



# Committee Report

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## The Blue Mountains Committee of the Whole

**Meeting Date:** January 28, 2020  
**Meeting Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Town Hall, Council Chambers  
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON  
**Prepared by** Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

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### Staff Reports, Deputations, Correspondence

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#### Finance, Administration, Enforcement and Fire Reports

To be chaired by Councillor Rob Sampson

##### B.1 Deputations, if any

###### B.1.1 [Presentation: Michael Ryan, Past President – Grey County Federation of Agriculture](#)

**Re: Update on Agriculture Issues in Grey County and Local Municipality**

No recommendations made by Committee

##### B.3 Staff Reports

###### B.3.1 [Transportation Committee Meeting Schedule \(FAF.20.017\)](#)

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.017, entitled “Transportation Committee Meeting Schedule”;

AND THAT Council endorse the updated Transportation Committee meeting schedule as presented in the revised Terms of Reference, included as Attachment 1, Carried.

###### B.3.2 [Composition of the Sustainability Advisory Committee \(FAF.20.016\)](#)

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.016, entitled “Composition of the Sustainability Advisory Committee”;

AND THAT Council approve the reduction of the number of members on the Sustainability Advisory Committee from 9 to 7 with composition being: 2 members of Council, 4 members of the public, and 1 non-Council member from the Economic Development Advisory Committee;

AND THAT Council approve the revised Terms of Reference included as Attachment 2 to this report, Carried.

**B.3.3** [Options to Fill Vacant Deputy Mayor Office \(FAF.20.009\)](#)

NOTE: Staff Report FAF.20.009 “Options to Fill Vacant Deputy Mayor Office” was considered at the January 27, 2020 Council Meeting.

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

**B.4.1** [Monthly Financial Report – November 2019 \(FAF.20.018\)](#)

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.018 entitled “Monthly Financial Report – November 2019” for information purposes, Carried.

**B.5 Correspondence, if any**

None

**Community Services and Operations Reports**

**To be chaired by Councillor Rob Potter**

**B.7 Deputations, if any**

**B.7.1** [Presentation: Amanda Kennedy, Facilitator and Engagement Specialist, A. Kennedy Consulting Ltd.](#)

Re: Corporate Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan

No recommendations made by Committee

**B.9 Staff Reports**

**B.9.1** [Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan – Final Draft \(CSOPS.20.004\)](#)

THAT the Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.20.004 entitled, “Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan – Final Draft”;

AND THAT Council endorse the Energy Conservation and Demand Plan as presented to support the finalization of the Plan and posting to the Town Website, Carried.

**B.9.2** [Thornbury Municipal Harbour Overview and Financial Plan \(CSOPS.20.007\)](#)

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.20.007, entitled Thornbury Municipal Harbour Overview and Financial Plan;

AND THAT Council receive the Thornbury Municipal Harbour Financial Plan as attached, 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

**Planning & Development Services Reports**

**To be chaired by Councillor Jim Uram**

**B.13 Deputations, if any**

None

**B.15 Staff Reports**

**B.15.1 [Bruce Street/Marsh Street Corridor Area Zoning Update \(PDS.20.03\)](#)**

THAT Council receive Staff Report PDS.20.03, entitled “Bruce Street / Marsh Street Corridor Area Zoning Update”;

AND THAT Council enact a Zoning By-law Amendment to the Blue Mountains By-law 2018-65 to correct zoning matters for the Bruce Street / Marsh Street Corridor lands, in accordance with the recommendations contained in Planning Staff Report PDS.20.03, 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

**New and Unfinished Business**

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**C.1 Committees of Council Reports**

**C.1.1 [Sustainability Advisory Committee Report, dated November 13, 2019](#)**

THAT Council of The Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes dated November 13, 2019, for information purposes, Carried.

**C.2 Single-Use Plastics Direction – Co-Chairs Councillor Potter and Ken Mehi, and Julie Scarcella**

THAT, at the June 3, 2019 Council meeting, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the Sustainable Path, 2010, includes the goal: “Become a community that supports a movement towards a zero-waste society” p.35, and:

WHEREAS 82% of Canadians are urging the Federal Government to tackle plastic pollution (Angus Reid Forum Poll March 14-17, 2019), and:

WHEREAS, the Ontario government released Preserving and Protecting our Environment for Future Generations and stated that “Plastics is a priority from our government’s point of view, particularly as we talk about plastics in our waterways” (Rod Phillips, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (November 29, 2018), and;

WHEREAS municipalities and cities across Canada, including tourist destinations such as Bayfield, Ontario, Vancouver, BC and world class resorts such as Whistler Blackcomb have already successfully implemented similar actions, and;

WHEREAS many retailers and food service operators in the Town of The Blue Mountains have indicated that they have or are moving towards alternatives to plastic shopping bags at point of sale, plastic straws and stir sticks, and recognizing that some businesses will require additional time to adapt to the elimination of single-use plastics and that the elimination of other plastics such as water bottles will require availability of other options such as filling stations, and;

WHEREAS the Town’s Solid Waste Solution, 2008 established targets of 60% waste diversion by 2015, 75% by 2025 and 85% by 2050, and that our current rate of waste diversion is limited to only 30% which unchanged will exhaust the landfill in half its intended life and is economically inefficient and unsustainable, and further that plastics clog drainage systems and can cause unnecessary flooding, and that discarded plastic bags and containers collect standing water and create a breeding ground for mosquitos which can carry West Nile or Triple E Virus, causing threats to public health and significant infrastructure costs for taxpayers, and;

WHEREAS it is recognized that some single-use plastics may continue to be permitted upon request for specific reasons such as accommodating special or health needs, and for food safety, and it is acknowledged that municipal bans do not prohibit visitors from bringing single-use items to the Town of The Blue Mountains, and;

WHEREAS, a previous motion brought on April 16th, 2019 was referred to the Sustainability Committee which has no meeting scheduled to date, and it is acknowledged that a permanent Town-wide ban will take considerable time, resources, education, publication and other work over a longer period, and;

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL adopt, support and encourage an interim voluntary ban on the use of single-use plastic shopping bags, plastic straws and stir sticks effective July 1st, 2019, and that Council direct staff to:

1. Promote a voluntary ban on single-use plastic bags, straws, stir sticks by publishing messaging in the upcoming tax bill mailing, on the Town's website home page and through all of the Town's commonly-used media beginning no later than June 15th 2019 that states that includes the following position:

"Council supports the protection of the environment of the Town of The Blue Mountains through the reduction and future elimination of single-use plastic bags, straws, stir sticks and water bottles, and encourages all businesses, community members and visitors to avoid the use of these products whenever possible. Council recognizes and appreciates the efforts of all stakeholders towards measures that support the sustainability of the natural environment in the Town of The Blue Mountains."

AND THAT Council refer the following items to the Sustainability Committee for consideration and recommendation to Council by August 26, 2019 to:

2. Phase out the sale of bottled water and the use of single-use plastic cups, straws and stir sticks at all Town-owned facilities and events by December 2019 in order to model good environmental practices;
3. Develop a three-year plan to increase the number of water bottle re-filling stations on Town-owned properties, to be included in the 2020, 2021 and 2022 budget cycles;
4. Develop recognition/reward signage (i.e. "We've gone green for a Blue future" or similar) for business operators who model good environmental practices by not supplying single-use shopping bags, water bottles, straws and stir sticks;
5. Investigate the development and costs of a Town of Blue Mountains reusable bag-for-life or fabric bag options with appropriate logo for possible purchase by retailers at cost, and to be used for various promotional events; by the Town;

AND THAT COUNCIL direct staff to work with the Sustainability Committee and all stakeholders through a public consultation process, to develop a plan for inclusion in the 2020 Budget to reduce and/or eliminate single use plastics effective July 1st, 2020, **Carried**.

AND THAT Council directed that the June 3, 2019 Council resolution be circulated to the Sustainability Committee for consideration and recommendation to Council. In response to this direction, the Sustainability Committee, at its July 10, 2019 meeting resolved as follows:

- a) THAT the Sustainability Committee receive Staff Report FAF.19.101 entitled “Sustainable Path Funding Information” for information purposes.  
AND THAT the Sustainability Committee recommend to Council this funding be used to develop an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (“ICSP”), **Carried.**
- b) THAT the Sustainability Committee refer to staff Items 2 and 3 from the June 3, 2019 single-use plastics motion being:
  - Phase out the sale of bottled water and the use of single-use plastic cups, straws and stir sticks at all Town-owned facilities and events by December 2019 in order to model good governmental practices;
  - Develop a three-year plan to increase the number of water bottle re-filling stations on Town-owned properties, to be included in the 2020, 2021 and 2022 budget cycles;

AND THAT the Sustainability Committee include:

Items 4 and 5 from the June 3, 2019 single-use plastics motion being:

- Develop recognition/reward signage (i.e. “We’ve gone green for a Blue future” or similar) for business operators who model good environmental practices by not supplying single-use shopping bags, water bottles, straws and stir sticks;
- Investigate the development and costs of a Town of Blue Mountains reusable bag-for-life or fabric bag options with appropriate logo for possible purchase by retailers at cost, and to be used for various promotional events by the Town

in the direction for the Sustainability Committee to work with all stakeholders through a public consultation process, to develop a plan for inclusion in the 2020 Budget to reduce and/or eliminate single-use plastics effective July 1, 2020, **Carried.**

- c) THAT the Sustainability Committee recommends to Council that the second portion of the June 3, 2019 single-use plastics motion which “direct[s] staff to work with the Sustainability Committee and all stakeholders through a public consultation process, to develop a plan for inclusion in the 2020 Budget to reduce and/or eliminate single-use plastics effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020” be included into the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, **Carried.**

AND THAT, in response to the July 10, 2019 Sustainability Committee recommendation, staff generated staff report FAF.19.180 “Sustainability Initiatives Update” for inclusion on the September 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole Agenda for recommendation to Council. In response to the September 16, 2019 COW recommendation, the following motion was passed at the September 30, 2019 Council Meeting:

- a) THAT with respect to Staff Report FAF.19.180 “Sustainability Initiatives Update”, Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.101, entitled “Sustainable Path Funding Information” for information purposes, **CARRIED.**
- b) THAT Council receive for information, Sustainability Committee Recommendation No. 3 as included in Staff Report FAF.19.180 “Sustainability Initiatives Update” as follows:

THAT the Sustainability Committee refer to staff Items 2 and 3 from the June 3, 2019 single-use plastics motion being:

- Phase out the sale of bottled water and the use of single-use plastic cups, straws and stir sticks at all Town-owned facilities and events by December 2019 in order to model good governmental practices;
- Develop a three-year plan to increase the number of water bottle re-filling stations on Town-owned properties, to be included in the 2020, 2021 and 2022 budget cycles;

AND THAT the Sustainability Committee include:

Items 4 and 5 from the June 3, 2019 single-use plastics motion being:

- Develop recognition/reward signage (i.e. We’ve gone green for a Blue future” or similar) for business operators who model good environmental practices by not supplying single-use shopping bags, water bottles, straws and stir sticks;
- Investigate the development and costs of a Town of The Blue Mountains reusable bag-for-life or fabric bag options with appropriate logo for possible purchase by retailers at cost, and to be used for various promotional events by the Town

in the direction for the Sustainability Committee to work with all stakeholders through a public consultation process, to develop a plan for inclusion in the 2020 Budget to reduce and/or eliminate single-use plastics effective July 1, 2020, **CARRIED.**

- c) THAT Council receive for information, Sustainability Committee Recommendation No. 4 as included in Staff Report FAF.19.180 "Sustainability Initiatives Update" THAT the Sustainability Committee recommends to Council that the second portion of the June 3, 2019 single-use plastics motion which "direct[s] staff to work with the Sustainability Committee and all stakeholders through a public consultation process, to develop a plan for inclusion in the 2020 Budget to reduce and/or eliminate single-use plastics effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020" be included into the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, **CARRIED**.

NOW THEREFORE, for clarification purposes, the Sustainability Advisory Committee requests that Council consider endorsement of each of the following 3 recommendations, as initially presented in staff report FAF.19.180 Sustainability Initiatives Update:

1. THAT, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains approve the Sustainable Path Funding, as included in the 2019 Approved budget, to develop an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan ("ICSP")
2. THAT, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains approve referring to staff Items 2 and 3 from the June 3, 2019 single-use plastics motion being:
  - Phase out the sale of bottled water and the use of single-use plastic cups, straws and stir sticks at all Town-owned facilities and events by December 2019 in order to model good governmental practices;
  - Develop a three-year plan to increase the number of water bottle re-filling stations on Town-owned properties, to be included in the 2020, 2021 and 2022 budget cycles;

AND THAT the Sustainability Committee include:

Items 4 and 5 from the June 3, 2019 single-use plastics motion being:

- Develop recognition/reward signage (i.e. "We've gone green for a Blue future" or similar) for business operators who model good environmental practices by not supplying single-use shopping bags, water bottles, straws and stir sticks;
- Investigate the development and costs of a Town of The Blue Mountains reusable bag-for-life or fabric bag options with appropriate logo for possible purchase by retailers at cost, and to be used for various promotional events by the Town

in the direction for the Sustainability Committee to work with all stakeholders through a public consultation process, to develop a plan for inclusion in the 2020 Budget to reduce and/or eliminate single-use plastics effective July 1, 2020



3. THAT, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains approve the second portion of the June 3, 2019 single-use plastics motion which “direct[s] staff to work with the Sustainability Committee and all stakeholders through a public consultation process, to develop a plan for inclusion in the 2020 Budget to reduce and/or eliminate single-use plastics effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020” be included into the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, Carried.

**C.3 Sustainable Path as Resource Document – Co-Chairs Councillor Potter and Ken Mehi, and Julie Scarcella**

THAT Council refers the November 13, 2019 Sustainability Advisory Committee recommendation directing staff to review the 2019 Sustainable Path and confirm items that have been actioned, items that have not been actioned, and matters that can be included in the updated Integrated Community Sustainable Plan back to the Sustainability Advisory Committee for implementation by the Manager/Coordinator positions once approved by Council, Carried.

**C.4 Future Tasks and Directives from Council to Sustainability Advisory Committee – Co-Chairs Councillor Potter and Ken Mehi, and Julie Scarcella**

THAT, as recommended at the November 13, 2019 Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains agrees that all additional directives, tasks, initiatives, and requests of the Sustainability Advisory Committee will be considered as part of the new Integrated Community Sustainable Plan (“ICSP”) process, including related items from Council, staff, Sustainability Advisory Committee members, and the public, understanding these items will become part of the process of the new ICSP and will be considered and addressed at the appropriate time as the process evolves and priorities dictate;

AND THAT Council agrees if any items come to the attention of the Sustainability Advisory Committee of an urgent nature, such as funding opportunities, those matters shall be considered at the time they are known, Carried.

**C.5 Consideration of Sustainable Manager Position – Co-Chairs Councillor Potter and Ken Mehi, and Julie Scarcella**

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of the recommendation from the November 13, 2019 Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting endorsing the retention of a full-time, permanent Sustainability Manager to develop and implement the Integrated Community Sustainable Plan and focus on Corporate sustainability, pending Council’s approval, Carried.

**C.1.2 [Joint Municipal Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee Report, dated November 21, 2019](#)**

THAT Council of The Town of The Blue Mountains receives The Blue Mountains Joint Municipal Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee Minutes dated November 21, 2019 as attached, for information purposes, Carried.

**C.1 Physician and Student Communication Tracking – June Porter (verbal update)**

THAT, as recommended at the November 21, 2019, meeting of the Joint Municipal Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee, Council maintains records with the Clerk of the Town of the Blue Mountains, through the Committee Chair, that include contact information of and history of Town and Committee communication with local physicians, visiting medical students, and physician recruitment candidates, in order that appropriate contact can be maintained, Carried.

**C.2 Events-Opportunities-Stakeholders – Chair**

THAT, as recommended at the November 21, 2019, meeting of the Joint Municipal Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee, Council maintains records with the Clerk of the Town of the Blue Mountains, through the Committee Chair, that include events, opportunities and stakeholders relevant to the work of the Committee, in order that appropriate actions can be taken to fulfill the Committee's mandate, Carried.

**C.2 Notice of Motion (Council)**

None

**C.3 Additions to the Agenda**

None