

Minutes: The Blue Mountains Council Meeting



MEETING DATE: September 22, 2014
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 Anderson called the meeting to order with all members in attendance save Councillor McKean due to a previous commitment.

Also in attendance were Director of Engineering & Public Works Reg Russwurm, Director of Community Services Shawn Everitt, Communications & Economic Development Coordinator Elizabeth Cornish, Acting Director of Finance & IT Services Ruth Prince, Acting Fire Chief A.J. Lake, Interim Director of Planning Jim Dymont, Planner II Shawn Postma, Financial Analyst Sam Dinsmore and Manager of Human Resources Tracey McKenna.

- **Approval of Agenda**

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

THAT the Agenda of September 22, 2014 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.

- No member declared a pecuniary interest with any matter on the Agenda.

B. Closed Session

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

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:

- a) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board and with regard to an OMB appeal, and with regard to property and legal agreements;
- b) Labour relations or employee negotiations and with regard to personnel matters; and
- c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, and with regard to the municipality's inventory of land, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 5:01 pm.
Council moved into public session at 6:42 pm.

C. Call to Order (7:00 pm)

- Council then paused for a moment of Personal Prayer or Reflection.

Mayor Anderson then presented to Shawn Everitt, Director of Community Services, his Masters Certificate in Municipal Leadership from the University of York. Ellen noted that Shawn completed this program through 9 specific courses through three modules completed from April to September 2014. Ellen noted the program enhances leadership skills that focus on both individual and team performance, and is offered through the Schulich School of Business, York University Executive Education Centre.

Mayor Anderson thanked Jeremy for his presentation and the Rotary's work, and for sharing the video clip of the race route.

**D.2 Gerald Eagles, Beaver Valley Curling Club (Thornbury) Inc.
Re: Request for Support for Curling Club**

Mayor Anderson welcomed Gerald Eagles of the Beaver Valley Curling Club.

Gerald spoke noting he is the current President of the Beaver Valley Curling Club. Gerald noted that the Curling Club is requesting help and financial support to bring a curling club facility to The Blue Mountains.

Gerald noted that this endeavor has been a long process, further noting that the Curling Club group was established in 2007 with a group of enthusiastic individuals with a dream of building and maintaining a curling club. Gerald noted that many of these same members were involved with building the Beaver Valley Community Centre and arena.

Gerald noted that their group has appeared before Council several times before but this time it is following the extremely successful Beaver Valley Rocks curling event. Gerald noted the community showed an outpouring of support through sponsorship, event volunteers, participants and overall excitement for a new sport in our town. Gerald noted that the event proved that our strong committee would be able to manage a facility independently, further noting that volunteers will help run and care for a Club. Gerald noted that everyone from youth to seniors would participate in one of Canada's premier sports.

Gerald noted that since the Beaver Valley Rocks event, they are growing as a club. They have elected an executive committee, approved and passed constitution and bylaws and grown to a membership of 40 interested individuals. Gerald noted that the next goal as a committee is to begin a membership drive so that we can grow our club as well as interest for the sport and the need for a facility in our area.

Gerald noted that they have preliminary plans for a four sheet facility which would be constructed at the corner of Elma and Alfred Streets, using the parcel of land at the end of the arena. Gerald noted that this space has already been committed by previous Council and approved for the use of a recreational facility.

Gerald noted that the Town's latest Leisure Study Plan suggests that there is a need for an indoor recreation facility for the Town of The Blue Mountains, and that at this time, this is the only group to move forward with plans for such a facility. Gerald noted that this space would offer many non-curling season opportunities for recreation and leisure use.

Gerald noted that the Beaver Valley Rocks event has solidified the need and desire for a curling rink in this community, and that all that is lacking is the financial backing. Gerald noted that the preliminary cost estimate to construct the facility is 3 million dollars. Gerald noted that the Club would like to apply, through the town, for available grants to help with the funding which would require the assistance from town staff. Gerald noted that this funding, in conjunction with a financial commitment from the Town of The Blue Mountains, would cover 2/3 of the expense. Gerald noted that the Club is also requesting a 1 million dollar loan from the Town to be paid back in full over a 25 year re-payment plan, and that this method of funding has previously worked in the construction of the Beaver Valley Community Centre and Arena.

Gerald then requested a motion from council directing Town staff to work with the Beaver Valley Curling Club group to develop a financial strategy for future council's consideration in the 2015 budget process.

Gerald thanked Council for hearing his deputation.

AND THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains recognizes October 20 to 26, 2014 as Waste Reduction Week in The Blue Mountains, Carried.

F. Motions and Staff Reports

F.1 Municipal Lands Use Permit Bylaw and Amendment to Fees & Charges By-Law, EPW.14.072

Moved by: Joe Halos Seconded by: D.R. McKinlay

THAT Council receive Report EPW.14.072 entitled “Municipal Lands Use Permit By-Law and Amendment to Fees & Charges Bylaw”;

AND THAT Council adopt the Municipal Lands Use Permit Bylaw as presented in Attachment #3 of Report EPW.14.072;

AND THAT Council adopt the attached By-Law to Amend By-Law 2008-113, being a by-law for the imposition and collection of fees and charges for a certain municipal services and activities to include Schedule “F” as presented in Attachment #4 of Report EPW.14.072, Carried.

F.2 Application for Removal of Holding Symbol ‘-h’ Symbol, Bill Bannerman, PL.14.97

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

THAT Council receive Staff Report PL.14.97, “Application for Removal of the Holding ‘-h’ Symbol, Bill Bannerman, Part Lot 161, Plan 529, Town of The Blue Mountains”; and

THAT Council enact a By-law so as to remove the Holding ‘h-’ Symbol from those lands located at Part Lot 161, Plan 529 Town of The Blue Mountains and being Lots 1 to 10 and Block 2 of Draft Plan of Subdivision 42T-2008-07, Carried.

G. Consent Agenda

G.1 Accounts

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G.2 Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (EC King & Tatham)

Reports List (Adopt)

G.3 Committee of the Whole Report, dated September 8, 2014

Minutes List (Receive)

G.4 Thornbury Business Improvement Area Minutes, August 6, 2014

H. By-laws

H.1 By-law to Adopt Amendment No. 18 to the Official Plan of the Town of The Blue Mountains

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

THAT By-law No. 2014 - 62 being a By-law to adopt Amendment No. 18 to the Official Plan of the Town of The Blue Mountains be passed this twenty-second day of September, 2014, Carried.

I.2 Notice of Motion

Council

At the September 8, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Mayor Anderson provided the following notice of motion to be included on the September 22 Council Agenda. One additional notice was given at the September 8 meeting that will be included on a future Agenda.

I.2.1 Bluewater District School Board, Long Term Accommodation Strategy and possible school closures in Meaford and the region

Deputy Mayor McKinlay assumed the Chair

Moved by: Ellen Anderson

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the Capital Planning Report prepared for the Bluewater District School Board by Watson & Associates dated May 6, 2014;

AND THAT Council expresses concern regarding the recommended strategies included in the report for the coming years, including the closure of Georgian Bay Secondary School in Meaford as rural schools are the hub of a community,
Carried.

Mayor Anderson then resumed the Chair.

Councillor Halos then proposed a Notice of Motion to be included on the next Council Agenda, as follows:

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report detailing the costs, procedures, and other pertinent information with respect to Council operating a daily “coffee and conversation” open forum in the foyer of the Town Hall;

AND THAT the program will be open to all members of the public as well as staff and will run from 11:30 to 1:30 daily from inception until the end of the current Council term;

AND THAT it is intended that two members of Town Council will be in attendance every day to answer questions, help taxpayers, and to interact in a positive way with the community;

AND THAT coffee will be provided by the Town.

I.3 Additions to Agenda

Staff

None

I.4 Staff Discussion

None

J. Notice of Meeting Dates

Committee of the Whole, September 29, 2014
Town Hall, Council Chamber

Council Meeting, October 15, 2014
Town Hall, Council Chamber

