



Minutes

The Blue Mountains

Accountability and Transparency Committee

Date: Thursday, January 16, 2025

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting, Teams

Prepared By:

Carrie Fairley, Acting Deputy Clerk

Members Present: June Porter, Paula Hope, Gail Ardiel, Connie Craddock, Robert Turner

Staff Present: Town Clerk, Corrina Giles, Acting CAO Adam Smith, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons

A. Call to Order

A.1 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement and Moment of Reflection

We would like to begin our meeting by recognizing the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples of Canada as traditional stewards of the land. The municipality is located within the boundary of Treaty 18 region of 1818 which is the traditional land of the Anishnaabek, Haudenosaunee and Wendat-Wyandot Wyandotte peoples.

A.2 Committee Member Attendance

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Acting Deputy Clerk Carrie Fairley noted that all members of the Accountability and Transparency Committee were present, virtually.

A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Robert Turner

Seconded By: Gail Ardiel

THAT the Agenda of January 16, 2025, be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda.

Yay (5): June Porter, Paula Hope, Gail Ardiel, Connie Craddock, and Robert Turner

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

A.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Town Procedural By-law 2023-62, Council or Committee Members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

None

A.5 Previous Minutes

Moved By: Robert Turner

Seconded By: Gail Ardiel

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee minutes of December 20, 2024, be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (5): June Porter, Paula Hope, Gail Ardiel, Connie Craddock, and Robert Turner

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

B. Staff Reports and Deputation

B.1 Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services, Re: Tennis Court Survey for 130 King Street West, CS.25.001

NOTE: This Report is being provided to this Committee for Information.

Moved By: Connie Craddock

Seconded By: Paula Hope

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.

Yay (5): June Porter, Paula Hope, Gail Ardiel, Connie Craddock, and Robert Turner

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

Moved By: Gail Ardiel

Seconded By: Connie Craddock

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

Yay (5): June Porter, Paula Hope, Gail Ardiel, Connie Craddock, and Robert Turner

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

C. Public Comment Period

None

D. Matters for Discussion

D.1 Committee Motions/Recommendations to Council

This Agenda Item was discussed under Agenda Item D.2.

D.2 Follow-up Direction from Council

The recommendations from the December 20, 2024, Accountability and Transparency Committee meeting will be before Council on January 27, 2025, for direction.

D.3 Review of Accountability and Transparency Committee Report dated November 25, 2024

D.4 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 By-law

Moved By: Gail Ardiel

Seconded By: Robert Turner

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 and to bring forward a report in response to the questions to a Committee of the Whole meeting, before July, 2025.

Yay (5): June Porter, Paula Hope, Gail Ardiel, Connie Craddock, and Robert Turner

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

D.5 Provincial Code of Conduct, Re: Review Comments of Committee Members

The Committee discussed the Provincial Code of Conduct and comments regarding suggestions revisions or additions to the Provincial Code of Conduct.

D.6 Employee Code of Conduct, Re: Review Comments of Committee Members

Moved By: Robert Turner

Seconded By: Connie Craddock

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.

Yay (5): June Porter, Paula Hope, Gail Ardiel, Connie Craddock, and Robert Turner

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

E. Correspondence

None

F. Work Plan

Chair Porter noted that she will update the Work Plan.

G. On-going and Continuous Monitoring of Accountability and Transparency Trends and Issues

None

H. Update

Re: Strategic Task Force

Chair Porter noted the Task Force is working on the RFP and has a meeting scheduled at the end of January to review the draft RFP.

I. New and Unfinished Business

I.1 Additions to Agenda

None

I.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

None

J. Notice of Meeting Dates

Accountability and Transparency Committee, February 13, 2025, Virtual

Accountability and Transparency Committee, March 13, 2025, Virtual

K. Adjournment

Moved By: Gail Ardiel

Seconded By: Robert Turner

THAT this Accountability and Transparency Committee Meeting does now adjourn at 11:43 a.m. to meet again February 13, 2025, Virtually, or at the call of the Chair.

Yay (5): June Porter, Paula Hope, Gail Ardiel, Connie Craddock, and Robert Turner

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)