



# Committee Report

## The Blue Mountains

### Committee of the Whole Meeting

**Date:** Monday, August 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

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#### **B. Staff Reports, Deputations, Correspondence**

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

##### **B.3 Correspondence, if any**

##### **B.3.1 The Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command Re: 13th Annual Military Service Recognition Book**

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence from The Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command regarding the 13th Annual Military Recognition Book;

AND THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command "Military Service Recognition Book" for a 1/4 page full colour ad. CARRIED

##### **B.4 Staff Reports**

##### **B.4.1 Development Charge Interest Policy, CFS.25.045**

THAT Council receive Staff Report CFS.25.045, entitled "Development Charge Interest Policy";

AND THAT Council approve the Development Charge (DC) Interest Policy attached as Appendix A;

AND THAT the Policy authorize interest to be applied to:

- DC Rate Freezes (s.26.2, DCA) at the same rate as Grey County's policy (currently 3.5% per annum) until otherwise amended by Grey County, and

- DC Deferrals (s.26.1, DCA) in accordance with provincial legislation; and

AND THAT the Policy include an automatic compliance clause whereby if the prescribed maximum interest rate in the Development Charges Act or regulations is amended (including reductions), the Town's rate will automatically adjust to the prescribed maximum if the policy rate is higher;

AND THAT upon proclamation of Bill 17 (Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025) provisions that eliminate or limit interest on DC deferrals, the Town's policy shall immediately conform (i.e., no interest will be charged on qualifying deferrals if prohibited by law). CARRIED

#### **B.4.2 2024 Treasurer's Statement, CFS.25.042**

THAT Council receive Staff Report CFS.25.042, entitled "2024 Treasurer's Statement";

AND THAT Council approve the 2024 Treasurer's Statement for posting on the Town's website and make it available to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing upon request. CARRIED

#### **B.4.3 Municipal Ice Storm Assistance Program, CFS.25.041**

THAT Council receive Staff Report CFS.25.041, entitled "Municipal Ice Storm Assistance Program";

AND THAT Council direct staff to request assistance through the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance (MISA) program for the ice storm that started on March 28, 2025, for the incremental costs directly linked to the ice storm;

AND THAT Council delegates authority to Monica Quinlan, Treasurer and Director of Corporate & Financial Services to verify and attest to the accuracy of the claim. CARRIED

#### **B.4.4 Freezing Rain Event Debrief, ADM.25.048**

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.25.048 entitled "Freezing Rain Event Debrief" for information. CARRIED

#### **B.4.5 Bill 17 and Bill 5 Information Report, ADM.25.054**

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.25.054, entitled "Bill 17 and Bill 5 Information Report"; CARRIED

#### **B.4.6 Home Opportunities MOU, ADM.25.052**

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.25.052, entitled "Home Opportunities MOU";

AND THAT Council support the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Home Opportunities Non-Profit Corporation to facilitate attainable housing on municipal lands. CARRIED

**B.4.7 Cameron Street Property Sale – Louise Street Road Allowance, Plan 753, ADM.25.056**

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.25.056, entitled “Cameron Street Property Sale – Louise Street Road Allowance, Plan 753”;

AND THAT Council approves the Bylaw to stop and close the unopened road allowance described as “Louise Street Plan 753 Collingwood, as attached to Staff Report ADM.25.056;

AND THAT Council approves the sale of the Louise Street road allowance in Plan 753, in the amount of \$720,000 to Mr. Kobi Joffe and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Agreement of Purchase and Sale, and all associated documentation to effect the sale of the subject lands. CARRIED

**B.4.8 Request for a Public Meeting - Updates to Council Staff Relationship Protocol Policy, ADM.25.049**

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.25.049, entitled “Request for a Public Meeting - Updates to Council Staff Relationship Protocol Policy”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to schedule a Public Meeting on September 30, 2025 to receive comments from the public regarding proposed revisions to the Town’s Council-Staff Relationship Protocol Policy. CARRIED

**B.4.9 2026 Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule and 2026 Town Hall Holiday Closure, ADM.25.057**

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.25.057, entitled “2026 Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule and 2026 Town Hall Holiday Closure”;

AND THAT Council select Option A as the 2026 Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule as attached to Staff Report ADM.25.057;

AND THAT Council approves the closure of the Town Hall for the period of December 24, 2026, at 12:00 pm noon, to and including January 1, 2027 as set out in Staff Report ADM.25.057, with the Town Hall reopening at 8:30 am on Monday, January 4, 2027. CARRIED

**B.4.10 Council Code of Conduct – Update, ADM.25.059**

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.25.059, entitled “Council Code of Conduct - Update”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to pause its review of the Council Code of Conduct Policy POL.COR.21.06, pending the outcome of Province’s consideration of legislation that would enable a new, standardized municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner framework for municipalities;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide a further report to Council in Q4 of 2025 providing an update on the status of the bill. CARRIED

**Community Services - To be chaired by Councillor Ardiel**

**B.11 Deputations**

**B.11.1 Matt Hill, Resident Re: Request to Add Lighting to the Baseball Diamond at Moreau Park**

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the deputation of Matt Hill, Beaver Valley Athletic Association and Resident, regarding a Request to Add Lighting to the Baseball Diamond at Moreau Park;

AND THAT Council directs staff to further investigate the feasibility of adding lights to the baseball diamonds at Moreau Park as identified within Matt Hill's deputation and to engage neighbouring neighbourhoods in respect to Matt Hill's ask and report to Council by November 10, 2025. CARRIED

**B.11.2 Miles Kettner, Resident Re: Request to Amend Section 3.1.4 of By-law 2023-69, Being a By-law to regulate the Collection and/or Disposal of garbage, organics, recyclables and other waste materials**

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the deputation of Miles Kettner, Resident regarding a Request to Amend Section 3.1.4 of By-law 2023-69, Being a By-law to regulate the Collection and/or Disposal of garbage, organics, recyclables and other waste materials; CARRIED

**B.12 Public Comment Period regarding matters included in the Community Services portion of the meeting (each speaker is allotted three minutes)**

None

**B.13 Correspondence, if any**

**B.13.1 Julie Fotheringham and Daniel Hageman, Residents Re: Request for Parking to be Permitted on Carmichael Crescent**

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the August 11, 2025, correspondence from Julie Fotheringham, Daniel Hageman, and the August 14, 2025 correspondence of Ron & Barb Picot Residents, regarding a Request for Parking to be Permitted on Carmichael Crescent;

AND THAT Council directs municipal staff to investigate the concerns contained within the correspondence of Julie Fotheringham and Daniel Hageman, Ron & Barb Picot, residents of Carmichael Crescent, and provide potential solutions and report back to Council. CARRIED

**B.13.2 Ron and Barb Picot, Residents Re: Request for Parking to be Permitted on Carmichael Crescent**

This matter was considered with Agenda item B.13.1

**B.14 Staff Reports**

**B.14.1 Increase to budget – Cemetery Natural Burial Area, CS.25.041**

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.041, entitled “Increase to budget – Cemetery Natural Burial Area”;

AND THAT Council approves an increase to the budget for cemetery capacity increase for the natural burial area from \$90,000 to an upset limit of \$130,000 including contingency utilizing the funding sources identified in the financial impacts section of this report.

CARRIED

**B.15 Public Comment Period regarding matters included in the Community Services portion of the meeting (each speaker is allotted three minutes)**

Rosemary Gosselin, Thornbury resident, provided public comments regarding Agenda item B.14.1 Increase to Budget - Cemetery Natural Burial Area, CS.25.041.