March 16, 2020

Moved by: Andrea Matrosov   Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council waive the provisions Procedural By-law 2019-56 to approve the following recommendation brought forward to the March 16, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting;

AND THAT the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has assessed the public health risk associated with COVID-19 as low for the general population in Canada but this is changing rapidly;

AND THAT Council deems it essential and expeditious to protect the safety and wellbeing of our community and staff;

AND THAT Council support the recommendations made by Chief Administrative Officer, Shawn Everitt, with the support of the Town’s Senior Management Team, to assist with social distancing with respect to COVID-19, to enact the following temporary closures to the public of:

i. The Town of The Blue Mountains Municipal Administration Offices effective immediately following the March 16, 2020 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting until April 17, 2020; and

ii. The temporary closure to the public of the Beaver Valley Community Centre, Craigleith Community Centre, Ravenna Hall, and The Blue Mountains Public Library until April 17th, 2020

AND THAT Council endorse the cancellation of the 2019/2020 ice season and the early removal of the Beaver Valley Arena ice;

AND THAT Council endorse the redeployment of Facility Operators to provide an enhanced level of maintenance and janitorial services, or any other service as directed by the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND THAT Council endorse the cancellation of all Committees of Council and Board meetings including:

i. Abandoned Orchard Advisory Committee
ii. Agricultural Advisory Committee
iii. Communication Advisory Committee
iv. Economic Development Advisory Committee
v. Fence Viewing
vi. Grants and Donations Committee
vii. Joint Municipal Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee
viii. Property Standards Committee
ix. Sustainability Committee
x. Transportation Committee
xi. Committee of Adjustment
xii. The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation
xiii. Thornbury BIA
xiv. Police Services Board (dependent upon legislative ability)

for the purposes of reducing the hosting of non-essential meetings

AND THAT Council approve the cancellation of all scheduled Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings until at least April 17, 2020 with the exception of a Special Meeting of Council, tentatively scheduled for 9:00 am March 30, 2020, that will be livestreamed only, for the purposes of:

i. the appointment of an individual to fill the vacant seat of Council including the swearing in of an individual to Council
ii. to approve the recommendations and minutes of the March 10th, 2020 Committee of the Whole and the March 16th, 2020 Special Committee of the Whole meeting;
iii. to consider recommendations regarding the 2020 Draft Budget, including consideration of adoption of the 2020 Draft Budget;
iv. any additional time sensitive reports as approved by the Chief Administrative Officer in consultation with the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor; and
v. to consider recommendations regarding Council participation at an electronic Council Meeting, where required

AND THAT Council support the postponement of all Public Information Centres and Public Meetings;

AND THAT Council acknowledge that steps may be taken by the Chief Administrative Officer to implement measures to assist in ensuring appropriate social distancing and the protection of the community and town staff and may include the reduction of customer services, reduction of service hours, and potential closure of additional facilities;

AND THAT Council delegate authority to the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor, and the Municipal Emergency Control Group, to take the necessary actions as the conditions of COVID-19 may change to reinstate services or extend as may be necessary, CARRIED.

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY

“Original Signed”
Corrina Giles, Town Clerk