Minutes
The Blue Mountains, Special Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: August 26, 2019
Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m.
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

Also present: Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Planning and Development Services Nathan Westendorp, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Communications & Economic Development Coordinator Tim Hendry, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Director of Human Resources Jennifer Moreau Deputy Fire Chief Steve Conn and Manager of Information Technology.

- Approval of Agenda

  Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

  THAT the Agenda of August 26, 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.

  Councillor Rob Sampson declared a pecuniary interest in regards to Agenda Item E. Closed Session item (ii) with regard to consideration of the applications for the Grants and Donations Committee.

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. Motions and Staff Reports

C.1 Rural Economic Development Grant Application, FAF.19.167

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.167, entitled “Rural Economic Development Grant Application” for information;

AND THAT Council authorizes staff to apply for the Rural Economic Development Grant through the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Carried.

D. By-law

D.1 Appointment of Interim Fire Chief

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT By-law No. 2019-38 being a By-law to Appoint an Interim Fire Chief for the Town of The Blue Mountains be passed this 26th day of August, 2019, Carried.

E. Closed Session

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  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:

i) the security of the property of the municipality or local board and with regard to the Town’s electronic records;

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

iii) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board, and with regard to correspondence received;

iv) 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; and

v) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, labour relations or employee negotiations and with regard to personnel matters, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 11:04 a.m.
Council moved into public session at 12:23 p.m.

Mayor Soever reported out of closed session noting that Council met in closed session to receive detailed technical information from staff confirming that the email outage was not a security breach.

Mayor Soever reported out of closed session noting that Council met in closed session regarding applications for the Grants and Donations Committee and Council directed staff to proceed with reference checks of applications received.

Mayor Soever reported out of closed session noting that Council met in closed session regarding solicitor/client advice and Council provided direction to staff.
Mayor Soever reported out of closed session noting that Council met in closed session to receive update on a potential land acquisition.

Mayor Soever reported out of closed session noting that Council met in closed session regarding personal matters and Council provided direction to staff.

F. Adjournment

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT this Special Meeting of Council does now adjourn at 12:25 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