Minutes
The Blue Mountains, Special Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: October 16, 2019
Meeting Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

A. Call to Order

Mayor Alar Soever called the meeting to order with all members in attendance save Councillor Bordignon and Councillor Uram absent due to previous commitments.

Also in attendance Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt and Director of Planning and Development Services Nathan Westendorp

- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT the Agenda of October 16, 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. 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.

B.1.1 Ian Sinclair spoke regarding the Gibraltar Pit LPAT hearing and noted that Council is doing its best to clean up situations from previous Councils, further noting that staff reports are outdated and require updating. Mr. Sinclair spoke regarding the journey of the Friends of the Pretty River Valley over the past 3.5 years, noting their focus has been to protect the Pretty River Provincial Park, a treasure in the community. Mr. Sinclair asked that Council consider purchasing the Gibraltar Pit to create a welcome centre leading into the Park. Mr. Sinclair asked that Council not change the official plan, further noting that this Council made promises not to allow extraction below the water table. Mr. Sinclair noted that the mapping of this area does not show the area’s magnificence, further noting that this decision is a 60 year decision and that the landscape will be scarred forever if the application is approved.
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:

i) 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 purpose; and with regard to an LPAT hearing;

ii) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board, and with regard to a municipal contract; and

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

Council moved into closed session at 8:13 am
Council rose from closed session at 9:27 am

The Mayor reported out of closed session noting that Council met in closed session regarding 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 purpose; and with regard to an LPAT hearing and Council has provided direction to its solicitor and the Town’s Director of Planning and Development Services to advance discussions with the proponent in advance of the Monday, October 21, 2019 LPAT hearing regarding the Gibraltar Pit in a manner that addresses the public interest, including, but not limited to, buffering to the Pretty River Provincial Park, protection of the water table, tree preservation, trucking and site operations.

Council also met in closed session regarding litigation or potential litigation regarding a municipal contract and provided direction to staff and authorization to the Mayor and Clerk to execute the full and final minutes of settlement regarding a municipal contract.

Council met in closed session regarding personal matters and with regard to personnel matters and provided direction to staff regarding personnel matters.

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council direct its solicitor and the Town’s Director of Planning and Development Services to advance discussions with the proponent in advance of the Monday, October 21, 2019 LPAT hearing regarding the Gibraltar Pit in a manner that addresses the public interest, including, but not limited to, buffering to the Pretty River Provincial Park, protection of the water table, tree preservation, trucking and site operations, Carried.
D. Adjournment

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT this Special Meeting of Council does now adjourn at 9:38 a.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