

Minutes - The Blue Mountains Council Meeting



MEETING DATE: October 27, 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 Councillor Martin, absent due to a previous commitment.
- Also in attendance was Chief Administrative Officer Paul Graham, Director of Engineering and Public Works Reg Russwurm, Director of Planning Peter Tollefsen, Manager of Development Planning Rob Armstrong, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance Rob Cummings, Manager of Water and Wastewater Services John Caswell, Manager of Parks and Trails Terry Green, Manager of Solid Waste and Environmental Initiatives Jeff Fletcher, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator Lisa Kidd and Director of Building and By-Law Enforcement David Finbow.

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

- Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT the Agenda of October 27, 2008 be approved 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 Agenda Item G.2, Accounts and cheques payable to her father, Councillor Kennedy with regard to Agenda Item G.2, Accounts and cheques payable his daughter and Councillor McKean with regard to Agenda Item G.2 Accounts and cheques payable to his place of employment.

- Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

THAT the Consent Agenda of October 27, 2008 be adopted as circulated, save and except Agenda Item G.3, Engineering and Public Works Committee Report dated October 14, 2008, requested for separate review and discussion, Carried.

- Previous Minutes

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT the Council minutes of October 15, 2008 be adopted as circulated including any revisions to be made, Carried.

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

B. Deputations/Presentations

7:05 pm – PUBLIC MEETING – Intent to Stop up and Close and Convey Portions of Road Allowance (Carmichael Crescent, Mountain Drive) in exchange for the Swiss Meadows servicing easement and Mountain Drive road widening lands

Mayor Anderson then called the scheduled public meeting to order and explained that Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains, at a Public Meeting to be held October 27, 2008, will receive public input with respect to proposed by-laws, that if enacted, at a subsequent Council meeting, would:

1. Permanently close as highways those parts of Mountain Drive described as follows:
 - (a) Part of Mountain Drive shown on Registered Plan 1065 described as Part 7 on Reference Plan 16R-9406; and
 - (b) Part of Mountain Drive being part of Lot 98 and part of Block C, Registered Plan 915 described as Part 10 on Reference Plan 16R-9406 assumed by By-Law 80-50 of the former Township of Collingwood.
2. Declare surplus and authorize the conveyance of the following closed highways to Blue Mountain Resorts Limited in accordance with an Easement Agreement and a Land Exchange Agreement which the Town entered into with Blue Mountain Resorts Limited:
 - (a) Part of Carmichael Crescent, Registered Plan 915, closed by By-law No, 2004-57, described as Part 5, Plan 16R-9406;
 - (b) Part of Mountain Drive, to be closed by a proposed By-law, being part of Lot 98 and part of Block C, Registered Plan 915 described as Part 10 on Reference Plan 16R-9406; and
 - (c) Part of Mountain Drive Registered Plan 1065, to be closed by a proposed By-law, described as Part 7 on Reference Plan 16R-9406

The closed highways to be conveyed to Blue Mountain Resorts Limited do not form parts of the travelled highways known as Carmichael Crescent and Mountain Drive and are being conveyed to Blue Mountain Resorts Limited in accordance with an Easement Agreement and a Land Exchange Agreement in exchange for the conveyance to the Town of an easement for the installation of a waterline to service Swiss Meadows and certain lands for the widening of Mountain Drive.

The Clerk then reviewed the proposed conveyances between the Town and Blue Mountains Resorts.

As no one wished speak Mayor Anderson declared the Public Meeting to be adjourned.

C. Correspondence as previously circulated

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of October 27, 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.

Councillor Gamble then noted the Go Green at Blue Forum at Blue Mountain Resort event and noted he supported attendance by the Town.

Council then dealt with the following subsidiary Resolution:

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

THAT the Town support the Go Green at Blue Environmental Forum at the Blue Mountain Conference Centre, Blue Mountain Village on November 14 – 16, 2008 by purchasing a table of eight for the sum of \$875, Carried.

Council then voted on the main Motion, Carried.

D. Motions and Staff Reports

D.1 Award of Contract – Parks Operation Centre Building, Tomahawk Recreation Complex, SRB.08.62

Director of Building and By-Law David Finbow then reviewed the Report, including options for an earth energy system and solar water heating.

Councillor Kennedy then questioned location of a Peel Street waterline, Director of Water and Wastewater Services John Caswell noting there is a substandard line on Baring Street which would not be satisfactory for such a building.

Duncan then questioned if there were any options to utilize wood waste and chips for heating, David noting it had not been considered.

Councillor Gamble then noted the project then was now \$50% over estimate and perhaps the contingency amount could be reduced by \$40,000.

David then noted the building itself was 25% over estimate with earth energy heating and solar water heating being options.

Councillor Martin then questioned if the Recreation Committee had seen the project pricing, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt noting the Committee reviewed the project at the meeting of October 23, 2008.

Michael then noted perhaps the project could be re-tendered in February of 2009 to seek better prices reflecting current economic activity, Councillor McKean noting firms may be reluctant to bid twice on a job unless it was substantially altered from the original proposal.

John then noted the project was budgeted for and tenders were not excessive and the building represented a commitment to Recreation.

Duncan then again noted a wood heat source could be considered, David noting it was probably too late in the process to include.

Councillor McGee then questioned any plans to make water or toilets available to the public on soccer pitches, David replying no, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt noting permanent washrooms were planned for the Tomahawk site in the future.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT Council hereby receive Staff Report SRB.08.62 respecting the proposed Parks Operations Centre Building; and

THAT Council hereby approve a budget of \$635,000.00 for the proposed Parks Operations Centre Building and related amenities (drive access, parking area, fencing, well, on-site sewage, etc.) with the related funding for this project as set out in this Report; and

THAT Council hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a contract with DBD Systems Inc. for the construction of the Parks Operations Centre Building upon the written recommendation of the Director, Building and By-law.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Gamble moved to reduce the budget amount from \$635,000.00 to \$560,000.00.

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT the budget amount referred to in Staff Report SRB.08.62, Parks Operations Centre Building, be reduced from \$635,000.00 to \$560,000.00

In speaking to the amending Motion, Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted the contingency amount included furnishings and tools needed in such a building, Bob replying amenities could be considered as part of the budget process, the construction of the building being considered at this time.

Councillor Martin then questioned how the contingency amount was arrived at, David replying \$30,000 was construction related and \$20,000 for fixtures, furniture and equipment.

Councillor McKean then noted a \$50,000 contingency was not excessive in equipping such a building and shop, Councillor McGee noting the normal processes for such material to be purchased through the Budget process.

Mayor Anderson then questioned if the building furniture and fixtures would be paid from development charges, Director of Finance Rob Cummings replying he believed hardware would be applicable.

CAO Paul Graham then noted a significant reduction in the contingency would restrict the Town from considering any change orders in the contract.

Councillor John McGee then spoke, noting the amount was an increase to normal contingency for building construction.

Councillor Gamble then noted this is a smaller project and such items as fixtures should be considered before the contract is let.

Council then voted on the amending Motion, Lost.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then questioned if Staff could break down the contingency items, David noting it a break down could be completed.

Council then voted on the main Motion, Lost.

7:15 pm – Catherine Durrant, Economic Development Officer, Catharine Frith, Coordinator - Greater Collingwood Small Business Enterprise Centre - Introduction

Next as Catherine Durrant and Catharine Frith were in attendance it was Council's pleasure to hear them regarding the Greater Collingwood Small Business Enterprise Centre.

Catherine then recounted the history of the Centre, established as a partner with the Province for the region of Collingwood, Clearview, Wasaga Beach and Town of The Blue Mountains.

Catherine then requested Council appoint a member to the Board, together with a \$2500 contribution to operations.

Catharine then reviewed operation of the Centre, noting there are 46 such centres in Ontario.

Catharine noted the Centre is active with high school students in preparing business plans.

Catherine then noted the Centre assists existing businesses as well as new businesses.

Michael then noted support for the Centre's work, adding the Centre has requested a Board member, Staff support and grant funding, further noting the name Greater Collingwood gives no recognition to The Blue Mountains.

Catherine then noted a Board member from The Blue Mountains could make the Town's voice heard.

Mayor Anderson then thanked Catherine Durrant and Catharine Frith and retired from the meeting.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then moved to reconsider the Parks Operation Centre Building.

Moved by: D.R. McKinlay Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT Council reconsider Staff Report SRB.08.62, Parks Operations Centre Building, Carried.

Director of Building and By-Law David Finbow then reviewed Report SRB.08.62, further clarifying budget items contained in the original Recommendations, noting the project could move forward with a project amount of \$595,000.

Bob then noted concern with varying document information on the topic.

Council then had a brief adjournment.

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

Moved by: D.R. McKinlay Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT this Council hereby approve a budget of \$495,000 inclusive of a \$21,368 contingency allowance for the construction of the Parks Maintenance Building, with it being noted that Town Staff will report back on the costs/budget for site works, geothermal, solar hot water, FFE and fencing.

In speaking to the Motion, Duncan clarified the intent of the Motion was to proceed with the building together with further reports from Staff on related matters.

Councillor Gamble then noted concern with even the reduced contingency amount, given that the building has been designed and reviewed.

Councillor McKean then questioned if site works would not have to be completed prior to any construction, David noting the site was accessible and a construction entrance would be utilized.

Bob then questioned if building and parking area topsoil would be stripped at the same time, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt then noting it could be done together.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

D.2 Fire Service Automatic Aid Agreement with Collingwood, CAO.08.13

Councillor Martin then noted a reference to the Town not being adequately staffed and questioned the result if Collingwood could not respond to a situation, adding the Town is adequately staffed to contain fires.

CAO Paul Graham noted the Agreement was an interim situation pending recent firefighter applicants being processed and gaining experience.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT Council receive Report CAO.08.13 entitled "Fire Service Automatic Aid Agreement with Collingwood" and,

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this Automatic Aid Agreement on behalf of the Town of The Blue Mountains, Carried.

D.3 Great Lakes Municipal Working Group, A.08.12

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then assumed the Chair during discussions of the Great Lakes Municipal Working Group Report.

Mayor Anderson then spoke in support of the Great Lakes initiatives to date in working together as municipalities and now consulting with the Province to

establish Provincial priorities for the Province to negotiate with the Federal government.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT Council receive Staff Report A.08.12, "Great Lakes Municipal Working Group"; and

THAT Mayor Anderson be authorized to participate as a member of the Great Lakes Executive Committee in relation to the Canada-Ontario Agreement Memorandum of Cooperation, Carried.

Mayor Anderson then assumed the Chair.

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Grey County Council Update

Councillor Gamble then questioned the status of the County Official Plan, Deputy Mayor McKinlay noting a Public Open House to review changes to the official Plan is scheduled for November 18, 2008, and Public Meetings on November 25, 2008.

E.2 AMO Board of Directors Update

None

E.3 Notice of Motion

None

E.4 Additions to Agenda

None

F. By-laws

None.

G. Consent Agenda

Accounts

1. Accounts
2. Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (A. Gibson, M. Kennedy, Miller Waste)

Reports List (Adopt)

3. Engineering and Public Works Committee, October 14, 2008

Chair McKinlay then reviewed the Report and Recommendations.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT Council does hereby receive and adopt the Engineering and Public Works Committee Report of October 14, 2008, including the Recommendations contained therein, Carried.

Duncan then reported on recent Clarksburg Servicing Project Public Information Centres.

5. Sign By-law Review Committee Report, October 7, 2008

Minutes List (Receive)

- 6. GSCA Source Water Protection Committee, July 25, 2008
- 7. Police Services Board, September 17, 2008

H. Next Meeting Date(s)

Council November 10, 24, December 8, 22, 2008, January 12, 26, 2009
Planning Council November 3, December 1, 2008, January 19, February 2, 2009

All Council meetings to be at the Library unless otherwise noted

- Engineering and Public Works Committee, November 12, 2008
- Finance and Administration Committee, October 28, 2008
- Recreation Committee, November 20, 2008

I. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

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

THAT By-law No. 2008 - 98, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on October 27, 2008, be hereby enacted as passed this twenty-seventh day of October, 2008, Carried.

Note: Deputy Mayor McKinlay assumed the Chair during consideration of the Confirmation By-law and Mayor Anderson and Councillors Kennedy and McKean did not take part in related discussion or voting.

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy Seconded by: John McGee

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 9:15 p.m. to meet again November 10, 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