

Minutes - The Blue Mountains Council Meeting



MEETING DATE: November 26, 2007

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 Deputy Mayor McKinlay and Councillor Martin, absent due to previous commitments and Councillor McKean, absent due to illness.
- Also in attendance was Director of Finance Rob Cummings, Director of Engineering & Public Works Reg Russwurm, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt, Director of Building and By-law Enforcement David Finbow, Manager of Purchasing Sherri Adams and OPP Sgt. Charlie Watts.
- Councillor Martin then attended the meeting.
- Council then paused for a moment of Personal Prayer or Reflection.
- Approval of Agenda
Moved by: Cameron Kennedy Seconded by: R. J. Gamble
THAT the Agenda of November 26, 2007 be adopted as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.
- No member declared a pecuniary interest with any matter as listed on the Agenda.
- Adoption of Consent Agenda
Moved by: R. J. Gamble Seconded by: D. R. McKinlay
THAT the Consent Agenda of November 26, 2007 be adopted as circulated, save the Finance and Administration Committee Report of November 20, 2007, requested for separate review and discussion, Carried.
- Previous Minutes
Moved by: R. J. Gamble Seconded by: John McGee
THAT the Council Minutes of November 14, 2007 and Planning Council minutes of November 19, 2007 be adopted as circulated including any revisions to be made, Carried.

B. Deputations/Presentations

7:05 pm – George Christie, Blue Mountain Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club

Request for reconsideration of prohibition of snowmobile traffic on 12th Sideroad in Concession 1 and 2.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then attended the meeting.

George then noted snowmobiling was a significant economic contributor to winter economic activity in the Georgian Triangle, noting the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs provided trail signage and a warden program in addition to OPP enforcement efforts.

George then noted the Castle Glen Development Corporation had earlier in the year revoked the use of a trail route across the lands and although an alternate route was considered along the 6th Line, although a trail route on a travelled road was not ideal.

George then noted Grey County would close access to the paved shoulder of Grey Road 19 after the 2007-08 season and a route was sought over the mountain west of Collingwood.

George then noted it was requested of Council to reconsider the snowmobile prohibition on the 12th Sideroad in Concessions 1 and 2, stating there was sufficient room off the travelled road to allow for trail development past Mission Road, from where the sideroad was not winter maintained westerly.

George then proposed a working group be established to address the situation in a satisfactory manner.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then reported on consultation to date with Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt and the clubs, noting a working group with Council, Staff and Club membership could review alternate route and trail locations for report to Council by spring, to allow for any required summer construction activity.

Mayor Anderson then questioned club membership, George noting the Snowdrifters sold 600 Trail Permits last season.

OPP Sgt. Charlie Watts then noted the OPP would have no objection and would assist the working group.

Duncan then noted options to address previous resident concerns should be available, adding modern snowmobiles are quieter and safer than in the past.

Mayor Anderson then noted it was hoped the working group could address concerns for next season, Duncan noting he would begin consideration of initial meetings.

Councillor Gamble then questioned if residents along the 12th Sideroad should be contacted for input, Duncan noting an optimum route should first be selected for public presentation, which may or may not consider the 12th Sideroad.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT Council does establish a working group with a mandate to seek options for area snowmobile trail linkages comprised of Deputy Mayor McKinlay, Town Staff and snowmobile club representatives, Carried.

C. Correspondence as previously circulated

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy

Seconded by: R.J. Gamble

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of November 26, 2007 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, Carried.

Mayor Anderson then noted as the Town continues to grow various routes and trails may have to be revised or shared in the future.

D. Motions and Staff Reports

D.1 Heritage Designation Request, A.07.32

The Clerk then reviewed the Report, Councillor McGee noting concern with the designation if the Niagara Escarpment Commission would not permit full time use of the dwelling, the Clerk noting in the case of a designated dwelling the use would be a permanent structure.

John then questioned if the dwelling was significant enough for designation, Deputy Mayor McKinlay noting there are not many 125 year old farmhouses left that had not been significantly altered.

John then noted the designation request may only be an attempt to address Niagara Escarpment Plan issues, Duncan noting the heritage designation is onerous and the applicant has requested a designation, adding at this point Council is only starting the process.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: John McGee

Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT Council receive Staff Report A.07.32, "Heritage Designation Request", and authorize proceeding with publication of a Notice of Intention to Designate a Property, being the David J. McNichol residence, Carried.

E. New and Unfinished Business

1. Grey County Council Update

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then noted work is progressing on the design and financing of the proposed Grey Road 19 modern roundabout.

1. AMO Board of Directors Update

Mayor Anderson then reported there would be an AMO Board of Directors later this week.

2. Notice of Motion

None

3. Additions to Agenda

None

F. By-laws

F.1 Amend Fire Routes By-law

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

THAT By-law No. 2007-107, being a By-law to amend By-law No. 2001 – 88 being the Fire Routes By-law, be hereby enacted this twenty-sixth day of November, 2007, Carried.

F.2 Building Permit Fees

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

THAT By-law No. 2007-108, being a By-law to amend building permit fees, be hereby enacted this twenty-sixth day of November, 2007.

In speaking to the Motion Councillor Gamble clarified housekeeping revisions and the proposed Tent Permit fees, Chief Building Official David Finbow noting the fees were originally proposed at \$400.00 for 12 permits in a year, some concern was expressed and this was lowered to \$250.00 for 10.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

F.3 Temporary Closure of Highways (Old Fashioned Christmas)

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

THAT By-law No. 2007-109, being a By-law to temporarily stop up and close portions of Bruce and Louisa Streets during the Thornbury Old Fashioned Christmas on December 8, 2007, be hereby enacted this twenty-sixth day of November, 2007, Carried.

F.4 Water Consumption Appeal Process

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

THAT By-law No. 2007-110, being a By-law to amend By-law No. 2007-63, being a By-law to impose water and sewer charges, so as to establish a water consumption appeal process, be hereby enacted this twenty-sixth day of November, 2007.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor McGee questioned if there was an end date for the appeal process, Director of Finance Rob Cummings noting there was no end date so as to address new meter installations on an ongoing basis.

Councillor Kennedy then questioned appeals that had been lodged before this By-law, Rob noting the proposed By-law addresses charges since metering was initiated.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

F.5 Adoption of an Accountability and Transparency Policy

Councillor Martin then reported on a Policy development workshop he had attended recently, requesting Council defer consideration of Policies until he and the Clerk could meet to review matters, Council concurring to defer Agenda Item F.5.

G. Consent Agenda

Accounts

1. Accounts
2. Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (None present)

Reports List

3. Engineering and Public Works Committee, November 13, 2007
4. Finance and Administration Committee, November 20, 2007

Chair Gamble then reviewed the "2008 Grants and Donations Program" with further review and discussion to occur during the 2008 budget process.

Bob then recommended Council review the Monthly Budget Variance Reports to track the status of various revenue streams.

Councillor Martin then reported on a recent Accountability and Transparency workshop he attended, noting he and the Clerk would meet to further consider the Policy referenced in Recommendation 5.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT the Finance and Administration Committee Report of November 20, 2007, is hereby received and all Recommendations contained therein approved, save Recommendation No. 5, "Accountability and Transparency Policy", Carried.

Minutes List

None

H. Next Meeting Date(s)

Council November 26, 2007, December 10, 2007, January 14, 28, 2008
Planning Council December 3, 17, 2007, January 21, February 4, 18, 2008

All Council meetings to be at the Library unless otherwise noted.

I. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT By-law No. 2007-111, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on November

26, 2007, be hereby enacted as passed this twenty-sixth day of November, 2007, Carried.

As there was nothing further before the Chair, Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Michael Martin

Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 7:47 p.m. to meet again December 10, 2007, at 7:00 pm or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

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Ellen Anderson, Mayor

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Stephen Keast, Clerk