

STAFF REPORT: Office of The Chief Administrative Officer

REPORT TO: Council

MEETING DATE: September 26, 2011

REPORT NO.: CAO.11.03

SUBJECT: **Town Representation on Sustainable Path Steering Committee**

PREPARED BY: Troy Speck
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A. Recommendation

THAT Council receive Report CAO.11.03 entitled "Town Representation on Sustainability Steering Committee" for their information purposes and;

THAT Council appoint the Town's Chief Administrative Officer, Troy Speck, to be one of the Town's representatives on the Sustainable Path Steering Committee.

B. Background

The Blue Mountains Sustainable Path calls for a Steering Committee to monitor the progress of the Path and facilitate its implementation. On June 13, 2011 Town Council discussed appointing Councillors Michael Martin and Robert Gamble as Town representatives on the Steering Committee for the Town of the Blue Mountains Sustainable Path (the "Steering Committee"). The Steering Committee recently began meeting to plan its role in moving the Sustainable Path forward and ensuring that it is implemented.

In discussions regarding governance and the Steering Committee's eventual make-up, members of the Steering Committee have indicated a strong desire that there be a senior Town staff representative on the Steering Committee, preferably the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

The Town will continue to not only be a key player in its role as custodian of The Blue Mountains Sustainable Path, but also as a partner in helping move some of the Sustainable Path's strategies and actions forward over time. It is felt that having a senior Town staff presence on the Committee will ensure: a) that the Town's activities do not work at cross purposes against the strategies and actions of the Sustainable Path as they are implemented under the oversight of the Steering Committee, and vice versa; b) that there is someone at the Steering Committee table with close knowledge of

potentially competing priorities and the capacity of Town resources when Sustainable Path strategies and actions are being prioritized and planned; and c) that there is someone at the table who can ensure that Town resources are mobilized, when appropriate.

The Steering Committee has indicated that they would be happy to have the CAO added as an addition to the two existing Council representatives, rather than replacing one of the Council representatives with the CAO. They leave that decision to Council.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan Corporate Mission speaks to realizing the community vision through innovative leadership and strong partnership to provide sustainable services into the future.

D. Environmental Impact

The Blue Mountains Sustainable path sets out numerous Goals, Strategies and Actions aimed at ensuring and maintaining environmental and ecological integrity.

E. Budget Impact

None.

F. Attachment

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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