

Committee Report

The Blue Mountains

Accountability and Transparency Committee

Date: Friday, December 20, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting, Teams

Prepared By:

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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. Staff Reports and Deputation

B.1 Paul Reale, Resident, re: Public Comment Meeting Policy and its Relationship with the Public Comment Period in the Procedural By-law

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated December 20, 2024:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee receives the deputation of Paul Reale, resident, regarding public comment meeting policy and its relationship with the public comment period in the Procedural By-law 2023-62. CARRIED

D. Matters for Discussion

D.2 Follow-up Direction from Council

D.2.1 Employee Whistleblower Policy, FAF.24.137

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated December 20, 2024:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee acknowledges that they have provided comments to Sarah Traynor in response to the Employee Whistleblower Policy.

AND THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee requests Council to direct staff to pause work on the Employee Whistleblower Policy until the Staff Code of Conduct Policy has been approved. CARRIED

D.2.2 Follow up Report Draft Employee Code of Conduct, FAF.24.136

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated December 20, 2024:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee receives staff report FAF.24.136 Draft Employee Code of Conduct Policy for information.

AND that the Accountability and Transparency Committee members provide their comments regarding this draft policy to the Legislative Coordinator who will compile all the comments received and bring forward to the January 16, 2025, committee meeting. CARRIED

D.3 Provincial Code of Conduct

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated December 20, 2024:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee January 16, 2025, agenda will contain the Provincial Code of Conduct and the committee will submit their comments regarding this policy no later than January 9, 2025.

AND THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee requests that Legislative Coordinator compile and circulate to the committee the comments in advance of the January 16, 2025 meeting. CARRIED

D.4 Accountability and Transparency Committee 2025 Meeting Schedule

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated December 20, 2024:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee receives and endorses the 2025 Meeting Schedule, as presented. CARRIED