



Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Committee of the Whole Meeting

Meeting Date: February 25, 2020
Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

A. Call to Order

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, it being noted that one Councillor seat is currently vacant.

Also in attendance Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance and 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, Manager of Purchasing & Risk Management Serena Wilgress, Construction Coordinator Mike Campbell, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer/Prosecutor Wayne DeWitt, Manager of Solid Waste & Special Projects Jeffery Fletcher, Manager of Roads & Drainage Jim McCannell, and Senior Infrastructure Capital Project Coordinator Thomas Nightingale.

Traditional Territory Acknowledgment

Committee 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, further noting that one Councillor seat is currently vacant.

▪ Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the Agenda of February 25, 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

▪ **Previous Minutes**

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT the Committee of the Whole minutes of February 11, 2020 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

▪ **Adoption of Consent Agenda**

None

B. Staff Reports, Deputations, Correspondence

Finance, Administration, Enforcement and Fire Reports

To be chaired by Councillor Rob Sampson

B.1 Deputations, if any

None

B.2 Public Comment Period regarding matters included in the Finance, Administration, Enforcement and Fire portion of the meeting (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

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None

B.3 Staff Reports

B.3.1 Follow up to the Municipal Licensing By-law and Administrative Monetary Penalty By-law Public Meeting, FAF.20.010

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.010, entitled “Follow up to the Municipal Licensing By-law and Administrative Monetary Penalty By-law Public Meeting”;

AND THAT Council accept the Municipal Licensing By-law as presented in this report and direct staff to initiate a second public meeting to be scheduled for the April 6, 2020 meeting of Council;

AND THAT Council direct staff to undertake further consultation relating to the Licensing of Commercial Resort Units;

AND THAT Council accept the principle of an Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law as presented in this report,

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

B.3.2 Updates to POL.COR.07.05 Purchasing of Goods and Services Policy, FAF.20.004

Moved by: Jim Uram

Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.004 entitled “Updates to POL.COR.07.05 Purchasing of Goods and Services Policy”;

AND THAT Council approve the suggested revisions in Staff Report FAF.20.004 and direct staff to provide a further report to the March 24, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting, following consultation with the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation Executive Director regarding the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing purchasing matters

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

Moved by: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council waive the provisions of the Procedural By-law 2019-56 as it relates to the requirement to defer Finance, Administration and Fire, and Community Services and Operations matters not considered before lunch to the next regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting for consideration in order that the Committee of the Whole may consider all Finance, Administration and Fire matters, and Community Services and Operations matters included on the February 25, 2020 Committee of the Whole Agenda following the lunch break, Carried.

B.3.3 Linton & Ivess Wedding – 135 & 136 Cameron Street – Noise By-law Relief Request, FAF.20.024

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.024, entitled “Linton & Ivess Wedding – 135 & 136 Cameron Street – Noise By-law Relief Request”;

AND THAT Council grant relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law for a wedding on Saturday June 27th, 2020 at 135 & 136 Cameron Street from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., with amplified speeches and a DJ playing music inside of a tent,

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

B.3.4 Options to Fill Vacant Councillor Office, FAF.20.026

Moved by: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

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	Yay
Councillor Potter	Yay
Mayor Soever	Absent
Councillor Uram	Nay
Councillor Sampson	Yay
The Motion is Carried.	

B.4 Finance, Administration, Enforcement and Fire “Information Reports” and correspondence to be considered in the adoption of the Consent Agenda

None

B.5 Correspondence, if any

None

B.6 Public Comment Period regarding matters included in the Finance, Administration, Enforcement and Fire portion of the meeting (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

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Community Services and Operations Reports
To be chaired by Deputy Mayor Rob Potter

B.7 Deputations, if any

B.7.1 Workshop: Director of Operations, Shawn Carey
Re: Environmental Assessment Overview

Director of Operations, Shawn Carey, spoke providing an overview of the Environmental Assessment and provided the purpose of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, fundamentals of an Environmental Assessment, Types of Environmental Assessments, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process, and proposed approach to Council engagement.

B.7.2 Presentation: Kris Wiszniak, Public Works & Transit Coordinator Town of Collingwood
Re: Blue Mountains Transit Update

Kris Wiszniak provided an update on the Blue Mountains Transit with Collingwood. Kris noted that following a six month trial service in 2013, that the Councils of Collingwood and Blue Mountains approved a permanent transit service in March 2014, and in September 2014, The Blue Mountains, Collingwood, Blue Mountain Village Association and Blue Mountain Resort entered into a five year transit agreement.

Kris noted that in 2017 a Regional Transit Task Force was established to review transportation needs, and the transit service was increased to a full day from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. Kris reviewed the Regional Transit Map and the five-year ridership statistics, including ridership by stop. Kris reviewed the budget and noted that over \$21,000 was received from the sale of bus passes, \$60,000 from ticket revenue and provincial funding received of \$61,400.

Kris reviewed the Gas Tax funding envelope, and reviewed the budget, noting the factors that affect increases, including additional maintenance due to the age of the bus, increase in fuel costs, renewal of the contract in 2021, increased administration costs it being noted that the Town of Collingwood does not recover any administration costs from the Blue Mountains link, and the increased demand in services. Kris noted that they will go to the market to get the best contract and reviewed the key highlights of the agreement, being joint ownership of the vehicle, defines the allocation of Gas Tax funding with Collingwood as the host municipality, provision of insurance for all parties, termination of contract and cost recovery.

Kris then spoke regarding the rationale for a one-year extension, it being noted that Grey County has approved transit links between Owen Sound and The Blue Mountains, and the current operations contract is 1.5 years away from completion. Kris noted that the Town of Collingwood is undertaking a comprehensive Transit Operations Study and both municipalities are to consider additional private partners.

Councillor Sampson spoke noting that the ridership data shows that many staff are taking the bus to Blue Mountain Resort from Collingwood. Kris spoke in response noting that yes, many riders work at Blue Mountain Resort, further noting that there is a 20% transfer rate from the Wasaga Beach link to The Blue Mountains link.

Councillor Sampson questioned if Collingwood participated in the Grey County transit discussions, Kris replying yes, that Collingwood met with Grey County one time and was not aware of the tender process.

Councillor Matrosovs spoke in response to the comment that Collingwood is happy with the current contractor, but there is much time spent on complaints. Kris spoke in response noting that the transit contractor responds to much of the day to day operations, ie. scheduling and driver complaints, further noting that complaints regarding the bus stops are directed to the Town of Collingwood.

Councillor Uram noted that the study process will provide more detail and questioned if it will include tourism to make transit better for tourism. Kris noted that the terms of reference will look for statistics for tourism ridership, further noting that we can do a better job getting the word out about transit, further noting he is working with their Communications department on this.

Councillor Uram spoke noting that The Blue Mountains is going through a Transportation Study, as is Collingwood, then questioned if the Collingwood and Blue Mountains data can be coordinated. Kris spoke in response noting that this information has been asked of Wasaga Beach as well, and noted that he has been in discussions with CAO Shawn Everitt and Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons as well.

Councillor Bordignon spoke questioning if there has been consideration to take the transit service into Thornbury and looping it back to Blue Mountain Resort. Kris spoke in response noting that no, this has not been considered, further noting that Collingwood would have to work with The Blue Mountains staff to determine if there is a need. Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services, spoke noting that with the Grey County pilot, we can determine if this is feasible, further noting that the one-year extension will allow further discussions to take place. Councillor Bordignon spoke noting that he is encouraged by the discussions with Grey County, but noted that he wants to continue with the transit system currently in place. Kris spoke in response noting that the transit expansion has been done through trial periods to determine if there is a need.

Ryan Gibbons spoke noting that Grey County is coming forward with options.

Deputy Mayor Potter thanked Kris for the presentation.

B.8 Public Comment Period regarding matters included in the Community Services and Operations portion of the meeting (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

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B.9 Staff Reports

B.9.1 Environmental Sustainability Fund Distribution, CSOPS.20.014

Moved by: Jim Uram

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.20.014, “Environmental Sustainability Fund Distribution”:

AND THAT Council approve the distribution, conducted in accordance with “The Blue Mountains Sustainability Fund” Terms of Reference, of a total of \$5,000 in funds as follows:

Beaver River Watershed Initiative – Education Program: \$2,200;

Beaver Valley Community School – Compost Liners and Irrigation System: \$700;
and

Climate Action Now Network – Divert and Capture Microplastic Fibre: \$2,100,

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

B.9.2 Blue Mountains Transit Services Agreement Extension, CSOPS.20.012

Moved by: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.20.012, entitled “Blue Mountains Transit Services Agreement Extension”;

AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement for a one (1) year extension expiring December 31, 2020,

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

Moved by: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT with respect to Staff Report CSOPS.20.012, entitled “Blue Mountains Transit Services Agreement Extension”, Council direct staff to provide a report on the expansion of all transit route opportunities with the Town of Collingwood and Grey County

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

B.10 Community Services and Operations “Information Reports” and correspondence to be considered in the adoption of the Consent Agenda

None

B.11 Correspondence, if any

None

B.12 Public Comment Period regarding matters included in the Community Services and Operations portion of the meeting (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

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Planning & Development Services Reports
To be chaired by Councillor Jim Uram

B.13 Deputations, if any

None

B.14 Public Comment Period regarding matters included in the Planning and Development Services portion of the meeting (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

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None

B.15 Staff Reports

B.15.1 Lot 14, Arrowhead Crescent – Zoning By-law Amendment, PDS.20.10

Agenda item B.15.1 was pulled from the February 25, 2020 Committee of the Whole Agenda and will be included on the March 10, 2020 Committee of the Whole Agenda.

B.15.2 Recommendation Report – K9 Balance Kennel Zoning Amendment, PDS.20.14

Moved by: Rob Potter

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT Council receive Staff Report PDS.20.14, Recommendation Report - K9 Balance Kennel Zoning Amendment (South Part of Lot 4, Concession 6);

AND THAT Council enact a Zoning By-law Amendment to change a portion of the property's zone to Rural Exception (RU-120) to permit the use of Kennel,

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

B.16 Planning & Development Services Information Reports and correspondence to be considered in the adoption of the Consent Agenda:

None

B.17 Correspondence, if any

None

B.18 Public Comment Period regarding matters included in the Planning and Development Services portion of the meeting (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

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None

C. New and Unfinished Business

C.1 Committees of Council Reports

C.1.1 Community Communications Advisory Committee Report dated November 18, 2019

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Community Communications Advisory Committee Minutes dated November 18, 2019, for information purposes, Carried.

C.1.2 Agricultural Advisory Committee Report dated November 21, 2019

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Agricultural Advisory Committee Minutes dated November 21, 2019, for information purposes, Carried.

C.1.3 Economic Development Advisory Committee Report dated December 9, 2019

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Economic Development Advisory Committee Minutes dated December 9, 2019, for information purposes, Carried.

C.1.4 Grants and Donations Committee Report dated January 3, 2020

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Grants and Donations Committee Minutes dated January 3, 2020, for information purposes, Carried.

C.1.5 Grants and Donations Committee Report dated January 17, 2020

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Special Grants and Donations Committee Minutes dated January 17, 2020, for information purposes, Carried.

C.1.6 Sustainability Advisory Committee Report dated January 8, 2020

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs

Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes dated January 8, 2020, for information purposes, Carried.

C.2 Notice of Motion (Council)

None

C.3 Additions to the Agenda

None

D. Notice of Meeting Dates

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

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

E. Adjournment

Moved by: Jim Uram

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT this Committee of the Whole does now adjourn at 3:15 p.m. to meet again, March 10, 2020, Town Hall, Council Chambers, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

Rob Potter, Deputy Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk