Minutes
The Blue Mountains, Council Meeting

Meeting Date: January 13, 2020
Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m. Public Meetings
              7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
          32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

A. Call to Order (5:00 pm)

Mayor Alar Soever called the meeting to order with all members in attendance. Deputy Mayor Bartnicki provided the Clerk with her resignation from her position as Deputy Mayor on January 6, 2020. Council will consider declaring the Deputy Mayor seat vacant at this meeting.

Also in attendance Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Human Resources Jenn Moreau, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Director of Planning and Development Nathan Westendorp, Director of Operations Shawn Carey, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer/Prosecutor Wayne DeWitt, Planner II Denise Whaley and Manager of Community Planning Trevor Houghton.

- Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

Council then paused for a Moment of Reflection

- Council Member Attendance

The Town Clerk noted that Deputy Mayor Bartnicki submitted her resignation letter on January 6, 2020, and that Council will consider the resignation later in this meeting. The Town Clerk confirmed that the balance of the members of Council are present.

- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT the Agenda of January 13, 2020 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, being Agenda Item K.3.1 Flooding Issues, 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 Meetings

Mayor Soever noted 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 Public Meeting: Application for Zoning Amendment, 549035 3rd Sideroad (South Part of Lot 4, Concession 6), File P2831 (K9 Balance Kennel)

Mayor Alar Soever read the Notice of Public Meeting regarding application for Zoning Amendment.

Mayor Soever note the property location is 549035 3rd Sideroad, South Part of Lot 4, Concession 6.

Mayor Soever noted the applicants are seeking permission to establish a kennel on the property. The proposal is to rezone a portion of the property to add the use of “commercial kennel” through a site-specific exception to the property’s Rural (RU) zone. The exception would also regulate the placement of kennel buildings and uses, limit the size of the use and number of dogs. One of the proposed kennel buildings is proposed to be located 2 metres from the property line adjacent to 3rd Sideroad (exterior side yard). The use of a shipping container for storage for the kennel is also proposed. The kennel use and buildings are to be established close to the existing dwelling and building cluster.

Mayor Soever noted this proposal may also be subject to a separate Site Plan Control application.

Mayor Soever noted the Town deemed this application to be a complete application, under Section of 34 (10.7) (a) the Planning Act.

Mayor Soever noted the public meeting is your chance to hear more about the proposal and make your views about it known. You may also speak at the meeting or submit written comments. Information from the public will help Council in their decision-making process, so make sure to have your say.

Mayor Soever noted any person or agency may attend the Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments either in support or in opposition to the proposed amendment.

Mayor Soever noted a decision on this proposal has not been made at this point and will not be made at the Public Meeting. After reviewing the application and any comments received, Town staff will bring a recommendation on this project to a future council meeting.

Mayor Soever noted you must make a request in writing if you wish to receive a notice of any decision of Council on this proposal.

Mayor Soever noted if a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Town of The Blue Mountains before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Council to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

Mayor Soever further noted if a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to Town of The Blue Mountains before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.
The Town Clerk spoke noting that the Notice of the Public Meeting was given in accordance with the Planning Act, and in response comments were received from Grey County Planning and Development, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and Historic Saugeen Metis Lands.

Town Planner Denise Whaley spoke noting this property is in a remote area of the municipality, and that the owners have a kennel operation now, further noting that the purpose of the requested zoning bylaw amendment is to clarify what is on the property now. Denise noted that the applicants are proposing 10-12 dogs in the kennel on the site, further noting that this is a small operation that proposes doing dog training for dog owners. Denise noted that the property is a little less than 100 acres, being a half lot, with two houses severed from the property on the 6th Line.

Denise noted that the applicant has spoke with the neighbours to advise them of the intent of this zoning by-law amendment. Denise noted that the applicants have experience with harder to handle dogs.

Denise noted that the zoning by-law application is a three-step process, requiring the zoning to operate, building permits for the property shed and portable building, and a kennel licence from the Town before they can legally operate. Denise noted that the general area around the house, being 1.6 acres, would be rezoned for the use.

Councillor Uram spoke questioning how close the closest house is to the subject property. Denise replying that this information can be included in the followup staff report.

Councillor Uram questioned if the property is fenced, Denise replying that there is a fenced outdoor area, and that they intend to have two exercise/fenced areas for dogs.

Councillor Potter then spoke questioning if the Town has received any noise complaints for this property. Wayne DeWitt, Supervisor, By-law Enforcement, spoke noting that the applicants have been operating since 2014, and that this is the only house on this sideroad. Councillor Potter questioned if the facility is well looked after, Denise spoke in response noting that yes, it appeared that the facility was well looked after, further noting that there are other requirements that must be met before they can legally operate.

Councillor Bordignon spoke noting the area around the subject property is green space, and that the owners have a good reputation.

As no one further wished to speak, the Mayor declared the Public Meeting to be closed.

C. Closed Session

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Jim Uram

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 correspondence sent to the Town regarding personnel matters, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 5:21 p.m.
Council moved into public session at 5:44 p.m.
Mayor Soever reported out of closed session noting that Council met in closed session regarding personnel matters and provided direction to Staff to respond to correspondence received.

D. Call to Order (7:00 pm)

- 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.

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT the Consent Agenda of January 13, 2020 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, being Agenda Item I.4 Committee of Adjustment minutes dated November 20, 2019, Carried.

- Previous Minutes

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT the Council minutes of December 16, 2019 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

E. Deputations / Presentations

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None

F. Public Comment Period

F.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.

None
G. **Correspondence as previously circulated**

G.1 **Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative**  
Re: Request for Renewal of Membership and Associated Conference Costs

Moved by: Rob Sampson  
Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains does hereby receive Correspondence Item G.1 Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Re: Request for Renewal of Membership and Associated Conference Costs dated December 10, 2019 and does approve the payment of the 2020 Annual Dues.

Councillor Bordignon  
Councillor Matrosovs  
Councillor Potter  
Councillor Sampson  
Councillor Uram  
Mayor Soever

The Motion is Carried.

G.2 **County of Simcoe**  
Re: Request for Comment – County Initiated Official Plan Amendment – Waste Management Policies  
* (Received for Information and Referred to Planning and Development Services) *

Moved by: Jim Uram  
Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains does hereby receive Correspondence Item G.2 County of Simcoe Re: Request for Comment – County Initiated Official Plan Amendment – Waste Management Policies and refers correspondence Planning and Development Services and to the Operations Department

Councillor Bordignon  
Councillor Matrosovs  
Councillor Potter  
Councillor Sampson  
Councillor Uram  
Mayor Soever

The Motion is Carried.

G.3 **Sean Rucker, Resident**  
Re: Request to purchase Town Property, referred to as Gordon Street

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  
Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains does hereby receive Correspondence Item G.3 Sean Rucker, Resident Re: Request to purchase Town Property, referred to as Gordon Street and refers correspondence to Operations Department and Planning & Development Services.

Councillor Bordignon  
Councillor Matrosovs  
Councillor Potter  
Councillor Sampson  
Councillor Uram  
Mayor Soever

The Motion is Carried.
G.4 Bluewater District School Board
Re: Collaboration with Community Partners and notice of upcoming Annual Community Planning and Partnerships Meeting

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains does hereby receive Correspondence Item G.4 Bluewater District School Board Re: Collaboration with Community Partners and notice of upcoming Annual Community Planning and Partnerships Meeting and directs Staff to prepare a request for Bluewater District School Board to present at the 2020 Community Planning and Partnerships Meeting

Councillor Bordignon    Yay
Councillor Matrosovs    Yay
Councillor Potter       Yay
Councillor Sampson      Yay
Councillor Uram         Yay
Mayor Soever           Yay

The Motion is Carried.

G.5 Ministry of Children Community and Social Services
Re: Poverty Reduction Strategy Consultation Survey
(Received for information)

G.6 Stewardship Ontario
Re: Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling, 3rd Quarter of 2019 Program
(Received for Information)

G.7 Township of Tudor and Cashel
Re: Resolution of Support to The Blue Mountains regarding an Integrity Commissioner decision database
(Received for Information)

G.8 Committee of Adjustment
(Received for Information)

G.9 Committee of Adjustment
Re: A01-2020 Application for a Minor Variance to Zoning By-law 2018-65 – 102 Wensley Drive (Unit 26)
(Received for Information)

G.10 County of Grey – The Blue Mountains
Re: Notice of Complete Applications – Lots 35 to 39, Southwest Side of Bay Street
(Received for Information)

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council receive for information the correspondences included at Agenda Items G.5 through to G.10, Carried.
H. **Motions and Staff Reports**

**H.1 Resignation of Deputy Mayor Bartnicki, Declaration of Deputy Mayor Office to be Vacant, FAF.20.007**

Moved by: Andrea Matrosos Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.007, entitled “Resignation of Deputy Mayor Bartnicki, Declaration of Deputy Mayor Office to be Vacant”;

AND THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the resignation of Deputy Mayor Bartnicki dated January 6, 2020 from the position of Deputy Mayor;

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 Deputy Mayor to be vacant.

Councillor Bordignon Yay
Councillor Matrosos Yay
Councillor Potter Yay
Councillor Sampson Yay
Councillor Uram Yay
Mayor Soever Yay

The Motion is Carried.

**H.2 Committee Appointment Resignation (verbal)**

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Andrea Matrosos

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the resignation letter of Sally Leppard from the Sustainability Advisory Committee effective January 6, 2020.

Councillor Bordignon Yay
Councillor Matrosos Yay
Councillor Potter Yay
Councillor Sampson Yay
Councillor Uram Yay
Mayor Soever Yay

The Motion is Carried.

I. **Consent Agenda**

**Reports List (Adopt)**

None

**Minutes List (Receive)**

I.1 The Blue Mountains Public Library Board Meeting minutes, October 17, 2019

I.2 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority minutes, October 23, 2019

I.3 Committee of Adjustment Minutes – Revised, October 16, 2019

I.4 Committee of Adjustment Minutes, November 20, 2019

Moved by: Andrea Matrosos Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council receive for information Agenda Item I.4 Committee of Adjustment Minutes, November 20, 2019, Carried.
I.5 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights, December 13, 2019

J. By-laws

None

K. New and Unfinished Business

K.1 Grey County Council Update (AS)

Mayor Alar Soever noted the new Warden of Grey County, being Warden Paul McQueen, chaired his first Grey County meeting. Mayor Soever noted that three new task forces were created and three notice of motions were submitted that day. Mayor Soever noted that the new Warden has a collaborative approach and will be meeting with each lower tier Mayor.

Mayor Soever noted that The Blue Mountains Alternate Member of Council, being Councillor Potter, attended last week’s Grey County Council meeting in the absence of Deputy Mayor Bartnicki. Councillor Potter spoke referencing the transit discussion at the County, that The Blue Mountains is the number one destination for transit, further noting that transit is being reviewed at the County.

Councillor Uram questioned recent discussion regarding policing in West Grey. Mayor Soever noted that the West Grey Police force is cheaper than Owen Sound and Hanover, and that policing will be included on a future Grey County agenda.

K.2 Notice of Motion (Council)

None

K.3 Additions to Agenda

K.3.1 Flooding Issues

Mayor Soever spoke referencing the recent erosion from the Georgian Bay water levels, noting that Lions Head lost their lighthouse over the weekend. Councillor Sampson spoke noting that the Town should ensure that we are anticipating problems with flooding, being proactive, rather than reactive to rising water levels. Councillor Sampson noted that the Province at one time funded a program, that has since been cancelled, that was administered by the local municipality. Councillor Sampson noted that The Blue Mountains could implement this as a local improvement to provide local waterfront home owners with a source of funding for shoreline improvements/repair from damage from the high-water levels. Councillor Sampson noted that the Town should ensure that its assets are protected as well.

Councillor Potter spoke noting that he recalls this program, further noting that it was well used years ago to reduce the impacts from high water and flooding. Mayor Soever spoke noting that the Act is still in effect, but that the Province is not offering funding. Mayor Soever requested that staff provide a report on this. Mayor Soever noted that the wave uprush level should be updated in consultation with Grey Sauble Conservation Authority.

Councillor Uram spoke noting that the previous program was conditional on an engineering study being completed, further noting that the application time took time to complete.

Director of Planning and Development Services Nathan Westendorp spoke noting that it is beneficial for Town staff to work with Grey Sauble Conservation Authority to determine what shoreline property owners can do to protect their property and
to provide awareness for prevention. Nathan noted that the Operations Department will be involved as well.

CAO Shawn Everitt spoke noting that staff met with Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and Town of Meaford staff recently regarding the water levels, further noting that it would be beneficial for Meaford, The Blue Mountains, Collingwood and Wasaga Beach to work collaboratively to go to the Province to get their attention on the high-water level issues being experienced. Shawn noted that The Blue Mountains can host a meeting here for the CAOs of the referenced municipalities.

Shawn noted that staff can invite the Ministry staff and take them on a tour to view the damage from the water levels. Director of Operations, Shawn Carey, noted that a joint “frequently asked questions” or “FAQ” can be prepared and ready in approximately one to two weeks, further noting that the Province recently issued a streamline process for municipal and private residents.

Mayor Soever questioned when a meeting with citizens and residents can be scheduled, Shawn Everitt spoke noting that this will be discussed with the Ministry and Agencies to determine if they wish to participate in a workshop.

K.4 News and Celebrations

Council then shared news and celebrations in The Blue Mountains.

L. Notice of Meeting Dates

Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 14, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Meeting, January 27, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 28, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

M. Closed Session (continued from earlier closed session, if required)

Not required.

N. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT By-law No. 2020-1, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on January 13, 2020 be hereby enacted as passed this 13th day of January, 2020, Carried.

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 8:10 p.m. to meet again January 27, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.