

## Minutes - The Blue Mountains Council Meeting



**MEETING DATE:** November 27, 2006 – 7:00 pm  
**LOCATION:** The Blue Mountains Council Chamber  
**PREPARED BY:** Stephen Keast, Clerk

### A. Call to Order

- Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order with all members in attendance.
- Council then paused for a Moment of Personal Prayer or Reflection
- Approval of Agenda

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

THAT the Agenda of November 27, 2006 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 save Mayor Anderson with regard to Item G2, Accounts and employment of her father by the Town and Councillor McKean with regard to Item G2, Accounts and his place of employment.
- Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

THAT the Consent Agenda of November 27, 2006 be adopted as circulated, less Item G3, Engineering & Public Works Committee Reports Item G4, Recreation Committee Report, Item G5, Finance and Administration Committee Report, Item G6, Police Services Board Minutes and Item G7, Affordable Housing requested for separate review and discussion, Carried.

NOTE: A pecuniary interest was declared by Mayor Anderson with regard to Item G2, Accounts and employment of her father by the Town and Councillor McKean with regard to Item G2, Accounts and his place of employment and neither member took part in related discussion or voting.

- Previous Minutes

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

THAT the Council Minutes of October 23, 2006, Joint Public Meeting of October 25 and Planning Council Meeting of November 20, 2006 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

None

### C. Correspondence as previously circulated

Moved by: G. Ardiel    Seconded by: John McKean

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of November 27, 2006 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.

Regarding correspondence Item C3 Bill Murdoch, MPP, Councillor Martin noted a Motion with regard to the delay inherent in the proposed Provincial-Municipal 2008 Fiscal and Service Delivery Review could be considered at this time, Councillor Gamble stating Council previously addressed the matter in a previous Court Security Resolution.

Regarding correspondence Item C9, Jackie Stewart, Tree Committee, Councillor Martin recounted previous discussion with regard to tree preservation and sustainability, Mayor Anderson noting she had discussed the subject tree with Mrs. Stewart and explained its poor condition, Michael noting the matter of urban forestry should be reviewed by Council.

Councillor McKean noted the tree was inspected with bore testing and was in poor condition, Town CAO Paul Graham suggesting the matter be referred to Engineering and Public Works, Council concurring.

Regarding correspondence Item C12, Ministry of Public Infrastructure Update, Councillor Martin noted the Minister appeared to announce \$30 billion in infrastructure funding but the announcement including funding of such items as a Provincial gun crime centre, the municipal sector already facing an infrastructure deficit that taxpayers should realize will have to be addressed.

Regarding correspondence Item C8, NVCA mapping, Councillor Gamble noted the concern expressed by Mulmur Township Council may have resulted from a particular landowner situation, Councillor McKean concurring, Deputy Mayor McKinlay moving the correspondence be received, Council concurring.

#### **D. Motions and Staff Reports**

##### 1. Affordable Housing Committee Recommendation

Mayor Anderson then noted background information is contained in the Affordable Housing Committee minutes as contained in Consent Agenda Item G7 iii.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT Council of The Town of The Blue Mountains does hereby support and endorse the Ontario Non-profit Housing Association's request strongly urging Ontario Minister of Finance, Greg Sorbara, to release the \$392 million allocated to the Province of Ontario through the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program so that desperately needed affordable housing in Ontario can be developed;

AND THAT this Resolution be copied to the County of Grey and member municipalities, Simcoe Grey MP Helena Guergis, Simcoe-Grey MPP Jim Wilson and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED...

## 2. Ontario Municipal Internship Program

In speaking to the Application, Town CAO Paul Graham reviewed the program, noting it represented an opportunity to retain an intern to work with the Senior Management Team and would include addressing various goals of the Strategic Plan.

Paul noted approval of the Application represented a commitment of \$20,000 of Town funds if successful.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay questioned ancillary costs, Paul noting up to \$5,000 is available from the program for specialized training and equipment.

Duncan then questioned workspace, Paul noting the intern would move from Department to Department.

Councillor Gamble then noted concern with adding a person to a confined workspace area, noting support for the proposed Camperdown cost sharing analysis project.

Town CAO Paul Graham noted the various projects proposed for the intern are not definite and projects could be deleted or added as needs arise.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then spoke in support of the program as a mentoring opportunity.

Councillor Martin then spoke in support of the program, noting the intern candidates represent a great opportunity for the Town to utilize.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute a 2007 – 2008 Host Municipality Application to the Ontario Municipal Internship Program, Carried.

## 3. Fire Protection Agreement with Collingwood, FD.06.12

Chief Ron Doherty and Deputy Chief Rob Collins then reviewed the proposed Fire Services Agreement with Council.

Ron noted a previous fee for service agreement for the Collingwood aerial unit is no longer required and can now be replaced with a reciprocal agreement that will address increased areas of service including the proposed marine unit.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Fire Protection Agreement with the Town of Collingwood detailing the terms and conditions under which fire protection resources may be shared to maximize response capabilities of both Departments and to allow for sharing on a reciprocal basis so as to reduce or eliminate billing for use, Carried.

4. Purchase of Rescue Boat, FD.06.14

Council then dealt with the following Motion as an addition to the Agenda.

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

THAT Council authorizes the purchase of the marine rescue unit including boat, motor, trailer and accessory equipment be purchased from Inland Liferrafts and Marine; and,

THAT the project be partially funded through the use of funds assigned to an existing reserve fund for the future purchase of fire trucks; and,

THAT Council authorizes the purchase of the marine unit noting that public advertising was not completed.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Gamble noted sale of surplus fire vehicles yielded more than anticipated funds.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then questioned if JEPP funding would be available, Rob noting the JEPP funding was refused, Duncan adding a properly equipped vessel would be better for rescue work and safer for firefighters.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

5. Sign By-law Committee, Sign By-law Committee Recommendations

CBO & Director of Building & By-law Enforcement David Finbow was then in attendance.

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

THAT Council approve:

1. The placement of a 2 sided ground sign at 137 King Street East located approximately 3.3 metres from the edge of the municipal asphalt provided the height, location and size of sign are in accord with drawings on file with the By-law Department; and
2. The request to maintain 2 banner signs on the westerly building facade of 175 Marsh Street provided the banners are maintained, the artwork depicted and currently in place does not change and that the variance only apply to the Silver Vine and is not transferable to another business; and
3. The re-installation of a fascia sign having dimensions of 24 inches by 96 inches on the north building elevation of 49 Bruce Street South with it being noted that the variance is specific to the current tenant of the building, "Crave", and that the fascia sign is to be removed upon said tenancy being terminated.

In speaking to the Motion, Councillor Martin questioned location of the properties, David noting the first was Bayly's, the second the Silver Vine and the third Craze.

Council then voted on the Resolution, Carried.

6. Sign By-law Variances, Sign By-law Committee Recommendations

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay      Seconded by: G. Ardiel

THAT Council refuses the request to maintain a third party ground sign at the Southwest corner of Arthur Street West and Victoria Street respecting the "Stonegate" subdivision, Carried.

7. Council then dealt with the following Motion as an addition to the Agenda.

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

THAT this Council does hereby authorize payment to the Recreation Committee of 50% of the BVCC Hall rental fee for the "Night for Bill Loughheed" fundraising event, it being noted the BV Kinsmen are matching the payment in partnership with the Town, Carried.

## **E. New and Unfinished Business**

1. Grey County Council Update

Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted 7 new members would be sworn in to County Council for a four year term.

Duncan then noted he had considered putting his name in for County Warden at some point during this next term of County Council, Council concurring to support Duncan in such a situation.

## **F. By-laws**

1. Temporary Closing of Bruce and Louisa Streets

The Clerk then reported the Thornbury BIA had recently requested the road closure refer to Louisa Street east rather than west as was originally contemplated, with the following verbal Resolution then presented:

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

THAT Clause 2. of By-law No. 2006-119 be hereby amended by changing west to east and that Council take this amendment as minor in nature, Carried.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT By-law No. 2006-119, as amended, being a By-law to effect the temporary closing of a portion of Bruce and Louisa Streets on December 9, 2006 in connection with the Thornbury Olde Fashioned Christmas, be hereby enacted as passed this twenty-seventh day of November, 2006, Carried.

## **G. Consent Agenda**

### **Accounts**

1. Accounts
2. Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (Miller, Sadler's, A. Gibson)

## Reports List – ADOPT

### 3. Engineering and Public Works Committee – Oct 24, Nov 14, 2006

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then reviewed the October 24 Engineering & Public Works Report, noting the primary Recommendation involves costing for the St. Moritz / Chamonix Crescent servicing project, reflecting a reasonable per annum payback cost.

Councillor Martin then questioned a response to Mr & Mrs. Wyler, Duncan noting a response would be provided within a month, Director of Engineering & Public Works Reg Russwurm then noting he was working on the situation.

Michael then noted other Town Committees should consider reports similar to the Construction Project Status report.

Duncan then reviewed the November 14, 2006 Committee Report, noting the Henderson Paddon Contract for engineering services to review the upgrade to the Thornbury Water Treatment Plant included a contingency fund that could only be used for matters outside the contract.

Duncan noted the review would yield a design to increase capacity to the original plant rating capacity, actual construction costs separate.

Duncan further noted streetlight installation on Jozo Weider Boulevard is proceeding.

Councillor Martin then requested clarification on the Collingwood Water Taking Agreement, Duncan noting the existing rate is 1,000 m<sup>3</sup> per day and in 2007, up to 2,500 m<sup>3</sup> per day could be taken.

Town CAO Paul Graham noted it was important to meet peak demand capacity and the increased supply from Collingwood together with Thornbury upgrades will be needed to meet peak demand in the future.

Councillor Martin then questioned if implementation of water meters will lessen demand, Paul noting it has been shown that metering will reduce peak demand levels, Councillor Gamble noting metering will reduce the summer peak demand but winter peaks may not be affected.

Councillor Martin then noted concern with “take or pay” water contracts, Paul noting further discussion may yield a revised Agreement without the “take or pay” clause.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT the Engineering & Public Works Committee Reports of October 24 and November 14, 2006 and the Recommendations contained therein be adopted as circulated, Carried.

### 4. Recreation Committee – November 9, 2006

Councillor Martin then reviewed the Report, noting preparation of an appropriate business plan for the Craighleith Depot, Councillor Gamble noting the Depot Task Force is working hard toward a Business Plan finalization.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then questioned alternative uses for the Depot, Bob noting some uses had been considered and rejected, others still under consideration.

Michael then reviewed ongoing negotiations to establish a soccer pitch facility; Bob noting soccer registration was greatly increasing.

Bob then reviewed a request from the River Rats Hockey Club for a reduced rate for ice time and / or grant funding, referred to the Finance & Administration Committee.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT the Recreation Committee Report of November 9, 2006 be adopted as circulated, Carried.

5. Finance and Administration – November 21, 2006

Councillor Gamble then reviewed the Finance and Administration Committee Report of November 21, 2006.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT the Finance and Administration Committee Report of November 21, 2006 be adopted as circulated, Carried.

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6. Police Services Board, September 20, 2006

In speaking to the Report, Councillor Martin noted concern with the POA Court Donation programs, adding a statement from the Police Services Board should be forthcoming on the matter, Mayor Anderson noting the matter could be discussed at the next meeting for report back.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then questioned status of the current policing office at the Chamber of Commerce Building, Mayor Anderson noting the rental contract would be in place for one more year and the situation would have to be addressed at some point, whether an expansion in Collingwood or a location elsewhere in The Blue Mountains would be considered.

Duncan then questioned when the process should start to consider an alternate location, Town CAO Paul Graham noting the issue should be commenced within the first quarter of 2007.

Duncan questioned if a special Finance and Administration Committee meeting should be considered early in 2007 on the matter, Councillor Gamble noting such a meeting could be arranged on this and other Town administrative requirements.

Town CAO Paul Graham noted it would be beneficial to determine Collingwood's position on the policing matter.

Councillor Gamble then noted serious crimes were down in 2006 from 2005 with mischief occurrences up.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT the Police Services Board Minutes of September 20, 2006 be received as circulated, Carried.

7. Affordable Housing Committee, Sept 22, Oct 20, Nov 17, 2006

Councillor Ardiel questioned consultant costs for preparation of the SEED Application, Mayor Anderson noting Tim Welch was assisting in preparing the Town's application at no cost to the Town.

Councillor Gamble then reported on a Committee visit to an affordable housing project in Owen Sound, Mayor Anderson noting the project was a mixed income development appearing as a condominium.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Michael Martin                      Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Affordable Housing Committee Minutes of September 22, October 20 and November 17, 2006 be received as circulated, Carried.

8. GSCA, September 6, October 11, 2006

9. Craigeith Community Centre Board, October 17, 2006

Mayor Anderson then thanked Councillor Ardiel for her dedication and commitment on behalf of the residents of The Blue Mountains during this last term of Council.

Gail then thanked Council and recounted her experience over the last 9 years, welcoming the new members of Council and wishing the new Council the best in the future in their efforts.

Council then applauded Gail for her contributions.

**H. Next Meeting Date(s)**

Inaugural Meeting – December 4, 2006, 11:00 am  
Council – December 11, 2006, January 15, 29, 2007  
Planning Council December 18, 2006, January 8, 22, 2007

**I. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment**

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

THAT By-law No. 2006-119, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on November 27, 2006, be hereby enacted as passed this twenty seventh day of November 2006, Carried.

Moved by: Michael Martin

Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

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Ellen Anderson, Mayor

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Stephen Keast, Clerk