Minutes

The Blue Mountains Special Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: **December 5, 2016**
Meeting Time: **9:00 a.m.**
Location: **Beaver Valley Community Centre, Large Hall (9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)**
Town Hall, Committee Room (10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)
Prepared by **Corrina Giles, Town Clerk**

A. Call to Order (Beaver Valley Community Centre)

Mayor John McKean called the meeting to order with all members in attendance

Also in attendance were Acting CAO/Director of Community Services Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance & IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Planning & Development Services, Michael Benner, Manager of Human Resources Jennifer Moreau, Manager of Water & Wastewater Services John Caswell, Communications & Economic Development Coordinator Elizabeth Cornish, Fire Chief Rob Collins.

- **Approval of Agenda**

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

THAT the Agenda of December 5, 2016 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.

- **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof**

None

B. Training

B.1 Lauren Bernardi, Lawyer & Human Resource Advisor
Re: Town Obligations Under the Workplace Harassment and Violence Program

Manager of Human Resources, Jennifer Moreau introduced solicitor Lauren Bernardi, Human Resource Advisor

Lauren provided a training session on the Town's legal obligations under the Workplace and Harassment and Violence Program, including statutory obligations, definitions, examples of harassment, understanding harassment and impact on victims.

C. Notice of Motion

C.1 Notice of Motion

I.2.1 Note: At the November 28, 2016 Council Meeting, Councillor McGee provided the following notice of motion. A motion to suspend the provisions of the Town's Procedural By-law is required to consider the notice of motion at this Special Meeting of Council. In accordance with the Town's Procedural By-law, the notice of motion requires a mover and a seconder for the motion to be put before Council.

- **Motion to Suspend the Provisions of the Procedural By-law 2009-59**

  Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Joe Halos

  THAT the provisions of the Town Procedural By-law 2009-59, as amended, be suspended to allow the notice of motion of Councillor McGee to be considered by Council at this Special Meeting of Council.

- **Notice of Motion**

  Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Joe Halos

  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, Carried.

D. Closed Session (Town Hall, Committee Room)

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

THAT, with regard to subsection 239(3.1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, this Council does now move into closed session in order to address matters pertaining to the educating or training of Council regarding the Workplace Harassment and Violence Program and at the meeting, members will not discuss or otherwise deal with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the Council, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 10:32 a.m.
Council moved into public session at 12:30 p.m.

E. Adjournment

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

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 12:31 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.

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John McKean, Mayor

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Corrina Giles, Town Clerk