A. Call to Order (5:30 p.m.)

Mayor Alar Soever called the meeting to order with all members in attendance.

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, Director of Planning and Development Services Nathan Westendorp, Manager of Water and Wastewater Allison Kershaw, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer/Prosecutor Wayne Dewitt and Senior Policy Planner Shawn Postma.

- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT the Agenda of July 15, 2019 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, 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

B. Closed Session

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosova

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:

i) labour relations or employee negotiations, and with regard to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and

ii) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and with regard to review of the applications for appointment to the Grants and Donations Committee, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 5:32 p.m.
Council moved into public session at 6:47 p.m.
Mayor Soever reported out of closed session noting that Council met in closed session regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and with regard to review of the applications received for appointment to the Grants and Donations Committee. Council provided direction to staff to readvertise to seek applications for the Grants and Donations Committee.

Mayor Soever noted that Council also met in closed session regarding labour relations or employee negotiations and with regard to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and to receive information from the CAO regarding labour relations matters and in response, Council provided direction to the CAO.

C. Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

- Moment of Reflection
- 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: Jim Uram

THAT the Consent Agenda of July 15, 2019 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, as noted below:

- H.8  The Blue Mountains Council Compensation Review Committee minutes dated June 3, 2019
- H.9  The Blue Mountains Sustainability Committee minutes dated June 7, 2019
- H.10 The Blue Mountains Economic Development Advisory Committee minutes dated June 10, 2019
- H.11  Georgian Bay Youth Roots Meeting minutes dated June 18, 2019, Carried.

- Previous Minutes

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT the Council minutes of May 13, 2019 and Special Meeting of Council minutes June 3, 2019 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

D. Deputations / Presentations / Public Meeting

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 Deputation: Shawn McKinlay, President Royal Canadian Legion Branch 281 Beaver Valley
Re: Cenotaph Construction Update – 229 Bruce Street Park Development

Shawn McKinlay spoke thanking Council for hearing his deputation. Shawn spoke regarding the Cenotaph construction at 229 Bruce Street South. Shawn noted that this project has been in the minds of the Legion for many years and has taken a considerable amount of time and energy by both the Town and the Legion. Shawn noted that the current Cenotaph on the Jack Acres Memorial Park was built in approximately 1975 and was built on a piece of property that is an amalgamation of three road allowances. Shawn noted that our community has grown and that there is little room on the property for the Remembrance Day service.

Shawn noted that the new location will better suit the needs of the Town, Legion and community, and is a simple, low impact design with Bruce Street accessibility. Shawn noted that the Legion has accepted the responsibility to have the monument relocated with the assistance of Sanderson Monuments.

Shawn noted that on June 7, 2020 the Legion will host a ceremony called a Drum Head Service, and that on this day the Legion intends to hold its official rededication of the monument Legion members, Town Council, Staff and Community are all welcome to attend.

Shawn again thanked Council for their time and noted that the Legion looks forward to the future development of our ever growing municipality.

Mayor Soever spoke thanking Shawn for his deputation to Council and thanked the Legion for their efforts in the community. Mayor Soever noted that the attendance at the Remembrance Day Service continues to grow and is a great service for the community.

E. Public Comment Period

E.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.

E.1.1 Mary Lye, resident of 59 King Street E, Unit 16 Thornbury spoke in regards to the application for noise by-law exemption at Winnifred’s Pub (Agenda item G.1) noting that the name of the restaurant is incorrectly spelled, and that the application came in very late and that she just received notice last week. Mary spoke noting that two years ago the notice of application was received in advance and the community had an opportunity to rally and provided Council with 61 signatures and 11 letters of concern.

Mary noted the staff report on town website has today’s meeting date, but that her letter of concern should be included in the report.

Mary expressed concern with the application for noise exemption attached to the staff report and noted that it is filled out incorrectly. Mary noted the first two check boxes should be no as it relates to community not to the interest of a single business, the third check box stating yes that the event indicates the town is supporting event financially. Mary questioned is it supported by the town financially and if so why. Mary advised that the check box 4 is correct prior noise by-law infractions have occurred on many occasions with the most recent being June 29th when the OPP and By-law were called but took no action.

Mary spoke noting that sound amplifies over the Mill Pond which she does not wish to hear, and that the noise is similar to the Legion playing at the harbour, where the boats on the water can hear the noise. Mary noted that residents who do not wish to hear noise created by solo musicians should not have to hear it as it effects all residents around the Mill Pond.
Mary noting the Mill Pond is a wildlife refuge, further noting that turtles lay eggs, swans, geese and wild fowl choose to raise their families there with bald eagles feeding on abandoned fish. Residents respect this refuge, not only for their fellow neighbours to enjoy the peace and wildlife they see. Mary further noting that she hopes that the owners of Winnifred’s English Pub respect all of their neighbours and keep business activities contained. Mary noted that residents invested highly to live here, pay taxes, and enjoy the sanctuary and peace and the ever changing sights and sounds of nature and ask that the Mayor and Council reject the application for relief from the noise by-law to not disturb our sanctuary.

E.1.2 Neil Lewis, resident of Thornbury living in the Woods at Applejack, noted he is the Director of Operations for the Turner Stevens Group that looks after the Winnifred’s English Pub. Neil thanked Council for the opportunity to speak to the matter regarding the request for relief from the noise exemption, and Agenda item G.1. Neil noted the recent rebranding of the business to reconnect to local roots, “Winnifred” is one of the descendants of Solomon Olmstead who is one of the original founders of Thornbury. Neil noted the business is greatly invested within the local community, an active supporter of BVO, Georgian Triangle Humane Society and several other community fundraisers. Neil spoke noting the request for exemption is for Friday evenings on the patio during the summer and indoors when the weather does not permit. Neil noted for over 25 years the business has had different names and has always supported local musicians with a venue and platform as they grow their careers and express their talents within our community. Neil noted that other objectives including increasing tourism within our community, further noting that as a local resident it is important to provide additional employment opportunities. Neil noted that it is crucial to attract more members to our community so that our property values continue to increase, further noting that our town is an area where people want to be. Neil noted that the noise by-law relief request is in response to a complaint from an event on Canada Day long weekend, from 3:00 to 6:00 on a Saturday afternoon when local musicians were hired to promote the relaunch of the brand. Neil noted that at that time, he was not aware that an exemption to the noise by-law was required for a Saturday afternoon of a long weekend with several other Canada Day events going on. Neil noted that their request going forward is for Friday evenings from approximately 8 until 11 pm with a local artist playing acoustically on the patio.

Neil apologized to the neighbourhood residents who were affected by the Canada Day event, further noting that they would like to work towards a resolution that will appease everyone involved.

E.1.3 Fraser Sheen, resident of Collingwood and the Manager of Winnifred’s English Pub spoke noting that while there are neighbours that oppose to the request for relief from the noise by-law, that there are numerous residents that support this initiative to support local music. Fraser noted that Winnifred’s does not have ill intentions and want to work with the community to come to a compromise. Fraser noted that Winnifred’s would like to find level ground with concerned community members regarding the music to allow a solo acoustic with a small amplifier on the patio, facing the road so the noise does not travel across the water. Fraser noted that they want to work with the community, support local music and try to keep everyone happy.
F. Correspondence as previously circulated

F.1 Township of Warwick
Re: Request for Support regarding Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the June 17, 2019 Council resolution of the Township of Warwick regarding enforcement for safety on family farms;

AND THAT Council refer this resolution to The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee and to the Grey County Farm Safety Association for review and recommendation back to Council, Carried.

F.2 City of Owen Sound
Re: Request for Support regarding Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the June 10, 2019 resolution of the City of Owen Sound regarding Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for information, Carried.

F.3 City of St. Catharines
Re: Request for Support regarding Free Menstrual Products at City Facilities

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the June 10, 2019 resolution of the City of St. Catharines regarding Free Menstrual Products at City Facilities;

AND THAT Council direct staff to develop a plan for a pilot project outlining options and costs to offer menstrual products in the Town’s library locations and at the Beaver Valley Community Centre, and to report back to Council for consideration, Carried.

F.4 Alex Maxwell, Resident
Re: Request for Consideration to Implement an Action Plan regarding Shoreline Erosion

Moved by: Alar Soever  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the June 21, 2019 email from Alex Maxwell regarding shoreline erosion in The Blue Mountains;

AND THAT Council direct staff to correspond with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change requesting that the funding for the program under the Shoreline Protection Act be reinstated, Carried.
F.5 Rob Chambers, Department of National Defence
Re: Notification of TC Energy Cooperation Temporary Access to DND’s 4th Canadian Division Training Centre Meaford
Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the June, 2019 correspondence from National Defence providing notification of TC Energy Corporation Temporary Access to the Department of National Defence 4th Canadian Division Training Centre, Meaford;
AND THAT Council directs staff to forward the correspondence to The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation for their review and comment;
AND THAT Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer and the Mayor to continue discussions with TC Energy Corporation and to forward comments to the Department of National Defence by July 19, 2019, Carried.

F.6 City of Hamilton
Re: Request for Support regarding changes being proposed for Public Health in Ontario
Moved by: Jim Uram  Seconded by: Rob Potter
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the June 14, 2019 correspondence from the City of Hamilton regarding proposed changes for public health in Ontario and their potential effects, Carried.

F.7 Jon Pegg, Chief of Emergency Management, Ministry of Solicitor General
Re: Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA)
Moved by: Rob Potter  Seconded by: Jim Uram
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the June 24, 2019 correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General confirming The Blue Mountains was compliant with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA), Carried.

F.8 Grey Bruce Health Unit
Re: Ontario Budget Proposed Alcohol Changes – Public Health Considerations
Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the June 20, 2019 correspondence from the Grey Bruce Health Unit regarding “Ontario Budget Proposed Alcohol Changes: Public Health Considerations”, Carried.

F.9 Township of Clearview
Re: Improvements to Township of Clearview Nottawasaga Sideroad 26/27
Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Rob Potter
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the June 26, 2019 correspondence from Mayor Doug Measures of the Township of Clearview, regarding “Improvements to Township of Clearview Nottawasaga Sideroad 26/27”; AND THAT Council direct staff to extend an invitation to Mayor Doug Measures to meet with Mayor Alar Soever of The Blue Mountains, and staff to discuss the issue, Carried.
F.10  Drinking Water Source Protection Newsletter  
Re: Committee Progress Report  

Moved by: Jim Uram  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki  

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the July 2019 Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region Newsletter, and refers the same to The Town of The Blue Mountains Sustainability Committee for information, Carried.

F.11  Beaver River Watershed Initiative Newsletter (BRWI)  
Re: First BRWI Newsletter  

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki  

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the Beaver River Watershed Initiative Newsletter (undated), Carried.

F.12  Hospice Georgian Triangle  
Re: Thank you for Support  

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki  

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the Georgian Triangle Hospice correspondence dated May 14, 2019 thanking Council for their ongoing support, Carried.

G.  Motions and Staff Reports  

G.1  Winnifred’s English Pub – 27 Bridge Street East – Noise By-law Relief Request, FAF.19.093  

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon  

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.093 “Winnifred’s English Pub – 27 Bridge Street East – Noise By-law Relief Request”; and  

THAT Council grant relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law for live acoustic, limited amplification music, by a solo musician on the patio at Winnifred’s English Pub, 27 Bridge Street East from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. so that excessive sound does not travel beyond the property boundaries of Winnifred’s, on the following dates throughout the 2019 summer season:  

• Friday & Saturday July 19th & 20th  
• Friday & Saturday July 26th & 27th  
• Friday, Saturday & Sunday August 2nd, 3rd & 4th  
• Saturday August 10th  
• Saturday August 17th  
• Saturday August 24th  
• Saturday August 31st  
• Monday September 1st, Carried.
G.2 Hanaganu & Timoshenko Wedding – 140 Scenic Caves Road – Noise By-law Relief Request, FAF.19.147

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki    Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.147 “Hanganu & Timoshenko Wedding – 140 Scenic Caves Road – Noise By-law Relief Request”; and

THAT Council grant relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law for a wedding on Saturday August 17th, 2019 at 140 Scenic Caves Road with a DJ playing music from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Carried.

G.3 Proposed Regulations to Bill 108, PDS.19.89

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki    Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council receive Staff Report PDS.19.89, entitled “Proposed Regulations to Bill 108”; AND THAT Council direct Staff to provide comments on the Proposed Regulations to Bill 108 substantially in the form as outlined in Staff Report PDS.19.89; AND THAT Council direct Staff to request the draft regulations from the Province for review; AND THAT Council direct Staff to request an extension to the August 6 and August 21 deadlines in order to provide a more fulsome review of the final version of the regulations associated with Bill 108, Carried.

H. Consent Agenda

Reports List (Adopt)

H.1 Committee of the Whole Report, dated July 3, 2019
H.2 Special Committee of the Whole Report, dated July 8, 2019

Minutes List (Receive)

H.3 Committee of Adjustment minutes dated May 15, 2019
H.4 The Blue Mountains Public Library Board Meeting minutes dated May 16, 2019
H.5 The Blue Mountains Public Library Board Meeting minutes dated May 23, 2019
H.6 The Blue Mountains Public Library Board Meeting Committee of the Whole minutes dated May 23, 2019
H.7 The Blue Mountains Sustainability Committee minutes dated May 24, 2019
H.8 The Blue Mountains Council Compensation Review Committee minutes dated June 3, 2019

Moved by: Jim Uram    Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives The Blue Mountains Council Compensation Review Committee minutes dated June 3, 2019, and requests that Council be provided with the Journal Article: “How much is enough” – Kurt Schobel, Carried.
H.9 The Blue Mountains Sustainability Committee minutes dated June 7, 2019

Moved by: Jim Uram  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives The Blue Mountains Sustainability Committee minutes dated June 7, 2019,

AND THAT Council requests that the Sustainability Committee provide information on the four (4) Pillars of Sustainability including the source and what is intended to be considered, Carried.

H.10 The Blue Mountains Economic Development Advisory Committee minutes dated June 10, 2019

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives The Blue Mountains Economic Development Advisory Committee minutes dated June 10, 2019;

AND THAT Council formally requests the Sustainability Committee to consider inclusion of an Economic Development Advisory Committee member to the Sustainability Committee, Carried.

H.11 Georgian Bay Youth Roots Meeting minutes dated June 18, 2019

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives Georgian Bay Youth Roots minutes dated June 18, 2019 for information, Carried.

H.12 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights dated June 28, 2019

I. By-laws

I.1 By-law Appoint an Inspector of Drainage Pursuant to the *Tile Drainage Act, RSO 1990*

Moved by: Rob Potter  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT By-law No. 2019- 30 being a By-law to Appoint an Inspector of Drainage Pursuant to the Tile Drainage Act, RSO 1990 be passed this 15th day of July, 2019, Carried.

I.2 By-law to Raise Money to Aid in the Construction of Drainage Works under the *Tile Drainage Act, RSO 1990*

Moved by: Rob Potter  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT By-law No. 2019- 31 being a By-law to Raise Money to Aid in the Construction of Drainage Works under the *Tile Drainage Act, RSO 1990* be passed this 15th day of July, 2019, Carried.

I.3 By-law to amend The Blue Mountains Zoning By-law 2018-65 (Spy Cider House and Distillery)

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT By-law No. 2019- 32 being a By-law to amend The Blue Mountains Zoning By-law 2018-65 by rezoning a portion of the lands known as Part of Lots 23 and 24, Concession 10 by adding a suffix (t2) to the Special Agriculture (SA) zone be passed this 15th day of July, 2019, Carried.
I.4 By-law to amend The Blue Mountains Zoning By-law 2018-65 (Lawson-Bed & Breakfast)

Moved by: Jim Uram Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT By-law No. 2019-33 being a By-law to amend The Blue Mountains Zoning By-law 2018-65 by rezoning those lands known as Concession 4, South East Part Lot 13, Registered Plan 16R-2555, Parts 4 and 5, and Registered Plan 16R-3058, Part 2, from Rural (RU) to the RU Exception 9 Holding 34 (RU-9-h34) Zone and Hazard ‘H’ Zone be passed this 15th day of July, 2019, Carried.

I.5 By-law to amend Township of Collingwood Zoning By-law 83-40 (Morgan-Bed & Breakfast)

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT By-law No. 2019-34 being a By-law to amend the formerly Township of Collingwood zoning By-law 83-40 in the Town of The Blue Mountains by rezoning those lands known as Plan 562 Part of Lot 60, Part 2 of Reference Plan 16R2974 from the VR Zone to the VR-137 zone be passed this 15th day of July, 2019, Carried.

I.6 By-law to amend By-law 2018-67 to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT By-law No. 2019-35 being a By-law to amend By-law 2018-67 to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers be passed this 15th day of July, 2019, Carried.

J. New and Unfinished Business

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

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke providing an update on matters included on the July 11, 2019 Grey County Council Meeting noting that the Board of Health Report speaks to concerns of many municipalities regarding changes to alcohol regulations and how they may impact services such as emergency services, policing and hospitals, at the local level.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke regarding the Business Enterprise Centre: Starter Company Plus – 6 month program, noting that the grant, training and mentorship program enables start ups or growth of new businesses. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that 50 applicants were considered, with 11 candidates chosen from across Grey County. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that two additional Summer Company grants were provided by local (Collingwood, Wasaga, Town of The Blue Mountains) Business Enterprise Centres to our own local students.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke regarding the July 11, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting where an update from Bruce Power was provided. Bruce Power has provided detailed investments in Health Care across Bruce and Grey, including Meaford and Owen Sound Hospital Foundations. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that Bruce Power is the largest of 35,000 independent power providers, and returns over $200 million to Ontario. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that Bruce Power produces much of the world’s supply of medical isotopes as well. Bruce Power noted that attraction of skilled workforce challenges was referenced, and that it was noted that the single biggest climate change initiative in Ontario was the phase out of coal in favour of nuclear energy and that 85% of Ontario’s power now comes from a mix of nuclear and hydro and is less expensive than other power generators including wind and solar. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that the Nuclear Innovation Institute has recently been created by Bruce Power.
Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke regarding Bill 175 Safer Ontario Act, 2019 that requires each community to have a Safety & Wellbeing Plan in place by January 2021. Grey County proposed a single-advisory committee, in combination with Bruce County, to begin in September 2019 to develop a plan. Representatives from a variety of organizations, including School Authorities, children’s services, health departments, victims’ services, emergency services organizations, all nine police services must be included. Each municipality will have one representative and specific local risk factors will be identified.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke noting that School-Based Capital Child Care Projects Update was discussed and that there are still outstanding questions regarding provincial funding changes that may impact general operating grants and/or child care subsidies for those who qualify. Despite these unknowns, three capital projects in partnership with two of the school boards operating in Grey County will proceed as planned.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke noting that upgrades to Social Housing was discussed, that will include roofing repairs and window replacements on some high rise buildings. Grey County received funding through the Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIP) in 2018, funds for high-rise apartment buildings developed in the 1960s and 1970s when little attention was paid to energy-efficient design. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that funding is provided to provide energy efficiency upgrades to high rise apartment buildings to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Mayor Soever spoke providing the Grey County update regarding the July 11, 2019 Grey County Council and Committee of the Whole meetings. Mayor Soever noted that at the Committee of the Whole meeting, that the Grey County-The Blue Mountains Task Force Meeting Minutes dated May 16, 2019 and the updated Terms of Reference were adopted, and that important changes to the Terms of Reference include that meetings will occur on a monthly basis or more frequently as determined by the Task Force, the Warden and the Vice Chair shall alternate chairing the meetings with the Warden chairing meetings hosted by Grey County and the Vice Chair chairing meetings are hosted by The Town of The Blue Mountains and that the Chair hosting the meeting shall set the agenda of that meeting.

Mayor Soever noted that the Grey County Committee of the Whole received Subject / Report No: CAOR-CW-08-19 Title: Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Development that outlined a collaborative process to develop a consistent community safety and wellbeing plan for the 17-member municipalities in Grey and Bruce Counties that each municipality will then be able to customize, formally adopt and implement. Mayor Soever noted that in the early discussions that the Counties and Public Health have had, it has been identified that there would be tremendous benefit from having a coordinator type role to project manage this work at the direction of the broader Community Safety & Well-Being Committee/Steering Committee.

Mayor Soever noted that Bruce County has reserved up to $10,000 of the unconditional, one-time funding from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in this regard as well as recommending a contribution of $5,000 from each of their member municipalities. With a similar contribution from Grey and its member municipalities, enough resources will be available for a part time coordinator, travel and meeting expenses. Mayor Soever noted that two alternate funding proposals were presented, including:

- Option 1 that project funding in the amount of $55,000 be provided from Grey County; or
- Option 2 that similar to Bruce County project funding, in the amount of $10,000 be provided from Grey County and that each participating member municipality contribute $5,000.

Mayor Soever noted that he spoke in favour of Option 2, which is what Bruce County decided to do, in that it would result in each municipality paying a more equal share, thereby saving our taxpayer’s $6,800. A motion was brought before Council in favour of Option 1 above. Mayor Soever noted that he requested a recorded vote on the motion.
Mayor Soever spoke providing an update regarding the June 27, 2019 Grey County Council and Committee of the Whole meetings. Mayor Soever noted that on June 13, 2019, he provided notice that he would be bringing a motion regarding Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (“MPAC”) billings, further noting that this motion was considered on June 27. Mayor Soever noted that the motion proposed that the County of Grey recover the cost of the MPAC services as a “special service” under 326 (2)(b) of the Municipal Act, and the lower tier municipalities be billed in that manner with each lower tier municipality being billed the actual amount they would have been billed if MPAC billed them directly under the legislated MPAC formula.

Mayor Soever noted that although MPAC services are delivered at the local level, MPAC bills the County, with the bill being paid out of General Taxation which means that The Blue Mountains share of the bill is $484,732; while if we were billed using the MPAC formula, as the motion suggests, The Blue Mountains share would be $361,105. Mayor Soever noted that he brought this motion to save The Blue Mountains taxpayers, who already fund Grey County by over $9M more than the average for the other eight municipalities, $124,000 or about $12.60 per property.

Mayor Soever noted that the current billing arrangement means that The Blue Mountains pays the most of any municipality in Grey County ($49.36 per property), while Chatsworth pays the least ($22.67), further noting that under the proposed change The Blue Mountains would still pay the most ($36.77) while Chatsworth would pay ($29.56). Mayor Soever noted that the motion was deferred pending a Staff Report on the matter.

Mayor Soever spoke regarding the Grey County Quarry Review noting that Pat Hoy introduced Peter Norman, Vice President & Chief Economist, Altus Group. Mr. Norman provided a history of the Grey County quarry operations and reviewed the options for the quarry. He noted that Altus Group has recommended the leasing the quarry as the most favourable option. Discussion occurred on the various options.

Mayor Soever noted that staff was in favour of selling the quarry as they felt they did not have the skillset to deal with a lease, and that there would be risk associated with a lease. Mayor Soever noted that he spoke about the benefits of a lease which would include a potential income stream from royalties, as well as the residual value of the property once the quarry operations are over. Mayor Soever noted that Grey County Council agreed to proceed with an investigation of a potential lease as the preferred option.

Mayor Soever noted that regarding Clearview Township correspondence dated June 14, 2019, that Council was asked support Clearview’s request to remove the powers vested in the Niagara Escarpment Commission (“NEC”) Regulation 828/20 that provides important powers to the NEC to protect the Environment. Mayor Soever noted that both he and Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke to add to the motion to receive the correspondence for information and direct staff to send correspondence in support of keeping the Regulation.

J.2 Notice of Motion (Council)

J.2.1 Councillor Matrosos Notice of Motion of June 24, 2019

Note: At the June 24, 2019 Council meeting, Councillor Matrosos provided the following Notice of Motion. In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2018-20, the Notice of Motion requires a mover and seconder for the motion to be put before Council.
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, Carried.

Moved by: Alar Soever          Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council direct staff to request local internet service providers to come to Council to advise how they could provide comparable internet service levels and the cost of such service in The Blue Mountains, Carried.
J.2.2 Deputy Mayor Bartnicki Notice of Motion of June 24, 2019

Note: At the June 24, 2019 Council meeting, Deputy Mayor Bartnicki provided the following Notice of Motion. In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2018-20, the Notice of Motion requires a mover and seconder for the motion to be put before Council.

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Jim Uram

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, Carried.

J.2.3 Deputy Mayor Bartnicki Notice of Motion of June 24, 2019

Note: At the June 24, 2019 Council meeting, Deputy Mayor Bartnicki provided the following Notice of Motion. In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2018-20, the Notice of Motion requires a mover and seconder for the motion to be put before Council.

The following Notice of Motion was withdrawn by Deputy Mayor Bartnicki.

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.

J.2.4 Councillor Bordignon Notice of Motion of June 24, 2019

Note: At the June 24, 2019 Council meeting, Councillor Bordignon provided the following Notice of Motion. In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2018-20, the Notice of Motion requires a mover and seconder for the motion to be put before Council.

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 224(c) and 224(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001, 5.0. 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 examine the feasibility of the formation of a Community Recreational Facilities Committee for the Town of The Blue Mountains to be included in the 2020 Fiscal Budget, Carried.

J.3 Additions to Agenda

None

K. Closed Session

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

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

i) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board, and with regard to a Local Planning Appeal Tribunal matter; and

ii) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, and with regard to the municipality’s inventory of land, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 10:27 p.m.
Council moved into public session at 10:55 p.m.

Mayor Soever reported out of closed session noting that Council provided direction to staff regarding an LPAT Hearing matter, and provided direction to staff regarding potential acquisition of land.
L. Notice of Meeting Dates

Committee of the Whole Meeting, August 26, 2019
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Meeting, September 9, 2019
Town Hall, Council Chambers

M. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT By-law No. 2019 - 36, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on July 15, 2019 be hereby enacted as passed this fifteenth day of July, 2019, Carried.

Moved by: Rob Potter  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosov

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 10:59 p.m. to meet again September 9, 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