A. Call to Order

Mayor Alar Soever called the meeting to order with all members in attendance save Councillor Uram absent due to vacation.

Also in attendance Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Acting Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Director of Finance & IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Human Resources Jennifer Moreau, Manager of Roads and Drainage Jim McCannell, Director of Planning and Development Services Nathan Westendorp, Director of Enforcement Services and Fire Chief Rob Collins, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator Tim Hendry.

Council then paused for a Moment of Reflection.

- Approval of Agenda

  Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Rob Sampson

  THAT the Agenda of June 24, 2019 be approved with the removal of Agenda item Ji) closed session regarding personal matters from the Agenda, and adding a discussion item at Agenda item H.3 regarding Police Services Board, Carried.

- Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

  NOTE: In accordance with the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and the Town Procedural By-law 2018-20, Council Members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

  None

- Adoption of Consent Agenda

  With the adoption of the Consent Agenda, all Recommendations found within previous Committee Reports or Minutes are then approved or received by Council, as noted. These Committee meetings are open to the public. The Consent Agenda content is available to the public when the Agenda is finalized but is not subject to discussion from the floor at this time, however, representations may be made at subsequent meetings on matters of interest.

  Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

  THAT the Consent Agenda of June 24, 2019 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, being Agenda items F.3 The Blue Mountains Police Services Board minutes dated February 20, 2019 and F.13 The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated May 16, 2019, Carried.
Previous Minutes

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT the Council minutes June 3, 2019 and the Special Meeting of Council minutes of, April 29, 2019, May 10, 2019, June 10, 2019 and June 11, 2019 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

B. Deputations / Presentations / Public Meeting

Mayor Alar Soever 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.

B.1 Deputation: Bryan Plumstead, Manager of Tourism County of Grey

Re: Tourism Matters in Grey County

Bryan Plumstead spoke regarding tourism in Grey County and noted that the definition of tourism is people taking an overnight or same day trip of over 40 kilometers for non-routine activities.

Bryan noted internationally tourism has grown since the last recession averaging 6 to 8 % per year. Bryan noted that 2018 was Canada’s best year ever with a total of 21 million international visits to Canada. Bryan noted United States is the biggest market in Canada with just over 14.4 million visits of the 21 million. Bryan noted that China is growing rapidly at 6% with Blue Mountain Village Association being the only partner that markets directed to China. Bryan further noted that international travel is very important.

Bryan noted tourism is a highly taxed industry that generates revenue for the federal provincial and municipal tax base. Bryan noted over 140 million consumers within a day’s drive. Bryan noted tourism is a team sport, with various partners being businesses and operators, various municipal organizations including, Business Improvement Area, Chamber of Commerce, South Georgian Bay Tourism, Blue Mountain Village Association and the municipality of The Blue Mountains which all have a lot to do with tourism and facilitating growth.

Bryan spoke noting RT07 is our regional tourism organization Bruce Grey Simcoe operate at a regional level that have a lot of funding, marketing, product experience and development that we can access and partner with them. Bryan noted to Sector Associations being Resorts Ontario, Attraction Ontario, Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs are various groups that represent their members.

Bryan spoke noting TIAO is Tourism Industry Association of Ontario is an umbrella advocacy group that put on an annual tourism summit conference with this year being held at the Blue Mountains and encourage all to attend.

Destination Ontario is a provincial marketing arm for tourism in Ontario funded largely by the province, and Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Sport and Destination Canada are very important for tourism in Grey County.

Bryan noted the goal for tourism to bring in short and mid haul visitors to Grey County and working with local partners to maximize what the visitors spend and their visits here within our community.
Bryan noted that Grey County Tourism is a department of Grey County reporting directly to the Chief Administrative Officer with three fulltime staff and 2 summer students that attend various events throughout The Blue Mountains and communicate thru social media. Bryan noted that Grey County Tourism is supported by a Tourism Advisory Committee and their mandate is to help us grow economy at County of Grey thru tourism, development and marketing and specifically to deliver on a tourism action plan.

Bryan noted Grey County also has a Destination Marketing Organization working group that are more about networking, liaison making sure we are in touch with what is happening locally and at the County level, working with our new member being Tim Hendry as well as Ryan Gibbons.

Bryan noted to the Grey County Destination Development Action Plan consist of three pillars with a staff member responsible for each area to increase sustainable tourism revenues through managing and marketing Grey County as a tourism destination. Bryan noted the three pillars consists of stakeholder engagement, destination management, market research and tracking.

Bryan reviewed with Council tourism matters which focus on the details of demand, supply and benefits noting Grey County is strong for pleasure visits.

Bryan noted that tourism drives economic development and specific to The Blue Mountains, creates jobs, new businesses, attract investments, preserve heritage, spurs growth and quality of life. Bryan reviewed the direct and indirect impacts of tourism within The Blue Mountains.

Bryan noted 36% of jobs are related to tourism. Bryan noted the challenge in The Blue Mountains includes workforce issues for attainable housing and transportation, sustainability of tourism industry and building stronger partnerships with local businesses.

Councillor Peter Bordignon thanked Bryan for his presentation. Peter questioned how we measure tourism supply commodity, industries and business are the top 10 ranked in any specific order. Bryan replying yes they are top 10 in order for 2016 noting the list will change for 2017.

Deputy Mayor Odette Bartnicki spoke noting last Wednesday she attended a County EDAC meeting and the importance of diversity of economy and referenced the OMFA data used by the County. Odette questioned if the data can be specific to just The Blue Mountains and if so can this be provided to the Town at a future meeting. Bryan answering yes the data can be specific to The Blue Mountains as he currently provides data for the Village at Blue.

Councillor Potter questioned if the Business Improvement Area should considered a big event in the summer or perhaps all summer long. Bryan replying to encourage shoulder season events with summer being very packed, many fall events, spring is soft and winter is very strong. Rob questioned as to what level of information are we trying to provide to the tourists. Bryan noted we are trying to develop a Tourism APP, but focusing on super mobile friendly website and friendly customer services is very important.

Councillor Andrea Matrosovs questioned if the data can to directed to Clarksburg and to the rural areas as well. Bryan replying that wouldn’t get critical mass but as technology improves will be better.
B.2 Dr. Sabrina Saunders, CEO – The Blue Mountains Public Library  
Re: Provincial Landscape of Library Services

Dr. Sabrina Saunders spoke noting to four Board members present at the meeting being Chair Maurice Pepper, Vice Chair Laurey Gillies, Dorothy Cammaert and Councillor Rob Potter as a dual role as a Council member and a Board member. Sabrina spoke noting the Public Libraries Act ensures regulations to follow and confirmed that the intent for Public Libraries is that they are open to public, with no abilities to charge for materials and books but allows cost recovery for example for items such as charging a small fee for printing. Sabrina noted that this maintains a social fabric in Canada and this Act in Ontario. This Act ensures Library Boards approve their budget and provides estimates to Council to approve and that there is a grant called the Public Library Operating Grant that comes directly from the Ministry. Sabrina spoke regarding Ministerial Supports, including Ontario Library Services, Public Library Operating Grant, Connectivity Grant, Capacity building grants, and book rate partial reimbursement fund.

Sabrina spoke regarding provincial offloading down to the municipality and with spoke regarding the impact of the 50% reduction to Ontario Library Services.

Sabrina spoke regarding provincial revenue to Blue Mountain Public Library of $25,688.

Sabrina spoke regarding Bill 108 and have experienced a direct hit in that libraries have been removed from the Development Charge Act qualification in place for hard services only, and have been moved to the Community Benefit Charge-yet undefined.

Sabrina spoke regarding to Gallery, Library, Archive and Museum (GLAM) is becoming more popular. Sabrina noted that everyone is looking for more regional partnerships and noted that we have reciprocal borrowing program with Collingwood and Grey Highlands, and are looking at a wider net to include Grey, Bruce and Dufferin Counties to get a great stretch on our dollars. Sabrina noted that delivery service within Grey Bruce and Dufferin Counties is being discussed and noted that Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL) has indicated that they will not participate in this, but further noted for BMPL to participate if we asked to contribute, we would put more in than what we would get in return. Much discussion in the area, but know that this is not worth it for us to participate in.

Sabrina noted that the BMPL is working within their budget planning to hit the 4% reduction that Council has asked for, while also thinking ahead in case something falls off in the Provincial funding.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that the public has questioned the need for libraries when we have the internet, further noting that it is important to bring information as to what is available now and what program will be lost at the library with a 4% reduction.

Councillor Rob Sampson questioned as to why we are not in partnership with Simcoe County, and more particular the Collingwood Library. Sabrina replying there have been several attempts to partner with Collingwood, and the response has been that if we wish to access their services, that the fee will be $100 per person. Sabrina noted that this discussion occurred once she has been with the BMPL, and that this discussion will occur again now that there is a new Board. Sabrina noted that Collingwood and BMPL are comparable libraries, and does not believe there would be a loss by either library. Sabrina noted that the Collingwood Library is a former librarian of BMPL and that he believes in the process. Councillor Sampson noted that half of the population live closer to Collingwood than they do to Thornbury so it make sense for them to get their books there. Sabrina noted that Owen Sound and Meaford have the same situation.
Councillor Sampson noted the Minister’s Order specifically states that services under the Libraries Act allows for fees to be charged for free, on a subsidized basis, on a full cost recovery basis or on a profit basis. Councillor Sampson questioned why the Province are saying that we cannot charge for these services. Sabrina noted that we can charge for a non-resident, the interlibrary loan seems to be exempted from that because it is a provincial system that is not being funded and have confirmed that we cannot charge, or for transportation of the materials.

Councillor Sampson spoke that we need to look at our budget expenditures to ensure we are allocating money properly into the right services, further noting that we should look at ways that we can provide services more efficiently. Sabrina noted that the BMPL is not cutting services and is not looking for more money, looking at how they can reconsider how they are providing services. Sabrina noted that the policy change will provide ways to save money while looking for efficiencies.

Odette questioned how many people are served by the library in one year. Sabrina replying that currently we have over 4600 active patrons and 541,000 visitors in 2017, including children from the school, tourism events and activities, recreation programs. Sabrina noted that they have many more visitors than a normal library of their size and community size because we are a GLAM as well. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that over half a million people access the library each year, further noting that libraries are built to serve all so that people can have access to those services without cost, including internet service and recreational programs. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that the education and skillset of the library staff is exceptional, further noting that there is value in the library. Sabrina noted that she will make a presentation to Council on the social return on investment and return on investment at the library, further noting that they will wait for 2018 audit to be completed.

Councillor Potter spoke noting that businesses and children use the library services as a very important hub in our community, further noting that we need to ensure it continues and it is vital to keep the library services operating in the community.

Councillor Matrosovs spoke noting Council are valuing the services that are provided, but noted it is a question of how we can most efficiently make our dollars go as far as possible. Councillor Matrosovs noted that we need to smartly use our facilities and provide wonderful services. Councillor Matrosovs expressed a mutual concern about how we are allocating the funds. Councillor Matrosovs noted that large scale events require a more holistic view on how we are using all of our facilities and how we can use all of our facilities integrated to support each other.

Mayor Alar Soever thanked Dr. Saunders for her presentation.

B.3 Sheldon Rosen, President, The Lodges at Blue Mountain
Re: Short Term Accommodation (STA) Response to Agenda Item D.3 and D.4

Sheldon spoke regarding illegal Short Term Accommodation (STA) and noted that this is the number one problem that staff deal with. Sheldon noted that the Commercial Resort Units (CRU) by-law has been in place for at least ten years. Sheldon noted that there are 23 owners listed on the letter at Agenda item D.3 from Peter Lister, and that 15 of those units were previously with The Lodges at Blue Mountain CRU Program, but because they were renting on their own, they were reported to the Town and the contract with The Lodges at Blue Mountain was cancelled. Sheldon noted that each owner is required to do their due diligence to know what they are buying, what is permitted, etc. Sheldon provided a copy of a letter from the Town dated September 18, 2015 advising condo owners at Mountain Springs (now North Creek Resort) and Cachet Crossing that the Town made an error when STA licences were provided to them, and that no rentals shall occur unless they meet the CRU definition of 10 or more units in a rental program.
Sheldon provided a copy of correspondence from Cassels Brock dated October 24, 2017 wherein the Town was put on notice that illegal rental activity was being permitted at Mountain Springs contrary to By-law 2013-50 and specific to By-law 2009-03. Sheldon noted that these rentals continue unchallenged and have resulted in tremendous financial damages to legal operators.

Sheldon noted that over the last year the Town has taken steps to reinforce the CRU definition and that in response this group has changed its method of operating to circumvent that by-law. Sheldon noted that the group includes approximately 40 owners that are pretending to be a group of more than ten units, but the booking process is taking place directly with the owners. Sheldon noted that the CRUs are being rented out illegally under the CRU by-law, and that the Town has taken little enforcement of this By-law. Sheldon referenced the work required by STA Owners to comply with the Fire Department with life safety protocol, and additional documents that are required to be signed with each change in occupancy. Sheldon noted that the same standards are not required by the CRUs.

Sheldon asked that Council not change the by-law, and that CRUs should comply with the by-law, further noting that this needs to be fair, and that illegal operators need to be stopped.

Councillor Bordignon thanked Sheldon for his deputation and noted that Council are looking at the STA file from start to finish, and that this includes consultation with stakeholders. Councillor Bordignon noted that a new clearer STA by-law may be in place in the fourth quarter of this year.

Councillor Sampson questioned if the CRU owners have HST numbers and their revenue is required, Sheldon replying that some do, some do not, further noting that the HST is collected from the guest, if an owner has an HST number then he submits the HST to Revenue Canada for the owner, if the owner does not have an HST number, then the HST is provided to the owner to remit.

Councillor Sampson questioned if Sheldon collects the Blue Mountain Village Association (“BMVA”) fee on rentals, Sheldon replying that yes, it is collected on the units that are identified as being BMVA members through purchases or other means, and it is then remitted to BMVA. Councillor Sampson noted that there seems to be no consistency in the rental stream. Sheldon noted that the laws are clear, that they just have to be enforced. CRUs cannot be rented unless they are included in a group of ten.

Councillor Bordignon questioned the total number of CRUs, Sheldon replying 144 with approximately 40 used by owners, 43 are managed by the Lodges at Blue, with approximately 85 are rented.

Mayor Soever thanked Sheldon for his deputation.

C. Public Comment Period

C.1 Public Comment Period (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

NOTE: In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2018-20 fifteen minutes is allotted at the Council Meeting to receive public comments regarding Town matters. The speaker shall provide their name and address, and shall address their comments to the Chair. Comments shall not refer to personnel, litigation or potential litigation matters, or regarding matters that are a follow-up to a Public Meeting.

C.1.1 Peter Lister owner of a commercial condo at North Creek Resorts on Grey Rd 19, spoke regarding his letter at Agenda item D.3 of this Agenda regarding proposed amendments to a new definition 3.95 (a) for the lease management program. Peter noted that himself and 66 other units are part of a rental management program and the proposed change to this definition could have a negative impact on their rental
program. Peter asked Council to take more time to speak with the owners about how this will impact them and come up with a solution that works for the Town and the owners. Peter noted that their rental program is unique as the owners interact directly with the renters and provides a service that the consumer is looking for. Peter noted that they want to continue to have the ability to interact directly with the renters of their condos, further noting that their ratings are extremely high and has a positive impact on the tourism industry in The Blue Mountains. Peter noted that they want to draw more tourists to the area, and their unique offering offers a personalized owner/renter experience that tourists are looking for. Peter asked that Council take more time to speak with owners to come up with a solution that works for the Town, owners and others involved in rental management program.

C.1.2 Sheldon Rosen, of The Lodges at Blue Mountain, spoke in response to Mr. Lister’s comments noting that if the 66 owners referenced were truly with a rental management program, that this by-law would not affect them.

D. Correspondence as previously circulated

D.1 Murray Waldman, Resident
Re: Request to Purchase Share of Road Allowance
(For Council Consideration)

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives Correspondence Item D.1 Murray Waldman, Resident Re: Request to Purchase Share of Road Allowance dated June 10, 2019 for information and refers the same to Planning and Development, Carried.

D.2 Honourable Jeff Yurek, Ministry of Transportation
Re: Highway 26 Improvements
(Received for Information and Referred to Infrastructure & Public Works)

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives Correspondence Item D.2 Honourable Jeff Yurek, Ministry of Transportation Re: Highway 26 Improvements dated May 21, 2019 for information;

AND THAT Council directs staff to consider a further deputation to the new Minister of Transportation at the 2019 AMO Conference in August, Carried.

D.3 Peter Lister, Resident
Re: Proposed Changes for Commercial Resort Unit Rentals
(Received for Information and Referred to Planning & Development)

D.4 Tony Elenis, President & CEO – Ontario Restaurant Hotel and Motel Association
Re: Short-Term Accommodation Rental By-law
(Received for Information and Referred to Planning & Development)

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives Correspondence Item D.3 Peter Lister, Resident Re: Proposed Changes for Commercial Resort Unit Rentals and D.4 Tony Elenis, President & CEO – Ontario Restaurant Hotel and Motel Association Re: Short-Term Accommodation Rental By-law and Deputation B.3 Sheldon Rosen, President, The Lodges at Blue Mountain Re: Short Term Accommodation (STA) Response to Agenda Item D.3 and D.4 and refers the same to Planning and Development and By-law Enforcement Services in consultation with Councillor Bordignon for consideration as part of the STA review, Carried.
D.5  Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Re: Bill 108 Receives Royal Assent  
(Received for Information)

Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives Correspondence Item D.5  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario Re Bill 108 Receives Royal Assent dated June  
7, 2019 for information;
AND THAT Council direct Staff to participate actively in the consultation process  
around the regulations and letter from the Mayor to the Minister, these are the  
recommendations on the regulations;
AND THAT Council direct Staff and the County of Grey request to be a delegation at  
the 2019 AMO Conference in August, Carried.

D.6  Warden Selwyn Hicks, County of Grey  
Re: Niagara Escarpment Amendment of Sideroad 26/27 and the Associated Closure  
of Simcoe Road 91  
(Received for Information)

Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives Correspondence Item D.6  
Warden Selwyn Hicks, County of Grey Re Niagara Escarpment Amendment of  
Sideroad 26/27 and Associated Closure of Simcoe Road 91 dated May 30, 2019  
receive for information;
AND THAT Council direct Staff to communicate with the Ministry of Transportation  
to highlight issues surrounding the closure of Simcoe Road 91, Carried.

D.7  Lt. General Richard Rohmer, Resident of Collingwood  
Re: Regional Governance  
(Received for Information)

Moved by: Rob Potter  Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives Correspondence Item D.7  
Lt. General Richard Rohmer, Resident of Collingwood Re: Regional Governance for  
information, Carried.

D.8  Jacqui Morrison, Resident  
Re: Citizen Support on Voluntary Ban on Single-Use Plastics  
(Received for Information)

D.9  Catherine Daw and Bryan Vermander, Resident  
Re: Citizen Support on Voluntary Ban on Single-Use Plastics  
(Received for Information)

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives Correspondence Item D.8  
Jacqui Morrison, Resident, and Correspondence D.9 Catherine Daw and Bryan  
Vermander, Resident Re Citizen Support on Voluntary Ban on Single-Use Plastics for  
information and refer the same to The Blue Mountains Sustainability Committee,  
Carried.
D.10  Dr. Sabrina Saunders, CEO - The Blue Mountains Public Library  
Re: Blue Mountains Public Library Board Monthly Key Message Update  
(Received for Information)

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives Correspondence Item D.10 Dr. Sabrina Saunders, CEO – The Blue Mountains Public Library Re: Blue Mountains Public Library Board Monthly Key Message Update for information, Carried.

D.11 Notice of Public Meeting – The Blue Mountains  
Re: Peel Street Preliminary Engineering  
(Received for Information)

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives Correspondence Item D.11 Notice of Public Meeting – The Blue Mountains Re: Peel Street Preliminary Engineering for information, Carried.

E.  Motions and Staff Reports

E.1  Georgian Hills Vineyard – 496350 Grey Road 2 – Noise By-law Relief Request, FAF.19.109  
(NOTE: Because this staff report is time sensitive, it is proceeding directly to Council, rather than through the Committee of the Whole)

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.109 “Georgian Hills Vineyard – 496350 Grey Road 2 – Noise By-law Relief Request”; and

AND THAT Council grant relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law for a wedding on Saturday July 13th, 2019 at Georgian Hills Vineyard – 496350 Grey Road 2 from 4:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., with live music being played until 12:00 a.m., Carried.

F.  Consent Agenda

Reports List (Adopt)

F.1  Committee of the Whole Report, dated June 10, 2019

Minutes List (Receive)

F.2  Grey Sauble Conservation Authority minutes dated September 26, 2018
F.3  The Blue Mountains Police Services Board minutes dated February 20, 2019

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives Consent Agenda Item F.3 The Blue Mountains Police Services Board minutes dated February 20, 2019 for information, Carried.

F.4  Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Amended minutes dated March 27, 2019
F.5  The Blue Mountains Public Library Board minutes dated April 18, 2019
F.6  Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board Highlights dated April 24, 2019
F.7  Council Compensation Review Committee minutes dated April 24, 2019
F.8  Grey Sauble Conservation Authority minutes dated April 24, 2019
F.9  Economic Development Advisory Committee minutes dated May 13, 2019

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F.10 The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation minutes dated May 21, 2019
F.11 Code of Conduct Review Committee minutes dated May 24, 2019
F.12 Community Communications Advisory Committee minutes dated May 27, 2019
F.13 The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated May 16, 2019

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee ("AGAC") minutes dated May 16, 2019;

AND THAT in response to the request contained in the May 16, 2019 Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes regarding the Wild Chervil control programs, Council directs staff to:

i) research education programs for land owners;

ii) conduct a review of the existing Wild Chervil control program with exploration of developing the program to improve effectiveness;

iii) review weed inspection programs with The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee to assist in further advising Council on appropriate measures for the stewardship of municipal and private lands within The Blue Mountains, Carried.

G. By-laws

G.1 By-law to Regulate Special Events on Municipal Property and Highways

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT By-law No. 2019- 27 being a By-law to Regulate Special Events in the Town of The Blue Mountains be passed this twenty-fourth day of June, 2019, Carried.

G.2 By-Law to Levy a Special Charge Upon Rateable Property in the Thornbury Business Improvement Area

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT By-law No. 2019- – 28 being a By-law to levy a special charge upon rateable property in The Thornbury Business Improvement Area be passed this twenty-fourth day of June, 2019, Carried.

H. New and Unfinished Business

H.1 Grey County Council Update (AS, OB)

Mayor Alar Soever advised that he will be bringing up two matters at the next County Council one being Municipal Property Assessment Corporation billing and the other being the grant portion of the Community Improvement Plan.

Alar noted that the County of Grey are very supportive with The Blue Mountains on the Simcoe County Road 91 issues.

Deputy Mayor Odette Bartnicki advised that both she and Alar voted against the Community Improvement Plan process at the County but that she recently attended an EDAC meeting where Randy Scherzer, Grey County Director of Planning explained the plan. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki asked that the EDAC group to be invited to explain the details of the plan. Mayor Soever noted that this is a useful discussion to have.
Councillor Bordignon noted formally inviting Steve Furness, Grey County Senior Economic Development Officer to come to The Blue Mountains.

H.2 Notice of Motion (Council)

H.2.1 Councillor Andrea Matrosovs provided the following Notice of Motion to be included on the next Council Agenda.

WHEREAS Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology ("SWIFT") is a non-profit regional broadband project initiated by the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus of which Grey County is a member; and

WHEREAS SWIFT acknowledges “Families, individuals and businesses are increasingly becoming dependent on digital connectivity so that they can access goods and services that are becoming more readily available and accessible online. Access to fast, unlimited and reliable broadband is becoming a vital necessity for communities and businesses so that they can compete in the global economy”¹; and

WHEREAS access to ultra-high speed Broadband for Town of The Blue Mountains residents of all ages is an essential service, for example, to access to critical information about health, connect with family members and other support networks, find up-to-date information about municipal, provincial and federal government services, and pursue education or complete schoolwork; and

WHEREAS the lack of reliable high-speed Internet in our rural areas of the The Blue Mountains creates a disadvantage to our rural residents who work at home or at rural work sites including agricultural and/or tourism businesses or who need access the above noted essential information for working, living or studying in our rural areas; and

WHEREAS even where fibre technology is currently available in limited areas of rural TOBM, residents are faced with prohibitive hook-up and monthly costs for Internet services that are inferior to the upload/download speeds available by network providers in the urban areas of the Town of The Blue Mountains.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct staff to ask the County or SWIFT representatives to provide a full briefing including:

- current SWIFT corporate and ownership structure;
- current SWIFT financial statements and historical and projected financial contributions of various community partners/equity investors;
- existing broadband infrastructure, and identified gaps;
- current status of broadband coverage in the Town of The Blue Mountains;
- the roll-out strategy and timeline of SWIFT in ALL areas of the Town of The Blue Mountains immediately not after the procurement phase of the pilot Counties;
- and that the tender process and project costs to subscribers be included in that briefing.
H.2.2 Deputy Mayor Odette Bartnicki provided the following Notice of Motion to be included on the next Council Agenda.

Whereas on January 30th, 2019 Councillor Sampson provided Notice of Motion, and

Whereas on February 20th, that motion was carried 5 to 2 via recorded vote, as follows:
Deputy Mayor Bartnicki Nay
Councillor Bordignon Yay
Councillor Matrosovs Yay
Councillor Potter Yay
Councillor Sampson Yay
Councillor Uram Nay
Mayor Soever Yay, and

Whereas the motion stated:
“THAT Council directs staff to engage Strategy Corp (to a maximum limit of $15,000 funded from the Working Capital Reserve) to:
a. update its report to Council dated June 29, 2017 entitled, “Improving Fairness in Allocating the Cost of Municipal Services”, and
b. incorporate any additional information since the date of their report and in the context of the Province’s review of the governance models, and
c. provide some recommendations on how Council may proactively respond to any municipal restructuring;

AND THAT Council direct staff to report back to the Committee of the Whole of Council with the completed Strategy Corp report by May 1, 2019;

AND THAT Council appoint Councillor Rob Sampson as the Council representative to work with staff on this matter.”

THAT Council now direct staff to bring forward a report that captures all costs related to the above motion, including the $15,000.00 funded to Strategy Corp as a single-source provider, the costs of all applicable staff time and resources, costs for advertising and promotion, printing, facility costs, food and refreshments and all other costs related to this project.

H.2.3 Deputy Mayor Odette Bartnicki provided the following Notice of Motion to be included on the next Council Agenda.

WHEREAS the percentage of total revenues from taxation for each area of the Town of The Blue Mountains is known and has been published in map form, and

WHEREAS it is known that more than 50% of taxation revenues come from the eastern portion of the Town of The Blue Mountains, and

WHEREAS the majority of new development over the next five to ten years is expected to occur and will likely result in the majority of development charges being generated in the eastern area of the Town of The Blue Mountains, and

WHEREAS the total costs of all municipal services for all areas of the Town of The Blue Mountains combined is known, and

WHEREAS taxpayers have the right to expect equity and fairness in access to services and facilities operated by the Town of The Blue Mountains, and

WHEREAS Council has already directed staff to conduct a facilities assessment,
THAT Council now direct staff to bring a report that provides details regarding costs of services by area to match the taxation by area map that has already been published as a foundation for future decision making to increase equity to all taxpayers regarding facilities and services.

H.2.4 **Councillor Peter Bordignon** provided the following Notice of Motion to be included on the next Council Agenda.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 224(c) and 224(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.0. 2001, c.25, as amended, Council shall determine the services which it provides to ensure that administrative practices and procedures are in place to implement the decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS there is a need to further have a clear direction for existing recreation space and a need to look at future recreational opportunities that may impacted our community and neighbouring municipalities in the area;

THAT Council direct CAO Shawn Everitt and Acting Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons to develop a report that would help establish the formation of a Community Recreational Facilities Committee for the Town of The Blue Mountains to be included in the 2020 Fiscal Budget for the term of 2018-2022 Term of Council.

H.3 **Additions to Agenda**

H.3.1 **The Blue Mountains Police Services Board Update**

Mayor Alar Soever noted that Chair Jim Oliver will be attending as a deputation to Council on the upcoming September 9, 2019 Council meeting in regards to the Community Well-Being Plan.

Moved by: Alar Soever  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council direct staff to correspond with Jim Wilson, MPP and the Solicitor General regarding the status of the Police Services Board Provincial Appointee, Carried.

I. **Notice of Meeting Dates**

Committee of the Whole Meeting, July 3, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, July 8, 2019
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, July 15, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Meeting, July 15, 2019
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Special Council Meeting, July 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall, Council Chambers
J. Closed Session

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Rob Potter

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 correspondence received, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 9:56 pm
Council rose from closed session at 10:22 pm

Mayor Soever reported out of closed session noting that Council provided direction to staff to respond to the correspondence received.

K. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT By-law No. 2019 - 29, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on June 24, 2019 be hereby enacted as passed this twenty-fourth day of June, 2019, Carried.

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 10:27 p.m. to meet again July 15, 2019 Town Hall, Council Chambers, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

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Alar Soever, Mayor

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Corrina Giles, Town Clerk