



Minutes

The Blue Mountains Special Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: June 19, 2020
Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

A. Call to Order

Mayor Alar Soever called the meeting to order with all members of Council present save Councillor Uram absent due to an authorized leave of absence.

Also in attendance Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Legal Services Will Thomson, Director of Planning & Development Services Nathan Westendorp, Planner Denise Whaley

- **Traditional Territory Acknowledgment**
- **Council Member Attendance**

The Clerk confirmed that all members of Council were in attendance, save Councillor Uram absent due to an authorized leave of absence

- **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Andrea Matrosovs Seconded by: Paula Hope

THAT the Agenda of June 19, 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	Leave of Absence
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 to receive public comments regarding Town matters. The speaker shall provide their name and address, and shall address their comments to the Chair. Comments may be provided regarding staff recommendations contained in staff reports that are a follow-up to a Public Meeting, it being noted that the commenting period has ended.

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.

B.1.1 Casey Thomson, The Cheese Gallery, I fully commend the Town, Town Staff, Council and BIA leadership for their unanimous decision to widen the Bruce Street sidewalks to allow for social distancing this summer during COVID-19. These are not easy or popular decisions, but I believe the right approach to ensure space and safety. I would submit that some tweaking is needed to fully realize the vision of providing walking space along places for people to sit. Please consider: 1) crosswalk midway across Bruce where parkette is located, 2) 2 spaces for 15 min drop off and pick-up in addition to the 2 handicapped spaces, 3) installation of benches, planters, banners and concrete wrappers to beautify area (along with businesses chairs, flowers. I do not support full removal of barriers on either side nor would I like to see bare sidewalks void of signs, flowers or chairs. COVID -19 is proving to offer many challenges. While this is a difficult situation, I believe it can be adjusted to ensure safety and support for our businesses. There are many options to consider as seen in Elora, Barrie, Sauble beach and Collingwood. Ideally my first choice would be to close the block and create a “European style pedestrian plaza” but as that is not a current option we need to find a way to work through all of this situation as recommended by governments and health officials. Thank you for your consideration,

C. Closed Session

Moved by: Rob Potter

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

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 litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board, the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and with regard to a Local Planning Appeal Tribunal matter,

Councillor Bordignon	Yay
Councillor Hope	Yay
Councillor Matrosovs	Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter	Yay
Councillor Sampson	Yay
Councillor Uram	Leave of Absence
Mayor Soever	Yay

The motion is Carried.

Council moved into closed session at 10:06 a.m.

Council moved into public session at 10:54 a.m.

- **Closed Session Reporting Out Statement**

Mayor Soever reported out of closed session noting that Council met in closed session regarding a Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (“LPAT”) matter and provided direction to Legal Counsel to settle the LPAT matter. The details of the settlement will be disclosed to the public when the settlement has been accepted by the other parties.

D. Motion

D.1 Placement of Concrete Jersey Barriers on Bruce Street South (verbal)

Moved by: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Paula Hope

THAT Council directs staff to continue discussions with the Thornbury BIA and affected businesses regarding the potential relocation of the concrete jersey barriers on Bruce Street South

Councillor Bordignon	Yay
Councillor Hope	Yay
Councillor Matrosovs	Yay
Deputy Mayor Potter	Yay
Councillor Sampson	Yay
Councillor Uram	Leave of Absence
Mayor Soever	Yay
The motion is Carried.	

E. Adjournment

Moved by: Rob Potter

Seconded by: Andrea Matrosovs

THAT this Special Meeting of Council does now adjourn at 11:16 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	Yay
Councillor Uram	Leave of Absence
Mayor Soever	Yay
The motion is Carried.	

Alar Soever, Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk