 500 property owners were notified by correspondence regarding this Public Meeting, further noting that the information included dates for the Public Information Session and Public Meeting. Ruth noted that property owners in areas where water and wastewater services are proposed in the next five years were notified. Ruth noted that the affordability level is currently \$1700 per service. Ruth noted that all comments will be attached to a follow-up staff report.

Jayne Menard, resident of 145 Bayview Avenue, spoke noting that she was unable to attend the June 3 Public Information Session. Ms. Menard noted that she needs to replace her system this fall or next spring and cannot predict what her costs will be. Ms. Menard noted that the proposed policy is moving ahead too quickly, noting that homeowners that have installed new systems are permitted to defer the payment of capital costs for a maximum of ten years. Ms. Menard questioned if this evening is the last time the public will have an opportunity to comment, Ruth Prince spoke in response noting that comments can be sent to Ruth Prince or Reg Russwurm after the Public Meeting. Reg Russwurm, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works spoke noting that Bayview Avenue is not planned to be serviced in the next five years, further noting it may be serviced in five to ten years. Reg noted that Council will revisit this again at budget time, further noting that each project will have its own Public Information Session and that the public will have another opportunity to comment at that time.

Mike Stoneham, resident on Bayview Avenue, spoke noting that he has no problem with the installation of sewers, further noting he believes sewers are a good idea. Mr. Stoneham noted that in discussions with former Deputy Mayor Duncan McKinlay, that he believed that the servicing of Bayview Avenue was approximately twenty years out. Ruth Prince spoke noting that servicing extensions are considered on an individual basis, further noting that water and

wastewater servicing includes a road component as well, and that the costs are shared by the Town and residents. Reg spoke noting that approximately ten years ago, Council discussed what should be serviced and when, further noting that an estimate of costs has not been completed for Bayview Avenue. Mr. Stoneham noted that the Town should have a plan as to why Bayview Avenue should be serviced, and that an estimate of costs should be completed.

Councillor Halos spoke in response noting that the Town Official Plan provides that the Town will extend services to underserviced areas, and that Council are receiving comments from the public as to what the public can afford to pay to extend services. Councillor Halos noted that Council are following its Official Plan and are currently developing the affordability levels before projects move forward, further noting if the cost of a project is too high, that it will not proceed.

Councillor Martin spoke noting that a Sewer Master Plan was developed during the 2003 to 2006 term of Council.

Ivan Beg, resident at 117 Hidden Lake Road, spoke questioning if the affordability levels include taxes, or just capital costs. Ruth spoke in response noting that the affordability level includes just the capital costs. Ruth noted that once the sewers are installed, that the cost will be added to tax bills, and once connected, homeowners will receive a utility bill based on the fixed rates.

Councillor Martin spoke noting that some homeowners are in a dilemma as their septic systems are wearing out, and servicing their street is not in the immediate future. Reg spoke in response noting that the homeowner will have to decide if they wish to replace or expand their systems while waiting for wastewater servicing.

Deputy Mayor Ardiel questioned if holding tanks are permitted, Reg spoke in response noting that this is a Building Department decision. Michael Benner, Director of Planning and Development Service, spoke noting that the Building Department discourages the use of holding tanks unless it is the last option available. Michael Benner noted that new technology allows for a smaller septic footprint.

Deputy Mayor Ardiel questioned if there is a temporary system that Ms. Menard could install so that she does not have to install a complete new septic system until Bayview Avenue is serviced with sewers. Michael Benner spoke noting that there are many different septic systems and alternatives, suggesting that Ms. Menard contact a septic system installer for options that may be available to her.

Ms. Menard spoke again noting that she is not opposed to sewers, but questioned how she should move forward now until Bayview Avenue is serviced with sewers. Ms. Menard asked for guidance from Council, further noting that affordability is concerning and she needs to plan for her future. Michael Benner spoke suggesting that Ms. Menard contact Greg Miller, Chief Building Official for information on site specific septic systems.

Mr. Stoneham spoke again noting that Council are asking the public for comments, but noted that Council should make a decision as to whether the servicing is moving forward or not.

Councillor McGee spoke requesting clarification, does the maximum service extension charge of \$21,190 include construction costs plus interest, Ruth replying yes. Councillor McGee questioned if a member of the public could defer connecting to the system, Ruth replying yes, further noting that the draft policy includes provision that those residents who have installed or significantly upgraded a new well or septic system within five years can defer the payment of capital costs for a maximum of ten years. Ruth confirmed that there would be accumulated interest in that deferred time period. Councillor McGee noted that the Town currently has an Affordability Policy in place and that the proposed policy is replacing something that has been in place for ten years, Ruth spoke in response noting that yes, this is a review of the existing policy to clarify the details and methodology.

As no one further wished to speak, Mayor McKean declared the public meeting to be closed.

**D.4 Deputation – Renee Turner, Bridges Tavern
Re: Bridges Tavern Noise By-law Exemption**

Renee Turner spoke noting that she is attending the meeting this evening to answer questions regarding Bridges Tavern request for relief from the noise by-law. Councillor McGee spoke noting that the current request is different than the original request with fewer exemptions requested. Renee spoke in response noting that they purchased Bridges Tavern last year, and they followed what the previous owners did.

Renee noted that Bridges does not have any big events planned this summer, noting that the request is to permit noise until 8:00 pm outside, with no DJ's. Music will either be 1:00 to 4:00 pm or 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Renee noted that she has booked solo acts.

Councillor Halos spoke noting members of the public appeared as a deputation to Council recently expressing concern with Bridges' request for relief from the noise by-law, further noting that what is proposed now seems to remedy the concerns. Councillor Halos thanked Renee for the revised proposal.

Councillor Martin then spoke, concurring with Councillor Halos, that provided the noise ends at 8:00 pm and does not include a DJ, that he has no problem with the request. Councillor Martin noted that the amplification is the main concern. Renee confirmed that they do not have any bands booked, just solo artists.

E. Correspondence as previously circulated

Author	Recommendation / Actions
E.1 Town of Collingwood Re: Request for support, 22 nd Annual Mayor's Golf Challenge Cup	
Moved by: Joe Halos	Seconded by: Michael Martin
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, correspondence from the Town of Collingwood requesting support for the "22 nd Annual Mayor's Golf Challenge Cup", Carried.	
E.2 Municipality of Brockton Re: Request for support to Oppose Amendment to the Conservation Authorities Act	
Moved by: R.J. Gamble	Seconded by: John McGee
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated June 6, 2017 from Municipality of Brockton in regards to Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act for their information, Carried.	
E.3 ANAVETS Re: Request for support to improve Service and Benefits for Veterans in Canada	
Moved by: R.J. Gamble	Seconded by: John McGee
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from ANAVETS for their information, Carried.	

E.4 Paul Woolner, Resident
Re: Request for Relocation of Garbage Bins on
Hester Street

Moved by: Joe Halos

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated June 1, 2017 from Paul Woolner in regards to requesting the relocation of the Garbage Bins on Hester Street;

AND THAT Council refer the matter to Infrastructure & Public Works Services for report back to Council, Carried.

E.5 Hon. Steven Del Duca, MPP
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Re: Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program(OMCC)

Received for Information
and Referred to
Community Services

Moved by: John McGee

Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated June 15, 2017 from the Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport regarding the launch of the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program, and refers the correspondence to Community Services, Carried.

E.6 Grey County
Re: Financial Support for Canada's 150 Anniversary

Received for Information

E.7 Grey County
Re: Report CAOR-CW-17, Grey County/The Blue
Mountains Task Force Terms of Reference

Received for Information

E.8 Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLCLSI)
Re: Thank you for Membership support with
GLSLCI

Received for Information

E.9 Grey County Agricultural Services Centre
Re: County Rural Guide

Received for Information

E.10 Tom Strnad, Producer, Mountain Goat Film Company
Re: Thank you Extended Library Services at the
Craigleith Heritage Depot

Received for Information

Moved by: Michael Martin

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of June 19, 2017 and further does support the Staff Recommendation made with regard to the Correspondence items at Agenda E.6 to E.10, 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.

K. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Mayor McKean vacated the Council Chamber having earlier declared a conflict. Deputy Mayor Ardiel chaired this portion of the meeting.

Moved by: R.J. Gamble

Seconded by: John McGee

THAT By-law No. 2017 - 26, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on June 19, 2017, be hereby enacted as passed this 19th day of June, 2017, Carried.

Moved by: Michael Martin

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 8:42 p.m. to meet again July 10, 2017, Town Hall, Council Chambers, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

John McKean, Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk