

**Minutes: The Blue Mountains Council Meeting**



**MEETING DATE:** December 16, 2013  
**LOCATION:** Town Hall, Council Chamber  
**PREPARED BY:** Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

**A. Call to Order**

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

Also in attendance were CAO Troy Speck, Director of Engineering & Public Works Reg Russwurm, Director of Planning & Building Services David Finbow, Communications & Economic Development Coordinator Elizabeth Cornish, Director of Finance & IT Services Robert Cummings, Manager of Water & Wastewater Services John Caswell, Chief Librarian Terri Pope, Manager of Human Resources Tracey McKenna, Manager of Purchasing and Risk Management Serena Wilgress

- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Gail Ardiel                      Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Agenda of December 16, 2013 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, being a revision to Agenda item F.4 Appointment of Municipal Law Enforcement Officers B.13.43, Agenda item H.1 Removal of Holding Symbol "h" – The Private Residences at the Georgian Bay Club was pulled from the Agenda, Agenda item H.2 being a By-Law to Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers was revised and a Closed Session was added to the Agenda at Agenda item K, Carried.

- No member declared a pecuniary interest with any matter as listed on the Agenda, save Councillor McKean regarding Agenda item G.1 and G.2 Accounts and Invoices and his place of employment and the place of employment of a family member.

**B. Closed Session**

Moved by: John McKean                      Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT, with regard to subsection 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, this Council does now move into closed session in order to address matters pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board;

AND with regard to contract negotiations, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 6:35 pm.  
Council moved into public session at 6:59 pm.

**C. Call to Order**

- Council then paused for a moment of Personal Prayer or Reflection.

- Adoption of Consent Agenda

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT the Consent Agenda of December 16, 2013 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion being Agenda item G.6 Police Services Board dated December 4, 2013, Carried.

Councillor McKean did not vote having earlier declared a pecuniary interest.

- Previous Minutes

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: R.J. Gamble

THAT the Council minutes of November 25, 2013, and the Special Meeting of Council minutes of December 4, 2013 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay declared a pecuniary interest with regard to the minutes and a family member's place of employment and did not participate in discussion or the vote regarding the minutes. Councillor McKean declared a pecuniary interest with regard to the minutes and his place of employment and a family member's place of employment and did not participate in related voting or discussion.

## **D. Deputations / Presentations / Public Meeting**

The Mayor noted under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and in accordance with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains wishes to inform the public that all information including opinions, presentations, reports and documentation provided for or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record. This information may be posted on the Town's website and or/ made available to the public upon request.

### **D.1 John Cottrill, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Re: 2014 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Budget**

Mayor Anderson welcomed John Cottrill and Dick Hibma from the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority ("GSCA").

John then spoke regarding the GSCA, noting how GSCA is funded, and provided an overview of the 2014 Proposed Budget. John noted the 2014 budget proposes a 3% increase over last year. John reviewed the GSCA Organizational Chart.

John then spoke regarding the Clendenan Dam. John noted that the dam was built in the 1970s and has stood up well and is doing its job. John noted that the dam is in good condition and that annual maintenance is performed on the dam. John noted that the frazil ice is being removed to prevent flooding.

John then spoke regarding water management, noting GSCA is working with local groups like the Beaver River Watershed Initiative.

John then spoke regarding GSCA Forestry noting that nearly 750,000 trees have been supplied to Blue Mountains ratepayers over the past 35 years. John then spoke regarding the Emerald Ash Borer, further noting that services will be available in 2014 to attack the disease.

John noted that ash trees can be inoculated every two years for \$250 to \$300 per tree to prevent the disease, further noting the GSCA is performing testing to determine what will work.

John then spoke regarding the GSCA lands in The Blue Mountains, environmental planning, and information and education programs.

John noted that the budget notes a 3% increase and confirmed the GSCA tried to keep the increase as low as possible, further noting that 2% of the increase is because of salary increases. John noted that the GSCA salaries are falling behind in salary levels.

Councillor Gamble then questioned if GSCA is increasing its staffing in 2014, John replying no, that the increase in staffing is proposed for 2015. Bob then referenced land use planning and noted that 40% is funded from tax dollars and questioned how these costs can be recovered. John spoke in response noting that GSCA has an agreement with each municipality and that the fee schedule is reviewed each year to ensure all fees are in line with other conservation authorities. John confirmed that 70% cost recovery is the goal of the GSCA.

Bob then noted that a significant amount of money was spent in 2012 for recreational amenities on GSCA properties, but there is nothing included in the budget for this year and requested that this be reviewed. Bob then spoke regarding the cost to remove frazil ice, John replying that GSCA reimbursed The Blue Mountains for 50% of the cost for the removal of the frazil ice, being \$9000.

Councillor Ardiel then questioned if the GSCA has performed a salary review, John replying yes. Gail then questioned if GSCA has considered an efficiency audit that will review all staffing and programs. John spoke in response noting that a job evaluation exercise was performed recently that identified needs, and that software was reviewed that identified mapping needs. Gail then questioned if GSCA permits weddings on GSCA lands, John replying yes, that approximately six weddings were held this year, further noting this generated some revenue.

John then noted that GSCA reserves are currently slightly over \$1M, and that planning fees are reviewed each year.

Councillor McKean then questioned what services will be provided to respond to the Emerald Ash Borer, John Cottrill replying that letters have been sent to municipalities advising that a workshop will be held in the spring, further noting that the best opportunity to attack the Emerald Ash Borer is in the spring.

Councillor McKean then spoke noting the cost per tree to treat the Emerald Ash Borer could be cost prohibitive, further noting that the urban canopy should be protected.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay spoke regarding the Emerald Ash Borer and questioned if there has been any discussions to assist municipalities to create an urban management program, John replying yes, there seems to be interest.

Councillor Halos then spoke noting he is pleased to see that GSCA is providing funding to assist with the cost to remove frazil ice. Joe then questioned the status of the Haines Dam, John replying that the Haines Dam is on their radar and that GSCA is seeking funding through the Ministry of Natural Resources ("MNR") as the MNR may assist in decommissioning dams such as Haines. John noted that GSCA will continue to apply for funding and complete studies so that approvals are complete. Mayor Anderson then questioned if GSCA would have greater success if it had a partner on the funding applications, John replying that the risk has been assessed and that the cost estimate to remove the dam was \$150,000 to \$200,000. John then noted that they are considering alternatives to reduce costs.

Dick Hibma then spoke noting the expectation was that when Provincial funding was reduced, that it would be restored to \$5M in 2014. Dick noted that as Chair of Conservation Ontario he has met with the Minister of Natural Resources and that it is the goal to have the Province invest in flood management. Dick then noted that the need for flood management is increasing, and that flood waters are a concern.

Councillor Martin then spoke noting the GSCA does an excellent job preparing the budget in these challenging times, further noting there are greater expectations from the public. Michael noted the GSCA is well-served by Dick Hibma on the Conservation Authority of Ontario.

Mayor Anderson then thanked John and Dick for their deputation and for their work with the Conservation Authority.

**D.2 Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer,  
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority  
Re: 2014 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Budget**

Mayor Anderson welcomed Mr. Wilson.

Wayne spoke noting 16% of The Blue Mountains is in the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority ("NVCA") catchment area. Wayne noted the 2014 budget shows a 3.25% increase over last year, as directed by the Board. Wayne noted that the NVCA has reduced its overall operational reserve to keep the levy low. Wayne noted that the NVCA will vote on its budget on January 10, 2014. Wayne then spoke regarding the apportionment of the levy.

Wayne noted that the Blue Mountains' relative growth is high and that each municipality pays \$4.81 per \$100 of assessment. Wayne spoke regarding fixed operational cost pressures and capital reserve pressures.

Wayne then spoke regarding budget highlights and grants received and provided a summary of revenue.

Wayne noted that the NVCA lands in The Blue Mountains are in great condition and that the NVCA sees approximately 16 planning applications from The Blue Mountains each year. Wayne noted that all costs are allocated.

Wayne noted that the NVCA has over \$1M in reserves.

Councillor Ardiel then spoke thanking Wayne for his hard work, further noting this was a busy year for the NVCA, referencing the efficiency audit.

Councillor Martin then questioned if there has been an increase in population or assessment, Wayne replying that the Conservation Act states that the levy is based on assessment. Wayne noted that population is used for comparison.

Mayor Anderson then thanked Wayne for his presentation and the NVCA's work.

**E. Correspondence as previously circulated**

<b>Author</b>	<b>Recommendation / Action</b>
E.1 Collingwood General & Marine Hospital Re: Request for Support To the North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network for Funding	For Council consideration



## **F. Motions and Staff Reports**

### **F.1 Award of Request for Proposal for 2014 General Insurance Program – 2013-34-P-FIT, FIT.13.64**

Moved by: Gail Ardiel                      Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Staff Report FIT.13.64, “Award of Request for Proposal for 2014 General Insurance Program – 2013-34-P-FIT”, and;

THAT Council appoint Jardine Lloyd Thompson Limited as the Town’s Broker of Record for the 2014 Insurance year at an estimated cost of \$240,214; and,

THAT Council authorize staff to proceed with an Insurance Program with liability coverage of \$50,000,000 at an additional cost of \$1,835; and,

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Service Agreement with Jardine Lloyd Thompson Limited subject to the satisfaction of the Treasurer, CAO and Town Solicitor, Carried.

### **F.2 Request for Relief to the Noise By-Law – Blue Mountain Resorts Limited, B.13.44**

Moved by: John McKean                      Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT Council receive Staff Report B.13.44 with respect to “Request for Relief to the Noise By-law – Blue Mountain Resorts Limited” and that Council authorize relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law so as to permit noise on Saturday June 28, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a tented wedding reception and on Saturday August 16, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a tented wedding, Carried.

### **F.3 Millpond Homes Phase Two, Statement from Municipality, Ontario Regulation 48/01 – General, Regulations under the Condominium Act, Town of The Blue Mountains, PL.13.135**

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

THAT Council receive Staff Report PL.13.135, “Millpond Homes Phase Two, Statement from Municipality, Ontario Regulation 48/01 – General, Regulations under the Condominium Act, Town of The Blue Mountains”; and,

THAT Council authorize the Town Clerk to execute a statement required under Section 52(6) of Ontario Regulation 48/01 to the Condominium Act, Carried.

### **F.4 Appointment of Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, B.13.43**

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

THAT Council receive Staff Report B.13.43 “Appointment of Municipal Law Enforcement Officers”; and

THAT Council enact an amendment to By-law No. 2008-92, as amended, being a By-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, so as to appoint additional persons as Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the purposes of enforcing specific parking related by-laws of the municipality, Carried.

## **G. Consent Agenda**

### **G.1 Accounts**

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G.2 Invoices separated for pecuniary interest (CC Tatham and EC King)

### **Reports List (Adopt)**

G.3 Committee of the Whole Report dated December 2, 2013

### **Minutes List (Receive)**

G.4 The Blue Mountains Public Library Board Minutes, October 16, 2013

G.5 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Minutes dated November 29, 2013

G.6 Police Services Board dated December 4, 2013

Councillor Martin spoke regarding the Police Services Board Minutes of December 4, 2013 noting that it is Council that is the decision making body for the composition of the Police Services Board, although the Board may have an opinion. Council requested that the Police Services Board revise the motion contained in the December 4 minutes to read as follows:

THAT in light of previous questions raised by the Community Policing Committee and the Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association, it has been determined through Police Services Board discussion that a three member Board at present is satisfactory, recognizing that Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains is the decision making body for the Police Services Board.

Moved by: Michael Martin                      Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT Council receive the Police Services Board minutes of December 4, 2013 with suggested amendment, Carried.

## **H. By-laws**

### **H.1 Removal of Holding Symbol “h” – The Private Residences at the Georgian Bay Club**

Agenda item H.1 was pulled from the Agenda.

### **H.2 By-Law to Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers**

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

THAT By-law No. 2013 - 52 being a By-law to amend By-Law No, 2008-92, as amended, being a By-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers be passed this sixteenth day of December, 2013, Carried.

### **H.3 Erection of Stop Signs at Intersections**

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

THAT By-law No. 2013 - 53 being a By-law providing for the erection of stop signs at intersections be passed this sixteenth day of December, 2013, Carried.

**I. New and Unfinished Business**

**I.1 Grey County Council Update** EA, DMcK

Deputy Mayor McKinlay provided an update on the Grey County Transportation Master Study.

**I.2 Notice of Motion** Council

**I.3 Additions to Agenda** Staff

**I.4 Staff Discussion**

**J. Notice of Meeting Dates**

Committee of the Whole, January 13, 2014 1:00 pm  
Town Hall, Council Chamber

Committee of the Whole Re: 2014 Budget  
January 22 & 23, 2014 9:30 a.m.  
Town Hall, Council Chamber

Council Meeting, January 27, 2014 7:00 pm  
Town Hall, Council Chamber

**K. Closed Session**

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

THAT, with regard to subsection 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, this Council does now move into closed session in order to address matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations;

AND with regard to personnel matters, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 8:41 pm.  
Council moved into public session at 9:25 pm.

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

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

THAT By-law No. 2013 - 54, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on December 16, 2013, be hereby enacted as passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013, Carried.

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

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 9:26 p.m. to meet again January 27, 2014, 7:00 pm, Town Hall, Council Chamber, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

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Ellen Anderson, Mayor

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Corrina Giles, Town Clerk