A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.022, entitled “Declare Office of Councillor to be Vacant”;

AND THAT, in accordance with section 262 of the Municipal Act, 2001, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains does hereby declare the office of Councillor to be vacant.

B. Overview

This report recommends that Council declare the office of Councillor to be vacant following the appointment of Rob Potter as Deputy Mayor.

C. Background

At the January 13, 2020 Council Meeting, following the resignation of Deputy Mayor Bartnicki, Council declared the Deputy Mayor office to be vacant. At the January 27, 2020 Council Meeting, Council considered Staff Report FAF.20.009 Options to Fill Vacant Deputy Mayor Office and resolved as follows:

H.2 Options to Fill Vacant Deputy Mayor Office, FAF.20.009

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.009, entitled “Options to Fill Vacant Deputy Mayor Office”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed with Option #3a) “Appointment of a Current Member of Council by Appointing the Member of The Blue Mountains Council appointed as the “Alternate Member of Council to Grey County Council”, being Councillor Rob Potter, to fill the Deputy Mayor vacancy for the 2018 to 2022 term of Council, Carried.
Rob Potter was sworn in as the Deputy Mayor on January 30, 2020.

D. Analysis

The Municipal Act ("Act") states that the office of a member of Council becomes vacant if the member is appointed or elected to fill any vacancy in any other office on the same council (section 259(1)(e), and provides further that if the office of a member of a council becomes vacant under section 259, that Council shall at its next meeting declare the office to be vacant (section 262(1)).

The appointment of Councillor Potter as the Deputy Mayor triggered a vacancy in the office of Councillor, and Council is now required to declare the Councillor office to be vacant.

In accordance with the Act, if a vacancy occurs in the office of a member of Council, the municipality shall, within 60 days after the day a declaration of vacancy is made, appoint a person to fill the vacancy or pass a by-law requiring a by-election be held to fill the vacancy. Staff will provide Council with a staff report to the February 25, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting outlining options available to fill the vacancy.

E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan

Goal #2: Engage Our Communities & Partners
Objective #1 Improve External Communication with our Constituents

Goal #4: Promote a Culture of Organizational & Operational Excellence
Objective #5 Constantly Identify Opportunities to Improve Efficiencies and Effectiveness

F. Environmental Impacts

None

G. Financial Impact

None

H. In consultation with

Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Corrina Giles, Town Clerk, townclerk@thebluemountains.ca.
J. Attached

None

Respectfully Submitted,

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Corrina Giles
Town Clerk

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Shawn Everitt
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