

Minutes - The Blue Mountains Council Meeting



MEETING DATE: October 24, 2011
LOCATION: Town Hall, Council Chamber
PREPARED BY: Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

A. Call to Order

- Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order with all members in attendance.

Also in attendance Director of Engineering and Public Works Reg Russwurm, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt, Director of Planning and Building David Finbow, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator Lisa Kidd, Director of Finance and IT Services Rob Cummings, Manager of Water and Wastewater Services John Caswell, Chief Librarian Carol Cooley, Capital Accountant Darcy Chapman

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

- Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Gail Ardiel Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Agenda of October 24, 2011 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

- No member declared a pecuniary interest with any matter as listed on the Agenda save Councillor McKean regarding Agenda Item F.2 and his place of employment

- Adoption of Consent Agenda

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT the Consent Agenda of October 24, 2011 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, being Agenda item F.3 Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Report dated September 27, 2011, F.5 Finance and Administration Committee Report dated October 18, 2011 and F.6 being the Source Protection Committee Minutes dated July 22, 2011, Carried.

NOTE: Councillor McKean earlier declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Agenda Item F.2 and did not participate in related discussion or voting.

- Previous Minutes

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT the Council minutes of October 12, 2011 and the Special Meeting of Council minutes of October 12, 2011, be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, unanimously Carried.

There was no business arising from the Minutes at that time.

B. Deputations/Presentations/Public Meetings

B.1 Peter McGee, Event and Youth Coordinator Re: Community For Youth Coalition ("C4YC"), Youth Summit

Peter McGee, Event and Youth Coordinator with the Town of The Blue Mountains spoke inviting Council to attend the upcoming Youth Summit. Peter then reviewed the objectives of the C4YC.

Kelsey Lane, student at Georgian Bay Secondary School spoke noting she attended the Youth Summit last year, with 50 – 60 other students and noted the results were incredible. Kelsey noted inspirational messages were received and communication workshops were held to get the word of the youth out. Kelsey noted the upcoming Youth Summit is being held on November 17 and 18 and identified the community partners for the event.

Councillor McKean then spoke questioning what issues were identified by the Youth at last year's event, and that a Report should be brought to Council following this year's event.

Mayor Anderson then spoke thanking Peter and Kelsey for inviting Council to the Youth Event.

B.2 Serena Goitanich/Robert Ketchin, Castle Glen Ratepayers Association Re: Snowplowing / Road servicing arrangements with the Town

Serena Goitanich spoke on behalf of the Castle Glen Ratepayers Association. Serena identified concerns of the Castle Glen residents that notice was received from Castle Glen Development Corporation that it is withdrawing the use of its land for the community garbage depot and road maintenance and snow plowing services.

Serena confirmed that the waste collection issue has been resolved and that the Town is now providing roadside waste pickup for the residents of Castle Glen.

Serena then spoke regarding plowing and road maintenance and the one-time award of the snow plowing contract with Blue Mountain Four Seasons. Serena referenced the Staff Report included in this evening's Council Package at Agenda Item D.2 and noted Castle Glen Ratepayers Association are requesting the Town waive the 15% administration fee on all charges and that the Town cover the labour and equipment costs of preparing the roads to be ploughed. Serena noted the roads in the Castle Glen development are owned by the Town but have never been assumed by the Town.

Serena referenced the background of the Castle Glen Development, including road maintenance, lagoons and waste collection, noting the development agreement was never registered on title. Serena noted the Town should accept responsibility for not registering the agreement. Serena noted the situation is unique with the property owners being caught between the Town and the developer and noted the residents are seeking a partnership with the Town for a graceful transition to full Town services.

Serena thanked Deputy Mayor McKinlay, Town Solicitor John Metras, Director of Engineering and Public Works Reg Russwurm, and Manager of Roads and Drainage Jim McCannell for their attention and time spent on this matter.

B.3 Bernie Blais, CEO & Robert Morton, Board Chair
North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network
Re: Information on Health Services and the Local Health Integration Network

Robert Morton, Board Chair, spoke thanking Council for an opportunity to address Council.

Robert spoke regarding the current fiscal year and noted the North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network ("LHIN") is responsible for local hospitals and programs such as Breaking Down Barriers and the Sunset Manor Day Care. Robert confirmed it is not responsible for public health or medical clinics.

Robert noted LHIN recognizes the need for improvement, timeliness and quality of care, access to services, building community capacity, and confirmed that patients may have to travel outside their area for services. Robert noted that working in silos is a thing of the past and that a clear single point of access, with a single plan of care and electronic medical records is current process.

Robert noted that the LHIN recognizes the message from frontline workers and middle managers that services need to be changed.

Bernie Blais, CEO spoke regarding the development of the health plan and noted ambulance services are not provided by LHIN.

Bernie noted local challenges have been recognized and noted there is a clear understanding of where the gaps are with 12 priorities being identified and a plan as to how those challenges will be addressed.

Councillor Martin spoke questioning what services are not provided, Robert replying ambulances, doctor recruitment, funding of doctors and public health, noting this is a decision of the municipalities and the Province.

Michael then questioned the relationship with neighbouring LHINs, as 1/3 of Blue Mountains residents are in one LHIN and 2/3 of the residents are in another LHIN. Robert spoke noting this is an emerging issue that has to be dealt with, noting he sees this as an important relationship. Robert noted the Provincial Government needs to proceed with the review of the LHIN structure that will give answers to issues. Robert further noted that not all hospitals in the LHIN provide all services, each hospital plays a role in the LHIN.

Michael then questioned if there is an inequity in equipment, Robert replying that the real burden is the cost of the equipment, further noting the LHIN is responsible for working with the hospital system to determine where specific services should be offered as there are scarce resources available. Robert confirmed that small hospitals have an important role to play, but still need to be viable.

Robert noted he is looking forward to future conversations with Council. Mayor Anderson thanked Robert and Bernie for their presentation and confirmed Council would like to continue discussions, with the South West Local Health Integration Network involved in such discussions. Robert confirmed he will have discussions with the representatives of the South West Local Health Integration Network and will be in touch with Council.

C. Correspondence as previously circulated

Author

Recommendation/Action

C.1 County of Brant
Re: commercial grain elevator
property classification

For Council Direction

Deputy Mayor McKinlay spoke noting Agenda Item C.1 Commercial Grain Elevator Property Classification is similar to the apple storage facility concerns raised in The Blue Mountains in the past. Councillor Gamble noting apple storage facilities were designated commercial properties, though it was determined that the facilities were in fact not commercial properties.

Councillor Ardiel then declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Agenda Item C.1 and her family business and with respect to Agenda item F.2 and a family member's place of employment, and vacated the meeting.

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

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the resolution of Brant County Council dated September 20, 2011 supporting the request from the Ontario Agri Business Association and the Grain Farmers of Ontario to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs that Ontario Regulation 282/98 (Section 6(2), Paragraph 4 of The Municipal Tax Act) be amended to reflect that "elevators used to receive, store, clean, treat or transfer feed for livestock or grain" are removed from the industrial class and included in the commercial property class.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Halos spoke noting the Town currently does not have any commercial grain elevators, but noted it is important to support agriculture.

Council then voted on the Motion, Carried.

C.2 Cedar Run
Re: Request for Financial Commitment
for a Competition Jump

For Council Direction

Mayor Anderson spoke regarding Agenda Item C.2 and noted a competition jump provides good advertising.

Councillor McKean spoke referencing a recent Finance and Administration Committee meeting wherein it was noted that the Town may be \$55,000 over-budget in 2011, further noting Council needs to show restraint.

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

THAT the request of Cedar Run Horse Park that the Town purchase a competition jump to be used at the Cedar Run Horse Park be tabled, subject to further discussions with the Town of Meaford and the Town of Collingwood regarding funding.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Halos noting he is not in support of spending money on this.

Council then voted on the Motion, Carried.

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

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of October 24, 2011 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

D.1 Selection of Public Art Evaluation Committee

Moved by: Joe Halos Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT the following persons are hereby appointed to the Public Art Evaluation Committee for the Town of The Blue Mountains, such appointment to coincide with the current term of Council being 2011 to 2014

1. Carol Cooley
2. Barbara J. Hector
3. Peter Tollefsen
4. Adriene Veninger

Carried.

D.2 Castle Glen Report Thunder Hill Development Winter Maintenance, EPW.11.091

Director of Engineering and Public Works, Reg Russwurm spoke referencing the deputation of Serena Goitanich of the Castle Glen Ratepayers Association earlier this evening, and noted the Staff Report is self-explanatory.

Councillor McKean spoke questioning the 15% administration fee, Reg replying that the 15% covers the time spent by the Manager of Roads and Drainage, the Roads & Drainage Foreman and Reg's time to manage the contracts. Reg noted 15% is the same figure that covers development agreement work.

Councillor Halos then spoke thanking Serena for her presentation and noted other areas of the municipality have similar situations and noted residents too have to take some responsibility. Joe noted all developments are responsible for bringing roads up to a certain standard at which time the municipality would assume the roads. Joe then noted he is in favour of not charging the 15% administration charge, but noted the maintenance of the roads and bringing the roads up to appropriate standards should be the responsibility of Castle Glen ratepayers.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then spoke noting his involvement was to come to a quick resolution for snowplowing this year. Duncan then questioned how much of the \$10,000 to \$15,000 in remedial work is for Staff time, Reg replying most of the cost is for Staff and equipment time.

Duncan then questioned if Castle Glen has money for services that are not being provide, Serena Goitanich spoke in response questioning if the Town, Castle Glen Ratepayers and the developer could meet prior to the by-law being drafted, Reg replying that the intention is that the by-law would be completed when the numbers are known, and in the spring of 2012, final notification would be sent out to the landowners.

D.4 Application to Host FCM Board Meeting in 2014

Communications and Economic Development Coordinator Lisa Kidd spoke referencing a request to host an FCM meeting in 2014, noting Blue Mountain Resorts would like to host the event. Lisa then noted what is required of the host municipality, estimating the cost to be approximately \$27,000.

Lisa noted neighbouring municipalities have been contacted to determine if they would like to co-host the event, but no response has been received as at this time.

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

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has requested proposals from member municipalities to host the 2014 FCM Board Meeting;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains is an enthusiastic member and supporter of the Federation;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains believes the hosting of the 2014 Board Meeting would be of benefit to the area in terms of showcasing the region to Board members from across Canada;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains does hereby express support for a proposal to host the September 2014 FCM Board meeting and further does direct Staff to submit such a proposal;

AND THAT the Mayor and CAO shall communicate further with the Town of Collingwood to determine if they have an interest in jointly hosting the 2014 FCM Board Meeting.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Martin requested that Lisa Kidd contact FCM to respectfully request an extension of the time to submit proposals.

Council then voted on the Motion, Carried.

E. By-laws

E.1 Zoning By-Law Amendment – Scenic Caves

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

THAT By-law No. 2011 - 64, being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 83-40 by deleting and replacing Exception 45 of Section 32 and deleting and replacing Exception 154 of Section 32 be hereby passed this twenty-fourth day of October, 2011, Carried.

E.2 By-Law to Remove Part Lot Control – West Ridge Road

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

THAT By-law No. 2011 - 65, being a By-law to remove lands bounded in part by West Ridge Road from part-lot control be hereby passed this twenty-fourth day of October, 2011, unanimously Carried.

E.3 By-Law to Impose Capital Water Charges for the Use of the Town's Water Works (Lora Bay Service Area – Lake Drive)

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: John McKean

THAT By-law No. 2011 – 66, being a By-law to impose capital water charges for the use of the Town's water works (Lora Bay Service Area – Lake Drive) be hereby passed this twenty-fourth day of October, 2011, unanimously Carried.

E.4 By-Law to Impose Capital Sewer Charges for the Use of the Town's Sewage System (Lora Bay Service Area – Lake Drive)

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

THAT By-law No. 2011 - 67, being a By-law to impose capital sewer charges for the use of the Town's sewage system (Lora Bay Service Area – Lake Drive) be hereby passed this twenty-fourth day of October, 2011, unanimously Carried.

E.5 By-Law to Impose Capital Sewer Charges for the Use of the Town's Sewage System (Camperdown Service Area – Georgian View Estates)

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

THAT By-law No. 2011 - 68, being a By-law to impose capital sewer charges for the use of the Town's sewage system (Camperdown Service Area – Georgian View Estates) be hereby passed this twenty-fourth day of October, 2011, Carried.

E.6 By-Law to Impose Capital Water Charges for the Use of the Town's Water Works (Highway 26 Watermain Extension Area)

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT By-law No. 2011 - 69, being a By-law to impose capital water charges for the use of the Town's water works (Highway 26 Watermain Extension Area) be hereby passed this twenty-fourth day of October, 2011, unanimously Carried.

F. Consent Agenda

Accounts

- F.1 Accounts
- F.2 Invoices separated for pecuniary interest
(Miller Waste and Clarksburg Contractors)

Reports List (Adopt)

- F.3 Infrastructure & Recreation Committee, September 27, 2011

Councillor Halos spoke regarding the Tomahawk Service Delivery review and questioned staff time, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt replying that staff hours are specific to the golf course and confirmed the soccer pitches are separate. Joe then referenced the recommendation to hire three staff to collect fees at Tomahawk, Shawn replying that this will be included in the budget discussions.

Moved by: Michael Martin

Seconded by: D.R. McKinlay

THAT the Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Report dated September 27, 2011 be adopted together with the recommendations contained therein, Carried.

F.4 Infrastructure & Recreation Committee, October 11, 2011

F.5 Finance & Administration Committee, October 18, 2011

Councillor Gamble spoke regarding the recommended pumper truck purchase as contained in item C.2 Blue Mountains Fire Department Third Quarter Report and expressed concern as to the cost and questioned how the Town would pay for the pumper truck.

Bob noted the current review of the Town's finances notes a deficit of \$57,000 in taxation.

Councillor Martin then spoke regarding item D.1 Georgian Triangle Tourist Association, 1812 Bicentennial Tall Ship Rendezvous, and the Committee's recommendation that the Town not participate in the event. Michael noted Council does not have sufficient information to make a decision at this point and believes this to be a good opportunity for the Town. Michael noted this matter should be tabled to determine if the BIA and the Chamber have an interest in participating in this event.

Moved by: Michael Martin

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT the request of The Southern Georgian Bay War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee for financial support for the 2013 Bicentennial Tall Ship Rendezvous event be tabled pending notification of a possible partnership with the Thornbury BIA, Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce, Town of Collingwood and The Southern Georgian Bay War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Halos spoke noting the Town is supporting this event at one level and believes the federal government should support this event. Councillor Martin spoke in response, noting he disagrees with Councillor Halos that some of the funding can be recovered and noted additional information will be available in approximately a year.

Councillor Gamble spoke noting, the Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this matter and determined that a vessel would moor at the harbour at the cost of approximately \$20,000 to \$50,000 per night, and it was noted many vessels are up to 100' in length, which the Town's harbour cannot accommodate.

Lisa then spoke noting there is no cost to the municipality for a vessel to come to the Town's harbour, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt spoke noting the group has been provided with the harbour's depth and channel size. Shawn noted the Tall Ships have been in the Town's harbour in the past.

Mayor Anderson then spoke noting she supports the Motion, and would like the benefit of additional information.

Council then voted on the Motion, Carried.

Moved by: R.J. Gamble

Seconded by: D.R. McKinlay

THAT the Finance and Administration Committee Report dated October 18, 2011 be adopted together with the recommendations contained therein, save item D.1 Georgian Triangle Tourist Association – 1812 Bicentennial Tall Ship Rendezvous, Carried.

Minutes List (Receive)

F.6 Source Protection Committee Minutes, July 22, 2011

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

THAT the Source Protection Committee Minutes dated July 22, 2011 be received,
Carried.

G. New and Unfinished Business

G.1 Grey County Council Update

Councillor Ardiel spoke regarding the Grey County Development Charges workshop and the list of upcoming public meetings and noted development should pay for development.

Councillor McKean then questioned Grey County's development charges and the four scenarios for roads of high importance and specifically referenced County Road 40 at Chatsworth, Deputy Mayor McKinlay replying County Road 40 is being looked at.

Duncan then noted the Economic Development Strategic Study is currently underway and stakeholders are being interviewed. Duncan noted this will identify the future roles of Grey and Bruce County.

Councillor Martin then spoke regarding an upcoming meeting in Port Elgin where the RT07 will be dealing with Grey and Bruce Counties. Michael then requested Council approval for the \$55 registration fee for him to attend, Council concurring that Councillor Martin should attend the workshop.

Councillor Ardiel then spoke regarding the recent Georgian College Grand Opening in Collingwood, noting she was excited to be part of the event, but was unaware that the Mayor was unable to attend. Gail noted that Blue Mountains Council members can be asked to bring greetings on behalf of the Town when the Mayor is not able to attend.

Gail then requested that a policy be written and put in place by the CAO identifying in the Mayor's absence, how Council representation will be handled with respect to Council members who are able to attend such events.

Councillor Gamble then spoke noting a policy should be put in place.

Mayor Anderson then spoke noting Council members concerns should be discussed in the Mayor's office, not under New Business.

Councillor Martin then spoke noting he had full intentions of attending the Georgian College event, but missed it in his calendar.

G.2 Notice of Motion

None

G.3 Additions to Agenda

None

G.4 Staff Discussion

None

