



Committee Report

The Blue Mountains

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: Monday, February 3, 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: Acting Chief Administrative Officer Adam Smith, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Director of Finance and IT Services Monica Quinlan, Director of Strategic Initiatives Tim Hendry

B. Staff Reports, Deputations, Correspondence

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

B.1 Deputations, if any

B.1.1 Jeff Thompson, Alpine Canada Re: 2025 Ski Cross World Cup Event Overview and Request for Support

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of Jeff Thompson, Alpine Canada Re: 2025 Ski Cross World Cup Event Overview and Request for Support, and directs staff to provide a report directly to the February 18, 2025 Council Meeting, for Council consideration, Carried.

B.1.2 Carolyn King, President and Board Chair, and David Stinson, Vice Chair, My Shared Path Re: Request for Council Support for an Indigenous Collaborative Hub and funding for 2025 and 2026

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of Carolyn King, President and Board Chair, David Stinson, Vice Chair, and Natalia Vojno, Coordinator, My Shared Path Re: Request for Council Support for an Indigenous Collaborative Hub and funding for 2025 and 2026;

AND THAT Council direct the Planning Department to provide a staff report in response to the deputation, for Council consideration;

AND THAT Council direct staff to forward the deputation materials to Grey County for consideration, Carried.

B.3 Correspondence, if any

None

B.4 Staff Reports

None

Strategic Initiatives - To be chaired by Councillor Porter

B.6 Deputations, if any

B.6.1 Kate Russell, Beaver Valley Destination Stewardship Re: Presentation to the Town on Beaver Valley Destination Stewardship Community Story 2024 and Request for Council and staff to attend Watershed Matters Stewardship Circle Series

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of Kate Russell, Beaver Valley Destination Stewardship Re: Presentation to the Town on Beaver Valley Destination Stewardship Community Story 2024 and Request for Council and staff to attend Watershed Matters Stewardship Circle Series, Carried.

B.8 Correspondence, if any

None

B.9 Staff Reports

B.9.1 Consideration of Family Physician Recruitment Working Group, SI.25.004

THAT Council receive Staff Report SI.25.004, entitled "Consideration of Family Physician Recruitment Working Group";

AND THAT Council endorses the establishment of the Family Physician Recruitment Working Group and approves the Terms of Reference as attached to this report;

AND THAT Council appoints Councillor June Porter as the Council lead and as the Chair of the Family Physician Recruitment Working Group for the term of the Working Group as outlined in the Terms of Reference.

AND THAT Council direct staff to initiate meetings of the Family Physician Recruitment Working Group with representatives from the North East Grey Health Clinics and other Town of The Blue Mountains resident members in accordance with the Terms of Reference and as selected following the Town's standard Committee selection procedure administered by the Town Clerk, Carried.

B.9.2 Opportunity to Host Chamber After Six Event, SI.25.006

THAT Council receive Staff Report SI.25.006, entitled “Opportunity to Host Chamber After Six Event”;

AND THAT Council endorses the Town partnering with The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce to co-host a ‘Chamber After Six’ networking event to be held at a future date at Town Hall;

AND THAT Council approves a temporary exemption of the Town’s Municipal Alcohol Policy and directs staff to add Town Hall (32 Mill Street, Thornbury) to the list of designated properties as outlined in the policy as suitable for events that will sell or serve alcohol, subject to obtaining a AGCO issued Special Occasion Permit or a Liquor Licence.

AND THAT Council acknowledges that Community Services staff are actively working on an update to the Municipal Alcohol Policy that will be brought forward for future consideration, Carried.

B.9.3 Proposed Work Plan and Approach for the Corporate Strategic Plan Update, SI.25.008

THAT Council receive Staff Report SI.25.008, entitled “Proposed Workplan and Approach for the Corporate Strategic Plan Update”;

AND THAT Council endorses the proposed work plan and project approach as detailed and directs staff to initiate the request-for-proposal process to hire a municipal-focused consultant to lead the development of the Corporate Strategic Plan, Carried.

Community Services - To be chaired by Councillor Ardiel

B.11 Deputations, if any

B.11.1 Hannah Johnston-Wheeler and Nicolas Shirmann, Master of Public and International Affairs, York University Re: Cultural Bus to Fight Social Isolation and Improve Access to Cultural Activities

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of Hannah Johnston-Wheeler and Nicolas Shirmann, Master of Public and International Affairs, York University Re: Cultural Bus to Fight Social Isolation and Improve Access to Cultural Activities;

AND THAT Council direct staff to request a copy of the Research Paper of the Deputants, to be provided to Staff and the Library for information, Carried.

**B.11.2 Asala Abbas and Mika Bains, Master of Public and International Affairs, York University
Re: Improving Access to Primary Care in the Town**

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of Asala Abbas and Mika Bains, Master of Public and International Affairs, York University Re: Improving Access to Primary Care in the Town.

AND THAT Council direct staff to request a copy of the Research Paper of the Deputants, to be provided to Staff for information, Carried.

B.13 Correspondence, if any

**B.13.1 Arnis Pukitis, Catherine Sholtz, David Lewis, James Giffen and Maria Giffen, Residents
Re: Comments and concerns regarding Options for use of 130 King Street West -
Survey, CS.25.010**

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence of Arnis Pukitis, Catherine Sholtz, David Lewis, James Giffen and Maria Giffen, Residents Re: Comments and concerns regarding Options for use of 130 King Street West - Survey, CS.25.010, Carried.

B.14 Staff Reports

B.14.1 Options for use of 130 King St. W - Survey, CS.25.010

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.010, entitled “Options for use of 130 King St. W - Survey”;

AND THAT Council directs staff to conduct a survey regarding the options for recreational uses of 130 King St. W. ;

AND THAT Council direct staff to schedule a Public Information Centre;

AND THAT Council directs staff to bring the final report to Council June 2, 2025, Carried.

B.14.2 Amendment to the Delegated Authority for Parking Tickets, CS.25.005

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.005, entitled “Amendment to the Delegated by Council of Powers and Duties Policy , as it relates to the Authority of the Director of Community Services”;

<https://www.thebluemountains.ca/sites/default/files/2022-01/POL-COR-07-04-Delegation-by-Council-of-Powers-and-Duties-Policy.pdf>

AND THAT Council approve the proposed amendment to Schedule “A” of the Town’s Corporate Delegation by Council of Powers and Duties Policy POL.COR.07.04 in relation to the authority of parking tickets to the Director of Community Services as follows:

“Termination or withdrawal of parking tickets issued to qualified residents’ family or friends will be received by the Director of Community Services who will

consider the request and if satisfied, will approve the termination or withdrawal of the parking ticket”, Carried.

B.14.3 Revised Volunteer Recognition Policy, CS.25.008

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.008, entitled “Revised Volunteer Recognition Policy”;

AND THAT Council approve the revised Volunteer Recognition Policy, POL.COR.25.XX with revisions proposed by the current term Volunteer Sub-Committee of Council, Carried.

C. New and Unfinished Business

C.1 Committees of Council Reports

C.1.1 Accountability and Transparency Committee Report dated January 16, 2025

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 January 16, 2025:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee receives for information Staff Report CS.25.001, Tennis Court Survey for 130 King Street West.

AND that the Accountability and Transparency Committee requests that Council consider the collective comments, including the meeting recording from this Committee, and all of the Town's residents received regarding the Tennis Court Survey for 130 King Street West as part of the decision-making process, 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 January 16, 2025:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee requests Council to direct staff to hold an Public Information Session regarding the options for the use of the property at 130 King Street West, Carried.

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 January 16, 2025:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee requests Council to direct the Clerk to reach out to her Clerk's group and review the comments received from the Committee members regarding the Town of The Blue Mountains Procedural By-law 2023-62 Re: Public Comment Meeting Policy and its Relationship with the Public Comment Period in the Procedural Bylaw, and to bring forward a report in response to the questions to a Committee of the Whole meeting, before July 2025, 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 January 16, 2025:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee requests Council to direct staff to create one Code of Conduct Policy that includes elected officials, committee members and staff and that Code of Conduct be called Public Office Holder Code of Conduct where Public Office Holder is as defined under the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 223.1, definition of Public Office Holder, Carried

C.1.2 Agricultural Advisory Committee Report dated January 16, 2025

A) THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the following recommendation from the Agricultural Advisory Committee dated January 16, 2025:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee receives for information the Communication Plan for Wild Chervil and Noxious Weed Awareness, CARRIED

B) THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the following recommendation from the Agricultural Advisory Committee:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee receives for information the Gateway Signage information and Questionnaire, Carried.

C) THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the following recommendation from the Agricultural Advisory Committee dated January 16, 2025:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee receives for information the Management Plan for Abandoned Orchards in the Town of The Blue Mountains, Carried