Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Special Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: July 12, 2019
Meeting Time: 8:00 am
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

A. Call to Order

Mayor Soever called the meeting to order with all members present, save Councillor Bordignon absent due to a previous commitment. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki joined the meeting at 8:15 am

Also present: Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Planning and Development Services Nathan Westendorp, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince

• Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT the Agenda of July 12, 2019 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.

The Clerk noted that there may be an issue with the livestreaming of the meeting this morning due to website connectivity.

• 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. Public Comment Period

B.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.

None
C. Closed Session

Moved by: Rob Potter 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 litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board, the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purposes and with regard to correspondence received, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 8:07 a.m.
Council moved into public session at 8:59 a.m.

Mayor Soever reported out of closed session noting that Council met in closed session to consider correspondence that had been received regarding access to the Area of Natural and Scientific Interest at Delphi Point and received legal advice on potential litigation that might result from a Council decision on this matter.

Moved by: Alar Soever Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report which addresses the questions raised by correspondence received regarding waterfront access at Peaks Bay Subdivision, and which includes an independent peer review of the Parks Management Plan, and any comments by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, and proposes:

1. a solution that ensures equal public access to the Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (“ANSI”) for all residents; and

2. the appropriate level of protection for the ANSI and the adjacent Tree Preservation Zone; and

3. proposed solutions and budgets to implement any such solutions, Carried.

Mayor Soever noted that the following Closed Session will include a bus tour that will commence and end at the Town Hall. The bus tour will include members of the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation. Following the bus tour, the Closed Session will continue in the Town Hall, Committee Room for Council Members only.

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Rob Sampson

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 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 9:04 a.m.
Council moved into public session at 12:09 p.m.

Mayor Soever reported out noting that Council met in closed session regarding a proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality and noted that Council provided direction to staff to prepare a report for an open session of Council, and directed staff to schedule a Special Committee of the Whole and Special Meeting of Council in early August.
D. Adjournment

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Rob Potter

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

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Alar Soever, Mayor

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Corrina Giles, Town Clerk