A. Call to Order (5:00 pm)

Deputy Mayor Rob Potter called the meeting to order with all members of Council present, save Mayor Alar Soever absent with one Councillor seat currently vacant.

Also in attendance Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Director of Planning and Development Nathan Westendorp, Director of Operations Shawn Carey, Manager of Water & Wastewater Allison Kershaw, Manager of Community Planning Trevor Houghton, Planner I Travis Sandberg and Chief Executive Officer Sabrina Saunders.

- Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

Council then paused for a Moment of Reflection

- Council Member Attendance

The Town Clerk noted that all members were in attendance, save Mayor Soever absent further noting that one Councillor seat is currently vacant.

- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Jim Uram Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT the Agenda of February 24, 2020 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 Meetings

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B.1 Public Meeting: Application for Proposed Telecommunication Tower – Bell Mobility
Re: 209896/209898 Highway 26 West

Deputy Mayor Rob Potter read the Notice of Public Meeting regarding application for a proposed Telecommunication Tower.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted the property location is 209896 and 209898 Highway 26 West.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted that Bell Mobility, in accordance with its obligations under the Radiocommunications Act and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada procedure CPC-2-0-03 (2014), have submitted a request for municipal concurrence for a proposed telecommunication tower on the subject lands consisting of a 30m monopole tower, equipment shelter, and perimeter security fencing.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted approval for telecommunication facilities and their design are under the sole exclusive jurisdiction of the Government of Canada through Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada. All proponents for new facilities are required to consult local planning authorities to ensure that local protocols are considered in the site selection process. The Town of The Blue Mountains Telecommunication Protocol requires public consultation for all proposed facilities.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted after reviewing comments from the public, Staff will prepare a report to Council stating whether the protocol has been satisfied and Council will make the final determination of the comments to be forwarded to ISED Canada. Should site location considerations not be satisfactorily addressed, Council may require the applicant to reassess their site selection and provide additional supporting information, or select a new site.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted comments at the Public Meeting aid Council in their decision making process, so be sure to have your say.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted any person or agency may attend the Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments regarding the proposed telecommunication tower.

Deputy Mayor Potter further noted that any submitted comments become part of the public record, including names and addresses.

The Town Clerk spoke noting that the Notice of the Public Meeting was given in accordance with the Planning Act and the Town’s Notice Policy, and in response comments were received from Grey County Planning and Development, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and Historic Saugeen Metis Lands, Hydro One, Niagara Escarpment Commission, Stew Elkins and Roevel Guzman.

Trevor Houghton, Manager of Planning for the Town of The Blue Mountains spoke noting this application is requesting approval for the placement of a 30m monopole, further noting that there is an existing 25m monopole owned by Rogers in this location. Trevor noted that the Town has a Telecommunications Protocol and that in accordance with the Protocol, a public meeting is required to receive comments.

Shehryar Khan of Fontur International, authorized agents for Bell Mobility, spoke noting that the application is for a 30 metre monopole at Highway 26 and Longpoint Road. Mr. Khan noted that there is currently a 25 metre Rogers monopole in this location. Mr. Khan noted that we live in a digital era and that this is a global issue, further noting that there are many wireless users requiring this infrastructure.
Mr. Khan noted that planning policies do not make it easy to locate communication towers, further noting that Bell are unable to “piggyback” on the Rogers tower as it is at its capacity. Mr. Khan noted that Bell approached Rogers, and was advised that Rogers needs to rebuild their towers. Mr. Khan noted that to locate this tower and to mitigate the visual impact, the Bell tower will be located near the Rogers tower and will provide coverage to the area. Mr. Khan noted that other sites were considered, but that this is the best location. Mr. Khan noted that public comments will be received until March 4, 2020.

Councillor Bordignon spoke questioning the purpose of the Bell tower and if Bell considered a 25m tower to match the Rogers tower, Mr. Khan noted that Bell has different objectives than Rogers, further noting that Bell would like a taller tower, but will keep the tower as low as possible for aesthetics. Mr. Khan noted that the 30 metre tower will provide more coverage.

Councillor Bordignon questioned if there will be a relay to the west, Mr. Khan replying that the coverage will be approximately two kilometres, further noting that there are relays further west and to the south. Councillor Bordignon questioned if the 30 metre tower will ensure coverage for more residents, Mr. Khan noted that finding a willing landowner, tree coverage and foliage are all issues when locating towers.

Town Planner, Travis Sandberg, spoke noting that this information will be included in the followup staff report to this public meeting.

Councillor Matrosovs spoke questioned if this tower will improve service in the whole of The Blue Mountains, further noting that there is poor coverage in the southern area of The Blue Mountains, and that the agricultural community also rely on internet service.

Robert Phillips, resident of Crestview Court, spoke noting that there is poor service in the area, further noting that the future development in the area will also require service. Mr. Phillips noted that he hopes to see better coverage in the future, further noting that on the weekends, the service is overloaded. Mr. Phillips noted that he supports the placement of the Bell tower, further noting that he would like to have better coverage.

Jane Kinsey, resident of Silver Creek Drive, spoke noting that she agrees with Mr. Phillips comments, further noting that the service in the area is poor and overloaded. Ms. Kinsey noted that she often does not have cell service, further noting that it is difficult to do business with poor cell service.

Councillor Bordignon spoke questioning the location of the access road to this site, Travis replying that the access road will be the current access road which is from Highway 26 as this is the easement to the property. Travis confirmed that the MTO has no issue with the access location.

As no one further wished to speak, Deputy Mayor Potter declared the Public Meeting to be closed.
C. **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 personnel matters, Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 5:25 p.m.
Council moved into public session at 5:40 p.m.

- **Closed Session Reporting Out Statement**

Deputy Mayor Potter reported out of closed session noting that Council considered a request for a leave of absence that will be dealt with as an addition to the Agenda this evening. Deputy Mayor Potter noted that Council adopted the Closed Session minutes of January 27, 2020.

D. **Call to Order (7:00 pm)**

- **Revision to Agenda**

Moved by: Peter Bordignon  Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT the Agenda of February 24, 2020 include two additions, being Agenda Item K.3.1 Request for Leave of Absence and Agenda Item K.3.2 Request to Waive BVCC Rental Fees for February 25, 2020 Pancake Supper, Carried.

- **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: Jim Uram  Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT the Consent Agenda of February 24, 2020 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, being Agenda Item I.1 Committee of the Whole Report dated February 11, 2020 with regard to B.9.1 Request for Budget Increase – Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plan Headworks Upgrade, CSOPS.20.002, Carried.

- **Previous Minutes**

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs  Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT the Council minutes of February 10, 2020 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.
E. Deputations / Presentations

Deputy Mayor Potter 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.

E.1 Deputation: Susanne Wussow, Publisher, The Meaford Independent Publications
Re: Community Newspaper

Susanne Wussow spoke noting that The Meaford Independent (“TMI”) has been approached many times requesting if TMI would cover the news in The Blue Mountains. Ms. Wussow noted that TMI would like to start this year, starting with a page or two of The Blue Mountains news included in TMI.

Councillor Bordignon questioned if TMI is looking for a financial commitment from The Blue Mountains, Ms. Wussow spoke in response noting that no, that TMI has a publications number and that the TMI is sent by mail, with subscribers in Thornbury and The Blue Mountains. Ms. Wussow noted that TMI is connected with the Ontario Community Newspaper Association (“OCNA”). Councillor Bordignon questioned if TMI is requesting to be the paper of record for The Blue Mountains, Ms. Wussow spoke in response noting that this would be nice, however, TMI is not expecting anything.

Councillor Uram spoke questioning if, as a paper of record, if The Blue Mountains could use TMI for its required newspaper coverage for Public Meetings, etc. Ms. Wussow responded yes.

Councillor Matrosovs spoke in response noting that, living in the southwest corner of The Blue Mountains, that she appreciates this connection. Councillor Matrosovs noted that Toastmasters was also contacted, further noting that she appreciates the ideas and is hopeful that this request will proceed to the Communications Committee. Councillor Matrosovs noted that The Blue Mountains Review is currently in place, but noted that she would appreciate additional, enhanced outreach.

Deputy Mayor Potter spoke noting that he remembers the Courier Herald, and that the Courier Herald had an agreement with the Town for the advertising of Public Meeting notices, etc., that was independent of any news coverage. Deputy Mayor Potter noted that The Blue Mountains Review is currently in place, but that he too would appreciate any additional coverage.

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the deputation of Susanne Wussow of The Meaford Independent newspaper regarding bringing a community newspaper back to The Blue Mountains;

AND THAT Council refers The Meaford Independent deputation material correspondence dated January 15, 2020 regarding Community Newspaper to the Economic Development Advisory Committee and Communications Advisory Committee for consideration and report back to Council,

Councillor Bordignon Yay
Councillor Matrosovs Yay
Councillor Sampson Yay
Councillor Mayor Soever Absent
Councillor Uram Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter Yay
The Motion is Carried.
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.

F.1.1 Paul Wilson, resident of Heathcote, spoke noting that he commends TMI for considering this extension to their business. Mr. Wilson noted that The Blue Mountain Review covers events, but does not cover weekly events, further noting that we need weekly reporting. Mr. Wilson noted that ongoing reporting is vital for the Town, and questioned why TMI is requesting The Blue Mountains for support. Mr. Wilson noted that this is a business decision and TMI could solicit business themselves, further noting that Council needs to consider how communication budget moneys are allocated. Mr. Wilson noted that it would be helpful to have Town advertisements in The Blue Mountain Review.

F.1.2 Rosemary Gosselin, resident of The Blue Mountains, spoke noting that she is happy to see the Collingwood reporter present this evening, further noting that she likes to see “boots on the ground” reporting and a presence in the community. Mrs. Gosselin noted that The Blue Mountains needs someone that will be present covering events that are of interest to the community. Mrs. Gosselin noted that she would like to see Linda Wykes of The Blue Mountains Review receive support from the Town, further noting that the Town should consider what is already in place to expand.

G. Correspondence as previously circulated

G.1 Georgian Triangle Development Institute (GTDI)
Re: GTDI Response to calls for a Moratorium on Development
(Received for Information and Referred to Planning & Development Services)

G.2 Barrie and Mary Lennox, Residents
Re: Craigleith Depot Concern
(Received for Information and Referred to Community Services and The Blue Mountains Public Library Board)

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council receives for information the correspondence at Agenda item G.1 Georgian Triangle Development Institute Re: GTDI Response to calls for a Moratorium on Development and refers the correspondence to Planning & Development Services;

AND THAT Council receives for information the correspondence at Agenda item G.2 Barrie and Mary Lennox Re: Craigleith Depot Concern, and refers the correspondence to Community Services and The Blue Mountains Public Library;

Councillor Bordignon: Yay
Councillor Matrosovs: Yay
Councillor Sampson: Yay
Councillor Mayor Soever: Absent
Councillor Uram: Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter: Yay
The Motion is Carried.
G.3 **Municipality of Southwest Middlesex**  
Re: Request for Support regarding Government Bill 156 – Security from *Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019*  
Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs  
THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains does hereby receive Correspondence Item G.3 from the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex regarding Bill 156 – Security from *Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019* and supports the resolution passed at their February 12, 2020 Council meeting,

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The Motion is Carried.

G.4 **Tom Strnad, Producer, Mountain Goat Film Company Inc.**  
Re: Request for Media Access and Interview Request  
Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Peter Bordignon  
THAT Council receives Correspondence G.4 Tom Strnad, Producer, Mountain Goat Film Company Inc., Re Request for Media Access and Interview Request and refers correspondence to CAO Shawn Everitt to provide a report back to Council for Council consideration,

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The Motion is Carried.

G.5 **Hon. Toby Barrett, MPP**  
Re: Private Member’s Bill 166 – to amend the *Great Lakes Protection Act, 2015*, request for support  
Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs  
THAT Council receives Correspondence G.5 Hon. Toby Barrett, MPP Re: Private Member’s Bill 156 – to amend the *Great Lakes Protection Act, 2015*, request for support and refers the correspondence to CAO Shawn Everitt,

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The Motion is Carried.
H. Motions and Staff Reports

H.1 Value Engineering Exercise - Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Upgrade Project, CSOPS.20.016

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.20.016, entitled “Value Engineering Exercise - Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Upgrade Project”;

AND THAT Council endorse the Value Engineering Exercise as presented

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The Motion is Carried.

I. Consent Agenda

Reports List (Adopt)

I.1 Committee of the Whole Report, dated February 11, 2020

B.9.1 Request for Budget Increase – Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Upgrade, CSPOS.20.002

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

(a) THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.20.002, entitled “Request for Budget Increase - Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Upgrade”;

AND THAT Council approve an increase in the budget of $997,700 from $3,047,500 to $4,045,200;

AND THAT Council approve an additional $259,000 in funding from the Wastewater Asset Replacement Reserve Fund and $738,700 from the Thornbury Sewer Capacity Development Charge Reserve Fund;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to provide a report to each Committee of the Whole meeting on the status of the Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Upgrade Project until directed otherwise by Council,

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The Motion is Carried.
Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

(b) THAT Council direct staff to complete a Value Engineering Exercise by staff and all parties to the Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Upgrade Project (“Project”) prior to contract award of the Project and to provide the same directly to Council at the February 24, 2020 Council Meeting;

AND THAT Council direct staff to report back to Committee of the Whole by June 16, 2020 on the things done incorrectly on this Project, what can be done better in the future and how the tendering process can be improved,

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

The Motion is Carried.

Minutes List (Receive)

I.2 The Blue Mountains Police Services Board Meeting minutes dated November 20, 2019
I.3 The Blue Mountains Special Police Services Board Meeting minutes dated December 11, 2019
I.4 The Blue Mountains – Town of Collingwood Joint Police Services Board Meeting minutes dated December 11, 2019

J. By-laws

None

K. New and Unfinished Business

K.1 Grey County Council Update (AS, RP)

Deputy Mayor Potter spoke providing the Grey County update, noting that the Grey County/Blue Mountains task force was dissolved, further noting that The Blue Mountains has a commitment from the other municipalities to work on the list of items presented by The Blue Mountains.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted that radio communications was approved through the budget, and that the Health Unit provided an update on the Coronavirus.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted that The Blue Mountains will make a presentation to Grey County at the may 28, 2020 Council Meeting, as will other lower tier municipalities.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted that he put a motion forward requesting the return of a portion of the supplemental assessment for use towards an attainable housing program, and that through a recorded vote, that this was passed at Grey County.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted that Grey Roots have recently purchased military medals for their collection, some of which were from Linus Miles, a soldier from Thornbury.

K.2 Notice of Motion (Council)

None
K.3 Additions to Agenda

K.3.1 Request for Leave of Absence

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the request for a leave of absence from Mayor Soever, to March 24, 2020;

AND THAT Council authorizes the requested leave of absence to Mayor Soever from meetings of council to March 24, 2020,

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

The Motion is Carried.

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT in response to Mayor Soever’s request for a leave of absence to March 24, 2020, Council direct the Town Clerk to revise the Council Attendance posted to the Town website to indicate that Mayor Soever is on an authorized leave of absence from January 20, 2020 to March 24, 2020

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

The Motion is Carried.

K.3.2 Request to Waive Beaver Valley Community Centre Rental Fee for Firefighter Pancake Dinner on February 25, 2020

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains waives the Beaver Valley Community Centre rental fee for the February 25, 2020 Pancake Supper hosted by St. Georges Anglican Church in collaboration with The Blue Mountains Fire Department with the proceeds of the supper being donated to the victims of the Australia Bush Fires,

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

The Motion is Carried.

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, February 25, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Meeting, March 9, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 10, 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 Sampson Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT By-law No. 2020-9, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on February 24, 2020 be hereby enacted as passed this 24th day of February, 2020, Carried.

Moved by: Jim Uram Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 8:45 p.m. to meet again March 9, 2020 Town Hall, Council Chambers, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

Rob Potter, Deputy Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk