

Mayor Anderson called the Council meeting to order with all members in attendance.

The Clerk then noted additions to the Agenda as previously circulated included a Treasury Report addressing long-term debt financing, an Agreement with Craigleith Ski Club to permit a temporary sales office and a By-law to appoint a Building Inspector.

The following verbal Resolution was then presented:

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

THAT the Council agenda of November 29, 2004 is hereby adopted as amended.

CARRIED...

No member declared a pecuniary interest with any matter as listed on the agenda, save Councillor Martin with regard to the Environment Services Committee minutes of November 16, 2004 and his correspondence referred to therein.

Minor grammatical corrections were made and the following verbal Resolution was then presented:

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather
Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the minutes of November 15, 2004 and Special Meeting minutes of November 22, 2004 be adopted as circulated and amended.

CARRIED...

Council then adjourned for the scheduled Public Meeting.

Mayor Anderson then called the scheduled Public Meeting to order and explained the purpose of this Public Meeting is to satisfy a request by the Georgian Peaks Ski Club to amend the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law to permit a parking lot for their existing ski club located south of the subject lands.

The effect of the Official Plan Amendment is to provide an exception to the Residential Infilling Designation that would permit parking as a permitted use on the lands and subject to Site Plan Control.

The effect of this By-law is to rezone the subject lands from the Residential R3 zone to the Parking P Zone. The Parking P zone would permit a Parking Lot.

The lands affected by this amendment are comprised of Part Lot 26, Concession 5 and more specifically as Part 2, Reference Plan 16R-6771.

The Clerk then noted Notice of Public Meeting had been given in accordance with the Planning Act and read correspondence as received from the G.S.C.A., M.T.O. and the Grey County Planning and Development Department.

Mayor Anderson then asked if anyone wished to speak to the proposed By-law.

Town Planner Rob Armstrong then reviewed the proposed parking area, noting a Planning Report will be presented at a subsequent meeting.

Councillor Fair weather then questioned site buffering, Rob noting adequate buffering exists along the Georgian Trail property, adding a 3 metre setback is proposed from the Georgian Trail.

Councillor Gamble then noted possible drainage concerns with existing Georgian Trail culverts, Rob stating it was believed existing culverts would be adequate.

Councillor Ardiel questioned buffering adjacent to existing residential uses, Rob noting the Conservation Authority may require buffering along the eastern boundary watercourse to prevent stream warming.

Planner Colin Travis then spoke on behalf of the applicant, noting buffering requirements and setbacks from adjacent land uses will be respected.

Councillor Fair weather then questioned winter snow storage, Colin noting a storage area is indicated on the Site Plan, with approximately 75 parking sites proposed.

Councillor McKean then questioned the parking lot surface, Colin noting it was proposed as a gravel surface.

As no-one further wished to speak, Mayor Anderson declared the Public Meeting to be adjourned.

Mayor Anderson then called the Council meeting to order and as Library Board Chair John Corrigan, Board members Bev Johnson, Cathy Innes and Chief Librarian Bonnie Bradford were in attendance, it was Council's pleasure to hear them with an update on past year Board activity and proposed plans for the future.

Bev noted the Board had previously completed a Five Year Strategic Plan.

Cathy then reviewed statistics on available products and use of materials, as well as community partnerships that have been established.

John then reviewed operation and administration of the Library.

Bev concluded that an accreditation process recently completed by the South Ontario Library Services gave the library a 94% rating.

Councillor Ardiel then congratulated the Board on the recent accreditation, Mayor Anderson congratulating the Board on a job well done.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then commended the Board on its work and responsible operation of the Library, Councillor Gamble adding the library is a wonderful facility and the envy of area municipalities.

The delegation then thanked Council and retired from the meeting.

Next as Tillie MacDonald and Betty Langford of the Centre for Business and Economic Development were in attendance, it was Council's pleasure to hear an overview of Centre operations.

Tillie noted the Centre was a Community Focus organization assisting entrepreneurial opportunities in the community.

Betty then noted Centre assistance was also available for registering a small businesses and business planning.

The delegation then thanked Council and retired from the meeting.

The Clerk then presented correspondence as previously circulated.

Regarding correspondence from Elaine Buchanan noting concern with roads related matters, Councillor Ardiel reported the Public Works Committee had reviewed the matters and replied.

Regarding correspondence from the Town of Collingwood proposing possible review of shared soccer field operation versus a two tier fee system for non-residents registering for sports in Collingwood, Councillor Gamble reported the Property Committee was reviewing possible sites for additional soccer fields, adding while a site in the eastern portion of Town would be desirable it would not likely be utilized by Thornbury area registrants.

Regarding correspondence from the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority requesting support for the 2005 municipal levy to be based on the 2004 rate calculation applied to current market value assessment for each municipality, Councillor Gamble noted perhaps the levy could be considered on more of a regional basis rather than one or two municipalities shouldering increased levies due to increase in market value assessment.

Councillor Fairweather noted concern with the increase levy proposed for 2005, Deputy-Mayor McKinlay clarifying the rate calculation would be the same as in 2004, with any increase a result of increased market value assessment.

Mayor Anderson noted she would report back to Council as budget deliberation moves forward, with perhaps Authority staff attending a future Council meeting for discussion purposes.

Regarding correspondence from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters with regard to a proposed By-law to regulation firearm discharge, Deputy-Mayor McKinlay reported the Ad-hoc Committee is completing work on a draft By-law and perhaps early in the new year a public information session could be scheduled prior to consideration of such a By-law by Council.

Councillor Gamble noted support for such a By-law, Deputy Mayor McKinlay noting the draft By-law is considered a logical extension of existing Thornbury and Clarksburg By-laws.

During New and Unfinished Business, Council then reviewed Staff Report S.R.C.14.04, Procedure of Council Meetings.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then noted concern with not considering all correspondence within a public meeting, Council concurring to further consider the matters contained in the Report.

Council then reviewed Treasury Staff Report T-2004-02, Development Charges Background Study.

Councillor Gamble noted the importance of an updated Development Charges By-law being completed prior to the existing By-law lapsing on April 10, 2005.

Councillor Ardiel questioned if current Town Staff could not complete the Background Study, Deputy Mayor McKinlay noting it was important to have expert review and analysis to produce a defensible Study and By-law, Councillor Gamble noting Town Staff would assist the consultants.

Councillor Martin noted there was a time frame within which to complete the new By-law and supported the consultant selection, Councillor Gamble noting consultant cost would be borne by Development Charges.

Council then dealt with the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 1

Moved by: R. J. Gamble
Seconded by: Wayman Fairweather

WHEREAS the Town has requested proposals for a development charges background study and by-law, including a provisional proposal for a twenty-year revenue and expenditure capital budget;

AND WHEREAS the selection committee has evaluated proposals received from consultants;

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT this Council accepts the proposal for a development charges background study and by-law submitted by Hemson Consulting Ltd. with an Upset Limit of \$ 42,100 plus GST.

THAT this Council directs Treasury Staff to further discuss the scope of their proposal for a twenty-year revenue and expenditure capital budget with Hemson Consulting Ltd. and report back to the Finance Committee or Council.

THAT this Council directs Treasury Staff to thank all consultants who submitted a proposal for their participation in this Request for Proposals process and advise them of Council's decision.

THAT this Council receive and adopt Report T-2004-02, dated November 24, 2004.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 2

Moved by: R. J. Gamble
Seconded by: Wayman Fairweather

THAT the accounts in the amount of \$1,658,468.16 be submitted to the Treasurer for payment. (Less any accounts authorized by separate Resolution.)

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 3

Moved by: Michael Martin
Seconded by: John McKean

THAT this Council does hereby sponsor and endorse the Thornbury Old Fashioned Christmas festival to be held Saturday, December 11, 2004, as a Community Festival.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 4

Moved by: G. Ardiel
Seconded by: Wayman Fairweather

THAT By-law No. 2004-112, being a By-law to temporarily stop up and close a portion of Bruce and Louisa Streets on December 11, 2004 in connection to the Thornbury Old Fashioned Christmas celebration, be hereby enacted as passed this twenty-ninth day of November, 2004.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 5

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather
Seconded by: G. Ardiel

THAT By-law No. 2004-113, as amended, being a By-law to establish Boards of Management for the purpose of delegated community facility management on behalf of Council, be hereby enacted as passed this twenty-ninth day of November, 2004.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 6

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

THAT this Council does hereby appoint the following persons to the below-mentioned Boards of Management;

a) **Heathcote Community Hall Board of Management:**

Marlon Hewgill, Randy Woodhouse, Jeff Woodhouse, Paul Venning,
Robert Gamble, Councillor

b) **Ravenna Community Hall Board of Management:**

Lonnie O'Dell, Joan Weldrick, Margo Bulmer, Ada McKinlay
Robert Gamble, Councillor

c) **Craigleith Community Centre Board of Management:**

Ruth Doherty, Lee Leedham, Margaret Waddell, Robert Gamble, Councillor
Carey Charters (alternate), Cecile Dales, (alternate), Norma Plater, (alternate),
Cathy Elton, (alternate)

IT BEING NOTED the aforementioned Boards of Management have delegated authority to operate public facilities on behalf of Council and are accountable to Council;

AND THAT Caroline Hills is appointed Booking Co-ordinator and Chris Hills is appointed Maintenance Co-ordinator for the Craigleith Community Centre with responsibilities for such positions hereby delegated by Council to the appointees.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 7

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather
Seconded by: G. Ardiel

THAT this Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Site Plan Agreement with Craigleith Ski Club/2077972 Ontario Limited detailing the terms and conditions under which a Temporary Sales Centre may be located on Plan of Condominium lands for a period not to exceed three years.

In speaking to the Motion, Deputy Mayor McKinlay questioned if the Craigleith Ski Club stormwater management study was progressing, Town Planner Rob Armstrong reporting the study was near to finalization.

Council then voted on the Resolution:

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 8

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

WHEREAS the Town has requested Proposals to provide long term financing for certain Town projects;

AND WHEREAS the selection committee has evaluated proposals received from financial institutions;

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT this Council retain TD Bank as the financial institution and fiscal agent for the Town substantially in accordance with their proposal to provide long term financing of \$ 4,500,000 for the Craigleith Sewage Treatment Plant and refinancing of \$ 667,000 for the Thornbury Sewage Treatment Plant.

THAT this Council authorizes the Treasurer prepare, in conjunction with TD Bank, the required documentation and long term debt by-laws for presentation to Council.

THAT this Council directs Treasury Staff to thank all financial institutions who submitted a proposal for their participation in this Request for Proposals process and advise them of Council's decision.

THAT this Council receive and adopt Report T-2004-01, dated November 25, 2004.

CARRIED...

Council then addressed Consent Items, Reports, and dealt with the following verbal Resolutions:

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

THAT the Environment Services Minutes of November 16, 2004 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED...

Moved by: John McKean
Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT the Parks & Harbour Committee minutes of November 17, 2004 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED...

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

THAT the Public Works Committee minutes of November 23, 2004 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED...

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

THAT the Personnel Committee Report of November 17, 2004 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED...

Council then addressed Consent Items, Received, and the following verbal Resolution was then presented:

Moved by: Wayman Fairweather
Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT The Blue Mountains Library Board minutes of October 28 & November 16, 2004 be received as circulated.

CARRIED...

Mayor Anderson then reviewed a recent telephone discussion with a Ministry of Environment official wherein it was confirmed local planning approvals would be required for projects approved by the Province under the Renewable Energy Request for Proposal process.

Councillor Martin then reviewed draft correspondence prepared for forwarding to the Minister of Energy reflecting Council's concerns as to the lack of information provided to the municipality from the Ministry during the R.F.P. process, particularly with regard to any local approvals that

might be required.

The following verbal Resolution was then presented:

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

THAT the Mayor be authorized to forward correspondence stating Council's position with regard to the Renewable Energy Request for Proposal process to date including municipal involvement in the approval process to the Minister of Energy.

CARRIED...

Council then dealt with the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 9

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

THAT a by-law to appoint an inspector pursuant to the *Building Code Act* be read a first time and numbered By-law No. 2004-114 this twenty-ninth day of November, 2004.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 10

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

THAT By-law No. 2004-114 be read a second time and referred to Committee of the Whole this twenty-ninth day of November, 2004.

CARRIED...

Deputy-Mayor McKinlay assumed the Chair in Committee and upon the Committee rising begged leave to report that all clauses pass in By-law No. 2004-114 while in Committee.

Resolution No. 11

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

THAT By-law No. 2004-114 be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and duly engrossed in the By-law Book this twenty-ninth day of November, 2004.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 12

Moved by: R. J. Gamble
Seconded by: Wayman Fairweather

THAT this Council does hereby authorize purchase of the following advertisements:

2005 Ontario Bluewater Visitor Guide, half page with colour, \$632.00 plus GST, and

2005 Looking Over Georgian Bay Map, \$370.76 taxes included,

AND THAT it is noted funding will come from the Tourism and Economic Development budget and both advertisements were authorized in previous years.

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 13

Moved by: D. R. McKinlay

Seconded by: John McKean

THAT By-law No. 2004-115, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on November 29, 2004, be hereby enacted as passed this twenty-ninth day of November, 2004

CARRIED...

Resolution No. 14

Moved by: John McKean

Seconded by: Duncan R. McKinlay

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 9:05 p.m. to meet again Monday, December 13, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED...

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Ellen Anderson, Mayor

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Stephen Keast, Clerk