



Committee Report

The Blue Mountains

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: Monday, December 9, 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

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 Camilo Montoya-Guevara, Bannikin Re: Project Update for the Destination Development Plan and Tourism Marketing Strategy Project

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receive for information the deputation of Camilo Montoya-Guevara, Bannikin Re: Project Update for the Destination Development Plan and Tourism Marketing Strategy Project. CARRIED

B.1.2 Rick Tipping, Resident Re: Comments on Campus of Care Termination Note: The presenter has withdrawn their deputation

THAT Council receive the deputation materials of Rick Tipping regarding the termination of the Campus of Care project. CARRIED

B.1.3 Stephen Granger, Craigeith Community Working Group Re: Request to Council to extend the Craigeith Community Working Group to April 1, 2026

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receive for information the deputation of Stephen Granger, Craigeith Community Working Group Re: Request to Council to extend the Craigeith Community Working Group to April 1, 2026;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide a staff report in response to the request for an extension of the Craigeith Community Working Group. CARRIED

B.1.4 Dan Skelton, Blue Mountain Resorts LP Re: Resort Parking Management and Signage Strategies

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of Dan Skelton, Blue Mountain Resorts LP Re: Resort Parking Management and Signage Strategies. CARRIED

B.4 Staff Reports

B.4.1 Resort Condominium Tax Classification, FAF.24.141

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.141, entitled "Resort Condominium Tax Classification;"

AND THAT Council direct staff to work with MTE and Grey County to complete a thorough review of the properties and the consequences to the Town/County and property owners. CARRIED

B.4.2 Blue Mountain Resort Parking Sign Program, FAF.24.143

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.143, entitled “Blue Mountain Resort Parking Sign Program”;

AND THAT Council approves the Blue Mountain Resort Parking Signage program as presented based on the project being a partnership between Blue Mountain Resort and the Town to support the management of visitor parking at Blue Mountain Resort parking lots.

AND THAT Council directs staff to work with Blue Mountain Resort to bring a future staff report forward after the first year of implementation to review and report on the program’s effectiveness in managing visitor parking. CARRIED

B.4.3 Establish a Municipal Accommodation Tax Reserve Fund, FAF.24.150

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.150, entitled “Establish a Municipal Accommodation Tax Reserve Fund”;

AND THAT Council approves the Municipal Accommodation Tax Reserve Fund By-law as attached and directs staff to bring the By-law forward to the December 16, 2024 Council meeting for enactment. CARRIED.

B.4.4 Capital Charges - Birch View Trail Wastewater Servicing, FAF.24.133

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.133, entitled “Capital Charges - Birch View Trail Wastewater Servicing;”

AND THAT Council direct staff to schedule a Public Information Centre to provide additional information to the benefitting property owners, in advance of consideration of the enactment of a Bylaw to impose the capital charges for the use of the Town's Sanitary Sewage System. CARRIED

B.4.5 Capital Charges - Price’s Development Wastewater Servicing, FAF.24.132

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.132, entitled “Capital Charges - Price’s Development Wastewater Servicing”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to schedule a Public Information Centre to provide additional information to the benefitting property owners, in advance of consideration of the enactment of a Bylaw to impose the capital charges for the use of the Town's Sanitary Sewage System. CARRIED

B.4.6 Capital Charges - Drake’s Path Wastewater Servicing, FAF.24.131

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.131, entitled “Capital Charges for Drake’s Path Wastewater Servicing;”

AND THAT Council direct staff to schedule a Public Information Centre to provide additional information to the benefitting property owners, in advance of consideration of the enactment of a Bylaw to impose the capital charges for the use of the Town's Sanitary Sewage System. CARRIED

B.4.7 Review of Council Code of Conduct, FAF.24.148

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.148, entitled “Review of Council Code of Conduct”;

AND THAT Council directs the Town Clerk to commence the review of the “Code of Conduct for Members of Council, Local Boards and Advisory Committees, Policy No. POL.COR.21.06” in coordination with the Town’s Integrity Commissioner, Principles Integrity, and the Accountability and Transparency Committee;

AND THAT Council direct the Town Clerk to provide a report back to Council with a draft Code of Conduct for Council review in advance of the scheduling of the Public Meeting. CARRIED

B.4.8 Update to Records Retention By-law 2023-80, FAF.24.112

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.112, entitled “Update to Records Retention By-law 2023-80”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to include the attached draft “By-law to Provide a Schedule of Retention Periods for the Records of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains”, being a By-law to repeal and replace the current Records Retention By-law 2023-80, on the December 16, 2024 Council Agenda, for Council consideration. CARRIED

Community Services Reports - To be chaired by Councillor McKinlay

B.6 Deputations, if any

B.6.1 Kevin Rostami and Tom Kern, Georgian Bay Community Racquet Centre Re: Four-Court Tennis Development Leveraging Existing Town Assets at 130 King Street West

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receive for information the deputation of Kevin Rostami and Tom Kern, Georgian Bay Community Racquet Centre Re: Four-Court Tennis Development Leveraging Existing Town Assets at 130 King Street West;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide a staff report in response to the requests contained in the deputation of the Georgian Bay Community Racquet Centre, by the end of March, 2025. CARRIED

B.6.2 Kevin Whyte, Events For Life Re: Comments on staff report CSOPS.24.090 Events for Life Land Request Update

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receive for information the deputation of Kevin Whyte, Events For Life Re: Comments on staff report, CSOPS.24.090 Events For Life Land Request Update. CARRIED

B.8 Correspondence, if any

B.8.1 Brigitte Kopas, Collingwood Resident Re: Support for deputation of Kevin Rostami and Tom Kern, Georgian Bay Community Racquet Centre

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receive for information the correspondence of Brigitte Kopas, Collingwood Resident Re: Support for deputation of Kevin Rostami and Tom Kern, Georgian Bay Community Racquet Centre. CARRIED

B.8.2 Catherine Sholtz, James Giffen, Jo-Ann Zoon, and Steve Seabrooke, Residents Re: Resident Concerns on the deputation of Kevin Rostami and Tom Kern, Georgian Bay Community Racquet Centre

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receive for information the correspondence of Catherine Sholtz, James Giffen, Jo-Ann Zoon and Steve Seabrooke, Residents Re: Resident Concerns for deputation of Kevin Rostami and Tom Kern, Georgian Bay Community Racquet Centre. CARRIED

B.9 Staff Reports

B.9.1 Events for Life Land Request Update, CSOPS.24.090

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.24.090, entitled “Events for Life Land Request Update”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to draft a Memorandum of Understanding with Events for Life as described in this report to the satisfaction of the Town’s legal representation, Treasurer and the Director of Community Services;

AND THAT Council direct staff to bring a draft memorandum of understanding to the January 13, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting, for final consideration by Council at the January 27, 2025 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

THAT, with respect to Staff Report CSOPS.24.090, entitled “Events for Life Land Request Update”, Council direct staff to approach Grey County to discuss the contribution that it would like to make towards the Events for Life project.

CARRIED

B.9.2 Annual Report on Abandoned Orchards for 2024, CSOPS.24.091

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.24.091 entitled “Annual Report on Abandoned Orchards for 2024”, for information;

AND THAT Council directs staff to provide further information to the Agricultural Advisory Committee, including management plans, for information;

AND THAT Council direct the Agricultural Advisory Committee to explore the range of agricultural organizations through which the Abandoned Orchard Bylaw could be shared with landowners. CARRIED

B.9.3 Amendment to By-law 2018-67, being a By-law to Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, CSOPS.24.084

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.24.084, entitled “Amendment to By-law 2018-67, being a By-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers;”

AND THAT Council enact an amendment to By-law No. 2018-67, as amended, being a By-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, that would update the list of persons appointed as Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the purposes of enforcing specific parking-related by-laws of the municipality on specific lands. CARRIED

C. New and Unfinished Business

C.1 Committees of Council Reports

C.1.1 Grants and Donations Advisory Committee Report dated November 21, 2024

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration, the following recommendation from the Grants and Donations Advisory Committee dated November 21, 2024:

THAT the Grants and Donations Committee requests Council to direct Staff to proceed to a call out for subsidy requests and funds based on the Grants and Donations reserves with a maximum of \$500 in funds, per application

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CARRIED

C.1.2 Accountability and Transparency Committee Report dated November 25, 2024

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated November 25, 2024:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee requests a copy of the Staff Report regarding the current and expiring Strategic Plan, be provided to this Committee, when available.

AND THAT Council directs staff to provide a copy of the Staff Report regarding the current and expiring Strategic Plan, to the Accountability and Transparency Committee, when available.

CARRIED

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated November 25, 2024:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee requests Council to review the suggested reporting format provided by Councillor Ardiel and Chair Porter provided at the October 31, 2024, Strategic Task Force meeting for updating the current and expiring Strategic Plan.

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CARRIED

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated November 25, 2024:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee requests that Council direct staff to publish the training video from the Lobbyist Registrar's training being held on November 26, 2024, in the Lobbyist Registry's section on the website.

AND THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee request Council to direct staff to examine additional means of communication for educating the public and promoting the Lobbyist Registry including the potential for the creation of a tutorial video.

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CARRIED

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee November 25, 2024:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee strongly encourage Council to direct staff to review and update the Council Staff Relationship Protocol Policy in conjunction with the Council Code of Conduct, and the Staff Code of Conduct to foster and create a safe and constructive environment

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CARRIED

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated November 25, 2024:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee recommends that elected members and staff proactively seek out more opportunities to communicate to residents and stakeholders the Town's commitment to transparency and accountability by, for example and not limited to:

A) consistently and strategically using the quarterly Town News to educate residents on the Town's big issues and strategic priorities (housing, infrastructure, etc.). The monthly online newsletter also offers a platform for elected officials including the mayor and for appropriate senior staffers to inform and educate the public;

B) creating a dedicated website section on Accountability and Transparency, featuring the Codes of Conduct for staff and council; the Lobbyist Registry section; the Accountability and Transparency of Town Actions to the Public Policy; and the Freedom of Information page

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CARRIED

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated November 25, 2024:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee cannot effectively discharge its responsibilities to provide recommendations unless its input takes place prior to Council consideration and decision making i.e. voting. Given that this Committee consists of 3 elected Members this would place the committee in the position of advising on matters its 3 elected members, absent the independent public members, had already discussed or voted on.

THEREFORE the Accountability and Transparency Committee recommends that where Council and staff seek its views through the lens of transparency and accountability that these matters be brought to it in a timely fashion, i.e. early in the process so that Council and staff can consider, i.e. accept or reject, its recommendations

AND THAT Council directs staff to seek the views of the Accountability and Transparency Committee through its lens of accountability and transparency on matters included in the Terms of Reference, such as a survey or communication material in a timely fashion, ie. early in a process, in order that Council and staff can consider, accept or reject their recommendations.

CARRIED

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated November 25, 2024:

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CARRIED