



Committee of the Whole Report

The Blue Mountains

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: Monday, June 9, 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 John Relihan, Blue Mountain Ratepayers' Association (BMRA) Re: Feedback from the most recent survey conducted by BMRA

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the deputation of John Relihan, Blue Mountain Ratepayers' Association (BMRA) regarding Feedback from the most recent survey conducted by BMRA. **CARRIED**

B.4 Staff Reports

B.4.1 2025 Tax Rates, CFS.25.019

THAT Council receive Staff Report CFS.25.019, entitled "2025 Tax Rates";

AND THAT Council enact a By-law to establish tax rates to raise the levy required for 2025 local Municipal, County and Education purposes, and to provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof. **CARRIED**

B.4.2 2024 Year-End Financial Review, CFS.25.033

THAT Council receive Staff Report CFS.25.033, entitled "2024 Year-End Financial Review";

AND THAT Council approve the reduction of the 2024 budgeted Asset Management transfers by \$1,233,128 to the 2023 budget amount to reduce the Town deficit;

AND THAT Council approve funding of the 2024 deficit with a \$369,718 transfer from the Working Capital Reserve;

AND THAT Council approve the transfer of the Water Division surplus of \$251,348 to the Blue Mountains Water Reserve Fund;

AND THAT Council approve the transfer of the Wastewater Division surplus of \$290,899 to the Blue Mountains Sewer Reserve Fund;

AND THAT Council approve the funding of the Building Department deficit of \$922,407 from the Building Rate Stabilization Reserve. **CARRIED**

THAT, with respect to Staff Report CFS.25.033, entitled "2024 Year-End Financial Review", Council direct staff to report back to Council with the assignment of the \$5.6million legal settlement that was assigned for 2023, to be provided to Council before the summer break. **CARRIED**

B.4.3 Development Charges for Leeward House, Update from Finance

THAT Council receives the verbal update from Finance regarding the Leeward House project. **CARRIED**

B.4.4 Development Charges for 63 Arthur Street West

THAT Council receives information regarding "Development Charges for 63 Arthur Street West". **CARRIED**

Strategic Initiatives - To be chaired by Councillor Porter

B.9 Staff Reports

B.9.1 Pride Crosswalk Update and Considerations, SI.25.025

THAT Council receive Staff Report SI.25.025, entitled "Pride Crosswalk Update and Considerations";

AND THAT Council ask Grey County to fund the Pride Crosswalk that is failing in the Town of The Blue Mountains that is on a Grey County road, due to vandalism and wear and tear, and to fund the eight other municipalities in Grey County that may be experiencing the same problems in their municipalities;

AND THAT Council request a full report from Grey County regarding this important issue. **CARRIED**

THAT, with respect to Staff Report SI.25.025, entitled "Pride Crosswalk Update and Considerations", Council directs staff to proceed with "Option #1 Remove and Reinstall Using a Durable Material" as referenced in the staff report, based on deterioration condition;

AND THAT Council directs staff to continue to work with the local business association and to work with the Rainbow Club of South Georgian Bay and the Beaver Valley Community School to explore alternative options to recognize Pride within the community;

AND THAT Council direct that the works be funded from the Working Capital Reserve.
CARRIED

B.9.2 Provincial Advocacy Opportunities, SI.25.026

THAT Council receive Staff Report SI.25.026, entitled “Provincial Advocacy Opportunities” for information. **CARRIED**

Community Services - To be chaired by Councillor Ardiel

B.11 Deputations, if any

B.11.1 Betty Muise, TBM Tree Trust Re: Heritage Designation for a TBM/Tree Trust Legacy Tree

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the deputation of Betty Muise, TBM Tree Trust regarding a Heritage Designation for a TBM/Tree Trust Legacy Tree;

AND THAT Council direct staff to review the request of the TBM Tree Trust and provide a report in response to the TBM Tree Trust regarding the requested designation of the TBM Tree Trust Heritage Tree, for consideration. **CARRIED**

B.13 Correspondence, if any

B.13.1 Angela Marritt, Secretary, Director, Blue Mountains Historical Society Re: Heritage Designation for a TBM/Tree Trust Legacy Tree (Receive For Information)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the June 4, 2025, correspondence from Angela Marritt, Secretary, Director, Blue Mountain Historical Society. **CARRIED**

B.14 Staff Reports

B.14.1 Docs on Ice 2026 Follow-up Report, CS.25.019

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.019, entitled “Docs on Ice 2026 Follow-up Report”;

AND THAT Council approves the extension of the 2025/26 ice season at the Beaver Valley Community Centre to accommodate the Docs on Ice annual hockey tournament to be held April 10, 11, and 12th of 2026;

AND THAT Council approves the request from Docs on Ice to waive the cost of ice time rentals in the amount of \$4,121.50 inclusive of taxes;

AND THAT Council directs the Community Services and Strategic Initiatives Department to work with Docs on Ice for advertising support and to attend the event as a means to promote the Town's efforts in physician recruitment;

AND THAT Council directs staff to fund the net energy costs through the Strategic Initiatives, economic development budget. **CARRIED**

B.14.2 Draft Subsidy Policy Report, CS.25.031

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.031, entitled "Draft Subsidy Policy Report";

AND THAT Council confirms the age of youth as aged 19 or under. **CARRIED**

THAT, with respect to Staff Report CS.25.031, entitled "Draft Subsidy Policy Report", Council confirms the criteria for delegated authority, as referenced in the report. **CARRIED**

THAT, with respect to Staff Report CS.25.031, entitled "Draft Subsidy Policy Report", Council confirms the exclusions list as referenced in the report, and with "Adults being aged 20 and over". **CARRIED**

THAT, with respect to Staff Report CS.25.031, entitled "Draft Subsidy Policy Report", Council direct staff to review the draft policy with impacted groups;

AND THAT Council direct staff to consult with the public by providing an engagement opportunity. **CARRIED**

THAT, with respect to Staff Report CS.25.031, entitled "Draft Subsidy Policy Report", that Council direct staff to bring a review of the Fees and Charges for Youth at Tomahawk to the Budget Working Group, for inclusion in the 2026 Budget process, for consideration. **CARRIED**