



Committee Report

The Blue Mountains

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: Monday, April 7, 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

B. Staff Reports, Deputations, Correspondence

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

B.1 Deputations, if any

B.1.1 Catherine Smart, Executive Director, Living Better with Parkinson's, Re: South Georgian Bay Parkinson's Festival

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of Catherine Smart, Executive Director, Living Better with Parkinson's regarding South Georgian Bay Parkinson's Festival;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide a report in response to the request contained in the deputation of Catherine Smart of Living Better with Parkinson's to waive fees for the June 22, 2025 event at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. **CARRIED**

B.3 Correspondence, if any

B.3.1 Ellen Anderson and Bill Abbotts, Residents, Re: Affordable Housing Request (For Council Consideration)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information correspondence from Ellen Anderson and Bill Abbotts regarding an Affordable Housing Request. **CARRIED**

B.4 Staff Reports

B.4.1 Growth Management Specialist Position, ADM.25.012

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.25.012, entitled “Growth Management Specialist Position;”

AND THAT Council approve the Growth Management Specialist role to be funded in 2025 through the Working Capital Reserve;

AND THAT Council direct that the Growth Management Specialist role will provide quarterly reports to Council against measurable outcomes;

AND THAT Council direct that a Communications Plan will be developed for the announcement of the Growth Management Specialist role, and that the job title will be reviewed by staff. **CARRIED**

B.4.2 Response to Rob Sampson's Deputation regarding the 2025 Budget, ADM.25.009

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.25.009, entitled “Response to Rob Sampson Deputation Regarding 2025 Budget”. **CARRIED**

B.4.3 Review of Corporate Policy “Public Meetings Comments Policy, POL.COR.15.02”, ADM.25.010

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.25.010, entitled “Review of Corporate Policy “Public Meetings Comments Policy, POL.COR.15.02;”

AND THAT Council direct staff to review the “Public Meetings Comments Policy, POL.COR.15.02”, in the 2026-2030 term of Council, or as required. **CARRIED.**

B.4.4 2026 Municipal Election – Single Source, Alternative Voting Method Provider, ADM.25.022

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.25.022, entitled “2026 Municipal Election – Single, Source, Alternative Voting Method Provider;”

AND THAT, in accordance with the Town’s “Purchasing of Goods & Services Policy, POL.COR.07.05”, Council approves the request to Single Source the purchase of internet and telephone voting services for the 2026 Municipal Election with Simply Voting. **CARRIED.**

Community Services - To be chaired by Councillor Ardiel

B.13 Correspondence, if any

B.13.1 Leslie McCallum, Resident, Re: Response to The Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative, CS.25.013 (Receive For Information)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information correspondences from Leslie McCallum, Dr. David R. Lewis, Lawrence Foy, Jon Perlus, Catherine Scholtz & Michael Seguin, Maria Giffen, and James Giffen, regarding Staff Report CS.25.013, Response to The Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative. **CARRIED.**

B.14 Staff Reports

B.14.1 Response to The Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative, CS.25.013

Moved by: Councillor Hope

Seconded by: Councillor McKinlay

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.013, entitled “Response to The Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative;”

AND THAT Council direct staff to actively collaborate with The Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative to identify viable Town owned properties (including but not limited to 130 King St W) for an indoor racquets facility, conduct a preliminary feasibility assessment of potential locations and operating models, and provide a comprehensive staff report to Council by June 2, 2025;

AND THAT Council direct staff to formally meet with The Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative every three weeks to share progress and ensure continued collaboration in the process of bringing forward a staff report to Council by June 2, 2025. **CARRIED.**

B.14.2 Leisure Activity Plan Status Update, CS.25.009

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.009, entitled “Leisure Activity Plan Status Update” for information purposes. **CARRIED.**

B.14.3 Thornbury Harbour Lease Agreement Extension, CS.25.012

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.012, entitled “Thornbury Harbour Lease Agreement Extension;”

AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute agreement #OP-4844-H-2507 with His Majesty the King, in right of Canada, represented by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. **CARRIED.**

C. New and Unfinished Business

C.1 Committees of Council Reports

C.1.1 Accountability and Transparency Committee Report dated March 13, 2025

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated March 13, 2025:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee requests Council to direct staff to create a public communication plan to inform them on how to better communicate with the Town, Council and Committees of Council.

AND THAT Council direct staff to create a public communication plan to inform them on how to better communicate with the Town, Council and Committees of Council. **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 March 13, 2025:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee requests Council to direct staff to add the Lobbyist Code of Conduct to a more visible section of the Town website and to add the effective date placed on the Lobbyist Registry currently on the homepage of the Town website.

AND THAT Council direct staff to add the Lobbyist Code of Conduct to a more visible section of the Town website and to add the effective date placed on the Lobbyist Registry currently on the homepage of the Town website. **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 March 13, 2025:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency committee members forward questions, by April 23, 2025, regarding new Code of Conduct to the Town Clerk for the Integrity Commissioner's attendance at a future meeting.

AND THAT Council request that the Accountability and Transparency Committee forward questions, by April 23, 2025, regarding new Code of Conduct to the Town Clerk for the Integrity Commissioner's attendance at a future meeting. **CARRIED.**

C.1.2 Agricultural Advisory Committee Report dated March 20, 2025

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the recommendation from the Agricultural Advisory Committee dated March 20, 2025:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee receives for information the deputation of Betty Muise, TBM Tree Trust regarding protecting established, older trees in the urban areas of the Town and areas under development threat. **CARRIED**

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the following recommendation from the Agricultural Advisory Committee dated March 20, 2025:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee receives for information the correspondence of Jarvis Strong, Escarpment Corridor Alliance regarding a Request for Support. **CARRIED**

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the following recommendation from the Agricultural Advisory Committee dated March 20, 2025:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee receives for information the 2025 Wild Chervil Communications Campaign. **CARRIED**

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration the following recommendation from the Agricultural Advisory Committee dated March 20, 2025:

THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee requests Council to direct Communication Staff to create a Communication Campaign on information regarding abandoned orchards and giant hog weed;

AND THAT the Agricultural Advisory Committee requests Council to direct Staff to advise the Committee on the most recent complaints regarding abandoned orchards.

AND THAT Council directs Communication Staff to create a Communication Campaign on information regarding abandoned orchards and giant hog weed;

AND THAT Council directs Staff to advise the Committee on the most recent complaints regarding abandoned orchards. **CARRIED.**

C.1.3 Grants and Donations Advisory Committee Meeting dated March 26, 2025

THAT Council of the Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration the following recommendation from the Grants and Donations Advisory Committee dated March 26, 2025:

THAT the Grants and Donations Advisory Committee has decided to remain and work for fundraising efforts in the community;

AND THAT the Grants and Donations Advisory Committee requests Council to direct the Finance Department to relook at matching fundraising efforts from any source including Reserves, in 2025.

AND THAT Council directs the Finance Department to relook at matching fundraising efforts from any source including Reserves, in 2025.

AND THAT Council direct staff to bring forward the balances of all reserves as part of the relook of the matching fundraising efforts from any source including reserves in 2025. **CARRIED**

C.1.4 Economic Development Advisory Committee Report dated April 1, 2025

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration the following recommendations from the Economic Development Advisory Committee dated April 1, 2025:

THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee requests that Council direct staff to invite Manager of By-law and Licensing, Debbie Young, to attend an upcoming Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting to discuss the Sign By-law and Short-Term Accommodation (STA) By-law.

AND THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee advises Council that Economic Development Advisory Committee will form three working groups, one on the Sign By-law, one on the STA By-law and one to support local businesses in response to the U.S. Tariffs.

AND THAT Council direct staff to invite the Manager of By-law and Licensing, Debbie Young, to attend an upcoming Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting to discuss the Sign By-law and Short-Term Accommodation (STA) By-law. **CARRIED.**

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and consideration the following recommendations from the Economic Development Advisory Committee dated April 1, 2025:

THAT the Economic Development Advisory Committee requests that Council direct staff to invite Director of Operations, Alan Pacheco, to attend a future Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting to provide information regarding transportation plans and parking.

AND THAT Council directs staff to invite appropriate staff to attend a future Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting to provide information regarding transportation plans and parking. **CARRIED.**