A. Call to Order

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

Also in attendance Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Human Resources Jennifer Moreau, Director of Planning and Development Services Nathan Westendorp, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Library Chief Executive Officer Sabrina Saunders, Manager of Water and Wastewater Allison Kershaw

Council then paused for a Moment of Reflection.

• Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT the Agenda of September 9, 2019 be approved as circulated, including an addition at Agenda item H.3.1 Toronto Star article regarding Delphi, 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 Potter declared a pecuniary interest regarding Agenda item B.2 Deputation by the Blue Mountain Seniors Network – Seniors Fair as his wife is a member of the Committee.

• 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.
THAT the Consent Agenda of September 9, 2019 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, being Agenda items:

F.7 The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation minutes dated June 6, 2019
F.11 The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated June 20, 2019
F.15 The Blue Mountains Transportation Committee minutes dated July 9, 2019
F.16 The Blue Mountains Sustainability Committee minutes dated July 10, 2019
F.19 Georgian Bay Youth Roots Meeting minutes dated July 31, 2019, Carried.

• Previous Minutes

THAT the Council minutes of June 24, 2019, July 15, 2019 and Special Council minutes of July 12, 2019, July 16, 2019, and August 1, 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: Jim Oliver, Chair, The Blue Mountains Police Services Board (PSB) Re: Recent changes to Police Services Act in regards to Community Safety and Wellness Planning and Roles of PSB

Mr. Oliver spoke noting he is the Chair of The Blue Mountains Police Services Board and thanked Council for the opportunity to speak about the PSB, and for his appointment to the PSB. Mr. Oliver noted that it will be important in the coming years to follow what the Provincial Government is directing. Mr. Oliver noted that the PSB has met just twice since his appointment and noted that he believes the PSB should meet on a bi-monthly basis.

Mr. Oliver spoke noting that he attended the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards annual conference in Windsor and referenced the new Community Safety and Policing Act, formerly the Police Services Act. Mr. Oliver noted that the PSB and OPP Commissioner are responsible for the delivery of adequate and effective policing. Mr. Oliver noted that we are in a unique situation in that The Blue Mountains shares resources with the Collingwood OPP.

Mr. Oliver noted that PSB members are required to complete training on roles and responsibilities, human rights and systemic racism, and training that promotes recognition of and respect for the diverse multiracial and multicultural character of Ontario society, including First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples.

Mr. Oliver noted that municipalities are required to prepare, and by resolution, adopt a Community Safety and Well-being Plan by January 1, 2021, further noting that adjacent municipalities and/or those which share services, community issues, etc. may work together to develop a joint plan.
Mr. Oliver noted that Owen Sound recommended that municipalities in Grey County work on a wellness plan, further noting this could include overriding development plan or it could be one document that would report the interests across the County.

Mr. Oliver noted that The Blue Mountains is currently, and has been for a number of months, short one member of the PSB, being the Provincial Appointee, and noted that the efforts of Council and the Town are requested to correct this shortcoming. Mr. Oliver noted that it is his understanding that the Mayor and staff brought this to the Ministry’s attention while at AMO to have this appointment made.

Mayor Soever noted that the previous Council appointed representative wishes to be appointed as the Provincial Appointment to The Blue Mountains PSB.

B.2 Deputation: Jacqui Morrison and Elizabeth O’Brien, Blue Mountain Seniors Network
Re: Blue Mountain Seniors Network – Seniors Fair

Councillor Potter vacated the Council Chamber having earlier declared an interest regarding Agenda item B.2.

Elizabeth O’Brien spoke noting the purpose of her deputation is to introduce Council to the Seniors Network of The Blue Mountains. Ms. O’Brien noted that over half of The Blue Mountains population is over the age of 55.

Ms. O’Brien noted that the Seniors Network was formed to maximize access to services in The Blue Mountains for seniors composed of a number of organizations working together to identify needs and coordinate programming. The Network was established in 2015, and this year they plan to expand their Committee to include individuals and more representatives from organizations.

Ms. O’Brien noted that The Seniors Fair is scheduled for September 11, from 10:00 am to noon at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. Ms. O’Brien noted that this is the third Seniors Fair and that this is a great way to connect with many available resources including caregiving, housing options and supports; safety; health, meal related options, volunteer options and others. Ms. O’Brien noted that they have a number of local sponsors and that there will be an opportunity to meet the Mayor at the Fair.

Ms. O’Brien noted that they have applied for a Ministry of Seniors Grant, and are awaiting a response. Ms. O’Brien noted that the project will consult with The Blue Mountains about the needs and priorities of the area’s seniors and caregivers, with workshops being the primary activity at the Fair. Ms. O’Brien noted that it would be beneficial for all to work towards an age friendly community, and spoke regarding opportunities and challenges of an aging population.

Ms. O’Brien thanked Council for their support through the use of the Beaver Valley Community Centre and appointing a Town staff person to the Committee.

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 Al Tulloch, resident of 21st Sideroad, spoke regarding the pickleball courts approved by Council this spring for construction at Bayview Park. Mr. Tulloch noted that he understands that some people have concerns with zoning, parking, loss of green space and noise. Mr. Tulloch noted that prior to selecting the Bayview Park site that other sites were considered. Bayview was the unanimously selected site for many reasons as it is zoned for recreation, with washrooms, green space with tennis courts already in place. The closest backyard is 100 yards from the site. Mr. Tulloch noted that Bayview Park is family facility, and that with the significant investment being made to build the courts, it is important that they are visible and that the courts get used. Mr. Tulloch noted that Pickleball is inexpensive and easy to play, and that there are 300 to 400 pickleball players in the community. Mr. Tulloch noted that the courts are not just for the 300 to 400 pickleball players, they are for the community. Mr. Tulloch noted that Bayview Park belongs to all in The Blue Mountains.

C.1.2 Harry Stevens, spoke on behalf of pickleball players in The Blue Mountains and noted that he agrees with Mr. Tulloch’s comments. Mr. Stevens noted that Bayview Park is a beautiful gem that should be enjoyed by all. Mr. Stevens noted that the selected space for the courts is underutilized, and does not have a view of the Bay but that he understands there is consideration to put a parking lot in. Mr. Stevens noted that he enjoys the music in the park, but noted that it is often congested with lack of parking and sidewalks, referencing the recent installation of the no parking signs and flower pots to prevent parking along the town road allowance. The site is great for pickleball with the location of the courts to the westerly end of the park adjacent to the pumping station. Mr. Stevens noted that the nearby washrooms with running water is important. Mr. Stevens noted that he has never heard of any pickleball courts being relocated because of noise, further noting that Thornbury residents love the parks and facilities that will draw more people to the area.

C.1.3 Josie Harper, resident of Settlers Way, spoke expressing concern with the inclusion of Heritage Park on the list of properties being considered for attainable housing. Ms. Harper noted that the park is well used, with basketball nets, swings, picnic tables. Ms. Harper noted that she represents 162 unit owners in and around Heritage Park and noted that Council directed staff to remove parkland from consideration and to develop a list of appropriate sites for attainable housing. Ms. Harper expressed concern that there is a rapid disappearance of green space in The Blue Mountains.

C.1.4 Heather McNaughton, resident of Settlers Way spoke noting that she supports Ms. Harper’s comments, further noting that Heritage Park is near houses that have no green space. Ms. McNaughton noted that Heritage Park provides over 600 units with open green space and a park, further noting that the Official Plan should encourage public parkland. Ms. McNaughton noted that 80 to 85% of development should be in the Thornbury area.

C.1.5 Gavin Laws, resident of Settlers Way spoke thanking Council for the opportunity to speak. Mr. Laws noted that he is shocked that a park is being considered for development as the December 10, 2018 Council motion removed parks from the list of properties to be considered for an attainable housing development. Mr. Laws noted that parkland is a precious resource for the community, and questioned where the data is drawn from that indicated Heritage Park is rarely used. Mr. Laws noted that in the future there will be another 4000 units in the community. Mr. Laws noted that Heritage Park is used for picnics and is well maintained with a baseball diamond. Mr. Laws asked that Council remove Heritage Park from the list of viable sites for development now and into the future.

C.1.6 Martin Corkery, resident of 162 Settlers Way, spoke noting that many use Heritage Park for picnics, frisbee, baseball, basketball, cross country skiing, fly kites, and use the children’s playground equipment, further noting that though Heritage Park is not used for organized sport, that it is used regularly.
D. Correspondence as previously circulated

D.1 Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Re: Request for Support to Develop the Never Forgotten National Memorial
Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the August 14, 2019 correspondence from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding the Never Forgotten National Memorial, Carried.

D.2 Township of Papineau-Cameron
Re: Request for Support regarding Proposed Provincial Government Amalgamation of Municipalities in Ontario
Moved by: Jim Uram  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the August 13, 2019 resolution of the Township of Papineau-Cameron regarding proposed Provincial Government Amalgamation of Municipalities in Ontario, Lost.

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the August 13, 2019 resolution of the Township of Papineau-Cameron regarding proposed Provincial Government Amalgamation of Municipalities in Ontario, Carried.

D.3 Town of Halton Hills
Re: Request for Support Calling on the Province of Ontario to Implement a Deposit/Return Program for all Single Use Plastic, Aluminum and Metal Drink Containers
Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives and supports in principle, the July 8, 2019 resolution of the Town of Halton Hills, calling on the Province of Ontario to implement a deposit/return program for all Single Use Plastic, Aluminum and Metal Drink Containers, Carried.

D.4 Norfolk County
Re: Request for Support to Request for Provincial Response to Address Gas Well Issues
Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the August 13, 2019 resolution of the County of Norfolk requesting support for Provincial response to address gas well issues, Carried.

D.5 Municipality of West Grey
Re: Request for Support regarding Climate Action Plan and Reduce Climate Change Impacts
Moved by: Andrea Matrosov  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the August 7, 2019 resolution of the Municipality of West Grey declaring a climate change emergency crisis, Carried.
D.6 College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario
Re: Nomination for an Outstanding Physician in Your Community
Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the July 8, 2019 correspondence from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario calling for nominations for outstanding Ontario Physician in our community, Carried.

D.7 City of Stratford
Re: Request for Support, Opposition to Changes in 2019 Provincial Budget and Planning Act
Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the undated correspondence from The Corporation of the City of Stratford requesting support for opposition to changes in 2019 Provincial Budget and Planning Act, Carried.

D.8 Mr. & Mrs. M. Condie, Residents
Re: Proposal for Four Pickleball Courts at Bayview Park, Thornbury

D.9 Harry Stevens and Rosemarie Wickens – Members of Pickleball Association of Ontario
Re: Proposed Pickleball Courts
Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the July 25, 2019 correspondence from Mr. and Mrs. M. Condie and neighbours, and the August 16, 2019 correspondence from Harry Stevens and Rosemarie Wickens regarding the location of the new pickleball courts at Bayview Park, Carried.

D.10 George Matamoros, Chair – Thornbury Business Improvement Area (BIA)
Re: Proposed Public Wi-fi Hotspot in the Thornbury Area
Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives and supports the August 9, 2019 correspondence received from the Thornbury Business Improvement Area supporting the Bruce Street Technologies proposal to install public wifi hotspot in the Thornbury area, and refers this correspondence to the Communications and Economic Development Coordinator, Carried.

D.11 Minister of Finance
Re: Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund
Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives and refers to the Finance and IT Services Department, the August 14, 2019 correspondence from the Ministry of Finance, Carried.
D.12  Veronique Ponce and Tim Urbshas, Residents
Re: Peel Street Reconstruction between Highway 26 and Georgian Bay

Moved by:  Rob Sampson  Seconded by:  Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the July 25, 2019 correspondence from Veronique Ponce and Tim Urbshas regarding the Peel Street Reconstruction between Highway 26 and Georgian Bay, and refers the correspondence to the Operations Department, Carried.

D.13  County of Grey – Planning and Development
Re: Bill 108 – County of Grey Comments

Moved by:  Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by:  Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, the August 14, 2019 correspondence from Grey County Planning and Development Department regarding “County of Grey Comments on Bill 108: More Homes, More Choices Act Proposed Regulations, Environmental Registry Posting Numbers 019-0181, 019-0183 and 019-0184 and the Proposed Regulation changes under the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 19-MAG007”, and refers the same to the Planning and Development Services Department, Carried

D.14  Mark Godman, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing

D.15  Randy Milthorpe, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing

D.16  Susan Lee, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing

D.17  Gavin Laws, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing

D.18  Heather Macnaughton and David Dunphy, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing

Moved by:  Rob Sampson  Seconded by:  Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, and refers to The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation, Planning and Development Services and to Strategy Corp. for inclusion in the Request for Information process, the correspondences at Agenda items D.14 to D.18, D.37 and D.38 as listed below:  


D.19  Silvana Azzolini, President - Grey Condominium Corporation 8
Re: Response to Staff Report PDS.19.75 - Expansion of Short Term Accommodation (STA)
D.20 Bruce Heagle, President - Grey Condominium Corporation 15
Re: Response to Staff Report PDS.19.75 - Expansion of Short Term Accommodation (STA)

D.21 Greg Chellew, President - Grey Condominium Corporation 52
Re: Response to Staff Report PDS.19.75 - Expansion of Short Term Accommodation (STA)

D.22 David Caldwell, President - Grey Condominium Corporation 20
Re: Response to Staff Report PDS.19.75 - Expansion of Short Term Accommodation (STA)

D.23 Mary McGrath, President - Grey Condominium Corporation 22
Re: Response to Staff Report PDS.19.75 - Expansion of Short Term Accommodation (STA)

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Jim Uram
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information, and refers to Planning and Development Services, the correspondences at Agenda items D.19 to D.23 as listed D.19 Silvana Azzolini, President - Grey Condominium Corporation 8, Re: Response to Staff Report PDS.19.75 - Expansion of Short Term Accommodation (STA), D.20 Bruce Heagle, President - Grey Condominium Corporation 15 Re: Response to Staff Report PDS.19.75 - Expansion of Short Term Accommodation (STA), D.21 Greg Chellew, President - Grey Condominium Corporation 52 Re: Response to Staff Report PDS.19.75 - Expansion of Short Term Accommodation (STA), D.22 David Caldwell, President - Grey Condominium Corporation 20 Re: Response to Staff Report PDS.19.75 - Expansion of Short Term Accommodation (STA), D.23 Mary McGrath, President - Grey Condominium Corporation 22 Re: Response to Staff Report PDS.19.75 - Expansion of Short Term Accommodation (STA), Carried.

D.24 The Blue Mountains Sustainability Committee
Re: Three (3) Pillars of Sustainability

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from The Blue Mountains Sustainability Committee regarding the Three Pillars of Sustainability, and refers the same to The Blue Mountains Advisory Committees of Council, Carried.

D.25 Harold Sutherland, President of Harold Sutherland Construction
Re: Announcement of Harold Sutherland Construction sale to Walker Industries Holdings Ltd.

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Peter Bordignon
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from Harold Sutherland, President of Harold Sutherland Construction regarding the sale of the company to Walker Industries Holdings Ltd. and refers the same to the Operations Department;

AND THAT Council request that Mayor Soever send a letter to Walker Industries Holdings Ltd. welcoming the company to The Blue Mountains, Carried.
D.26 Municipality of Grey Highlands
Re: Letter of Support regarding The Blue Mountains letter to Ministry of Transportation pertaining to Sideroad 26/27 Nottawasaga and County Road 91

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the July 19, 2019 correspondence from the Municipality of Grey Highlands acknowledging receipt of The Blue Mountains correspondence to the Ministry of Transportation regarding Sideroad 26/27 and Simcoe County Road 91, and refers the same to the Operations Department, Carried.

D.27 Suzanne Craig, Integrity Commissioner
Re: Memorandum dated July 30, 2019 and Addendum dated July 31, 2019

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the July 30, 2019 Memorandum and July 31, 2019 Memorandum from Integrity Commissioner, Suzanne Craig, and directs that the same be referred to Suzanne Craig, Integrity Commissioner, for clarification as it relates to Committee members, Carried.

D.28 C.J. Innes, Chair, Beaver Valley Outreach
Re: Thank you for support

D.29 Ray McComb, President & David Kell, Secretary Treasurer - Red Knights Motorcycle Club
Re: Thank you Letter

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondences included at Agenda items D.28 C.J. Innes, Chair, Beaver Valley Outreach, Re: Thank you for support and D.29 Ray McComb, President & David Kell, Secretary Treasurer - Red Knights Motorcycle Club Re: Thank you Letter, Carried.

D.30 Committee of Adjustment Application for a Consent – New Lot B07/2019 and B08-2019 Re: 173 Arlberg Crescent

D.31 Committee of Adjustment Application for a Consent – New Lot B06/2019 Re: 252 Bruce Street South, Thornbury

D.32 Committee of Adjustment Application for a Minor Variance to Zoning By-law 2018-65, A11/2019 Re: 177 Bayview Avenue, Thornbury

D.33 Committee of Adjustment Application for a Minor Variance to Zoning By-law 2018-65, A17/2018 Re: 90 King Street East, Thornbury

D.34 Committee of Adjustment Application for a Minor Variance to Zoning By-law 2018-65, A17/2019 Re: Lots 71-78 – Second Nature Phase 3

D.36 Toronto Transportation Club Foundation
Re: Request for approval to conduct a “Golf Ball Drop” Raffle Lottery – September 12, 2019 – See Agenda Item E.5 (For Council Consideration)

D.37 Sarah-Jane Laws, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
(Received for Information and Referred to Planning & Development Services)

D.38 Michaelene O’Malley, Resident
Re: Preliminary Property Options for Attainable Housing
(Received for Information and Referred to Planning & Development Services)

E. Motions and Staff Reports

E.1 Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day – October 24, 2019 Proclamation Request

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains recognizes October 24, 2019 as Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day in The Blue Mountains, Carried.

E.2 Canadian Cancer Society CIBC Run for the Cure Proclamation Request

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains recognizes September 29 to October 6, 2019 as Pink Week in The Blue Mountains, Carried.
E.3  Blue Mountain Resorts, 115 Swiss Meadows Blvd. – Noise By-law Exemption Request, FAF.19.188

Moved by:  Peter Bordignon  Seconded by:  Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.188 “Blue Mountain Resorts, 115 Swiss Meadows Blvd. – Noise By-law Exemption Request”; and

THAT Council grant relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law for Abbott Diabetes National Training Conference on Tuesday, September 24th, 2019 at 115 Swiss Meadows Blvd. from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., with noise from an acoustic duo or a DJ, Carried.

E.4  Creation of Second Senior Infrastructure Project Coordinator Position, FAF.19.195

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by:  Rob Potter

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.195, entitled “Creation of Second Senior Infrastructure Project Coordinator Position”; and

AND THAT Council approve the revision from an existing Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator position to a Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator position, Carried.

E.5  Toronto Transportation Club Foundation – “Golf Ball Drop” Lottery Event (See Agenda D.36)

Moved by:  Peter Bordignon  Seconded by:  Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains approves the request of the Toronto Transportation Club Foundation to host a “Golf Ball Drop” Lottery Event at the Lora Bay Club property at 109 East Ridge Drive, Thornbury, Ontario on September 12, 2019;

AND THAT such approval shall be subject to compliance with all rules and regulations established by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for hosting such a raffle, as determined by the Town Clerk, Carried.

F.  Consent Agenda

Reports List (Adopt)

F.1  Special Committee of the Whole Report, dated July 15, 2019
F.2  Committee of the Whole Report, dated August 26, 2019

Minutes List (Receive)

F.3  Drinking Water Source Protection Committee minutes dated March 29, 2019
F.4  Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board Highlights dated May 22, 2019
F.5  Grey Sauble Conservation Authority minutes dated May 22, 2019
F.6  The Blue Mountains Joint Municipal Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee minutes dated June 5, 2019
F.7  The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation minutes dated June 6, 2019

Moved by:  Rob Sampson  Seconded by:  Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council receive The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation minutes dated June 6, 2019 for information, Carried.
F.8 The Blue Mountains Code of Conduct Review Committee minutes dated June 17, 2019
F.9 The Blue Mountains Community Communications Advisory Committee minutes dated June 17, 2019
F.10 The Blue Mountains Public Library Board minutes dated June 20, 2019
F.11 The Blue Mountains Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated June 20, 2019
F.12 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board Highlights dated June 26, 2019
F.13 The Blue Mountains Council Compensation Review Committee minutes dated June 26, 2019
F.14 The Blue Mountains Economic Development Advisory Committee minutes dated July 8, 2019
F.15 The Blue Mountains Transportation Committee minutes dated July 9, 2019
F.16 The Blue Mountains Sustainability Committee minutes dated July 10, 2019
F.17 The Blue Mountains Joint Municipal Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee minutes dated July 17, 2019
F.18 The Blue Mountains Council Compensation Review Committee minutes dated July 24, 2019
F.19 Georgian Bay Youth Roots Meeting minutes dated July 31, 2019

G. By-laws

G.1 By-law to Amend The Blue Mountains Zoning By-law (Second Nature – Block 153)

Moved by: Jim Uram Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT By-law No. 2019 - 39 being a By-law to amend the Zoning By-law of The Blue Mountains being By-law 2018-65, is hereby amended by removing the Holding ‘-h7’ symbol from the lands lying and being in the Town of The Blue Mountains comprised of Part of Lot 17, Concession 1, described as Part 1, Plan 16R-11030 be passed this 9th day of September, 2019, Carried.

H. New and Unfinished Business

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

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke regarding the Grey County Council Meeting, noting that Grey County was awarded $1.85 for a Community Transportation Program that requires Grey County to provide regular scheduled transit service along Highway 26 and Highway 10 as well as some other youth related transportation. The Highway 26 route will connect Owen Sound, Meaford and The Blue Mountains for employment, medical appointments, shopping and Georgian College campuses, with two runs per day, five days per week and it will align with connecting service that The Blue Mountains already has established.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that Grey County Council endorsed the Partners for Climate Protection Program with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, further noting there will be a person hired that will address matters such as greenhouse gas that will be shared throughout the County.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted the Rural Economic Development Program was discussed at the County. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that Paramedic response rates in Grey County was discussed, and that Grey County has higher and faster response rates than provincially and we have more paramedic service in the Blue Mountains than any other Grey County municipality, due to our geography as we are split between multiple hospitals. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that Grey County has developed a paramedic community care program to provide proactive service.
Mayor Soever spoke regarding the Grey County transit runs and noted he questioned if there was consultation with all stakeholders. Mayor Soever noted that BMVA expressed concern that transit is running just Monday to Friday and BMVA’s peak demand time would be the weekends for tourism. Mayor Soever noted that BMVA will speak with Grey County to advise that regular service increases ridership.

Mayor Soever noted that Warden Hicks visited The Blue Mountains on September 6 and that during a tour of The Blue Mountains that he, Deputy Mayor Bartnicki and CAO Shawn Everitt highlighted issues in The Blue Mountains, which are exacerbated by the County tax burden. Mayor Soever noted that The Blue Mountains residents pay almost three times the County taxes than a tax payer in Hanover or Owen Sound. Mayor Soever noted that he highlighted that properties in Thornbury and Clarksbury are selling about 75% higher than their 2016 assessment, and that this will likely result in high assessment increases in the 2019 assessment cycle.

Mayor Soever noted that they visited Beaver Valley Outreach that fills in gaps that Grey County Social Services does not provide, spoke about the infrastructure deficit, including the lack of long-term care, closure of Clendenan Bridge, lack of tourism infrastructure including parking and washrooms along the Beaver River. Mayor Soever noted that they visited Blue Mountain Fruit Company, Georgian Hills Vineyards as well as Blue Mountain Village Association which are important economic drivers in the community. Mayor Soever noted that the Warden was impressed with the amount of development around the Village and that he stressed the need for transportation assistance. Mayor Soever spoke with Warden Hicks about taxes in The Blue Mountains, further noting that the whole theme of the visit was that The Blue Mountains is the economic engine for Grey County but we cannot do it alone, and that The Blue Mountains needs some investment back to The Blue Mountains from Grey County.

H.2 Notice of Motion (Council)

H.2.1 Deputy Mayor Bartnicki Notice of Motion

Note: At the August 26, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, Deputy Mayor Odette 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: Rob Potter

That staff provide a report to Council addressing the requirements for notice to the public regarding:
1. Planning and Development matters (as per Planning Act);
2. By-law exemptions;
3. Other legally required notices to members of the public currently provided by the Town of The Blue Mountains;

And, that staff provide details of how we can ensure that
(a) All property owners within legislated distances receive appropriate notices, and
(b) Rural property owners receive notices of Planning and Development matters related to neighbouring properties, Carried.
H.2.2 Councillor Potter provided the following Notice of Motion to be included on the next Council Agenda.

WHEREAS the system of justice in Ontario is based on the British system of Common Law which bases decisions on legal precedents;

AND WHEREAS the decisions of Integrity Commissioners in settled cases could provide guidance to all involved in Municipal Government in Ontario as well as to the people they serve;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Code of Conduct Sub-Committee recommends that the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing create a searchable database of all matters placed before all Integrity Commissioners within the province and the resolution of such matters;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario via the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

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

WHEREAS there were numerous parking issues throughout the Town during the summer months at locations adjacent to beaches, parks, and other areas; and

WHEREAS the lack of properly controlled parking in these areas led to over-capacity parking lots, on street parking, congestion on beaches, as well as trespass onto private property;

COUNCIL hereby directs Staff to start work with the Transportation Committee on gathering the information necessary to include a parking plan for implementation in 2020, which includes implementation of controlled paid parking for visitors, with an exemption for The Blue Mountains residents and that,

COUNCIL acknowledge that pre-approval for the paid parking project will be considered prior to the 2020 budget process.

H.3 Additions to Agenda

H.3.1 Toronto Star Article Re: Delphi

Councillor Matrosov spoke regarding the article in the Toronto Star newspaper regarding access to the shoreline at Delphi and requested a status update on the peer review that requested a solution to the access to the ANSI, that ensures equal public access to all residents, updates the level of the ANSI and tree preservation and includes the budget. Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, spoke noting that he has had meetings with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and is currently awaiting information from the Ministry. Ryan noted that once this information is received, it will be forwarded to Council.
I. Notice of Meeting Dates

Committee of the Whole Meeting, September 16, 2019
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, September 17, 2019, 8:45 am
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Special Meeting of Council, September 23, 2019, 8:30 am
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Special Meeting of Council, September 30, 2019, 1:00 pm
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Meeting, September 30, 2019
Town Hall, Council Chambers

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

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

Council moved into closed session at 10:23 p.m.
Council moved into public session at 10:50 p.m.

Mayor Soever reported out of closed session noting that Council met in closed session to review two potential litigation matters and provided direction to staff to move toward settlement on both matters, and approved a number of closed session minutes.

K. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Moved by: Jim Uram Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT By-law No. 2019 - 40, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on September 9, 2019 be hereby enacted as passed this 9th day of September, 2019, Carried.

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 10:53 p.m. to meet again September 30, 2019 Town Hall, Council Chambers, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

Alar Soever, Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk