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, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator Tim Hendry, IT Infrastructure and Security Coordinator John Walsh and Acting Fire Chief Steve Conn.

Council then paused for a Moment of Reflection.

- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the Agenda of October 21, 2019 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, being Agenda Item H.3.1 Committee Appointment Resignation and the removal of Agenda Items F.1 Committee Report of The Blue Mountains Joint Municipal Physician Recruitment and Retention dated August 15, 2019, F.2 Committee Report of the Transportation Committee Report dated September 10, 2019 and F.3 Committee Report of the Sustainability Advisory Committee Report dated September 11, 2019, 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 in Agenda item F.4 Committee Report dated October 7, 2019 - B.3.2 New Year’s Eve Party / Raise the Roof Fundraiser - Marsh Street Community Centre - Noise By-law Relief Request FAF.19.204 as his wife is a member of the organization.

- 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.

### Previous Minutes

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, Carried.

### 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

Mayor Soever congratulated Interim Fire Chief, Steve Conn on his 30 years of service with the Fire Department. Mayor Soever presented Steve with his 30 year service bar and a picture was taken with Council to celebrate Steve’s accomplishment.

#### 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**

Ms. Sutherland spoke noting that she, and the residents she is speaking for, have no issues with pickleball. Ms. Sutherland noted that her concerns are regarding the construction of four pickleball courts on the greenspace beside the tennis courts at Bayview Park. Ms. Sutherland then addressed her five concerns, being noise, traffic and parking, cost, consultations and communications, and loss of greenspace.

Ms. Sutherland asked that Council delay the construction of the pickleball courts to allow time to communicate with local residents and to seek public input.

Ms. Sutherland asked that Council relocate the pickleball courts to a non-residential area, suggesting Tomahawk Golf Course complex would be an ideal location as it is in a non-residential area. Ms. Sutherland suggested that a permanent washroom facility be constructed at Tomahawk similar to that at Bayview Park to accommodate the users.

Ms. Sutherland thanked Council for hearing her deputation.
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 Mark Condie, Bay Street East resident, spoke asking that Council save the greenspace at Bayview Park, noting that we have an obligation to future generations. Mr. Condie noted that he is not against pickleball, but asked that the new pickleball courts be located at Tomahawk, and not in a residential area. Mr. Condie noted that noise abatement is costly and that there is ample parking at Tomahawk, better traffic flow, and has washroom facilities. Mr. Condie noted that Tomahawk has ample space for future growth of the pickleball sport, and asked that Council relocate the new pickleball courts to Tomahawk.

C.1.2 Lori Condie, Bay Street East resident, spoke noting that she has listened to the opinions on the potential pickleball court location at Bayview Park and noted that she believes the new pickleball courts should be located at Tomahawk. Ms. Condie expressed concern with the loss of greenspace, parking and traffic congestion at the Bayview Park location. Ms. Condie noted that Tomahawk has parking, and has space for future growth. Ms. Condie expressed concern with the noise generated by pickleball noting that it is played 13 hours per day for five months of the year. Ms. Condie noted concern for the area residents and the loss of enjoyment of their properties and property values if the pickleball courts are constructed at Bayview Park.

C.1.3 Brett Russell, 10 Bay Street East, spoke noting that he supports the comments made regarding the placement of the pickleball courts at Bayview Park, and expressed concern with the level of noise pickleball will generate 8 to 10 hours per day and the traffic congestion that will be generated by pickleball users. Mr. Russell noted that Council should seek public consultation on the pickleball court location and should complete a noise study, light study and environmental impact study. Mr. Russell asked that Council direct the pickleball courts to be constructed at Tomahawk and that the washrooms also be improved at that location.

C.1.4 Catherine Daw, The Blue Mountains/Clearview Townline, spoke noting that she supports the notice of motion included on this evening’s Agenda regarding a climate emergency noting we are experiencing droughts, unstable weather, political destabilization, and noted that we must mobilize society to bring greenhouse gas emissions to zero. Ms. Daw noted that the notice of motion to declare a climate emergency shows leadership and partnerships at all government levels, further noting that we need to take action quickly and become a model across South Georgian Bay. Ms. Daw urged Council to pass the climate emergency unanimously.

C.1.5 Al Tulloch, 21st Sideroad, spoke noting that 3% of the Town supports the relocation of the pickleball courts to another location. Mr. Tulloch noted that alternate locations were discussed, and noted that wind and noise concerns were considered, and that it was determined that the best site for the Pickleball Courts is Bayview Park. Mr. Tulloch noted that Bayview Park is family oriented and greatly underutilized, further noting that he has never seen anyone use the vast site next to the pumping station. Mr. Tulloch thanked Council for moving forward with the pickleball courts at Bayview, further noting that Council should not allow a small group dictate the placement of the pickleball courts.
C.1.6  Bill Abbotts, Elma Street resident, spoke regarding staff report CSOPS.19.083 regarding the placement of sidewalks on Elma and Alice Streets. Mr. Abbotts noted that Option 2, attachment 3 is the preferred option by the majority of the residents in the area. Mr. Abbotts also spoke regarding the staff report regarding Victoria Street road allowance, and asked that Council not sell the road allowance as it is a water access.

C.1.7  Debbie Crosskill Clarksburg resident, spoke noting that she supports the deputation of Jayne Sutherland regarding the relocation of the pickleball courts to Tomahawk. Ms. Crosskill noted that she was one of the “Women of 12” that constructed the Labyrinth at Bayview Park and noted that the Labyrinth is a place of meditation that will be impacted if the pickleball courts are constructed at Bayview Park. Ms. Crosskill noted that the Women of 12 paid for the Labyrinth and the Town donated the land and paid for the pavilion. Ms. Crosskill then spoke regarding The Blue Mountains promotional shirts and hats being sold by the Town noting that the Town logo is not printed on the shirts, and that the Muskoka chairs and canoes printed on the shirts is not reflective of this area. Ms. Crosskill noted that she would like to see Town promotional wear that is reflective of the area, referencing apples, ski resorts and Georgian Bay. Ms. Crosskill expressed concern that the tshirts are made in Mexico.

C.1.8  Keith Thomson, Alice Street resident, spoke noting that he does not support the construction of sidewalks on the south side of Elma Street, further noting that the pedestrian traffic does not warrant a sidewalk.

C.1.9  Sarah Clarke, Alice Street West, spoke noting that she has resided at this address for 13 years, has children and uses the sidewalks. Ms. Clarke noted that one sidewalk is sufficient, further noting that there is insufficient space on the south side of Elma to park two cars in the driveway, and have a sidewalk as well. Ms. Clarke noted that she attended the Public Information Centre and was advised at that time that just the existing sidewalks would be replaced. Ms. Clarke noted that the cost for the construction of an additional sidewalk should be used elsewhere.

C.1.10 Eric Neuman, 44 Elma Street, spoke noting that Council should consider the whole Town and what is the core downtown area.

C.1.11 Kim Harris-Gardner, 78 Lakeshore, spoke regarding the proposed location of the pickleball courts at Bayview Park and noted that voices carry at the waterfront, and that pickleball is loud. Ms. Harris-Gardner asked that the pickleball courts be relocated to Tomahawk. Ms. Harris-Gardner then spoke on behalf of the Thornbury Earthdaughters regarding the notice of motion included on this evening’s Agenda, regarding climate emergency. Ms. Harris-Gardner noted that greenhouse gases are increasing and that this group has the most to lose. Ms. Harris-Gardner asked that Council vote in support of the climate emergency to help protect, fund and restore changes that are coming

D.  Correspondence as previously circulated

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

Moved by:  Jim Uram  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and supports the Municipality of Grey Highlands October 2, 2019 motion regarding the continuation of both mandatory and non-mandatory programs and services of Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, Carried.
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

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and supports the East Ferris Municipality motion to consider including child care programs at the ROMA, OGRA, AMO, FONOM and NeORA conferences, Carried.

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

Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the September 30, 2019 correspondence from the Marsh Street Centre regarding the removal of the Marsh Street Centre ‘A’ Frame Sign located at TD Bank Trust property;

AND THAT Council refer the correspondence to Staff to consider special exemptions to the Sign By-law for non-profit organizations and to report back to Council with options, Carried.

D.4 Jan and Geoff Nicholson, Residents
Re: Proposal for Four Pickleball Courts at Bayview Park, Thornbury

D.5 Terri Kimball, Resident
Re: Proposal for Four Pickleball Courts at Bayview Park, Thornbury

Moved by: Jim Uram  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information Agenda items D.4, D.5, D.21 and D.22 regarding the proposal for Four Pickleball Courts at Bayview Park, Thornbury;

AND THAT the correspondences received be referred to Community Services, Carried.

Moved by: Alar Soever  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains directs that the construction of the Pickleball Courts at Bayview Park, Thornbury, be deferred until a sound study is completed and the comments received to date have been reviewed, Carried.

D.6 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Re: Follow-up letter from AMO Conference and Attainable Housing matters

Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence dated September 30, 2019 from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister Steve Clark thanking Mayor Soever, Councillor Sampson and CAO Shawn Everitt for meeting with him at the AMO Conference in Ottawa regarding housing supply issues in The Blue Mountains;

AND THAT Council refer the correspondence to The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing, Carried.
D.7 Stewardship Ontario
Re: Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for the Second Quarter of the 2019 Program Year

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence dated September 30, 2019 from Stewardship Ontario regarding Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for the Second Quarter of the 2019 Program Year;

AND THAT Council refer the correspondence to Finance and IT Services, Carried.

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)

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence dated September 27, 2019 from Grey County Planning and Development enclosing the “Notice of Decision – Town of the Blue Mountains Official Plan Short Term Accommodation Policies (Sections B2.5 and B3.7.6.14)”;

AND THAT Council refer the correspondence to Planning and Development Services, Carried.

D.9 Township of Clearview
Re: Notice of Public Meeting for the Official Plan Review

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the Notice of Public Meeting for the Official Plan Review dated September 26, 2019 from Township of Clearview;

AND THAT Council refer the correspondence to Planning and Development Services, Carried.

D.10 Township of La Vallee
Re: Resolution of Support to The Blue Mountains regarding an Integrity Commissioner decision database

D.11 Municipality of Dutton Dunwich
Re: Resolution of Support to The Blue Mountains regarding an Integrity Commissioner decision database

Moved by: Rob Potter  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence from Township of La Vallee and Municipality of Dutton Dunwich supporting The Blue Mountains regarding an Integrity Commissioner decision database, Carried.
D.12  Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA)
Re: Asset Management at GSCA – 2019 Board of Directors Orientation

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence from Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) regarding Asset Management at GSCA – 2019 Board of Directors Orientation, Carried.

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

Moved by: Rob Potter  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence from Ontario Energy Board Notice regarding Enbridge Gas construction of pipeline within Municipality of West Grey and Township of Chatsworth, Carried.

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

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Andrea Maxwell

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence from Alex Maxwell regarding The Blue Mountains level of elected representation, Carried.

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)

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information Agenda Item D.15 thru to D.20 correspondence in support of the notice motion to declare climate emergency, Carried.
D.21   Al Tulloch  
Re: Pickleball Courts at Bayview Park

D.22   Ron Smith  
Re: Pickleball Courts at Bayview Park

D.23   Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Re: Towards a Reasonable Balance: Addressing growing municipal liability and insurance costs  
Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence dated October 1, 2019 from Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO);  
AND THAT Council supports AMO’s submission to the Attorney General of Ontario addressing growing municipal liability and insurance costs, Carried.

E.   Motions and Staff Reports

E.1  Follow-up to Sidewalk Locations for Elma and Alice Street, CSOPS.19.083  
Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Rob Potter

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 #1 of this report, Carried.

F.   Consent Agenda

Reports List (Adopt)

NOTE:   Agenda items F.1 to F.3 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

Councillor Potter vacated the Council table having earlier declared a pecuniary interest.
B.3.1 Council Compensation Review, FAF.19.187

Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.187, entitled “Council Compensation Review” for information;

AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed to a Public Meeting to receive comments, as is required by the Provision of Notice and Manner of Giving Notice Policy POL.COR.07.03;

AND THAT the Council Compensation Review Committee propose the annual remuneration for Council members be considered effective January 1, 2019;

AND THAT Council consider the increase through the 2020 Budget process, as follows and as detailed in the Financial Impact Section of this report:

(1) Mayor compensation increase from $31,000 to $39,427;
(2) Deputy Mayor compensation increase from $22,000 to $28,250; and
(3) Councilor compensation increase from $17,500 to $29,120.

AND THAT Council member compensation be proposed to increase automatically annually through a two-part formula:

- Any provincial general minimum wage increase; and
- Annual Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI) as reported in September as approved through the budget process

AND THAT the current Compensation Review Committee reconvene within the final 18 months of this term of office to review the implementation of the final recommendations approved by Council with the benefit of the Public consultation process being completed to ensure these recommendations have been adequate;

AND THAT a Council Compensation Review Committee shall be reestablished by Council at a minimum of every two years and/or at the request of Council or the CAO to continue its mandate, Carried.

B.6.1 Deputation: Denis Martinek, Tyrolean Village Resorts Limited

Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council receive the deputation of Denis Martinek, Tyrolean Village Resorts Limited requesting installation of a gravity fed sanitary sewer line on Tyrolean Lane in order to provide municipal sewers to the chalets on Tyrolean Lane;

AND THAT Council direct staff to include the Tyrolean Lane gravity fed sanitary sewer line in the 2020 Budget for Council consideration;

AND THAT Council refer the correspondence to the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation for consideration as it relates to staff accommodations in this area, Carried.
B.8.1 Elma and Alice Street Area Streetscape Report, CSOPS.19.064

Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.19.064, entitled “Elma and Alice Area Streetscape Report”;

AND THAT Council receive the Elma and Alice Area Streetscape Report by Tatham Engineering as presented;

AND THAT Council directs Staff to advance the Final Design with the level of service and design elements to be incorporated into Elma and Alice Street Area as follows:
1. Correction/extension of private plumbing responsibility of landowner
2. Level of service includes storm sewers and storm laterals
3. 8.5m road width
4. 1.5m wide sidewalk
5. Sidewalk on both sides of the street
6. Re-design parking on Town land and church property by agreement
7. Mountable curb
8. Mount standard cobra head fixtures on existing hydro poles, and
9. Replace street trees to achieve 16m boulevard spacing of specimen trees and remove miscellaneous private landscaping, Carried.

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

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council receive The Blue Mountains Joint Municipal Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee minutes dated August 15, 2019, Carried.

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

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council receive The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation minutes dated September 5, 2019, Carried.

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
H. New and Unfinished Business

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

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke noting that at Grey County Council, Dr. Aara, Bruce Grey Medical Officer of Health spoke about the dangers of vaping, further noting that the Association for Medical Officers is advocating for the collection of data regarding emergency room response related to vaping as the Ministry of Health is not collecting this data. Dr. Aara referenced the escalating costs of opioid addictions to municipalities, further noting there is a class-action law suit and some Ontario municipalities are looking at joining in to recover costs.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that the Ardent Defender Exercise (emergency response to terrorism and other major catastrophic events) was conducted at the DND base in Meaford with over 400 participants from 20 countries participating.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that Dr. Aara referenced the announcement by the Health Minister, Christine Elliot, naming Jim Pine as the Advisor to lead consultation on the future of Public Health and Emergency Services. The advisor’s role is to facilitate discussions between the Ministry of Health, AMO and public health, emergency health, and municipal stakeholders.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke regarding Grey County Committee of the Whole, noting that a motion regarding MPP Marit Stiles Private Members Bill 89, Teach the Reach Act, 2019 was passed at the County in order to make roads safer for Ontario cyclists was carried.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that a motion regarding the principal of joint and several liability premiums was endorsed and forwarded to the Ministry of the Attorney General.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that a presentation was delivered by Barry Field, Chief Operating Officer for SWIFT highlighted the huge percentage (83%) of Grey County who are underserved with internet.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that a resolution calling for stronger enforcement for safety of farms families, employees and animals was carried and will be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture and relevant agricultural associations in Grey County.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki spoke regarding the Grey County Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee, noting there will be public consultation regarding revisions to current by-laws.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that Grey County has been in consultation with The Blue Mountains staff to ensure alignment.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that an update regarding the Sydenham Campus (The Generator) was provided. The Director of Innovation for Georgian College was engaged to write the business plan. The ‘Generator’ has partnered with Guelph to offer small business training and mentorship at the Sydenham Campus. Staff are also working with Futures, The Angels network and other supporters of business.

Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that the Grey County Budget process was discussed. Mayor Soever referred to a request by TBM Ratepayers to be involved in the Grey County process. Discussion of previous budget committees ensued. It was determined that all members of the public including our Ratepayers have opportunities to provide input in the current process.
Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noted that the Planning Department reviewed Grey County comments on proposed changes to the 2019 Draft Provincial Policy Statement which will be shared with our Planning Department.

Mayor Soever spoke regarding the SWIFT presentation, noting that a large portion of Grey County is underserviced, and that we are not eligible for CRTC funding. CAO Shawn Everitt spoke noting that in response to Council’s request for SWIFT to provide a presentation to The Blue Mountains Council, that SWIFT has confirmed that Warden Hicks is to present to Council.

Mayor Soever spoke regarding the Grey County Transportation, noting that the County is looking at, in addition to the current two routes, looking to fill the broader requirements to support point to point UBER service. Mayor Soever spoke regarding the requirement for consistency for municipal insurance and vehicle inspections.

Councillor Sampson questioned if we will ask the Warden to attend a future Blue Mountains Council Meeting to speak regarding SWIFT, Shawn Everitt replying yes.

Mayor Soever spoke noting that the County is reviewing its Strategic Plan and looked at the three pillars, including economic development and sustainability, community wellbeing and effective development.

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.

Moved by: Peter Bordignon    Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

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, Carried.

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.
Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

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 even 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 losses, 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, Clearview 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 ecosystems 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”,

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 a staff report on everything that is currently being done to address Climate Change be brought forward to the Sustainability Advisory Committee prior to budget; and

That Council refer development of a fact-based measurable Climate Action Plan for addressing the climate emergency including consultation with stakeholders to the Sustainability Advisory Committee for inclusion in the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan; 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) Grey County Federation of Agriculture, National Farmers Union Grey County Local 344, Grey-Bruce District Christian Farmers Association, Jim Wilson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey, Carried.

H.2.2 Councillor Matrosovs Notice of Motion

NOTE: Councillor Matrosovs provided the following Notice of Motion. This Notice of Motion will be included on the November 13, 2019 Council Agenda for Council consideration.

WHEREAS Council motions, correspondence from outside the Town of The Blue Mountains, and communications received from constituents and organizations in the Town of The Blue Mountains about sustainability items are valuable input to the development of an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP), and

WHEREAS the Sustainability Advisory Committee Terms of Reference identify the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan as a priority; and

WHEREAS Sustainability Advisory Committee agendas of July 10, August 14 and September 11 were not achievable in the time allotted; and

WHEREAS the process to develop an ISCP will include community-wide consultation, fact-based research and staff reports; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that Council refer all past, current and future sustainability items to the Sustainability Advisory Committee for consideration and/or implementation into the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan subject to its process and timeline; and be it further
RESOLVED that until a contract position for Sustainability is filled, all matters be referred to the Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair(s) for discernment of agendas for the Sustainability Advisory Committee meetings and subcommittee work.

H.3 Additions to Agenda

H.3.1 Committee Appointment Resignation

Moved by: Odette Bartnicki  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the resignation letter of Lynne Seawright from the Grants and Donations Committee effective October 17, 2019, Carried.

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

Moved by: Rob Potter  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

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)

Moved by: Rob Potter  Seconded by: Odette Bartnicki

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 10:30 p.m. to meet again November 13, 2019 Town Hall, Council Chambers, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

Alar Soever, Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk