

Communications and Economic Development Coordinator Rob Potter introduced Liz Nield and Sally Leopard of Lura Consulting who are currently working on the Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan.

Liz then spoke providing an update on the economic development strategy, and noted this is the first presentation to Council on the economic development strategy. Liz reviewed the purpose of the economic development strategy noting it is a 50 year vision, goal, strategy and action. Liz noted they are now moving into the current situation analysis.

Liz noted that The Blue Mountains has a high growth rate with older, higher educated residents, with low poverty and low unemployment. The weaknesses include the lack of primary health care services, post-secondary education opportunities and the high cost of living.

Liz spoke regarding agriculture and noted it needs to be protected to ensure its viability in the future, and noted The Blue Mountains' natural resources need to be protected as well. Liz noted The Blue Mountains should ensure there are employment opportunities in the Town for a highly educated and skilled workforce.

Liz then reviewed the next steps in the process.

Mayor Anderson then thanked Liz for her presentation. Councillor Gamble then spoke noting he attended the workshop with Council and Staff and further that he looks forward to the receipt of the Economic Development Strategy.

B.2 Lynn Johnston, North East Grey Health Clinics Inc. – Thornbury Medical Clinic

Mayor Anderson then welcomed Lynn Johnston of the North East Grey Health Clinics Inc.

Lynn then spoke noting the Thornbury Medical Clinic has encountered some stumbling blocks and that no grants were received by the Medical Clinic. Lynn reviewed recent fundraising efforts and noted corporately the Medical Clinic has 86 volunteers and these volunteers are committed to raising money.

Brian Adamson of the Medical Clinic then spoke noting in May 2009 the shortfall was \$1M, and that since May, costs have been reduced and the Medical Clinic is now asking Council to provide \$350,000 in funding, rather than \$250,000 as previously requested, an interest free line of credit of \$420,000 repayable in a five year period and deferred collection of \$110,000 until the initial space in the medical clinic is expanded.

Brian noted the building size has been reduced with two modules for two doctors with one rental module for a three to five year rental period that could be converted later.

Brian then noted the current medical clinic will be listed for sale and the proceeds of sale will be used to purchase specialized medical equipment.

Brian then reviewed the current cost budget noting space is based on \$200 per square foot for finished space and \$140 per square foot for unfinished space. Brian reviewed the projected cash flow and payback information.

Brian then reviewed the projected operating costs and revenues beginning in 2011 when the clinic is up and running with a built in reserve fund for the replacement of equipment in the future.

Brian then reviewed the annual operating projections from 2011 to 2015.

Mayor Anderson then thanked Brian and Lynn for their presentation and their success thus far in their fundraising efforts.

C. Correspondence as previously circulated

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then referenced Agenda Item C.1 regarding unsolicited newspapers, Mayor Anderson replying that perhaps a letter could be written from the Town office, Councillor Kennedy concurring and further noted that a sign at the end of a driveway asking that no newspapers be dropped off is a suggestion for residents, Duncan concurring and further noted Engineering and Public Works will look into this matter.

Councillor Kennedy then spoke regarding Agenda Item C.6 and questioned if Rob Potter could look into the Veteran Appreciation event.

Mayor Anderson then asked that Staff respond to Mr. Brass' correspondence on behalf of The Blue Mountains regarding EMS response.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy Seconded by: John McGee

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of November 23, 2009 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 Southern Ontario Development Program –Trail Mapping Project, FIS.09.66

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

THAT Council does receive Staff Report FIS.09.66, "Southern Ontario Development Program –Trail Mapping Project" for information purposes; and,

THAT Council endorse an application under the Southern Ontario Development Program for funding to support the development of Trail Mapping and;

FURTHER THAT Council approve funding in the amount of \$10,000 for this Project, Carried.

In speaking to the matter, Councillor Martin asked if there is a third party in the project, Manager of Revenue Ruth Prince replying no.

D.2 Amending Water Agreement between the Town of The Blue Mountains and Collingwood Utilities Services, EPW.09.079

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

AND FURTHER THAT Council accepts Mr. Patrick Coulter as Chair of this Regional Committee.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Gamble noted he is in support of the region attempting to attract post-secondary institutions to the area.

Council then voted on the Resolution, unanimously Carried.

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Grey County Council Update

Mayor Anderson spoke, noting two candidates are running for Warden of Grey County, further noting the Warden would take office on December 1.

E.2 Notice of Motion

None

E.3 Additions to Agenda

1. Camperdown Water and Wastewater Capital Charges By-laws, Staff Report FIS.09.67

Mayor Anderson spoke, noting a Report had been circulated to Council.

Director of Financial Rob Cummings spoke noting the Report is a result of discussions on how to charge out benefitting property owners. Rob then reviewed the Report summarized in different methodologies for the collection of water and wastewater capital charges.

Capital Accountant Darcy Chapman then spoke noting the concerns of the public on water and wastewater charges. Darcy noted Staff have contacted other Municipalities to determine different ways in which the Town could collect water and wastewater charges and noted different methods were considered, including the number of baths, square footage, property assessment, a flat rate, lot frontages and lot sizes.

Darcy then noted that property assessment seemed to be the best way to proceed as the information is easily and readily available. Darcy then noted it is up to Council to determine which way it wishes to proceed noting all methods have advantages and disadvantages.

Darcy then reviewed the analysis of repayments, noting a request for a one year deferral was received to allow residents to save money to pay the charges.

Councillor Gamble then spoke questioning financing, Darcy replying in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding the Town would make repayment in 2010 and the repayment to the Town would be at the end of the cycle of repayments from the local residents, being year 5 or year 21, depending on water or sewer charges.

Bob then questioned \$379,400 for water, Darcy replying this is year one and the Town would not recover this money until the end of term, being year 5.

Councillor McGee then questioned if the water repayment time was extended if the amount would be reduced, Darcy replying yes.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then spoke questioning how interest is dealt with, Darcy replying it could be added on at the end. Duncan then spoke confirming it could be recovered through water and wastewater rates, CAO Paul Graham noting yes or taken from reserves.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT Council receive Staff Report FIS.09.67 "Camperdown Water and Wastewater Capital Charges By-laws" for information purposes;

AND THAT Council authorize staff to schedule a public meeting to discuss the proposed by-laws at the next regular council meeting of December 14, 2009.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted a public meeting is scheduled for December 14 to present to the public, Capital Accountant Darcy Chapman noting notification will be sent by regular lettermail to all 700 property owners affected.

Councillor Martin questioned if notices could be included with the property tax bills in 2010, Darcy replying the Report will be brought to Council at the first meeting in January, 2010 to ensure tax bill deadlines are met.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

2. Motion regarding the Proposed 2010 Water and Wastewater Budgets

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

THAT Council does hereby approve the proposed 2010 Water and Wastewater Budgets for release to the public

AND THAT Council authorize staff to schedule a public meeting to discuss the proposed budgets at the next regular council meeting of December 14, 2009.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted the Finance Committee of the Whole made this recommendation to Council and this course of action was satisfactory.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

3. Proposed 2010 Budget Enhancement Reports plus any additions members of Council wish to add

Director of Finance Rob Cummings referenced updates to the budget binders noting three pieces were added to the budget, and specifically noted the addition of the Events and Youth Coordinator is significant.

Downtown Incentive Program

Director of Finance Rob Cummings spoke noting this initiative would support the downtown improvement plan.

Councillor Martin questioned if any member of Council has an objection to any one item, Councillor Kennedy noted Council has asked for a budget with no more than a 2% increase and the items on the Enhancement List would increase the

recommendations as to what budget items may be revised or deleted to meet the cost and to maintain an overall budget cost of 2%.

As no Council member seconded this Motion, the Motion was not considered.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then spoke noting he believes the Town may be running into a shortfall with tar and chipping of roads and bridge work, further noting this is the easiest thing not to do in a budget. Capital Accountant Darcy Chapman then spoke noting the Town did not maintain their budget this year. Councillor McGee spoke noting a 1% increase is a significant increase in this budget.

Councillor Kennedy spoke noting the increase of 1% is the increase for the next three years.

CAO Paul Graham then spoke noting Council should not budget for a surplus because budgets are getting tighter and tighter. Councillor McGee replying that if there is a surplus or a shortfall that Council would like to hear what happens with the shortfall or surplus, Director of Finance Rob Cummings then spoke noting currently there is a \$150,000 surplus and confirmed this is an estimate, further confirming Council will be made aware of any surplus or shortfall.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then questioned if there is any appetite for a 2.2% increase, Councillor McGee replying he would entertain a 2.2% increase. Duncan then spoke noting Council may have to consider this, Councillor Martin then spoke noting Council can cross that bridge when Staff have had an opportunity to rework the budget figures, Mayor Anderson noted she would like to hold the increase at 2%.

Councillor Gamble then spoke noting on review of the budget, Council were assured that the new Town Hall would be \$7.9M, but now the budget for the new Town Hall has jumped to \$8.4M. Bob noted the budget for the new Town Hall should be reduced and should be reported to the taxpayers.

Duncan asked that Finance bring a Report to Council on the new Town Hall.

Director of Finance Rob Cummings then questioned when Council would like to meet to review the new budget, Councillor Kennedy replying that he would prefer that the Chair of Finance, Councillor Gamble, be present at the meeting and proposed November 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., Council concurring.

4. Motion regarding the Proposed 2010 Budget

None

E.4 Committee of the Whole / Staff Discussion

Mayor Anderson spoke noting she and Councillor Martin appeared as a deputation at a Meaford Council Meeting with Linda Simpson of the Georgian Triangle Tourist Association. Ellen noted the presentation was well received.

Ellen then noted she recently attended an FCM Conference in Ottawa noting meetings with various MPPs and noted her main mission was the concerns for the Municipality about grants that have been put out with a March 2010 deadline. Ellen further noted that based on her recent discussions that she does not believe further stimulus funding will be available.

F. By-laws

F.1 Temporary Use By-law – 104 Hope Street Cat Shelter

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT By-law No. 2009-80, being a By-law to rezone North Part Lots 4 and 5, Plan 482, 104 Hope Street, to permit a temporary use being an animal (cat) shelter to come into full force and effect on the date of enactment and to expire on October 31, 2010, be hereby passed this twenty-third day of November, 2009, unanimously Carried.

F.2 By-law Authorizing the Use of Vote-counting Equipment

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

THAT By-law No. 2009 - 81, being a By-law to Being a By-law authorizing the use of vote-counting equipment in the 2010 Municipal Election be hereby passed this twenty-third day of November, 2009, unanimously Carried.

G. Consent Agenda

Accounts

1. Accounts
2. Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (CK & A, M. Kennedy)

Reports List (Adopt)

3. Planning and Building Committee, November 2, 2009
(Recommendation No. 8 considered on November 9, 2009)
4. Infrastructure and Recreation Committee, November 10, 2009
5. Finance and Administration Committee, November 17, 2009

Minutes List (Receive)

6. Southwest LHIN Board Highlights, October 28, 2009

H. Notice of Meeting Dates

Mayor Anderson spoke noting a Special Meeting of Council on November 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. is being added to the list of upcoming Meeting Dates.

Council December 14, 2009, January 11, 25, February 8, 22, March 8, 22, 2010
All Council meetings to be at the Library unless otherwise noted

Planning and Building Committee, December 7, 2009
Infrastructure and Recreation Committee, December 8, 2009
Finance and Administration Committee, December 15, 2009

I. Closed Session

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT with regard to subsection 239(1)(c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, this Council do now move into closed session in order to address matters pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board; and

