



Minutes

The Blue Mountains Special Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: April 8, 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

Mayor Soever called the Special Meeting of Council to order with all members of Council present.

Also in attendance Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Human Resources Jenn Moreau, Director of Planning and Development Nathan Westendorp, Director of Operations Shawn Carey, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Director of Legal Services Will Thomson and Manager of Information Technology Cathy Bailey.

- **Traditional Territory Acknowledgement**

- **Moment of Reflection**

Council then paused for a Moment of Reflection

- **Council Member Attendance**

Because Council members were attending the meeting electronically, the Town Clerk called each Council member's name, with each member of Council verbally confirming their attendance.

- **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Rob Potter Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT the Agenda of April 8, 2020 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda,

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

The motion is 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 Comment Period

B.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.

NOTE: The Blue Mountains Town Hall is currently closed to the public to assist with social distancing with respect to COVID-19. Comments received from the public that have not been included on the Agenda, will be read at the meeting by the Town Clerk.

None

C. Motions and Staff Reports

C.1 Community Response Initiatives, FAF.20.075

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.075, entitled “Community Response Initiatives”;

AND THAT Council approve the Community Recovery Task Force Terms of Reference as presented;

AND THAT Council endorse the initiatives listed as initial Community Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic;

AND THAT Council formally acknowledge and provide gratitude and appreciation to the Town's partners and stakeholders for their continued efforts in providing assistance to the community,

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

The motion is Carried.

C.2 Amendment to Procedural By-law 2019-56 to Allow Electronic Participation by Committees of Council and The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation in an Emergency, Bill 187, FAF.20.076

Moved by: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.076, entitled “Amendment to Procedural By-law 2019-56 to Allow Electronic Participation by Committees of Council and The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation in an Emergency, Bill 187”;

AND THAT Council waive the provisions of the “Provision of Notice and Manner of Giving Notice to the Public Policy, POL.COR.07.03” as it relates to the requirement to hold a Public Meeting to receive public comments regarding proposed amendments to the Procedural By-law;

AND THAT Council approve the draft By-law attached to Staff Report FAF.20.076 that amends Procedural By-law 2019-56 to permit electronic participation by members of Committees of Council and The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation in a meeting during any period where an emergency has been declared to exist in all or part of the municipality under section 4 or 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, and to be counted in determining a quorum,

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

The motion is Carried.

Moved by: Alar Soever Seconded by: Rob Potter

THAT the Town Clerk and Director of Legal Services be directed to provide a Staff Report at the April 20, 2020 Council Meeting regarding “open” meetings including a definition of the extent and the manner in which a meeting is open to the public during an emergency

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

The motion is Carried.

D. By-laws

D.1 By-law to Amend Procedural By-law 2019-56 to Allow Electronic Participation in an Emergency, by Committees of Council and The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Paula Hope

THAT By-law No. 2020-25 being a By-law to Amend Procedural By-law 2019-56 to allow electronic participation in an emergency by Committees of Council and The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation, be passed this 8th day of April, 2020,

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

The motion is Carried.

E. Closed Session

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 a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, and with regard to the municipality's inventory of land,

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

The motion is Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 9:59 a.m.

Council moved into public session at 10:50 a.m.

- **Closed Session Reporting Out Statement**

Mayor Soever reported out of Closed Session noting that Council met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff regarding the Town's land inventory, including a disposition or acquisition of land.

F. Adjournment

Councillor Rob Sampson vacated the meeting at 10:55 a.m. due to technical difficulties.

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 10:57 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair,

Councillor Bordignon	Yay
Councillor Hope	Yay
Councillor Matrosovs	Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter	Yay
Councillor Sampson	Absent due to Technical Issues
Councillor Uram	Yay
Mayor Soever	Yay

The motion is Carried.

Alar Soever, Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk