



Committee Report

The Blue Mountains

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: Monday, August 26, 2024
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: Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Councillor Gail Ardiel, Councillor Paula Hope, Councillor Alex Maxwell, Councillor June Porter

Members Absent: Mayor Andrea Matrosovs, Councillor Shawn McKinlay

Staff Present: CAO Shawn Everitt, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons

B. Staff Reports, Deputations, Correspondence

Finance, Administration, and Fire Services Reports - To be chaired by Deputy Mayor Bordignon

B.1 Deputations, if any

B.1.1 Anthony Flemming and Lynne Cunningham, MPAC Re: Presentation to Council on the Resort Condominium Tax Class

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of Anthony Fleming, MPAC Re: Presentation to Council on the Resort Condominium Tax;

AND THAT, Council looks forward to receipt of the additional information from MPAC regarding reference to the population of 10,000 in the Resort Condominium Property Class O. Reg 282/98, Carried.

B.1.2 Lindsay Johnston, Director, OHT Implementation, Grey Bruce Ontario Health Teams Re: Update to Council on the Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of Lindsay Johnston, Director, OHT Implementation, Grey Bruce Ontario Health Teams Re: Update to Council on the Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide Lindsay with the contact information for Council, CAO and Clerk to Lindsay in order that she may send funding opportunity information in relation to primary care (expressions of interest, etc.), as it becomes available, Carried

B.1.3 Monica Singh Soares, Life Directions Employment Support with Ontario Disability Employment Network Re: Request for Council to declare the month of October as "Light it Up! For National Disability Employment Awareness Month"

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of Monica Singh Soares, Life Directions Employment Support with Ontario Disability Employment Network Re: Request for Council to declare the month of October as "Light it Up! For National Disability Employment Awareness Month";

AND THAT Council proclaims the month of October as "Light it Up! For National Disability Employment Awareness Month" as this request complies with the provisions of the Town's "Flag Protocol and Proclamation Policy, POL.COR.21.01", Carried.

B.1.4 Jim Torrance, Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association Re: Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association Housing Strategy Working Group recommendations to Council on the scope and scale of the Housing Needs Assessment Study

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of Jim Torrance, Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association Re: Blue Mountain Housing Strategy Working Group recommendations to Council on the scope and scale of the Housing Needs Assessment Study

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide an update on progress achieving 215 affordable housing units as outlined in the Parcel and SGL Report, being part of the Official Plan Review in 2023, Carried.

B.1.5 Janet Findlay, Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association Re: Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association Housing Strategy Group recommendations to Council on declaring a State of Emergency to improve the supply of housing in the Town

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of Janet Findlay, Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association Re: Blue Mountain Housing Strategy Working Group recommendations to Council on declaring a State of Emergency to improve the supply of housing in the Town;

AND THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains, declares a housing crisis in the Town of The Blue Mountains for the purposes of supporting the work of the Town to improve the supply of housing to meet all needs in our community and to support the call to action and funding to meet this directive, Carried.

B.3 Correspondence, if any

B.3.1 Sid and Louise McFarlane, Residents Re: Request for Council to commit to a payment of 50% of the arborists fees for tree removal at 36 Elma Street, Thornbury

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence of Sid and Louise McFarlane, Residents Re: Request for Council to commit to a payment of 50% of the arborists fees for tree removal at 36 Elma Street, Thornbury, Carried.

B.3.2 Kyra Dunlop, Recording Secretary, The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board Re: The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board request for Council support to allow the Detachment Board to provide input on Town Newsletter topics

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence of Kyra Dunlop, Recording Secretary, The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board Re: The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board request for Council support to allow the Detachment Board to provide input on Town Newsletter topics;

AND THAT Council direct the the Town's Communications Division staff to work with the OPP Detachment staff and Detachment Board regarding the inclusion in future newsletters and/or publications of various topics including:

1. Promoting the CAMSafe Program;
2. Expanded role of the OPP Detachment Board under the Community Safety and Policing Act and highlighting the members of the Board, Carried.

B.4 Staff Reports

B.4.1 Blue Mountains Attainable/Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, FAF.24.089

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.089, entitled “Blue Mountains Attainable/Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Terms of Reference”, and directs the Town Clerk to include this staff report on the October 7, 2024 Committee of the Whole Agenda, in coordination with the Grey County September 12, 2024 Grey County staff report regarding housing, Carried.

B.4.2 Revisions to Corporate Policies, FAF.24.094

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.0.94, entitled “Revisions to Corporate Policies”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide the financial impact of the proposed Vacation Policy POL.COR.17.05 and the Lieu and Overtime Policy POL.COR.17.06 as outlined in this report to the September 9, 2024 Council Meeting, for Council consideration;

AND THAT Council repeal Corporate Policy “Personal Emergency and Sick Leave Policy POL.COR.13.25” and replace it with Corporate Policy “Health, Wellness and Personal Emergency Leave Policy POL.COR.24.XX”, Carried.

B.4.3 Financial Update Report for the six months ended June 30, 2024, FAF.24.092

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.092, entitled “Financial Update Report for the six months ended June 30, 2024”, for information purposes, Carried.

B.4.4 2024 Resident Satisfaction Survey, FAF.24.082

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.082, entitled “2024 Resident Satisfaction Survey”;

AND THAT Council endorses the survey questions in principle, as presented, and directs staff to conduct the survey with results presented back to Council in Q4 2024;

AND THAT Council approves a budget to an upset limit of \$15,000 to be funded by the 2024 Communications Division Operating Budget, Carried.

B.4.5 Follow Up to Notice Policy Public Meeting, FAF.24.086

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.086, entitled “Follow Up to Notice Policy Public Meeting”;

AND THAT Council repeal the Town’s “Provision of Notice and Manner of Giving Notice to the Public Policy” POL.COR.07.03 and replace it with the new policy as attached to this report;

AND THAT Council repeal and replace By-law 2008-09 as outlined in this report, Carried.

B.4.6 Follow Up to Public Meeting Re: Update to the “Accountability and Transparency of Town Actions to the Public Policy, POL.COR.07.01”, FAF.24.096

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.096 entitled “Follow Up to Public Meeting Re: Update to Accountability and Transparency of Town Actions to the Public Policy, POL.COR.07.01;”

AND THAT Council approves the “Accountability and Transparency of Town Actions to the Public Policy” as attached to this staff report and directs staff to provide a By-law to Enact the Accountability Policy to the next Council Meeting, for enactment, Carried.

B.4.7 Update to Council Compensation and Expense Bylaw, FAF.24.098

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.098, entitled “Update to Council Compensation and Expense Bylaw”;

AND THAT Council enacts the attached By-law to Establish a Compensation and Expense Policy for the Mayor and Members of Council, as attached to Staff Report FAF.24.098, Carried.

B.4.8 Update to Committee of Adjustment Compensation and Expense By-law, FAF.24.099

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.099, entitled “Update to Committee of Adjustment Compensation and Expense Bylaw”;

AND THAT Council enacts the attached By-law to Establish a Compensation and Expense Policy for the Committee of Adjustment, as attached to Staff Report FAF.24.099, Carried.

B.4.9 2025 Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule and 2025 Town Hall Holiday Closure, FAF.24.043

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.043, entitled “2025 Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule and 2025 Town Hall Holiday Closure”;

AND THAT Council select Option #2 as the 2025 Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule as attached to Staff Report FAF.24.043;

AND THAT Council approves the closure of the Town Hall for the period of December 24, 2025, at 12:00 pm noon, to and including January 1, 2026 as set out in Staff Report FAF.24.043, with the Town Hall reopening at 8:30 am on Monday, January 5, 2026, Carried.

B.4.10 Establishment of a Lobbyist Registry By-law, FAF.24.097

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.097, entitled “Establishment of a Lobbyist Registry By-law”;

AND THAT, in accordance with section 223.11 of the Municipal Act, 2001, Council appoints the Integrity Commissioner of the Town of The Blue Mountains as the Lobbyist Registrar for the Town of The Blue Mountains;

AND THAT, Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with the Town’s Integrity Commissioner, Principles Integrity, for the provision of Lobbyist Registrar services, with the term to run concurrent with the Agreement that provides for the provision of Integrity Commissioner services, to March 31, 2028, Carried.

Community Services Reports - To be chaired by Councillor McKinlay

B.6 Deputations, if any

B.6.1 David Scoon, Resident Re: Concerns regarding the proposed iRadio Concert in Grey Highlands

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of David Scoon and John Moody, Residents Re: Concerns regarding the proposed iRadio Concert in Grey Highlands;

AND THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains, directs staff to communicate with the Municipality of Grey Highlands regarding the proposed iRadio Concert in Grey Highlands on July 1, 2025, in support of the concerns raised by the August 26, 2024 deputation of Mr. Scoon and Mr. Moody;

AND THAT Council requests that the Municipality of Grey Highlands provide their staff report to the Town of The Blue Mountains, when available;

AND THAT Council direct the Town Clerk to provide the deputation materials of Mr. Scoon and Mr. Moody, together with this resolution to the Municipality of Grey Highlands, for their information and consideration, Carried.

B.8 Correspondence, if any

None

B.9 Staff Reports

B.9.1 Blue Mountain Resort Noise By-law Relief Requests, CSOPS.24.068

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.24.068, entitled “Blue Mountain Resort Noise By-law Relief Requests”;

AND THAT Council authorize the requests for relief from the provisions of the Noise By-law for four events at Blue Mountains Resorts as specified in this report, removing the September 24, 2024 event, and extending the September 25, 2024 event to 10:00 pm, Carried.

B.9.2 2024 Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Turkey Trot Subsidy Request, CSOPS.24.055

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.24.055, entitled “2024 Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Turkey Trot Subsidy Request”;

AND THAT Council waive all fees for the 2024 Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Turkey Trot event to an upset limit of \$3000.00, Carried.

B.9.3 Young Life Collingwood Subsidy Request, CSOPS.24.059

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.24.059, entitled “Young Life Collingwood Subsidy Request” and declines the request for a subsidy for the 2024 Young Life Collingwood Fundraising Pickleball Tournament to be held Friday, September 14th, 2024, and Saturday, September 15th, 2024, between the hours of 8am and 6pm daily, Carried.

B.9.4 Volunteer Recognition Awards Subcommittee Appointment for Term of Council, CSOPS.24.062

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.24.062, entitled “Volunteer Recognition Awards Subcommittee Appointment for Term of Council”;

AND THAT Council directs staff to appoint the current Volunteer Recognition Awards Subcommittee for the remainder of the current Term of Council;

AND THAT Council directs staff to appoint future Volunteer Recognition Awards Subcommittees to continually align with the Term of Council moving forward, Carried.