Minutes
The Blue Mountains, Special Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: November 15, 2019
Meeting Time: 11:45 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 Deputy Mayor Odette Bartnicki absent and Councillor Rob Potter absent.

Also in attendance Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Human Resources Jennifer Moreau, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Director of Planning and Development Services Nathan Westendorp, Director of Operations Shawn Carey

• Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT the Agenda of November 15, 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 2019-56, 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 2019-56 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. Correspondence as previously circulated

NOTE: The following correspondences were included on the November 13, 2019 Council Agenda, but were deferred for consideration at the November 15, 2019 Special Meeting of Council.
D.1 Mitchel Freedman, Resident  
Re: Peel Street Reconstruction  
Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded by: Rob Sampson  
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the October 31, 2019 correspondence from Mitchell Freedman regarding the Peel Street Reconstruction and refers the correspondence to the Operations Department, Carried.

D.2 Town of Kingsville  
Re: Request for Support requesting Ontario government halt closures of, mergers of and cuts to local health care services  
Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Jim Uram  
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the October 25, 2019 correspondence from the municipality of Kingsville regarding Local Health Care Services, Carried.

D.3 Township of Springwater  
Re: Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Levy

D.4 Township of Springwater  
Re: Conservation Authority Levies  
Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Jim Uram  
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondences from the Township of Springwater regarding the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Levy and Conservation Levies and refers the same to the Finance and IT Services Department, Carried.

D.5 Township of Asphodel-Norwood  
Re: Resolution of Support to The Blue Mountains regarding an Integrity Commissioner decision database

D.6 Municipality of West Elgin  
Re: Resolution of Support to The Blue Mountains regarding an Integrity Commissioner decision database

D.7 Township of Enniskillen  
Re: Resolution of Support to The Blue Mountains regarding an Integrity Commissioner decision database

D.8 Municipality of Billings  
Re: Resolution of Support to The Blue Mountains regarding an Integrity Commissioner decision database

D.9 Town of Hawkesbury  
Re: Resolution of Support to The Blue Mountains regarding an Integrity Commissioner decision database

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

D.11 Township of Armour  
Re: Resolution of Support to The Blue Mountains regarding an Integrity Commissioner decision database
D.12 Township of Laird  
Re: Resolution of Support to The Blue Mountains regarding an Integrity Commissioner decision database

D.13 Municipality of Mattice-Valcote  
Re: Resolution of Support to The Blue Mountains regarding an Integrity Commissioner decision database

D.14 Township of McKellar  
Re: Resolution of Support to The Blue Mountains regarding an Integrity Commissioner decision database

Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the motions in support of the Town of The Blue Mountains resolution regarding an integrity commissioner decision database from the Township of Springwater, Township of Asphodel-Norwood, Municipality of West Elgin, Township of Enniskillen, Municipality of Billings, Town of Hawkesbury, Bonfield Township, Township of Armour, Township of Laird, Municipality of Mattice-Valcote, and the Township of McKellar;

AND THAT Council directs staff to thank all municipalities for their support, including Grey County, Carried.

D.15 Grey County Planning Department  
Re: Final Decision – The Blue Mountains Official Plan Short Term Accommodation Policies

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the Grey County correspondence enclosing the Final Decision – Official Plan Short Term Accommodation Policies, and refers the same to the Planning Department, Carried.

D.16 Ontario Energy Board Notice  
Re: Enbridge Gas to raise its natural gas rates effective January 1, 2020

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the Ontario Energy Board Notice, Carried.

D.17 LAS Natural Gas Program  
Re: LAS Natural Gas Program – 2017-18 Period Reserve Fund Rebate

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from the LAS Natural Gas Program, Carried.

D.18 Hydro One  
Re: Replacement of Wood Pole Transmission Structures located in The Blue Mountains

Moved by: Jim Uram  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from Hydro One regarding the replacement of wood pole transmission structures located in The Blue Mountains, Carried.
D.19 Ministry of Finance
Re: 2020 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocations
Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from the Ministry of Finance regarding the 2020 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocations, and refers the same to the Finance Department, Carried.

D.20 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Re: Environmental Registry Notice by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding proposal to amend three statutes and make a new regulation
Moved by: Jim Uram  Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding the Environmental Registry Notice by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding proposal to amend three statutes and make a new regulation, Carried.

D.21 Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Re: Introduction of new Ontario Electricity Rebate (OER)
Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines regarding Ontario Electricity Rebate, and refers the same to the Finance Department, Carried.

D.22 Grey County Clerk’s Department
Re: Maximizing Assessment Base
Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from the Grey County Clerk’s Department regarding maximizing assessment base, Carried.

D.23 C.F. Crozier & Associates Inc.
Re: Parkbridge Lifestyle Communities Class EA – Notice of Study Commencement
Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from C.F. Crozier & Associates regarding the Parkbridge Lifestyle Communities Class EA – Notice of Study Commencement, and refers the same to the Planning Department, Carried.
D.24  Municipality of Grey Highlands
Re: Notice of Passing – Zoning By-law 2019-102 to introduce policies regulating the establishment of resource based recreational uses within the municipality and Zoning By-law 2019-103 to remove specific minimum gross floor area size requirements for dwelling units
Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from the Municipality of Grey Highlands enclosing the Notice of Passing – Zoning By-law 2019-102 to introduce policies regulating the establishment of resource based recreational uses within the municipality and Zoning By-law 2019-103 to remove specific minimum gross floor area size requirements for dwelling units, and refers the same to the Planning Department, Carried.

D.25  Grey Bruce Health Unit
Re: 2018 Annual Report

D.26  Town of The Blue Mountains
Re: Notice of Completion – Community of Clarksburg Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment

D.27  Town of The Blue Mountains
Re: Notice of Completion – Water Distribution System Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment

D.28  Committee of Adjustment
Re: A19-2019 Application for a Minor Variance to Zoning By-law 2018-65 - 218 Craigleith Road
Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from the Grey Bruce Health Unit, Town of The Blue Mountains Re: Notice of Completion – Community of Clarksburg Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment, Town of The Blue Mountains Re: Notice of Completion – Water Distribution System Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment, and Committee of Adjustment Re: A19-2019 Application for a Minor Variance to Zoning By-law 2018-65 - 218 Craigleith Road, Carried.

D.29  Committee of Adjustment

D.30  Committee of Adjustment
Re: A22-2019 Application for a Minor Variance to Zoning By-law 2018-65 – 229 Brophy’s Lane
Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Rob Sampson

D.31 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA)
Re: Request Province provide clear direction as to what programs and services are considered mandatory and non-mandatory and how these programs will be funded in the future

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from Grey Sauble Conservation Authority requesting the Province to provide clear direction as to what programs and services are considered mandatory and non-mandatory and how these programs will be funded in the future, Carried.

D.32 NOTE: Agenda item D.32 was pulled from the November 13, 2019 Council Agenda.

D.33 Diana Thomson, Resident
Re: Construction of Sidewalks in Thornbury

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from Diana Thomson, regarding construction of sidewalks in Thornbury, Carried.

D.34 NOTE: Agenda item D.34 was considered at the November 13, 2019 Council Meeting.

D. Motions and Staff Reports

D.1 Motion to Reconsider Staff Report “Follow-Up to Sidewalk Locations for Elma and Alice Street, CSOPS.19.083”

NOTE: At the November 13, 2019 Council Meeting, Council directed staff to include on the November 15, 2019 Special Meeting of Council Agenda, a motion to reconsider the October 21, 2019 resolution regarding Staff Report CSOPS.19.083

In accordance with the Town’s Procedural By-law 2019-56 a motion to reconsider requires two thirds of the full membership of Council (five members) prior to the question being considered.

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains reconsiders the following October 21, 2019 resolution:

“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 and Alice Street as outlined in Option #1 of this report”, Carried.

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains directs staff to provide Council with a report providing options for sidewalk locations, including engineering and planning criteria and include “Complete Streets” programs as documented by Grey County, for Elma and Alice Streets on the December 9, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting for Council consideration, Carried.
E. Consent Agenda

NOTE: All of the November 13, 2019 Consent Agenda matters were considered at the November 13, 2019 Council Meeting, with the exception of the following item.

F.7 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority minutes dated September 25, 2019

Moved by: Jim Uram  Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority minutes dated September 25, 2019 and requests that staff circulate the same to the Sustainability Advisory Committee, Carried.

F. New and Unfinished Business

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

Mayor Soever provided the Grey County update as written by Deputy Mayor Bartnicki noting that at the November 14, 2019 Grey County Council Meeting, that Paramedic exemplary service awards were given, noting that each year an example of a paramedic call is highlighted. Mayor Soever noted that the accident at Metcalf Rock where a hiker fell more than 40 feet last summer was chosen. Our Fire Department was also recognized for their efforts to support, including calls for support to Orange and Search and Rescue.

Mayor Soever noted that a lifetime service award from the Ontario Non-profit Association was bestowed on a long-time Housing Board member (now retired) who oversaw the acquisition of land and development of several hundred units across Grey County since the 1990s.

Mayor Soever noted that preliminary site plan options for the expansion of Grey Gables Long-term Care facility were explored for additions of 32, 62 and 96 beds. The Director of Finance shared financial predictions for various options at the three current facilities. Grey County borrows all the money for builds up front and it is paid back over 25 years with a Ministry subsidy based on per occupant per day of $18.00. Data was provided that shows a dramatic increase in the number of seniors in the upper age levels across the county, but particularly dramatic increases in our area. The current waiting list at Grey Gables is currently 60 people with average wait times from six months to one year.

Mayor Soever noted that County Council received a presentation on 211 Community Connection Update was provided. This service provides information and leads to support services that exist in our community.

Mayor Soever noted that the County received a request to lower flags in support of Violence Prevention Grey Bruce National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women on December 6th. Grey-Bruce incidence statistics were shared on violence against woman and human trafficking.

Mayor Soever noted that the Financial Update and Year-end projection was presented. Actual compared to budget as at September 30th projects a year-end surplus of $1,415,000.00, a .91% variance as compared to 2019 budget. Many cuts from previous revenues from the province and staff vacancies were reported. Mayor Soever noted that a Grey County Councillor questioned the use of the $156,100 cannabis funding, further noting that staff committed to contacting the Ministry for clarification.

Mayor Soever noted that Ontario Housing Priorities Housing Initiative and Canada Ontario Community Housing Initiative funding allocation of $829,320 was discussed and can be put
into the 2019 budget to complete development of the ODAWA heights and would create a $1.4 million total. The by-law to amend a previous direction regarding affordable housing units was approved.

Mayor Soever noted that there was a discussion regarding the letter from Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs, particularly with respect to aligning municipal and provincial budgets and voters lists and the processes required. Mayor Soever noted that the alignment of the voters lists may be of concern for The Blue Mountains as currently The Blue Mountains voters list is based on property ownership or tenancy.

Mayor Soever noted that leasing at Sydenham Campus was discussed and it was decided that Economic Development Staff will bring back leases exceeding ten years in length or in excess of $100,000 per year. The goal is that the centre will be self-sustaining. Tenant criteria has been developed.

Mayor Soever noted that Deputy Mayor Bartnicki brought a notice of motion regarding the recapture of supplementary assessment to be applied against the community improvement plan, specifically for Attainable Housing. Mayor Soever noted that the Deputy Mayor’s notice of motion is successful, that it will result in the return of up to $1,105,454 to the Town of The Blue Mountains. The Staff Report requested in the motion is expected to come in the new year.

H.2 Notice of Motion (Council)

H.2.1 Councillor Matrosov Notice of Motion

NOTE: At the October 21, 2019 Council Meeting, Councillor Matrosov provided the following Notice of Motion. In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2018-20, the Notice of Motion requires a mover and a seconder for the motion to be put before Council.

Councillor Matrosov withdrew her notice of motion provided at the October 21, 2019 Council Meeting.

H.2.2 Councillor Bordignon Notice of Motion

NOTE: Councillor Bordignon provided the following Notice of Motion. This Notice of Motion will be included on the December 2, 2019 Council Agenda for Council consideration.

Whereas the Province of Ontario offers tax credits to support film and television production in Ontario and these incentives play an important role in increasing economic activity and job creation in the areas where the filming occurs, and

Whereas the Ontario Film Commission maintains an online database of locations photos that offers virtual scouting from anywhere in the world, and that digital library has more than 11,000 available locations with over 200,000 individual images of locations in Ontario, and

Whereas the Ontario Film Commission listing of Ontario film locations only has five sites listed in The Blue Mountains, and

Whereas there are many other excellent film locations in The Blue Mountains that should be profiled to the film and television industry, and

Whereas the Government of Ontario has just wrapped up four days of successful meetings with film, television and music industry leaders and executives in Los Angeles to promote and champion Ontario and its creative industries, and

Whereas in 2018, film and television productions supported by the Province spent $1.9 billion in Ontario;
Therefore, it is recommended that the Town of The Blue Mountains:

1. Create a task force to peruse increasing the film and television activity in The Blue Mountains and that task force be organized by Councillor Bordignon and Sampson with the support of other community members who might have an interest in the subject; and
2. Formally approach the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture to make sure that The Blue Mountains is properly profiled in any registry or listing of possible film and television sites; and
3. The task force be provided staff support in regard to the preparation of any promotional material required for the proper profiling of the Town on any list; and
4. The task force report back to Council via the Economic Development Committee in regards to its activities.

H.2.3 Councillor Matrosov Notice of Motion

NOTE: Councillor Matrosov provided the following Notice of Motion. This Notice of Motion will be included on the December 2, 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, 2019, August 14, 2019 and September 11, 2019 not been 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 sustainability items to the Sustainability Advisory Committee for consideration and/or implementation into the 2020 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan subject to its process and timeline; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair(s) add items to the agendas for the Sustainability Advisory Committee meetings and subcommittee work as per the ICSP timeline or urgency identified by Council.

G. Closed Session

Moved by: Peter Bordignon 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 personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and with regard to the CAO review, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 1:14 p.m.
Council moved into public session at 1:50 p.m.

The Mayor reported out of closed session noting that Council directed the Mayor to continue the CAO review process.
H.  Adjournment

Moved by:  Jim Uram  Seconded by:  Peter Bordignon

THAT this Special Meeting of Council does now adjourn at 1:52 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.

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Alar Soever, Mayor

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Corrina Giles, Town Clerk