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 due to an authorized leave of absence and Councillor Matrosovs absent, with one Councillor seat currently vacant.

Also in attendance Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance & IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Director of Planning and Development Nathan Westendorp, Director of Operations Shawn Carey, Director of Human Resources Jennifer Moreau, Director of Will Thomson, Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting and Budgets Sam Dinsmore, Manager of Community Planning Trevor Houghton, Manager of Solid Waste & Special Projects Jeff Fletcher, Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator Thomas Nightingale, 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 due to an authorized leave of absence, and Councillor Matrosovs absent, further noting that one Councillor seat is currently vacant.

- Approval of Agenda
  
  Moved by: Jim Uram  
  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

  THAT the Agenda of March 9, 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
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: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the Consent Agenda of March 9, 2020 be adopted as circulated, less any items requested for separate review and discussion, being Agenda Item G.1 Committee of the Whole Report dated February 25, 2020 regard Agenda item B.3.4 Options to Fill Vacant Councillor Office, FAF.20.026, Carried.

Previous Minutes

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the Council minutes of February 24, 2020 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

B. Public Meetings

Deputy Mayor Rob 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.

B.1 Public Meeting: With Regard to Amendments to By-law 2019-14 for the Imposition and Collection of Fees and Charges for Certain Municipal Services and Activities, Amendments to By-law 2019-16 for Solid Waste Management Fees, Amendments to By-law 2019-15 for Planning Matters and Engineering Services and Amendments to By-law 2018-7 for the Imposition of Water Charges and Sewer Charges

Deputy Mayor Rob Potter read the Notice of Public Meeting regarding amendments to By-law 2019-14 for the Imposition and Collection of Fees and Charges for Certain Municipal Services and Activities, amendments to By-law 2019-16 for Solid Waste Management Fees, amendments to By-law 2019-15 for Planning Matters and Engineering Services and amendments to By-law 2018-7 for the Imposition of Water Charges and Sewer Charges.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted the Public Meeting is to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law, Planning Matters and Engineering Services By-law and Water Charges and Sewer Charges By-law.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted it is proposed that Council will consider enactment of these revised By-laws at its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, April 6, 2020.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted it is important to note that a decision on the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law, Planning Matters and Engineering Services By-law and Water Charges and Sewer
Charges By-law has not been made at this point, and will not be made at the Public Information Centre or Public Meeting.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted after reviewing the proposed amendments to these By-laws and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to Council at a future Council Meeting.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted comments at the Public Information Centre and Public Meeting aid the Town and 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 Information Centre or Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law, Planning Matters and Engineering Services By-law and Water Charges and Sewer Charges By-law.

Deputy Mayor Potter 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 Town’s Notice Policy, and in response comments were received from Denis Martinek, Tyrolean Village Resorts, Graham Flanagan, Teresa Hana Havlicek, Laura Barr and Jeff Thornton, Luis Oliveira, Nelson Lopes, Rob Mair, Sabrina Wang, Tie Chen, Peter Gountounas, Richard Havlicek and Blanka Guyatt, Brian Harkness on behalf of Blue Mountain Ratepayers Budget Review Committee, and Andrew Pascuzzo.

Peter Simcisko from Watson and Associates presented regarding the Planning and Development Services Fee Review. Mr. Simcisko noted Watson and Associates provided a review of the proposed Planning and Development Services Fees for their compliance with the Planning Act and the Municipal Act and with balance between cost recovery optimization and other considerations such as stakeholder interests, affordability, and competitiveness of fees. Mr. Simcisko spoke regarding full cost definition, with acknowledgement of direct and indirect costs, and detailed the process undertaken in the fee review. Mr. Simcisko further noted consideration of annual processing effort estimates, full cost of services, and fee structure recommendations.

Manager of Solid Waste and Special Projects Jeffrey Fletcher spoke regarding proposed landfill fees and noted areas of change.

Blanka Guyatt, 114 Birchview Trail commented on Tyrolean Village Area Watermain Replacement and Wastewater Servicing. Ms. Guyatt noted her appreciation in being able to participate in this process and express her opinion on the proposed project. Ms. Guyatt indicated her properties have never been used for Short Term Accommodation (“STA”) purposes and will not be used for such purposes in the future. Ms. Guyatt noted her understanding of the value of the Town’s offer to modernize and improve the area through the watermain replacement and wastewater servicing but expressed her concern regarding the potential cost of the project. Ms. Guyatt noted she is in favour of the project.

Denis Martinek, Tyrolean Village Resorts, thanked Council for taking the initiative to upgrade water and wastewater services in the Tyrolean area. Mr. Martinek referenced recent watermain breaks in the area, and noted it is important for the watermain to be replaced as part of the project and confirmed his support. Further, Mr. Martinek noted 80% of owners support the upgrade with the Town upfronting the cost and property owners financing the cost over 15 to 20 years, in the same manner as the Arlberg Crescent sanitary installation project. Mr. Martinek noted many properties in the Tyrolean Village Area will need septic replacements soon and
Tyrolean Village Area is identified in the Town’s Official Plan as a full serviced area. Mr. Martinek noted Tyrolean is designated by the Town and under the Ontario Municipal Board decision as where STA properties should be located and further noted full municipal servicing is needed for these operations. Mr. Martinek commented that Tyrolean Village Area is being used for staff and attainable housing, which is a higher intensity use than STA operations and sewers are needed to support these uses. Mr. Martinek reiterated his full support of full services on behalf of Tyrolean Village.

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

**B.2 Public Meeting: 2020 Draft Budget and 2020 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget**

Deputy Mayor Rob Potter read the Notice of Public Meeting with regard to the 2020 Draft Budget and 2020 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted the Public Meeting is to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the 2020 Draft Budget and supporting Tax Rate Changes as well as the 2020 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted notice is hereby given that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains, at its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Monday April 6, 2020, intends to adopt the Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for all departments of the Town for the year 2020 and intends to adopt the 2020 Water and Wastewater Budget.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted it is important to note that a decision on the 2020 Draft Budget and Draft Water and Wastewater Budget has not been made at this point, and will not be made at the Public Information Centre or Public Meeting.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted after reviewing the 2020 Draft Budget and Draft Water and Wastewater Budget and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to Council at a future Council Meeting.

Deputy Mayor Potter noted comments at the Public Meeting aid the Town and 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 2020 Draft Budget and Draft Water and Wastewater Budget.

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

The Town Clerk spoke noting that Notice of the Public Meeting was given in accordance with the Town’s Notice Policy, and comments received were read in the previous Public Meeting.

Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince reviewed the timeline, the draft operating budget for taxation, and a breakdown by Department, and noted the draft budget shows a tax decrease for the Town’s portion. Ruth reviewed the proposed additions to the base budget and further noted there are no changes proposed in the water fixed charges, but a 3% consumption charge for wastewater is proposed.

Councillor Sampson expressed his appreciation to County of Grey staff who attended the Public Information Session for the 2020 Proposed Budget and provided information to Town residents.
Deputy Mayor Potter provided his thanks to staff and Council for their work on the Town’s budget.

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

C. Deputations / Presentations

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C.1 Deputation: Donna Mitchell, Save Georgian Bay Group
Re: TC Energy’s Proposal for a Pumped Storage Facility on the Meaford Tank Range

Donna Mitchell spoke on behalf of the Save Georgian Bay Group regarding TC Energy’s Proposal for a Pumped Storage Facility on the Meaford Tank Range. Ms. Mitchell spoke regarding the proposed open loop pumped storage project proposed by TC Energy noting that it will consume 30% more electricity than it will produce.

Ms. Mitchell then spoke regarding the Ludington, Michigan project and the environmental impact of the proposed project on the Meaford Tank Range. Ms. Mitchell spoke regarding the community issues of the project, including over four years of construction noise, traffic, and possible impact on local wells, water turbidity and natural currents in Georgian Bay and the man-made reservoir that will be built above existing homes and neighbourhoods.

Ms. Mitchell noted that when the project is completed that it will provide just 12-15 permanent employment positions, with some being remote, and noted that this contribution to the local economy is short term, and questioned, at what cost.

Ms. Mitchell spoke regarding the water that will be drawn from Georgian Bay and the turbidity it will cause. Ms. Mitchell spoke regarding the expropriations of July 1942.

Councillor Uram spoke questioning if the Department of National Defence is still accepting comments, Ms. Mitchell replying yes, the commenting period has been extended to July 31, 2020.

C.2 Deputation: Terry Kellar, Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association
Re: Comments to Staff Report FAF.20.010 Follow up to the Municipal Licensing By-law and Administrative Monetary Penalty By-law Public Meeting as it relates to Agenda Item G.1 Committee of the Whole Report dated February 25, 2020

Terry Kellar, Lucille Wheeler Crescent, spoke noting he is the Chair of the Short Term Accommodation (“STA”) Committee of the Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association, and is speaking regarding Staff Report FAF.20.010.

Mr. Kellar noted that since the beginning of the STA process, one focus for their committee is that noise problems from the STA businesses in residential areas should be reduced to an acceptable level. Mr. Kellar noted that the Ontario Municipal Board directed the Town to make the STA business compatible with the residential areas they operate in.

Mr. Kellar noted that they support the new rules that restrict the use of hot tubs, pools and fire pits after 11pm, further noting that STA units are not owner occupied
and that STA units equipped with hot tubs, are frequent sources of noise late at night.

Mr. Kellar noted that they support the mandatory use of the “noise aware technology”, if it allows owners to be aware of and stop a potential noise problem before the neighbours are disturbed. Mr. Kellar noted recently Town staff produced data that confirms that a large majority of noise complaints are associated with STA units that are licensed for 14 to 22 people.

Mr. Kellar noted that staff report FAF.20.010 recommends that the Town change a Bylaw on occupancy load for STAs from the existing +2 formula to a +4 formula. Because of a previous administrative decision, not supported by the Bylaw, the +4 has been allowed for many licenses, and requested that the “+2” formula be retained.

Mr. Kellar noted that residents are looking to Council to help protect their neighbourhoods by restricting the use of STA outdoor facilities after 11, understanding that residents are not making frivolous complaints, and that relief will come with the enforcement of the +2 occupancy limit for the C licence.

D. Public Comment Period

D.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.

D.1.1 Vicki Kellar, Lucille Wheeler Crescent resident, spoke regarding staff report FAF.20.010 and expressed concern that demerit points will not be issued if the OPP are called directly for a noise disturbance at an STA premises, further noting that calling the Responsible Person or By-law should not be a prerequisite to having consequences. Ms. Kellar noted that neighbours complain when there are noise disturbances. Ms. Kellar requested that Council enforce the +2 occupancy model, or change it back to the original +0 occupancy model. Ms. Kellar noted that in most problem areas, the homes were established well before the businesses started up, further noting that the by-laws were approved to support the public interest and help to maintain healthy neighbourhoods. Ms. Kellar noted that business profit should not have priority over the citizens enjoyment of their own homes.

E. Correspondence as previously circulated

E.1 County of Simcoe – Planning Department
Re: Request for Comment – County Initiated Official Plan Amendment – Age-Friendly Policies
(Received for Information and Referred to Planning & Development Services)

E.2 Town of The Blue Mountains and Grey County, Notice of Complete Applications
Re: Proposed Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment – 61 Alfred Street West
(Received for Information and Referred to Planning & Development Services)

E.3 Dan Cozzi, P. Eng., Municipal Engineers Association (“MEA”)
Re: Thank You to The Blue Mountains for jointly hosting the 2019 MEA Workshop and AGM at the Blue Mountain Resort from November 26-29, 2019
(Received for Information and Referred to Operations Department)
E.4 Mike Rencheck, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bruce Power
Re: Bruce Power Sustainability Report
(Received for Information)

E.5 Committee of Adjustment, Notice of Public Hearing
Re: A04-2020 Application for a Minor Variance to ZBA 2018-65 – 224 Marsh Street
(Received for Information)

E.6 Committee of Adjustment, Notice of Public Hearing
Re: A05-2020 Application for a Minor Variance to ZBA 2018-65 – 122 Drake’s Path
(Received for Information)

E.7 The Blue Mountains Short Term Accommodation Owners Association
Re: Draft Municipal Licensing & Administrative Monetary Penalties By-laws
(Received for Information)

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT this Council does hereby receive the Correspondence of E.1 to E.7 and further does support the Staff Recommendation made with regard to the Correspondence items, including any additional direction given to Staff through discussion, with an appropriate Staff action or response awaited for report back to Committee or Council where indicated, Carried.

F. Motions and Staff Reports

F.1 Municipal Modernization Fund, FAF.20.043

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.043, entitled “Municipal Modernization Funding” for information purposes;

AND THAT Council approve single sourcing to KPMG LLP to complete the Comparative Review of Municipal Services in the amount of $40,000;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute Contribution Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains,

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

The Motion is Carried.
G. Consent Agenda

Reports List (Adopt)

G.1 Committee of the Whole Report, dated February 25, 2020

Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.026, entitled “Options to Fill Vacant Councillor Office”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed with Option #2a, being “Appoint the Candidate with the next highest number of votes in the 2018 Municipal Election for the office that has been declared vacant for the balance of the term of Council” to fill the vacant Councillor Office,

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

The Motion is Carried.

Minutes List (Receive)

G.2 Committee of Adjustment minutes dated December 18, 2019

G.3 The Blue Mountains Public Library Board Meeting minutes dated January 16, 2020

H. By-laws

H.1 By-law to amend The Blue Mountains Zoning By-law 2018-65 (K9 Balance)

Moved by: Jim Uram  Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT By-law No. 2020-10 being a By-law to amend The Blue Mountains Zoning By-law 2018-65 by changing the zoning symbol for a portion of the lands known as South Part of Lot 4, Concession 6 (formerly the Township of Collingwood) from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Rural Exception 120 (RU-120) Zone and that Part 9.1 Exemptions be amended and passed this 9th day of March, 2020, Carried.

I. New and Unfinished Business

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

Deputy Mayor Potter spoke regarding The Blue Mountains portion of the supplementary assessment, being $1.1 million, approved by Grey County to go to support the Attainable Housing programs in The Blue Mountains.

Deputy Mayor Potter spoke regarding the Coronavirus, and noted that The Blue Mountains will yield to Grey County and the Grey Bruce Health Unit for information

I.2 Notice of Motion (Council)

None

I.3 Additions to Agenda

None
I.4 News and Celebrations

None

J. Notice of Meeting Dates

Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 10, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Meeting, March 23, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole Meeting, March 24, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

K. Confirmation By-law and Adjournment

Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT By-law No. 2020-11, being a By-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of
The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains on March 9, 2020 be hereby
enacted as passed this 9th day of March, 2020, Carried.

Moved by: Rob Sampson  Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 7:41 p.m. to meet again March 23, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

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Rob Potter, Deputy Mayor

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Corrina Giles, Town Clerk