A. Call to Order

- Moment of Reflection

- Approval of Agenda

  Recommended (Move, second)

  THAT the Agenda of October 21, 2019 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda.

- 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.

- 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.

  Recommended (Move, second)

  THAT the Consent Agenda of October 21, 2019 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion.
Previous Minutes

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT the Council minutes of September 30, 2019, Special Meeting of Council minutes of September 30, 2019 and October 16, 2019 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

B. 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.

B.1 Presentation: Steve Conn, Interim Fire Chief, 30 Years of Service

B.2 Deputation: Jayne Sutherland, Resident
Re: Issues and Concerns of Residents of The Blue Mountains regarding the proposed construction of Pickleball Courts on the green space at Bayview Park in Thornbury

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.

D. Correspondence as previously circulated

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of October 21, 2019 and further does support the Staff Recommendation made with regard to the Correspondence items, including any additional direction given to Staff through discussion, with an appropriate Staff action or response awaited for report back to Committee or Council where indicated.

D.1 Municipality of Grey Highlands
Re: Request for Support for continuation of the programs and services of the three CA’s, both mandatory and non-mandatory
(For Council Consideration)
D.2 East Ferris Municipality  
Re: Request for Support to consider including a child care program during the ROMA, OGRA, AMO, FONOM and NeORA conferences  
(For Council Consideration)

D.3 Marsh Street Centre  
Re: Request reconsideration on the Removal of the Marsh Street A-Frame Sign located at TD Bank Trust property  
(For Council Consideration)

D.4 Jan and Geoff Nicholson, Residents  
Re: Proposal for Four Pickleball Courts at Bayview Park, Thornbury  
(Received for Information and Referred to Community Services)

D.5 Terri Kimball, Resident  
Re: Proposal for Four Pickleball Courts at Bayview Park, Thornbury  
(Received for Information and Referred to Community Services)

D.6 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Re: Follow-up letter from AMO Conference and Attainable Housing matters  
(Received for Information and Referred to The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing)

D.7 Stewardship Ontario  
Re: Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for the Second Quarter of the 2019 Program Year  
(Received for Information and Referred to Finance and IT Services)

D.8 Grey County Planning and Development  
Re: Notice of Decision – Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan Short Term Accommodation Policies (Sections B2.5 and B3.7.6.14)  
(Received for Information and Referred to Planning & Development Services)

D.9 Township of Clearview  
Re: Notice of Public Meeting for the Official Plan Review  
(Received for Information and Referred to Planning & Development Services)

D.10 Township of La Valle  
Re: Resolution of Support to The Blue Mountains regarding an Integrity Commissioner decision database  
(Received for Information)

D.11 Municipality of Dutton Dunwich  
Re: Resolution of Support to The Blue Mountains regarding an Integrity Commissioner decision database  
(Received for Information)
D.12 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA)
Re: Asset Management at GSCA – 2019 Board of Directors Orientation
(Received for Information)

D.13 Ontario Energy Board
Re: Enbridge Gas to construct approximately 34 kilometres of natural gas pipeline in Municipality of West Grey and Township of Chatsworth
(Received for Information)

D.14 Alex Maxwell, Resident
Re: Response to Council Compensation Committee Report to reduce The Blue Mountains level of elected representation
(Received for Information)

D.15 Catherine Daw & Bryan Vermander
Re: Support for Motion to Declare Climate Emergency
(Received for Information)

D.16 Elizabeth Zetlin
Re: Support for Motion to Declare Climate Emergency
(Received for Information)

D.17 Nicholas Clayton
Re: Support for Motion to Declare Climate Crisis
(Received for Information)

D.18 Carmen Lenauskas
Re: Support for Motion to Declare Climate Emergency
(Received for Information)

D.19 David Walton
Re: Support for Motion to Declare Climate Emergency
(Received for Information)

D.20 John T. Anderson
Re: Support for Motion to Declare Climate Emergency
(Received for Information)

D.21 Al Tulloch
Re: Pickleball Courts at Bayview Park
(Received for Information)

D.22 Ron Smith
Re: Pickleball Courts at Bayview Park
(Received for Information)
D.23 Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Re: Towards a Reasonable Balance: Addressing growing municipal liability and insurance costs
(For Council Consideration)

E. Motions and Staff Reports

E.1 Follow-up to Sidewalk Locations for Elma and Alice Street, CSOPS.19.083

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.19.083, entitled “Follow-up to Sidewalk Locations for Elma and Alice Street’;

AND THAT Council direct staff to move to advance Final Design with the level of service specific to sidewalk locations on Elma Street and Alice Street as outlined in Option ___ of this report.

F. Consent Agenda

Reports List (Adopt)

NOTE: Agenda items F.1 to F.4 have been removed from the Agenda and will be included on the October 28, 2019 Committee of the Whole Agenda.

F.4 Committee of the Whole Report dated October 7, 2019

Minutes List (Receive)

F.5 The Blue Mountains Public Library Board minutes dated July 18, 2019
F.6 The Blue Mountains Public Library Board minutes dated August 12, 2019
F.7 The Blue Mountains Council Compensation Review Committee minutes dated August 14, 2019
F.8 The Blue Mountains Joint Municipal Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee minutes dated August 15, 2019
F.9 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights dated August 28, 2019
F.10 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board minutes dated August 28, 2019
F.11 The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation minutes dated September 5, 2019
F.12 The Blue Mountains Transportation Committee minutes dated September 10, 2019
F.13 The Blue Mountains Sustainability Committee minutes dated September 11, 2019
F.14 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Meeting Highlights dated September 27, 2019
G. By-laws

None

H. New and Unfinished Business

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

H.2 Notice of Motion (Council)

H.2.1 Councillor Peter Bordignon Notice of Motion

Note: At the September 30, 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.

THAT Council acknowledge and celebrate the Beaver Valley Agricultural Society being the oldest organization in our community and the Beaver Valley Fall Fair;

AND THAT the Beaver Valley Agricultural Society will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in September 2020.

AND THAT Council direct staff to initiate discussions with the Beaver Valley Agricultural Society to consider creating a request for additional support for the 2020 Beaver Valley Fall Fair including additional financial resources from the Town to help mark this milestone:

AND THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a report outlining the request for support to be considered prior to the 2020 Budget process.

H.2.2 Deputy Mayor Odette Bartnicki Notice of Motion

Note: At the September 30, 2019 Council 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.

Whereas the Town of The Blue Mountains relies on a health and sustainable natural environment including the Niagara Escarpment, Georgian Bay, abundant forests and diverse agricultural lands for economy, lifestyle, health, welfare, and

Whereas the long-term economic sustainability of the Town of The Blue Mountains is dependent on our natural environment which is at risk due to climate change factors including but not limited to substantial temperature rise, water rise, historic decreases in snow base, fluctuating weather patterns resulting in significant impacts on our agricultural sector, and

Whereas climate emergency solutions not only reduce carbon output, the main cause of global temperature rise, but they also offer multiple benefits including improved health
and air quality, greater community resilience, protections for economic development, agriculture and tourism and reduced costs for mitigation and insurance, and

Whereas the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report states that the world has less than 12 years to avert the worst impacts of the climate crisis, and

Whereas Climate Change is defined as “a change of climate which is attributed directly or indirectly to human activity that alters the composition of the global atmosphere and which is in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable time periods” by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and

Whereas Climate Change is defined as “a change in the state of the climate that can be identified (e.g., by using statistical tests) by changes in the mean and/or the variability of its properties and that persists for an extended period, typically decades or longer” by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and

Whereas the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals state that “Climate Change is now affecting every country on every continent and disrupting national economies and affecting lives, costing people, communities and countries dearly today and event more tomorrow”, and

Whereas Goal 13 of the Paris Agreement (December 12, 2015) calls for “urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts and is intrinsically linked to all 16 of the other goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, and

Whereas municipalities will bear the burden of much of the financial damage associated with climate change because of a dramatic increase in costs of road and bridge maintenance, inland flooding, water quality, winter recreation/tourism, agricultural loses, and

Whereas declarations of Climate Change Emergency serve to:

- create pressure on higher levels of government to act;
- provide a basis for provincial and federal funding for local action;
- support municipal decision making for environmental and economic sustainability;
- encourage responsibility at the individual, group and commercial levels;
- promote education for elected officials, Town staff, community partners, citizens and visitors.

Whereas the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) released new data demonstrating the urgent need for investments in local Climate adaptation in a new report on September 26th, and
Whereas over 935 governments worldwide have declared a Climate Emergency since the first declaration by the United Kingdom on May 1st, 2019 (International Climate Forum (ICEF)), and

Whereas over 448 Canadian municipalities, including Grey Highlands and West Grey, have already declared Climate Change Emergencies and others such as Collingwood, Creemore and Georgian Bluffs are now in the process of preparing to do so, and

Whereas the Town of The Blue Mountains holds membership in the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) with a staff member being one of three Canadian Board members on ICLEI which is the architect of the Partners for Climate Protection Milestones, and

Whereas Grey County and the Town of the Blue Mountains are participants in the Partners for Climate Protection, and

Whereas the Town of The Blue Mountains has actively worked through the Milestones and is currently at Milestone 3, and

Whereas the budget process for the 2020 year is currently underway and projections for 2021, 2022 and 2023 along with long-term capital investments are under consideration, and

Whereas funding relating to attainment of goals and mitigation strategies is expected to be available from all levels of government within the next six months, and

Whereas a declaration will support applications for funding and support the work of the Sustainability Advisory Committee recommendation to Council regarding the development of an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) through consultation with the citizens of the Town of The Blue Mountains, and

Whereas on September 27th, 2019 many local citizens, including children, youth and adults, demonstrated their concerns regarding Climate Change at Town Hall, and

Now therefore be it resolved that Council receive the petition of the community requesting that Council declare a Climate Change Emergency, and

That the Municipality of the Town of The Blue Mountains officially declare a Climate Change Emergency to name and deepen our commitment to protecting our economy, our community, and our eco systems from climate crisis, and

That Council, through the Mayor, make a declaration of Climate Change Emergency as follows:

“Be it resolved that the Town of The Blue Mountains officially declares a Climate Change Emergency for the purpose of enhancing and accelerating action on our commitment to protect our community, our economy, and our ecosystems from the impacts of climate change”, and
That Council will lead by example by providing direction to staff through the Town of The Blue Mountains Strategic Planning and Budgeting processes, as well as planning for capital investments, to take into consideration Climate Change impacts, mitigation strategies and alternative energy sources that decrease dependence on fossil fuels, and

That all decision making regarding future expenditures takes into consideration climate change impacts, including but not limited to the purchase and maintenance of heavy equipment and vehicles, energy sources and usage, preservation, protection and maintenance of trees, water, shoreline, escarpment, hazard lands, parkland and greenspace, park maintenance, snow removal-salt/ice mitigation, landfill management, water treatment and capital infrastructure, and

That Council request that the Sustainability Advisory Committee review the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (Paris Agreement) and work together with Council and Staff to assess current state and develop plans and processes to ensure that the Town of The Blue Mountains is positioned to meet these goals by 2030, and

That the Sustainability Advisory Committee work with stakeholders through consultation to develop a fact-based measurable Climate Action Plan for addressing the climate emergency, and

That Council forward notice of the Town of The Blue Mountains’ Declaration of Climate Change Emergency to Grey County and all member municipalities, Premier Doug Ford, Bill Walker, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, Rod Phillips, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Prime Minister’s Office, Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA), Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NCVA) and Grey County Federation of Agriculture.

H.3 Additions to Agenda

I. Notice of Meeting Dates

Committee of the Whole Meeting, October 28, 2019
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Meeting, November 13, 2019
Town Hall, Council Chambers
J. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT By-law No. 2019 - 46, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on October 21, 2019 be hereby enacted as passed this 21st day of October, 2019.

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT this Council does now adjourn at (time) p.m. to meet again November 13, 2019 Town Hall, Council Chambers, or at the call of the Chair.