



Committee Report

The Blue Mountains

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: Monday, October 6, 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.4 Staff Reports

B.4.1 Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation – Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2025-2029, ADM.25.068

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.25.068, entitled “Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation – Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2025-2029”;

AND THAT Council endorse the Town’s Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2025-2029 as attached to this report. **CARRIED**

B.4.2 Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation Financial Analysis, CFS.25.050

THAT Council receive Staff Report CFS.25.050, entitled “Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation Financial Analysis” for information;

AND THAT Council direct staff to complete a detailed listing of invoices (by invoice, by supplier, by project, including dates) of the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation finances **CARRIED**

THAT, with respect to Staff Report CFS.25.047, entitled “Budget Guidelines and Economic Overview Report” , Council approves the funding of previous years’ unfinanced projects as follows:

1. The Blue Mountains Affordable Housing Corporation (BMAHC) loans including interest in the amount of \$744,671 through the Working Capital Reserve Fund (noting that this will be considered internal borrowing) **CARRIED**

Strategic Initiatives - To be chaired by Councillor Porter

B.6 Deputations, if any

B.6.1 Larry Hall and Martin Rydlo, South Georgian Bay Innovation Fund Re: Request to Encourage the Corporate Strategic Planning Team to consider including Nature Based Wellness as a component of the Vision Section of the Plan

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Deputation of Larry Hall and Martin Rydlo, South Georgian Bay Innovation Fund regarding a Request to encourage the Corporate Strategic Planning Team to consider including Nature Based Wellness as a component of the Vision Section of the Plan;

AND THAT Council directs staff to investigate the financial, social and ecological impacts and to develop a staff report for Council's consideration by December 1, 2025, based on the information and requests of Council by Larry Hall and Martin Rydlo deputation October 6, 2025 entitled Community based Philanthropy in Action:

#1 Encourage the Corporate Strategic Planning team to include nature-based wellness in the vision section of the plan

#2 Endorse The Town of The Blue Mountains staff and Council, collaborating with the efforts of other organizations (including the Escarpment Alliance, regional municipalities and counties) in nature-based wellness programing and related economic development in Georgian Bay. **CARRIED**

B.6.2 Craigleith Community Working Group

B.6.2.1 Stephen Granger, Resident

Re: Budget Update Summary for 2025 on Craigleith Community Working Group Work

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Deputation of Stephen Granger, providing the Budget Update Summary for 2025 of the Craigleith Community Working Group Work **CARRIED**

B.6.2.2 Pamela Spence, Resident Re: Request for Consideration for 2026 Budget

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Deputation of Pamela Spence, Craigleith Community Working Group, providing a Request for Consideration for the 2026 Budget;

AND THAT Council directs staff to include the following expenditures in the 2026 Draft Budget, for Council consideration:

1. \$3500 for supply and install of two benches and a convex mirror in 2026 to be paid from the 2025 Craigleith Community Working Group budget savings;

2. Carry forward the unspent balance from the 2025 Craigleith Community Working Group approved projects to support the action items identified for 2026 being:

- a. \$28,000 for detailed engineering drawings for two crosswalks in Craigleith; and
- b. \$25,000 for Craigleith Community Visioning Workshops **CARRIED**

B.6.3 Robert Johnston, Family Physician Working Group Re: Interim Report

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Deputation of Robert Johnston, on behalf of the Family Physician Working Group regarding an Interim Report;

AND THAT Council directs staff to include \$100,000 in the 2026 draft budget for family physician recruitment, for Council consideration **CARRIED**

THAT, with respect to the Deputation of Robert Johnston, on behalf of the Family Physician Working Group regarding an Interim Report, Council authorizes the extension of the Family Physician Recruitment Working Group term to October 2026 **CARRIED**

THAT, with respect to the Deputation of Robert Johnston, on behalf of the Family Physician Working Group regarding an Interim Report;

AND THAT Council authorizes the expenditure of \$10,000 for local physician leadership from the dedicated Town Reserve **CARRIED**

THAT, with respect to the Deputation of Robert Johnston, on behalf of the Family Physician Working Group regarding an Interim Report, Council directs staff to develop a Physician Recruitment webpage within the Town website, and to designate a Town contact to respond to inquiries from potential medical candidates by phone, email or through the Town website;

AND THAT Council approves the *Accessing Primary Care/Walk-In Clinic/Emergency Care Locally for Residents of The Blue Mountains* information for publication on the Town website **CARRIED**

B.9 Staff Reports

B.9.1 2025 AMO Delegation Follow Up Report, SI.25.033

THAT Council receive Staff Report SI.25.033, entitled “2025 AMO Delegation Follow Up Report” for information. **CARRIED**

B.9.2 Destination Strategy 2025 – 2026 Work Plan, SI.25.032

THAT Council receive Staff Report SI.25.032, entitled “Destination Strategy 2025 – 2026 Work Plan”;

AND THAT Council endorses the 2025 – 2026 Destination Strategy workplan in principle as presented;

AND THAT Council directs staff to include \$150,000 from the Town's share of Municipal Accommodation Tax to implement the Destination Strategy Workplan into the 2026 budget for consideration;

AND THAT Council directs staff to apply for available grant funding opportunities to support the implementation of the Destination Strategy;

AND THAT Council acknowledges that staff will provide an annual report regarding the implementation progress of the Destination Strategy **CARRIED**

Community Services - To be chaired by Councillor Ardiel

B.11 Deputations, if any

B.11.1 Suneet Kukreja, Program Manager of Grey Bruce Settlement and Language Services and Jennifer Boucher, Immigration Outreach Specialist, YMCA Re: Multicultural Day Celebration 2026 and Request for Support & Partnership

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Deputation of Suneet Kukreja, Program Manager of Grey Bruce Settlement and Language Services and Jennifer Boucher, Immigration Outreach Specialist, YMCA, regarding a Multicultural Day Celebration 2026 and Request for Support and Partnership **CARRIED**

B.14 Staff Reports

B.14.1 Appointment of Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, CS.25.047

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.047, entitled "Appointment of Municipal Law Enforcement Officers";

AND THAT Council enact a By-law to appoint Scott Chalmers, Cullen Nissen and Christopher Perrin as Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the purposes of enforcing the by-laws of the municipality. **CARRIED**

B.14.2 Update to Municipal By-laws, CS.25.040

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.040, entitled "Update to Municipal By-laws";

AND THAT Council direct staff to prioritize the review and updating of the following selected by-laws as follows:

1. Comprehensive Parking By-law 2022-49 (commence following the approval of a workplan beginning with a Parking Strategy to inform what the Town needs);
2. Animal Control By-law 2006-32 (as amended); (commence 3rd quarter 2026)
3. Long Grass and Noxious Weeds By-law 2003-25 (as amended) (commence 1st quarter 2027).
4. Noise By-law 2002-9 (as amended) (commence 3rd quarter 2027);
5. Sign By-law 2016-71; (commence 1st quarter 2028). **CARRIED**

B.14.3 Amendment to Bylaw 2006-32, Being a Bylaw to control dogs and Govern the Care of Animals within the Town of The Blue Mountains for Administrative Purposes Only, CS.25.045

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.045, entitled “Amendment to Bylaw 2006-32, Being a Bylaw to control dogs and Govern the Care of Animals within the Town of The Blue Mountains for Administrative Purposes, only;”

AND THAT Council directs staff to include the By-law to amend By-law 2006-32 as attached to the staff report on October 20, 2025, Council Agenda, for enactment;

AND THAT Council waives the provision of the “Provision of Notice and Manner of Providing Notice to the Public Policy, POL.COR.24.04” as it relates to the requirement to schedule a Public Meeting to receive comments on the proposed changes to the said By-law, as they are administrative in nature. **CARRIED**

C. New and Unfinished Business

C.1 Committees of Council Reports

C.1.1 Accountability and Transparency Committee Report dated September 11, 2025

THAT Council of the Town of the Blue Mountains receives for information, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated September 11, 2025:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee receives for information the verbal update regarding the Staff Council Relationship Policy as provided by Town Clerk Corrina Giles **CARRIED**

CARRIED

THAT Council of the Town of the Blue Mountains receives for information, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated September 11, 2025:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee receives for information the verbal update regarding the Council Code of Conduct as provided by Town Clerk Corrina Giles **CARRIED**

CARRIED

THAT Council of the Town of the Blue Mountains receives for information, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated September 11, 2025:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee receives for information the verbal update regarding the Procedural By-Law as provided by Town Clerk Corrina Giles **CARRIED**

CARRIED

THAT Council of the Town of the Blue Mountains receives for information, the following recommendation from the Accountability and Transparency Committee dated September 11, 2025:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee receives for information the verbal update regarding the Strategic Plan Council workshops that occurred on July 17, 2025 and September 9, 2025 as provided by Chair Porter. **CARRIED**

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 September 11, 2025:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee receives for information the draft Staff Report Template;

AND THAT the Committee requests Council to direct staff to provide the draft Staff Report template presented at this meeting to the CAO for information and consideration in concert with the templates obtained from other Municipalities with an understanding that the final format recommended for The Town of the Blue Mountains Staff reports be presented to Council for discussion and approval. **CARRIED**

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide the draft Staff Report template presented at this meeting to the CAO for information and consideration in concert with the templates obtained from other Municipalities with an understanding that the final format recommended for The Town of the Blue Mountains Staff reports be presented to Council for discussion and approval.

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 September 11, 2025:

THAT the Accountability and Transparency Committee receives for information the verbal update from Allan Gibbons, Manager of Communications and Customer Service regarding improving and enhancing public participation and interaction with Council and Staff, with focus on the Town's website

AND THAT the Committee requests Council to direct staff to update the website, including navigation, infographics and design. **CARRIED**

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