



# **Committee Report**

## **The Blue Mountains**

### **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**Date:** Monday, January 13, 2025  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual Meeting  
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON  
**Prepared by:** Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

**Members Present:** Mayor Andrea Matrosovs, Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Councillor Gail Ardiel, Councillor Paula Hope, Councillor Alex Maxwell, Councillor Shawn McKinlay, Councillor June Porter

**Staff Present:** Director of Planning and Development Services and Acting CAO Adam Smith, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Director of Operations Alan Pacheco, Manager of Human Resources Sarah Traynor, Director of Strategic Initiatives Tim Hendry

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## **B. Staff Reports, Deputations, Correspondence**

### **Administration, Corporate & Financial Services - To be chaired by Deputy Mayor Bordignon**

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

##### **B.1.1 Michelle Hunter and Dr. Geoff Moran, Rural Ontario Medical Program (ROMP) Re: Overview of Annual Docs on Ice Tournament and Request for Council support**

Note: This deputation was withdrawn at the request of the presenters.

##### **B.1.2 Paul Reale and John Milne, Residents Re: Comments on staff report ADM.25.002 Campus of Care Update**

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of John Milne and Paul Reale, Residents Re: Comments on staff report ADM.25.002 Campus of Care Update;

AND THAT Council requests staff to prepare a written response to the deputation of Mr. Reale and answer all points clearly, and that the head of the Campus of Care project, Mayor Matrosovs, be a part of the process as Chair of the former Campus of Care Committee, Carried.

**B.3 Correspondence, if any**

None

**B.4 Staff Reports**

**B.4.1 Campus of Care Update, ADM.25.002**

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.25.002, entitled “Campus of Care Update”;

At the November 12, 2024, Council Meeting Staff Report FAF.24.144 on page 4 under Financial Impacts it stated 'Staff will outline in the 2025 Budget the financial allocations of funding spent to date and propose the appropriate funding sources since purchase of the land is no longer a consideration through a Campus of Care Project'. In the absence of this information not having been included in the current draft budget.

THAT Council direct staff to provide a full cost accounting outlining all expenses and funding sources and including those associated (i.e. SHS consulting, Peel Street South engineering, HEWs funding application. Legal, staff time etc.) with the Campus of Care project inclusive of those incurred by the previous Council (i.e. period of September 2021-January 13, 2025);

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide costs under category headings in a spreadsheet format for transparency as opposed to aggregated numbers;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide a report outlining all lessons learned from the lack of public consultation and engagement throughout the entire process, Carried.

**B.4.2 Interim Levy By-law Update, CFS.25.002**

THAT Council receive Staff Report CFS.25.002, entitled “Interim Levy By-law Update”;

AND THAT Council approve the By-law to levy amounts on the assessment of property in the local municipality rateable for local municipality purposes as per the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, s. 317, Carried.

**B.4.3 Borrowing By-law Update, CFS.25.003**

THAT Council receive Staff Report CFS.25.003, entitled “Borrowing By-law Update”;

AND THAT Council approve the By-law to authorize temporary borrowing to meet the current expenses for the year ending December 31, 2025 at the January 27, 2025 Council Meeting, Carried.

**B.4.4 2026 Municipal Election- Selection of Method of Voting, ADM.25.003**

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.25.003, entitled “2026 Municipal Election - Selection of Method of Voting”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide a report to the January 27, 2025 Council Meeting regarding the additional cost of vote by mail, and/or providing a paper ballot option available in the Town Hall, Carried.

**Strategic Initiatives - To be chaired by Councillor Porter**

**B.6 Deputations, if any**

None

**B.8 Correspondence, if any**

None

**B.9 Staff Reports**

**B.9.1 Extension of the Craigleith Community Working Group, SI.25.003**

THAT Council receive Staff Report SI.25.003, entitled “Extension of the Craigleith Community Working Group”;

AND THAT Council approves an extension of the Craigleith Community Working Group up to and including April 1, 2026;

AND THAT Council acknowledges that the Craigleith Community Working Group will continue to work under the terms as outlined in the Phase 2 Terms of Reference as referenced in this staff report, Carried.

**Community Services - To be chaired by Councillor Ardiel**

**B.11 Deputations, if any**

None

**B.13 Correspondence, if any**

None

## **B.14 Staff Reports**

### **B.14.1 Events for Life – Term Sheet, CS.25.002**

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.002, entitled “Events for Life – Term Sheet”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide a further staff report to answer the following questions:

1. Clarity regarding the "Grant" and "Loan" as referenced in the draft Term Sheet
2. More details regarding risk
3. Addition of Operating Reserve to the Term Sheet
4. Cost of soft furnishing as these are different from the hard construction costs
5. What other benefits to the community can be generated with the facility
6. What other community partners could be approached to provide community benefits

AND THAT Council direct Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services, to continue working with Events for Life for support and funding requests through all available sources, Carried.

### **B.14.2 Trail Etiquette Signs for Georgian Trail, CS.25.004**

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.004, entitled “Trail Etiquette Signs for Georgian Trail”;

AND THAT Council approve the design of the attached etiquette signs to be installed on sections of the Georgian Trail, Carried.

## **C. New and Unfinished Business**

### **C.1 Committees of Council Reports**

#### **C.1.1 Accountability and Transparency Committee Report dated December 20, 2024**

A) 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.

B) 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

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C) 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) 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

E) 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