

E. Correspondence as previously circulated

	Author	Recommendation / Actions
E.1	<p>Township of South Stormont Re: Request for support for resolution to the Upper Canada District School Board</p> <p>Moved by: R. J. Gamble</p>	<p>Seconded by: Joe Halos</p> <p>THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the Township of South Stormont November 9, 2016 resolution demanding that the Pupil Accommodation Review (“PAR”) Study being undertaken by the Upper Canada District School Board (“UCDSB”) be immediately suspended for a period of one year to allow adequate time to complete the work necessary to chart the course ahead that is in the best interests of all UCDSB students;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the Township of South Stormont resolution asking that the policy issued by the Ontario Ministry of Education on March 26, 2015 deleting the requirement that local school boards take into consideration the social, economic or geographic implications of school closures, be immediately reviewed, given the devastating impact this policy has on rural schools, Carried.</p>
E.2	<p>Municipality of Charlton and Dack Re: Request for support for resolution to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding New Election Process</p> <p>Moved by: John McGee</p>	<p>Seconded by: Joe Halos</p> <p>THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the Municipality of Charlton and Dack resolution dated October 24, 2016 requesting that the Province reevaluate the requirement that municipal election candidates must submit the signatures of 25 voters supporting their nomination, Carried.</p>
E.3	<p>Township of Madawaska Valley Re: Bill 7, Amendments to Affordable Housing Act</p> <p>Moved by: Joe Halos</p>	<p>Seconded by: R. J. Gamble</p> <p>THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the resolution dated November 7, 2016 from The Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley regarding Bill 7, the Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016 that includes amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 and refers this correspondence to staff for further report back to Council, Carried.</p>

E.4 Patrick Delaney Re: Draft Workplace Harassment
And Violence Policy

Moved by: John McGee

Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

THAT Council receive correspondence from Patrick Delaney dated November 24, 2016 regarding the Town's proposed changes to the Workplace Harassment and Violence Policies;

AND THAT Council direct staff to compile the written concerns of residents regarding the proposed changes to the Workplace Harassment and Violence Policies and summarize the same in a staff report to Council before changes to the policy are made, Carried.

E.5 O.P.P. Municipal Policing Bureau
Re: Salary Adjustments to Municipal Billing Statements

Received for Information
and Referred to Finance &
IT Services

E.6 Ombudsman Ontario
Re: 2015-2016 Annual Report

Received for Information

Moved by:

R. J. Gamble

Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of November 28, 2016 and further does support the Staff Recommendation made with regard to the Correspondence items E.5 and E.6, 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.

F. Motions and Staff Reports

None

G. Consent Agenda

Accounts

G.1 Accounts

G.2 Invoices separated for pecuniary interest

Reports List (Adopt)

G.3 Committee of the Whole Report, dated November 14, 2016

Mayor McKean vacated the Council Chamber having earlier declared a pecuniary interest regarding an item contained in G.3 Committee of the Whole Report, dated November 14, 2016. Deputy Mayor Ardiel chaired this portion of the meeting.

Moved by: Michael Martin

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council adopts the recommendations contained in the Committee of the Whole Report dated November 14, 2016 as circulated, Carried.

Minutes List (Receive)

G.4 The Blue Mountains Police Services Board minutes dated August 10, 2016

G.5 The Blue Mountains Public Library Board minutes dated September 15, 2016

G.6 Thornbury Business Improvement Area minutes dated October 5, 2016

Councillor Martin noted that budgets keep increasing and questioned why the County has 18 Council representatives, further noting the number should be limited to just one representative per municipality, and that each municipality should pay its County representative. Councillor Martin noted that the reduction in the number of County Council representatives would result in significant savings at the County. Mayor McKean noted that this is on the radar at the County to reduce representation to one per municipality, for a total of 9 County Councillors.

I.2 Notice of Motion (Council)

Councillor McGee provided the following Notice of Motion that will be included on the December 5 Special Meeting of Council Agenda for Council consideration:

WHEREAS The Town of the Blue Mountains does not provide detailed transcripts of Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings

AND WHEREAS several training presentations have noted that the availability of a detailed record of Council and committee proceedings in the form of webcasting would be useful for informing the public and for defending Council actions in appeals and other matters

AND WHEREAS Council has heard from the public that many special meetings of Council are difficult for members of the public to attend as they are held during the day

AND WHEREAS many municipalities including The Municipality of Meaford are providing this type of service to the citizens

AND WHEREAS transparency and accountability are key tenants of The Blue Mountains municipal government

THEREFORE Council directs staff to include in the additions to the 2017 budget for Council consideration an item to provide basic online video streaming and archiving of Council and Committee of the Whole meetings

I.3 Additions to Agenda (Staff)

None

I.4 Staff Discussion

None

J. Notice of Meeting Dates

Special Meeting of Council, December 5, 2016, 9:00 am
Beaver Valley Community Centre

Committee of the Whole Meeting, December 5, 2016, 1:00 pm
Town Hall, Council Chamber

Special Committee of the Whole, December 12, 2016, 9:00 am
Town Hall, Council Chamber

Special Committee of the Whole, December 14, 2016, 9:00 am
Town Hall, Council Chamber

Council Meeting, December 19, 2016, 7:00 pm
Town Hall, Council Chamber

