

Minutes - The Blue Mountains Council Meeting



MEETING DATE: November 14, 2007

LOCATION: Beaver Valley Community Centre Hall 1

PREPARED BY: Stephen Keast, Clerk

A. Call to Order

- Deputy Mayor McKinlay called the meeting to order with all members in attendance save Mayor Anderson and Councillor Martin, both absent due to a previous commitment.
- Also in attendance was Chief Administrative Officer Paul Graham, Director of Engineering & Public Works Reg Russwurm, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance Robert Cummings
- Council then paused for a moment of Personal Prayer or Reflection.
- Approval of Agenda
Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy
THAT the Agenda of November 14, 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 save Councillor McGee with regard to Agenda Item G.1 and a cheque payable to his spouse, Councillor Kennedy with regard to G.1, and Councillor McKean with regard to Agenda Item G.2 and a cheque payable to his place of employment.

B. Deputations/Presentations

- Deputy Mayor McKinlay then called the Pre-Budget Community Consultation to order and explained the objective of the Consultation is to receive comments from the Community regarding Council's Priorities relating to the upcoming 2008 Budget Process. A summary of Council's current Priorities was available by Wednesday October 31st and can be accessed on the Town website (www.thebluemountains.ca) or by contacting the Clerk at 519-599-3131, ext. 237. Interested Community Members and Groups who are unable to attend the Community Consultation may submit comments no later than Thursday November 15th, 12:00 noon as part of the consultation process. If Community members and groups wish to make a verbal presentation to Council, they should have registered with the Clerk by Friday November 7th, 12:00 noon and should leave a written copy of their presentation with Council after their presentation. Presenters will be provided 5 minutes to make comments to Council.
- John Corrigan then spoke on behalf of Lynda Wykes and Phil McCormack regarding proposed projects related to further development of Clarksburg.
- John then itemized various development projects that have been ongoing in the village of Clarksburg, noting the proposed water and servicing of Clarksburg is realistically some years off. John then noted that Grey Road

13 is to be reconstructed at some point by Grey County and coordination of reconstruction with any other projects would be recommended.

- John then identified the ongoing development projects as:
 1. Town of The Blue Mountains parking study;
 2. Off street parking in Village
 3. Village sidewalk repair
 4. Traffic speed in the village has a 50 km although the two hills north and south often exceed the limit
 5. Streetscape improvements following sidewalk improvements
 6. Future options on property in Clarksburg for acquisition for redevelopment including a possible pedestrian mall and additional commercial space although servicing would be required.
- Councillor McGee then questioned if there has been discussion with the Clarksburg residents association and business association to date, Mr. Corrigan responding not yet, but it was planned to do so in the future.
- Boyd Marshall of Aberdeen Court then spoke, noting he was surprised there was no Council direction to consider no overall budget increase or in fact a decrease. Mr. Marshall noted implementation of all identified priorities would result in exponential growth in the municipal budget at a cost to taxpayers that would not be sustainable.
- Mr. Marshall then recommended Council establish a financial target of reducing the municipal mill rate by 5% and that increases on existing landowners be limited to 1 or 2%.
- Mr. Marshall then stated the budget process should not start with a long list of priorities and then consider cutting projects in the process, adding an increase in municipal property assessment should allow a zero increase in property taxes.
- Deputy Mayor McKinlay then noted staff could provide answers to any questions Mr. Marshall might have.
- Councillor Kennedy then noted the Thornbury BIA were in support of establishing a public washroom facility in downtown Thornbury and would request budget support.
- As no one further wished to speak during the public consultation, Duncan declared the budget session of the meeting to be adjourned.
- Director of Finance Rob Cummings then noted Staff would review all submissions for report to Council, Town CAO Paul Graham noting all submissions would be included with budget information to be provided to Council.
- Adoption of Consent Agenda
Moved by: R. J. Gamble Seconded by: D. R. McKinlay
THAT the Consent Agenda of November 14, 2007 be adopted as circulated, save the Recreation Committee Reports and the Finance and Administration Committee Report, requested for separate review and discussion, Carried.
- Previous Minutes

Moved by: R. J. Gamble Seconded by: John McKean
THAT the Council Minutes of October 22, 2007, Special Council Meeting minutes of October 29, 2007 and Planning Council minutes of October 15 and November 5, 2007 be adopted as circulated including any revisions to be made, Carried.

C. Correspondence as previously circulated

In speaking to Correspondence Item C.1, Councillor Gamble questioned if Council could proceed with the designation process at this time, the Clerk noting the required thirty day notification of intent to consider a designation could be given.

Councillor McGee then requested a Staff Report be prepared on the matter as due diligence for Council to consider, Councillor McKean supporting preparation of a Staff Report for such applications.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then noted the process could proceed at this time with a Report to consider a By-law prior to processing.

Council then dealt with the following Resolutions:

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Staff prepare a Report to Council regarding David McNichol's request for heritage designation, Carried.

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy Seconded by: John McGee

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of November 14, 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.

D. Motions and Staff Reports

1. Plan 915 Reconstruction – Consultant Selection, EPW.07.110

Councillor McGee then questioned the current circumstances in the area, Director of Engineering and Public Works, Reg Russwurm noting the roads in Plan 915 have been identified for reconstruction for some time due to asphalt deterioration and water and sewer line failure.

Mayor Anderson then attended the meeting, Deputy Mayor McKinlay remaining in the Chair.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: Cameron Kennedy Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council does hereby approve retaining R. J. Burnside & Associates to provide engineering services for the reconstruction of roads and underground services for the reconstruction of roads and underground services within the Plan 915 Development in the amount of \$164,506.00 consisting of \$144,506.00 upset fee estimate plus \$20,000.00 fee contingency, and

THAT the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute the Engineering Agreement, Carried.

E. New and Unfinished Business

1. Grey County Council Update

Mayor Anderson then noted work is progressing on the County Budget, apologizing for her delay in attending this evening's Council Meeting due to attending the Conservation Ontario Latornell Symposium in Alliston, Ontario.

2. AMO Board of Directors Update

Mayor Anderson then reported on the AMO Board of Directors, noting the Board is currently reviewing funding streams for affordable housing assistance.

3. Notice of Motion

None

4. Additions to Agenda

None

F. By-laws

1. Closed Meeting Investigator

Moved by: Ellen Anderson Seconded by: R. J. Gamble

THAT By-law No. 2007-102, being a By-law to appoint Local Authority Services Limited as the closed meeting investigator for the Town of The Blue Mountains, be hereby enacted this fourteenth day of November, 2007, Carried.

G. Consent Agenda

Mayor Anderson then declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the previously approved Agenda Item G.2 and a cheque payable to her father, Albert Gibson.

G.3 Recreation Committee, October 11 and November 1, 2007

Councillor Gamble then reviewed the Recreation Committee Report of October 11, 2007 and Report DOR.07.42, "Capital Project Summary".

Bob noted the proposed projects were all considered necessary to keep Recreational services and facilities moving forward.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then questioned the proposal for Ravenna Hall improvements, Bob noting it was proposed a joint project would be considered with the Public Works Department building, but was now just in the planning stages.

Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt then noted it was proposed to consider a holding tank at present with a future joint septic system, a separate washroom facility and improvements to parking.

Duncan then noted there was significant use of the Ravenna Hall and a visioning process to both retain the building's heritage and improve it's functionality would be welcome.

Councillor Martin then attended the meeting.

Mayor Anderson then concurred the Hall was a well used facility, then questioning if there are any plans for ski trails at Tomahawk, as well as the keeping of ice in the arena throughout the year.

Shawn then replied that cross-country ski trails were planned for Tomahawk as well as some adjacent lands, adding 12 month ice production generally requires 10 to 12 hours of rental per day for viability, adding that Collingwood and Wasaga Beach offer year round ice at present.

Bob then noted it was proposed to replace "E" dock in the Harbour at a cost of approximately \$166,000.00, as the dock is significantly deteriorating.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: E. Anderson Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council does hereby receive the Recreation Committee Report of October 11, 2007 and November 1, 2007 and further does support and adopt the Recommendations contained therein, Carried.

G.4 Finance and Administration Committee, October 23, 2007

Councillor Gamble then reviewed the Report, noting a Recommendation to support a corporate curling team for employees at a cost of \$700.00.

Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

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

THAT Council does hereby receive the Finance and Administration Committee Report of October 23, 2007 and further does support and adopt the Recommendations contained therein, Carried.

H. Next Meeting Date(s)

Council November 26, 2007, December 10, 2007, January 14, 28, 2008
Planning Council November 19, 2007, December 3, 17, 2007, January 21, 2008

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

I. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Mayor Anderson, Councillor McKean, Councillor Kennedy, and Councillor McGee had earlier declared a pecuniary interest with regard to Agenda Items and the remaining quorum of Council then dealt with the following Resolution:

Moved by: R. J. Gamble

Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT By-law No. 2007-103, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on November 14, 2007, be hereby enacted as passed this fourteenth day of November, 2007, Carried.

Councillor Martin then noted Council had not previously supported the Brockton Resolution contained in Correspondence Item C.7 addressing Conservation Authorities.

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

Moved by: Ellen Anderson

Seconded by: Cameron Kennedy

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 7:58 p.m. to meet again November 26, 2007, at 7:00 pm or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

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D. R. McKinlay, Deputy Mayor

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Stephen Keast, Clerk