



Committee Report

The Blue Mountains, Accountability and Transparency Committee

Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers - Virtual Meeting
32 Mill Street, Thornbury ON
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Accountability and Transparency Committee Recommendations

Note: The following are recommendations from the Accountability and Transparency Committee to be considered for adoption by Council:

B.1 Tim Hendry, Manager of Economic Development and Communications, Re: Communications 101

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated June 13, 2024:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee receives for information presentation from Tim Hendry, Manager of Economic Development and Communications regarding Communications Overview. CARRIED.

D.1 Discussion regarding the timeline for enactment of the Accountability and Transparency Policy

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee receives for information the timeline for enactment of the Accountability and Transparency Policy.
CARRIED

D.2 Follow-up discussion regarding the Lobbyist Registry

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated June 13, 2024:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee receives for information the draft Lobbyist Registry By-law.

AND THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee requests that the Town Clerk amend the draft Lobbyist Registry By-law to change the introductory statement to refer to business, individuals or any other entity and removing reference to "for-profit" as well as removing item 4.(k) entirely, under the section title Exempted Activities.

AND THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee requests the Town Clerk to provide the draft Lobbyist By-law and FAQ as developed by the Communications Department, to the July 8, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting for Council consideration. CARRIED.

AND THAT Council considers the recommendation to amend the draft Lobbyist Registry By-law to change the introductory statement to refer to business, individuals or any other entity and removing reference to "for-profit" as well as removing item 4. (k) entirely, under the section title Exempted Activities;

AND THAT Council directs the Town Clerk to provide the draft Lobbyist By-law and FAQ as developed by the Communications Department, to the July 8, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting for Council consideration.

D.4 Committee Feedback, Re: Amendments to Public Notice Policy, POL.COR.07.03

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee, dated June 13, 2024:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee receives for information Amendments to Public Notice Policy, POL.COR.07.03 Staff Report from Tim Hendry, Manager of Economic Development and Communications.

AND THAT regarding the Amendments to Public Notice Policy, POL.COR.07.03 the Accountability and Transparency Committee requests the following suggested amendments and comments go forward for Council's consideration:

- Public Notice related to Planning and Development Projects to not only adhere and meet the minimum requirements of the *Planning Act* and other applicable legislation but to go above and beyond these requirements, whenever possible, in order to ensure adequate time for public engagement, for matters related to planning. CARRIED.

AND THAT Council direct staff to include the above comments from the Accountability and Transparency Committee in the July 9, 2024, Public Meeting regarding the Notice Policy.

F. Work Plan

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee, dated June 13, 2024:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency requests that should Council establish a task force to review the Strategic Plan, that member Robert Turner be included as a member of the task force, to represent the Accountability and Transparency Committee. CARRIED.

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee, dated June 13, 2024:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee direct the Chair of this committee to bring forward to the June 17, 2024, Special Committee of the Whole meeting, the following Carried recommendation from the June 13, 2024, Committee meeting:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency requests that should Council establish a task force to review the Strategic Plan, that member Robert Turner be included as a member of the task force, to represent the Accountability and Transparency Committee. CARRIED.