



# **Minutes**

## **The Blue Mountains**

### **Grants and Donations Advisory Committee**

**Date:** March 26, 2025  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Virtual Meeting, Teams  
**Prepared By:**  
Carrie Fairley, Acting Deputy Clerk

**Members Present:** Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Michael Caron, Brandon Lapstra, Jackie Stewart, Marc Anthony Venere, Councillor Shawn McKinlay

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#### **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**

Deputy Mayor Bordignon called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Acting Deputy Clerk Carrie Fairley noted that all Grants and Donations Advisory Committee Members were present, virtually.

##### **A.3 Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Jackie Stewart  
Seconded by: Shawn McKinlay

THAT the Agenda of March 26, 2025, be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda.

Yay (6): Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Michael Caron, Brandon Lapstra, Jackie Stewart, Marc Anthony Venere, and Shawn McKinlay

**The motion is Carried (6 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: Michael Caron

Seconded by: Brandon Lapstra

THAT the Grants and Donations Advisory Committee minutes of November 21 2024 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (6): Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Michael Caron, Brandon Lapstra, Jackie Stewart, Marc Anthony Venere, and Shawn McKinlay

**The motion is Carried (6 to 0)**

**B. Staff Reports and Deputations**

None

**C. Public Comment Period**

None

**D. Matters for Discussion**

**D.1 Follow-up Direction from Council**

None

**D.2 Future of the Committee**

Deputy Mayor Bordignon provided an update to the Committee regarding the outcomes of the Town's Budget with respect to the request to match donations.

The Committee Members discussed whether they would like to continue to work on fundraising efforts, for the community.

Moved by: Shawn McKinlay  
Seconded by: Marc Anthony Venere

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

Yay (6): Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Michael Caron, Brandon Lapstra, Jackie Stewart, Marc Anthony Venere, and Shawn McKinlay

**The motion is Carried (6 to 0)**

### **D.3 Fundraising Initiatives for 2025**

The Committee Members brought forward ideas for fundraising and formed a working group comprised of Councillor McKinlay, Member Caron and Deputy Mayor Bordignon to work on the costing and logistics of the fundraising ideas of the Committee, to report back to the rest of the Committee at the next meeting.

Fundraising ideas agreed upon by all Members of the Committee were:

- Lottery such as a 50/50 draw or Auction
- Auctioning Trees and Benches with a display noting the sponsors of the bench or tree
  - Different locations identified in advance with different levels of sponsorship for different locations
- Host a gala or event which is the “centre piece” and the auction is a component
- Sell sponsorships for old trees on Town land
- Purchase a landmark sign (i.e. We Love Thornbury) for display at a visible spot in Town (i.e. the harbour)
- Plaques in the sidewalk for businesses to purchase – like the Hollywood Walk of Fame

## **E. Correspondence**

None

## **F. New and Unfinished Business**

### **F.1 Additions to Agenda**

None

**F.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting**

- Fundraising Opportunities for 2025
- Project Costs and Opportunities
- Review of Applications for Funds from Call Out

**G. Notice of Meeting Dates**

At the call of the Chair

**H. Adjournment**

Moved by: Michael Caron

Seconded by: Marc Anthony Venere

THAT this Grants and Donations Advisory Committee Meeting does now adjourn at 3:09 p.m. to meet again virtually at the call of the Chair.

Yay (6): Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon, Michael Caron, Brandon Lapstra, Jackie Stewart, Marc Anthony Venere, and Shawn McKinlay

**The motion is Carried (6 to 0)**