

Minutes - The Blue Mountains Council Meeting



MEETING DATE: June 23, 2008

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 illness and Councillors McGee and Councillor Kennedy due to vacation.
- Also in attendance was CAO Paul Graham and Director of Planning Peter Tollefsen.
- Council then paused for a moment of Personal Prayer or Reflection.
- Approval of Agenda
Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: Michael Martin
THAT the Agenda of June 23, 2008 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 Agenda Item G.2 Accounts and cheques payable to his place of employment.
- Adoption of Consent Agenda
Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: R.J. Gamble
THAT the Consent Agenda of June 23, 2008 be adopted as circulated, Carried.
- Previous Minutes
Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: John McKean
THAT the Council minutes of June 9, 2008 and Special Council minutes of June 16 (6:30 p.m. and 9:05 p.m.), 2008 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

There was no business arising from the minutes at this time.

B. Deputations/Presentations

7:05 pm – Grey Bruce Beef program, Darryl Williams, Mark Kuglin

Next as Darryl Williams and Mark Kuglin were in attendance it was Council's pleasure to hear them regarding the Grey-Bruce Beef program.

Darryl noted the program was a new way to market beef in Grey and Bruce Counties, the primary objective to benefit the farm producers by promoting locally raised, all-natural Grey-Bruce beef.

Darryl noted the Grey-Bruce Beef brand is trade-marked and endorsed by the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

Darryl noted participating farmers all prepare an environmental farm plan and carbon footprints are reduced, adding there are strict guidelines as to animal care and handling.

Darryl noted the program has been presented to various levels of government and requested the Town to consider utilizing the product where possible to raise consciousness of the program to the public.

Councillor McKean then questioned if the producer retains ownership of the product until the slaughterhouse, Darryl noting the beef is purchased by the brand and farmers are paid at that time.

John then questioned if payments are varied by grade, Darryl noting a single price is paid and charged for the brand, AA grade utilized due to lower fat content.

Councillor Gamble then questioned market supply, Darryl noting beef can be ordered and either delivered or picked up.

Bob then questioned if public slaughterhouses are utilized, Darryl replying only licensed slaughterhouses are utilized, preferably located in Grey-Bruce Counties.

Councillor Martin then questioned how the public could be made aware of the program, Darryl replying newspaper coverage and window displays in restaurants at present.

Michael then questioned if larger distributors could be utilized such as Sobey's, Darryl noting direct marketing retains more money in the area and eliminates an extra layer of cost.

Councillor McKean then questioned if consumers are interested in herd of origin information, Darryl replying there is a general experience that people are interested in supporting agriculture as well as healthy eating.

Councillor Gamble then questioned if the store has display space for products, Darryl replying yes.

Mayor Anderson then congratulated Darryl and Mark on their efforts to date with the program, Darryl and Mark then retired from the meeting.

C. Correspondence as previously circulated

Regarding Item C.1, Nation Municipality and source water protection funding, Councillor Martin noted the Resolution was very broad based as to the program, Council concurring to receive the correspondence.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of June 23, 2008 and further does support the Staff Recommendation made with regard to the Correspondence items, 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.

D. Motions and Staff Reports

None

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Grey County Council Update

None

E.2 AMO Board of Directors Update

None

E.3 Notice of Motion

None

E.4 Additions to Agenda

Council then dealt with the following Resolution as an addition to the Agenda:

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Staff be directed to propose a further By-law amending the Town Noise By-law for the provision of fees and charges for those applying for exemptions to the Noise By-law considering recovery of costs for Staff time, inspections and follow-up.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Martin noted at present there is no cost recovery in addressing Noise By-law exemption requests.

Councillor Gamble then noted the matter would be addressed at the June 24 Finance and Administration Committee meeting.

Councillor McKean then noted he would appreciate information on how much Staff time and costs are involved with such applications.

Mayor Anderson then noted Staff are currently reviewing the Noise By-law, Councillor Martin noting a previous By-law amendment to incorporate a charge for processing exemptions was defeated on June 9 and the issue would then die if Council did not give direction on the matter.

Town CAO Paul Graham then noted the Procedural By-law first requires a Resolution authoring reconsideration of a matter.

Council then dealt with the following subsidiary Resolution:

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the issue of a fee or charge for application for an exemption to the Noise By-law be reconsidered, Carried.

Council then dealt with the Main Resolution, Carried.

F. By-laws

Council then dealt with the following Resolutions:

F.1 Canada Day Temporary Road Closures

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

THAT By-law No. 2008 -65, being a By-law to temporarily close portions of Bruce and Louisa Streets during Canada Day celebrations, be hereby enacted this twenty-third day of June, 2008, Carried.

G. Consent Agenda

Accounts

1. Accounts BG
2. Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (Sadler's Haulage, M. Kennedy)

Reports List (Adopt)

3. Engineering and Public Works Committee, June 10, 2008 DMcK

Minutes List (Receive)

4. Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Notes, April 23, 2008 PT
5. Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, May 14, 2008 MM

H. Next Meeting Date(s)

Council July 14, August 18, September 8, 22, October 15 (Wed), 27, 2008
Planning Council July 7, September 3 (Wed), October 6, 2008

All Council meetings to be at the Library unless otherwise noted

Engineering and Public Works Committee, July 8, 2008
Finance and Administration Committee, August 19, 2008
Recreation Committee, August 28, 2008

I. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

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

THAT By-law No. 2008 - 66, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on June 23, 2008, be hereby enacted as passed this twenty-third day of June, 2008, Carried.

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

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 7:58 p.m. to meet again July 14, 2008, 7:00 pm, L.E. Shore Library, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

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Ellen Anderson, Mayor

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Stephen Keast, Clerk