

**AGENDA: The Blue Mountains Council Meeting**



**MEETING DATE:** September 11, 2006  
**MEETING TIME:** 7:00 pm  
**LOCATION:** The Blue Mountains Council Chamber  
**PREPARED BY:** Stephen Keast, Clerk

**A. Call to Order**

- **Moment of Personal Prayer or Reflection**
- **Approval of Agenda**

**Recommended** (Move, Second)

THAT the Agenda of September 11, 2006 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda.

- **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**
- **Adoption of Consent Agenda**

**Recommended** (Move, Second)

THAT the Consent Agenda of September 11, 2006 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion.

- **Previous Minutes**

**Recommended** (Move, Second)

THAT the Council Minutes of July 24, 2006 and Special Meetings of July 19 and August 8, 2006 be adopted as circulated including any revisions to be made (previously circulated for August 28).

**B. Deputations/Presentations**

None

**C. Correspondence as previously circulated**

**Recommended** (Move, Second)

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of September 11, 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.

## **D. Motions and Staff Reports**

### **D.1 Landfill Site Operations Building, Report EPW.06.158**

JF

#### **Recommended** (Move, Second)

THAT Council accept the bid for construction of the Solid Waste Disposal Site Operations Building from Domm Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$153,00.00 less applicable credits and provisional options and plus a contingency of up to \$5,000.00;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an Agreement with Domm Construction Ltd. regarding construction of the building;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the use of the Landfill Site Land Acquisition capital fund for the completion of the Operations Building and associated features.

### **D.2 Town Logo Billboard Agreement**

SK

#### **Recommended** (Move, Second)

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a 3 year extension Agreement with East Woodbridge Developments Limited which would allow the placement of a Town logo billboard to continue on part Lot 16, Concession 1, it being noted the billboard placement is at no cost to the Town.

### **D.3 Declaration of Vacancy**

SK

#### **Recommended** (Move, Second)

THAT in accordance with section 262 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* Council does hereby declare the office of the late Councillor Wayman Fairweather to be vacant;

AND THAT as the vacancy is declared within 90 days before voting day of a regular election Council does hereby declare the office will remain vacant in respect of the late Councillor Fairweather until following the 2006 municipal election.

### **D.4 Court Security Costs and County Levy Impact**

BG

#### **Recommended** (Move, Second)

WHEREAS Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services Monte Kwinter has indicated willingness to consider an amendment to the Police Services Act which might result in Court Security costs being added to upper tier County levy;

AND WHEREAS the Town of The Blue Mountains wishes to express concern with the current Market Value Assessment system and the inequitable sharing of upper tier costs, it being noted The Blue Mountains is one of 9 lower tier municipalities in Grey County and in 2006 is contributing 23.5% toward the total County budget of approximately \$42,500,000;

AND WHEREAS The Blue Mountains is a destination community within which real estate sales values are rising faster than the rest of Grey County and are creating a disproportionate share of upper tier cost sharing for The Blue Mountains

AND WHEREAS an analysis by Grey County in 2004 indicated average assessed values of residential property in The Blue Mountains was \$262,504 compared to a County average of \$139,052, leaving landowners in The Blue Mountains paying in excess of \$500 more per household for their fair share of County services than other lower tier municipalities;

AND WHEREAS Council believes that County Administration, Land Ambulance and Agriculture/Tourism services should be area-rated based on equal sharing among lower tier municipalities (11.1%), Health Care, Social Services and Homes for the Aged should be area-rated based on permanent population (The Blue Mountains representing approximately 7.3% of the County population) and Transportation should be area-rated based on actual kilometers of highway (The Blue Mountains having approximately 8.2% of County Highways), it being noted a conservative estimate would suggest residents of The Blue Mountains are subsidizing the balance of Grey County by approximately \$4,500,000 per annum;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains requests as follows:

1. That Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services Monte Kwinter not consider any amendments to the Police Services Act which would result in Court Security costs being distributed on a County-wide basis, as such costs should remain the responsibility of the host community who receive spin-off benefits, it being noted in a County levy format The Blue Mountains would pay more in Court Security costs than the host municipality; and
2. That Provincial review of the *Municipal Act, 2001* include a review of the distribution of upper tier costs to lower tier municipalities whereby costs are more equitably distributed based on benefiting municipalities with the elimination of inequitable financing based on theoretical market value assessment; and
3. That following Provincial review of the *Municipal Act, 2001* including consideration of sharing of upper tier costs, should there be insignificant change proposed, the Province strongly consider increasing grant funding to the Town of The Blue Mountains to assist residents in receiving a more equitable sharing of upper tier costs;

AND THAT this Resolution be circulated to Premier Dalton McGuinty, Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services Monte Kwinter, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing John Gerretson, Jim Wilson, Simcoe-Grey MPP, The Blue Mountains Ratepayer Associations, John Tory, Opposition Leader, Howard Hampton, NDP Leader and Bill Murdoch, Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound MPP.

## **E. New and Unfinished Business**

- E.1** Grey County Council Update DMcK, GA
- E.2** Notice of Motion to be brought to subsequent meeting Council

## **F. By-laws**

- F.1 Union Gas Franchise Approval** PG

**Recommended** (Move, second)

THAT By-law No. 2006-69, being a By-law to authorize a Franchise Agreement between Union Gas Limited and the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains previously read a first and second time on June 12, 2006 and submitted to the Ontario Energy Board for approval prior to final enactment, be hereby read a third time and enacted as passed this eleventh day of September, 2006.

## **G. Consent Agenda**

### **Accounts**

1. Accounts BG
2. Invoices separated for declaration of pecuniary interest (A. Gibson, Sadler's)

### **Reports List – ADOPT**

3. Finance and Administration Committee – July 25, 2006
4. Engineering & Public Works Committee Special Meeting – August 28, 2006

### **Minutes List – RECEIVE**

5. Craigeleith Community Centre Board – July 18, August 16, 2006
6. Grey County Accessibility Advisory Committee – July 20, August 17, 2006
7. Grey Sauble Conservation Authority – July 12, 2006
8. The Blue Mountains Library Board – August 8, 2006

## **H. Next Meeting Date**

Council - September 25, October 11 (Wednesday), 23, 2006

Planning Council - September 6 (Wed.), 18, October 2, 16, November 6 (?), 2006

## **I. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment**

**Recommended** (Move, Second)

THAT By-law No. 2006 -101, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on September 11, 2006, be hereby enacted as passed this eleventh day of August, 2006.

**Recommended** (Move, Second)

THAT this Council does now adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. to meet again September 25, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

## CORRESPONDENCE – SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

<b>Author</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
1. BV Outreach, Thanksgiving	Refer to Recreation
2. 911 Ontario Advisory Board, funding	Refer to Finance & Admin
3. Skool Bar, Emergency Services invoice	“ “
4. Jack Rubenstein, Beaver River tree jams	“ “
5. County of Grey, Affordable Housing RFP	Refer to Affordable Housing
6. AMO, Clean Water Act	Refer to Eng & Public Works
7. Walter Goldsmith, Highway 26 design	“ “
8. MTO, “ “	“ “
9. Joan Fairfield, Arthur St W parking	“ “
10. NEC, clarification of OPA 4 appeal	Refer to Planning with Martin notes
11. South Bruce, Fair Funds for Communities	Direction as to Notice of Motion
12. Brookfield, Blue Highlands withdrawal	Receive for Information
13. County of Grey, development charges	“ “
14. County of Grey, Resolution of support	“ “
15. Jim Wilson, MPP, Town Hall Meetings	“ “
16. Bruce Grey Trails, Consultant appointment	“ “
17. AMO Alert, Bill 51 submission	“ “
18. AMO, AMO Board	“ “
19. NVCA, Member and Guest Bus Tour	“ “
20. Waste Reduction Week	“ “
21. William McKee, Town Crier congratulations	“ “