

Minutes - The Blue Mountains Council Meeting



MEETING DATE: July 24, 2006 – 7:00 pm
LOCATION: The Blue Mountains Council Chamber
PREPARED BY: Serena Wilgress, Deputy Clerk

A. Call to Order

- Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order with all members in attendance.
- Also in attendance were CAO Paul Graham, Director of Finance Chris Fawcett, Director of Planning Peter Tollefsen and Manager of Environmental Services John Caswell.

- Council then paused for a moment of personal prayer or reflection.
- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT the Agenda of July 24, 2006 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 Mayor Anderson with regard to item G.1 and her father's employment and Councillor McKean with regard to item G.1 and G.4 and his employment.

- Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

THAT the Consent Agenda of July 24, 2006 be adopted as circulated, less items G3 – Recreation Committee report of July 6, 2006, G4 – Engineering and Public Works Report of July 11, 2006, G7 - GSCA minutes of June 14, 2006 and G8 – Meeting Notes, Yellow Brick Road promotional concept of July 14, 2006, requested for separate review and discussion, Carried.

- Previous Minutes

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Minutes of July 10, 2006 and Special Meetings of July 5 and July 17, 2006 be adopted as circulated including any revisions to be made

B. Deputations/Presentations

7:20pm – Lorie English, Canada World Youth – Introduction

7:30 pm – PUBLIC MEETING – Sewer and Water Fees and Charges

C. Correspondence as previously circulated

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay Seconded by: John McKean

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of July 24, 2006 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.

Regarding Item C5 – Stantec Consulting, TESR Review, Councillor Gamble requested that the item be discussed that evening, CAO Paul Graham noting that he was prepared to present to Council tonight.

Regarding Item C7 – Clarington, Ontario Clean Water Act the following Recommendation was then presented:

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

THAT this Council does support the Request for Endorsement from the Municipality of Clarington and directs staff to forward same to Premier Dalton McGuinty and the Municipality of Clarington, Carried.

Regarding Item C6 – Beaver Valley Preschool request for support, Councillor Gamble noted this should be referred to Finance and Administration Committee for their consideration.

Regarding Item C8 – Grey County, Agriculture Minister comments, Councillor Martin noted concern with the comments, requesting that the Clerk prepare a letter of support be forwarded to Grey County, Council concurring.

D. Motions and Staff Reports

2. Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Planning Framework Agreement CAO.06.30

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

THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Planning Framework Agreement dated August 1, 2006.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor McKinlay questioned if the fees represented full cost recovery, CAO Paul Graham noting the Town was not involved in setting the rates, further noting the Town would only be collecting the fees on behalf of Grey Sauble and forwarding them with any applications, the Town having all of its own applications reviewed at no charge.

Paul then noted not all rates are at full cost recovery and Planning Staff have previously expressed concerns about collecting these fees. Paul then noted the Agreement would continue until one party give 180 days notice of termination.

Paul then noted GSCA has the authority to increase the rates at their own discretion.

Councillor Gamble questioned if all GSCA member municipalities approved of the Agreements, Mayor Anderson noting yes.

Bob then questioned if Chatsworth had signed an agreement, noting previous opposition to such agreement, Ellen noting she was uncertain.

Bob then suggested the signing be deferred until all municipalities were on side, Ellen noting all municipalities present voted on signing.

Councillor Fairweather questioned if Chatsworth opted out of signing, did the other municipalities pick up their fees, Deputy Mayor McKinlay noting their fees would be covered by taxes, Duncan further noting the onus for fees was put on the developer rather than the tax payer.

CAO Paul Graham noted the Conservation Authority would still charge the applicant before comments were made, the agreement being a collection mechanism for applicants and the Authority.

Councillor Martin noted a few changes he felt should be made to the agreement before it is signed by the Town.

Councillor Fairweather questioned if the Town's solicitor had reviewed the agreement, Paul noting no.

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Recommendation be TABLED pending further review of the Agreement by the Town's solicitor, Carried.

The Recommendation is now TABLED.

3. Utility Meter Reading & Billing Services, T-2006-18

Councillor Gamble noted concern with the proposed monthly readings in the quote provided by Olameter, noting bi-monthly billing was considered, Manager of Environmental Services John Caswell clarifying Olameter would be taking monthly readings for half the units per month.

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: Wayman Fairweather

1. That the Town enter into an agreement with Olameter Inc. for the provision of meter reading services based on their quote dated February 6, 2006, subject to contract review and authorization by the Town's solicitor and by the Director of Finance.
2. That the Town process billings and collect water and waste water system user fees in-house.
3. That the rights to Diamond Municipal Solutions Utility Billing Management software be purchased at an approximate cost of \$5,000 (licence fee) plus an estimated \$7,000 (conversion and training) for a total of \$12,000, plus taxes.
4. That staff provide information to all utility customers informing them of the implementation timetable to provide metered water and related wastewater billings.
5. That staff aim to provide sample invoices based on actual flows to users towards the end of 2006 for information purposes only, with actual billings based on flows to commence in 2007.

Carried.

4. Mileage Rate, T-2006-17

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council approves the mileage rate increase to \$0.42 / kilometer effective August 1, 2006.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Martin questioned the effective date, noting Grey County had their rate come into effect on January 1, 2006, Deputy Mayor McKinlay noting the catch up is timely, further noting Grey County's rate was used as a guide.

Councillor Gamble noted his non-support for the recommendation, noting that Council Compensation had just been adjusted three months earlier.

Duncan clarified the previous adjustment was for Council only and this change would apply to staff also.

Councillor Ardiel noted changes in the gas prices necessitated a review.

Council then voted on the Recommendation, Carried.

5. Tender Award – Camperdown Court Paving

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council award Georgian Aggregates & Construction Inc. the contract to pave Camperdown Court at a total estimated cost of \$37,945.00, excluding GST, being the lowest quotation meeting all the requirements of the Town, Carried.

Council then adjourned for the scheduled Public Meeting.

Mayor Anderson then called the Council meeting to order and Council dealt with the following Recommendation:

1. 2006 Water and Sewer Budget, T-2006-19

Moved by: R. J. Gamble Seconded by: D. R. McKinlay

THAT Council adopt the 2006 Water and Sewer Budget as presented on July 4, 2006 and again on July 24, 2006 at the public information session, recognizing the required changes in 2006 Water Consumption Charges and Sewage Use Charges outlined in Schedule A and Schedule B respectively; and,

THAT Council adopts a By-Law to impose water consumption charges and sewage use charges that support the 2006 Water and Sewer Capital Projects and Operating Budgets.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted concerns have been met and his support for the Budget.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

6. Water & Sewer GIS Project, PL.06.103

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement with Conestoga Rovers & Associates for GIS Services for the development and creation of a Water and Sewer GIS environment including all appropriate data layers for a cost of \$69,509.34.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Gamble questioned monitoring of the contract with progress payments, CAO Paul Graham noting it is up to Staff to review work to date and confirm that billings are appropriate.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay questioned format of the program to be used, Paul noting Staff were capable of understanding what is proposed and the feasibility of the program, Manager of Environmental Services John Caswell noting the base mapping had been provided by Grey County.

Councillor Martin questioned if the 5% markup was normal, Paul replying yes.

Michael then noted he felt Clause 16 should be changed to read Mediation rather than arbitration, Paul replying this was a standard engineering agreement, suggesting comments from the Town's solicitor and Councillor Martin be implemented to have standard wording in all Town agreements.

Michael suggested that a Sign Off policy be implemented for the Town, Paul noting a Staff report would be brought back to a subsequent meeting.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

7. Wireless Connectivity, I/T.06.05

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Deputy Clerk to execute a License Agreement with Regan-Grant Corporation detailing the terms and conditions for the placement of infrastructure on the Town's Water Tower for Wireless data services.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Martin noted concerns with the Options to Renew clause of the Agreement, recommending changes be made and that the matter be deferred.

Moved by: G. Ardiel Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Recommendation #7 be Tabled pending further review of the Agreement, Carried.

The Motion is TABLED.

8. BMR Scenic Caves Trail Agreement, DOR.06.37 (Revised) DEFERRED

Councillor Gamble questioned the need to defer the Report, Manager of Environmental Services John Caswell noting an unopened road allowance at the south end of 15/16 Sideroad was part of the reason for deferral.

9. Sorichetti Development Inc. – Application for Site Plan Approval
Part Lot 28, Concession 7 – PL.06.104

CAO Paul Graham noted the property is located within the MTO Permit Issuance area.

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather Seconded by: D. R. McKinlay

THAT Council grants Approval for a temporary sales centre and parking area and further authorizes the execution of a Site Plan Agreement, Carried.

10. Highway 26 Watermain Tender

Manager of Environmental Services John Caswell noted the Report would be deferred at this time due to recommendations not being received from the Consultant for the project. John then noted the project was part of the OSTAR application.

John then noted there were many outstanding letters and concerns to be addressed, requesting that a Special Meeting of Council be held on August 28th to address the issues, recommendations to be presented then.

11. Grey County Rd. 19 / Craigleith Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project T-2006-16

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay Seconded by: Wayman Fairweather

THAT Council authorize staff to hold a public information session with property owners affected by the Grey County Road #19 / Craigleith Road sanitary sewer extension project for the purposes of:

1. Providing a project status report;
2. Notifying property owners of the estimated total project costs (\$2,850,000);
 - a) - project costs will be recovered on an equivalent unit basis of \$6,707 per unit for residential properties;
 - capital sewer rates amounting to \$4,259 (current rate) will also be charged to each equivalent unit as its contribution towards existing sewer works;
 - total sanitary sewer service-related costs are approximately \$10,966 per unit
 - b) - project costs will be recovered on an equivalent unit basis of \$3,327 per unit for development properties and Town property, including property roll #'s 6.083, 3.341, 3.343, and 6.017, as said properties did not require multiple connections from the sanitary main to each individual unit within the development or proposed development;
 - capital sewer rates amounting to \$4,259 (current rate) will also be charged to each equivalent unit as its contribution towards existing sewer works;
 - total sanitary sewer service-related costs of \$7,586 per unit;
3. Advising residential property owners that payment options per unit will include:
 - a) full payment of \$10,966 up front; or
 - b) payment over time of \$1,598 per annum (based on a 10 year term and at 7.5% interest per annum); the balance owing on the loan may be repaid at any time, including interest to that date, with no penalty applied; at the time a property is sold, the balance of the loan becomes due and payable.

Subsequent to a public information session and written communications with the property owners and substantial completion of the project, Council will review, revise where necessary and approve these recommendations, Carried.

12. Lora Bay Ph. 1B (Sunset Blvd E & Lora Bay Dr N) Water and Sewer Servicing, T-2006-07

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: D. R. McKinlay

THAT Council authorize staff to hold a public information session with affected Lora Bay Drive North and Sunset Boulevard East property owners regarding the project status and repayment options to recover costs related to the extension of the municipal water and sewer systems based on current estimates; and,

THAT Council authorize in principle the recovery of costs related to the Lora Bay Phase 1 B Water and Sewer Servicing project from affected property owners on an equivalent unit basis, and with payment options, as follows:

	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Pay't per Unit per year if Financed</u>
Lora Bay and area benefiting properties - <u>water</u> If financed over 15 years	\$7,772	\$ 708
Lora Bay and area benefiting properties – <u>sewer</u> If financed over 15 years	\$10,193	<u>\$ 1,005</u>
Total	<u>\$17,965</u>	<u>\$ 1,713</u>

NOTE: some properties may require an individual sewage grinder pump at an additional estimated cost of \$3,500 each. Each property is responsible for its own servicing costs from their property line.
The Lora Bay Corporation is required to pay for local water and sewer works and laterals that benefit their development only, costs estimated to be \$15,070 and \$172,232 respectively, in addition to development charges.

	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Pay't per Unit per year if Financed</u>
Keeper's Cove benefiting properties - <u>water</u> If financed over 15 years	\$6,452	\$ 563
Keeper's Cove benefiting properties – <u>sewer</u> If financed over 15 years	\$8,268	<u>\$ 794</u>
Total	<u>\$14,720</u>	<u>\$ 1,357</u>

Note: Keeper's Cove (1382491 Ontario Limited) is also required to pay for local water and sewer laterals to the property line, which have been estimated to cost \$3,850 and \$9,350 respectively.

AND THAT payment options to be offered to the property owners include:
 (a) full payment up front; or
 (b) payment over time based on a 15 year term and at 0.0% and 7.0% interest per annum (depending on the financing terms of the particular works, subject to change); payments over time are to be added to the tax bill; the balance owing on the loan may be repaid at any time, including interest to that date, with no penalty applied; at the time a property is sold, the balance of the loan becomes due and payable;

Subsequent to written communications and a public information session with the property owners, Council will review, revise where necessary, and approve these recommendations.

Carried.

13.Noise Relief

Moved by: R. J. Gamble Seconded by: D. R. McKinlay

THAT this Council hereby does authorize an exception to the provisions of the Town's Noise By-law, By-law No. 2002-9, to Robert McKee for the lands known municipally as 43 Bruce Street South for July 19th through to 26th, 2006 (weekend excluded) from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It being noted that such relief is for the contractor to undertake brick restoration & brick rebuilding at the above noted location, Carried.

14. Grace in Motion Permit Exemption, Correspondence Item No. 2

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay Seconded by: G. Ardiel

THAT Council does hereby grant an Event Permit exemption under subsection 8(a) of By-law No. 2005-34 for the "Grace in Motion" event conducted by the Grace United Church, Thornbury, to be held September 30, 2006, it being noted the event is non-competitive and all participants follow normal traffic rules and regulations, Carried.

15. United Way Golden Mile, Correspondence Item No. 3

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

THAT Council has no objection to the United Way of South Georgian Bay conducting the Golden Mile 2006 campaign kick-off on September 16, 2006 on sidewalks in Thornbury, it being noted the tape/ribbon placement will not impede pedestrian access, no intersection placement will occur and all material will be removed by United Way volunteers following the event, Carried.

16. New RFP – Waste Study, EPW.06.146

Councillor McKean questioned if some of the work done by the consultant could be transferred to the new consultant, CAO Paul Graham noting a preliminary would be brought forward with a new proposal to Engineering and Public Works Committee.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay questioned if it was the responsibility of the Town for duplication of costs, Paul noting there was value in the work done to date.

Councillor Ardiel noted concern with the amount of money spent to date, suggesting the new consultant could take this into consideration when preparing their report.

Councillor Gamble noted concern with a new quote exceeding remaining budgeted amount, Paul noting cost recovery may be a concern.

Paul then noted it was hoped that the new consultant would take the work to date into consideration.

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

THAT Council receive Staff Report EPW.06.146 entitled "Long Term Solid Waste Study – New Request for Proposal" for their information, Carried.

17. Affordable Housing Committee – Visioning Session Report – PL.06.102

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather Seconded by: D. R. McKinlay

THAT Council receives the Town of The Blue Mountains Affordable Housing Visioning Session Report dated June 2, 2006 for information purposes only.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Gamble requested support from the County, Deputy Mayor McKinlay noting an action plan is required.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

18. Memo – Town of Collingwood Public Meeting concerning a Proposed Official Plan Amendment – Commercial Policies

Councillor Fairweather noted as an adjacent landowner, the Town of Collingwood was letting us know of proposed changes to their Official Plan.

19. Update – Renewable Energy

Director of Planning Peter Tollefsen then updated Council on the status of the Renewable Energy situation.

Councillor Fairweather noted there was a lot of information in the document, noting it was very comprehensive and well written.

Councillor Martin questioned if another report would be forthcoming, Peter replying yes.

20. COMRIF – Verbal Update (deadline letter)

CAO Paul Graham then reviewed the upcoming deadline for the 3rd round of COMRIF applications, noting concern with the total cost of the project and lack of funds available to municipalities in this round.

Paul noted one option is to divide the project into two phases, further requesting direction from Council.

Councillor Gamble noted the criteria needs to be reviewed and that maybe Council should consider reducing the requested amount.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted the Town needed guidelines for eligibility, Paul noting the previous application had been sent to the Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal for review and feedback, further noting that follow up was required.

Councillor Ardiel noted concern with the majority of applications in the previous round being given to road and bridge projects, further noting it was the mandate of the OSUM board to ask for a continual program of funding to be considered as part of the capital budget.

Paul suggested the application be broken down into two phases.

Council concurred to proceed with the application with two scenarios as discussed.

E. New and Unfinished Business

1. Grey County Council Update

Councillor Ardiel noted the turnout for the County Development Charges meeting was poor, further noting there were representatives from IntraWest were in attendance.

Gail then noted the City of Owen Sound was opposed to the County Development Charge proposal.

Gail then noted she had presented the Anit Idling By-law idea to the TAPS committee, further noting other County municipalities were considering their own similar by-law.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay expressed concern with the County's Official Plan 5 year Review and documents being circulated to the Town.

Gail then noted Director of Transportation and Public Safety Gary Shaw will be forwarding traffic counts on Grey Road 21 to Paul Graham, further noting the issues should be discussed with MTO.

2. Notice of Motion to be brought to subsequent meeting – None

As an addition to the Agenda, Council then dealt with the following Recommendations:

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

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Minutes of Settlement for 53 and 63 King Street (Thornbury Millpond Condominiums), subject to acceptance by Town staff; and,

THAT staff report back to Council at the next meeting.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Martin requested an overview of the proposed Minutes of Settlement, Director of Planning Peter Tollefsen noting a portion of land will be deeded to the individual as a buffer and the appeal has been withdrawn.

Councillor Ardiel noted that landscaping concerns should be addressed and agreed to by both parties to avoid problems down the road.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: G. Ardiel

THAT this Council hereby does authorize an exception to the provisions of the Town's Noise By-law, By-law No. 2002-9, to Bill Kostyniuk for the lands known municipally as 15 Louisa Street West for August 19th, 2006 from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm. It being noted that such relief is for a family wedding at their residence, Carried.

Regarding Correspondence Item #5 – Ministry of Transportation Transportation and Environmental Review Study, CAO Paul Graham noted Public Comments are now being received by MTO, further noting two passing lanes are proposed within The Blue Mountains in addition to the Ministry closing as many entrances onto the highway as possible and improving intersections.

Paul then noted area resident Walter Goldsmith had requested the Town support him in requesting MTO to consider an alternative intersection for the Grey Road 113 and 10th Line intersection, due to an extensive tile bed system on property proposed to be expropriated by MTO.

Paul then noted Alternative #3 in the study would not affect the northern landowner as directly.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay questioned if Town support would add strength to his request, Paul replying yes.

Council then dealt with the following Resolutions:

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

THAT Council requests the Ministry of Transportation to adopt Alternative #3 for the Highway 26 Intersection at Grey Road 113 and the 10th Line in the Transportation Environmental Study Report Review as their recommended alternative, Carried.

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council advises the Ministry of Transportation in response to the Ministry's Notice of Study Completion that Council's concerns regarding the design features of Sections of Highway 26 between Thornbury and Meaford to minimize wildlife / motor vehicle collisions have not been suitable addressed, Carried.

F. By-laws

1. 2006 Water & Sewer Rates

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay Seconded by: John McKean

THAT By-law No. 2006-89, being a By-law to impose Water Consumption Charges and Sewage System Use Charges, be hereby enacted as passed this twenty fourth day of July, 2006, Carried.

2. Removal of Part Lot Control

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

THAT By-law No. 2006-90, being a By-law to remove lands bounded in part by Jozo Weider Boulevard and Mountain Drive from part-lot control to facilitate development of the Village at Blue Mosaic building, be hereby enacted as passed this twenty-fourth day of July, 2006, Carried.

3. Parking By-law Amendment

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

THAT By-law No. 2006-91, being a By-law to amend By-law No. 2003-11 as amended, be hereby enacted as passed this twenty fourth day of July, 2006, Carried.

G. Consent Agenda

1. Accounts BG
2. Invoices separated for declaration of pecuniary interest – Al Gibson and Sadler's Haulage

Reports List – ADOPT

3. Recreation Committee – July 6, 2006

Councillor Gamble reviewed the highlights of the Report, noting a reduced rental rate for the Fall Fair, the Town proceeding with a Blue Flag application and the small hall being used by a local Montesorri school.

Councillor Ardiel then questioned if the Beaver Valley Preschool had ever requested a location at the Community Centre, Bob replying no.

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

THAT the Recreation Committee Report of July 6, 2006 be adopted as circulated, Carried.

4. Engineering & Public Works – July 11, 2006

Councillor Gamble noted the Miller Waste Contract had been renewed for another three years.

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

THAT the Engineering and Public Works Committee Report of July 11, 2006 be adopted as circulated, Carried.

Minutes List – RECEIVE

5. Library Board Minutes – July 6, 2006
6. Affordable Housing Committee – May 5, 2006
7. GSCA – June 14, 2006

Councillor Gamble noted that there was not a lot of Conservation discussion within the Conservation Authority minutes.

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

THAT the GSCA minutes of June 14, 2006 be received as circulated, Carried.

8. Meeting Notes – Yellow Brick Road promotional concept – July 14, 2006

Councillor Gamble then noted the initiative stemmed from the local BIA's trying to encourage local visitors to visit more than just the Village at Blue, signage to direct people to visit Thornbury and Collingwood.

Mayor Anderson noted that Blue Mountain Resort was offering to pay for the signage.

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

THAT the Yellow Brick Road promotional concept meeting notes of July 14, 2006 be received as circulated, Carried.

Regarding Item D7, Tabled earlier in the Meeting, the following Resolutions were then presented:

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

THAT Recommendation #7 be hereby lifted from the Table, Carried.

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

THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Deputy Clerk to execute a License Agreement with Regan-Grant Corporation detailing the terms and conditions for the placement of infrastructure on the Town's Water Tower for Wireless data services subject to the amendments noted in Clause 4 of the Agreement, Carried.

Councillor Martin then updated Council on a recent presentation to the Niagara Escarpment Commission, noting the NEC refused to allow the park and deviation road on the escarpment for Blue Mountain Resorts.

Michael then noted he felt this defeated the purpose of the NEC mandate, further noting the NEC's appeal of the Town's Official Plan will be proceeding for the next six weeks.

Councillor Fairweather noted the appeals take up a lot of staff time, Deputy Mayor McKinlay thanking the Town representatives that appeared before the Commission.

H. Next Meeting Date(s)

Council August 28, September 11, 25, October 11 (Wed.), 23
Planning Council September 6 (Wed.), 18, October 2, 16

I. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather Seconded by: D. R. McKinlay

THAT By-law No. 2006-92, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on July 24, 2006, be hereby enacted as passed this twenty-fourth day of July, 2006, Carried.

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: John McKean

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 9:40 p.m. to meet again August 28, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

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Ellen Anderson, Mayor

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Serena Wilgress, Deputy Clerk