

Committee Report

The Blue Mountains

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 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 Operations Alan Pacheco, Acting Chief Administrative

Officer Adam Smith,

B. Staff Reports, Deputations, Correspondence

Operations - To be chaired by Councillor McKinlay

B.4 Staff Reports

B.4.1 2024 Water Summary Report, OPS.25.002

THAT Council receive Staff Report OPS.25.002, entitled "2024 Water Summary Report" for their information. **CARRIED**

THAT, further to Staff Report OPS.25.002, entitled "2024 Water Summary Report", Council directs staff to provide information regarding protocols and costs regarding testing for PFAS (per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances), through consultation with the Ministry of Environment and Conservation and Parks and to provide a report back to Council, for information. **CARRIED**

B.4.2 Water Operations Update September 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, OPS.25.010

THAT Council receive Staff Report OPS.25.010, entitled "Water Operations Update September 1, 2024 to December 31st, 2024" for their information. **CARRIED**

B.4.3 Environmental Sustainability Fund Distribution and Recommendations, OPS.25.005

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.25.005, entitled "Environmental Sustainability Fund Distribution and Recommendations";

AND THAT Council approve the recommended funding distribution, conducted in accordance with "The Blue Mountains Environmental Sustainability Fund" Terms of Reference as follows:

- \$5,000.00 to Beaver River Watershed Initiative;
- \$1,360.00 to Pollinate TBM; and
- \$1,640.00 to Climate Action Now Network.

AND THAT, Council direct staff to post previous Environmental Sustainability Fund recipient reports on the designated project page;

AND THAT Council direct staff to develop a standard reporting template for recipients of funds from the Environmental Sustainability Fund for posting on the designated project page upon their completion. **CARRIED**

B.4.4 Engineering Standards Revisions 2024, OPS.25.001

THAT Council receive Staff Report OPS.25.001, entitled "Engineering Standards Revisions 2024" for information. **CARRIED**

B.4.5 HECS Funding Announcement, OPS.25.009

THAT Council receive Staff Report OPS.25.009, entitled "HECS Funding Announcement";

AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary agreements with the Ministry of Infrastructure, Ontario, to receive \$1,337,250.00 through the Housing Enabling Core Services (HECS) grant for the Town's Bridge, Culvert and Guiderails Capital Works Project. **CARRIED**

Planning and Building - To be chaired by Councillor Hope

B.6 Deputations, if any

B.6.1 Robert Cikoja, CEO, Habitat for Humanity Huronia Re: Benefits of having Habitat for Humanity as a partner for affordable housing needs

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of Robert Cikoja, CEO, Habitat for Humanity Huronia, regarding the benefits of having Habitat for Humanity as a partner for affordable housing needs. **CARRIED**

B.9 Staff Reports

B.9.1 Followup Report Re FAF.24.089 and Grey County Housing Report, PBS.25.014

THAT Council receive Staff Report PBS.25.014 entitled "Follow-Up Report re: FAF.24.089 and Grey County Housing Report";

AND THAT Council approve the 2025 – 2026 Action Plan to support affordable and attainable housing projects in the community;

AND THAT Council direct staff to further engage the BMRA Housing Strategy Working Group . **CARRIED**