



Committee Report

The Blue Mountains

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026
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

Operations - To be chaired by Councillor McKinlay

B.3 Correspondence, if any

B.3.1 Jim Torrance, Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association Re: Agenda Item B.4.1 - Craigleith SLS, Mill Street SPS and Bay-Grey Street Linear Works (Receive For Information)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the January 29, 2026, correspondence of Jim Torrance, Blue Mountains Ratepayers Association, regarding Agenda Item B.4.1 - Craigleith SLS, Mill Street SPS, and Bay-Grey Street Linear Works;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide a followup staff report to answer all questions posed in the January 29, 2026 correspondence of Jim Torrance, Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association, as follows:

1. What are the critical learnings regarding financial oversight, project management discipline and timely communications and reporting? How and when will these be implemented?
2. Do Council and Staff leadership have confidence in our current asset management plan, how will the Town will prioritize upgrades and replacements of other major infrastructure, and have a clear picture of what this means for our long term finances?
3. Will an external audit also be conducted so that we get an unvarnished evaluation and further recommendations for the future?
4. But the biggest question may be: Can a town the size of Blue Mountains responsibly and effectively manage these kinds of large infrastructure projects?

AND THAT the above information be included in the staff report to be provided at the March 16/17, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting **CARRIED**

B.4 Staff Reports

B.4.1 Craigleith SLS, Mill St SPS and Bay-Grey St Linear Works Financial Reporting and Project Cost Update, OPS.26.008

THAT Council receive Staff Report OPS.26.008, entitled “Craigleith SLS, Mill St SPS and Bay-Grey St Linear Works Financial Reporting and Project Cost Update” which constitutes the fulsome report requested by Council;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide financial updates for the duration of the project starting in May 2022 in order that all escalation and increases are transparent and understandable;

AND THAT Council direct staff to itemize the original and additional contingency with dates of request and approval;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide the detailed financial reporting and project costs information starting with the 100% engineering design of the CSLS and Bay-Grey At Linear Works up to the award of the tenders which were awarded on October 21, and 23, 2025;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide the amount remaining in the bundled project total of budget of \$34,791,129 (HEWS funding) when the tenders were awarded on October 21, and 23, 2025;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide detailed information regarding the estimates on the Mill Street Pumping Station which underpins the \$19million. **CARRIED**

B.4.2 Investigative Report – Craigleith SLS, Mill Street SPS and Bay-Grey Street Linear Works, ADM.26.015

THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.26.015, entitled “Investigative Report – Craigleith SLS, Mill Street SPS and Bay-Grey Street Linear Works” for information;

AND THAT Council directs the CAO to address the following points in his February investigative report:

1. What escalation processes will the CAO be considering to ensure that all information (financial, engineering, construction and risk management) regarding capital projects is reported on “as early as possible” to Council?
2. Further to these processes, how would the CAO incorporate consultation with Council and the public at the real beginning (the thought or identified need) and throughout the projects, as per the example offered about the decision to place the forcemain on Bay Street?

3. Please provide the details of the evidence-based decision making process leading to the choice of Bay Street for the forcemain including but not limited to how they met the bullet points on slide 14 of the April 18, 2024 Public Information Centre, at a minimum.
4. To answer all questions put forward by the Community Matters group in their public comment made today
5. Please explain why the gap occurred between the awareness of the overage in the summer of 2025 and when SMT became aware in November 2025. **CARRIED**

Planning and Building - To be chaired by Councillor Hope

B.9 Staff Reports

B.9.1 Report in response to the deputation of Andrew Simon re: allowing backyard chickens in the urban area, PBS.26.006

THAT Council receive Staff Report PBS.26.006, entitled “Report in response to the deputation of Andrew Simon re: allowing backyard chickens in the urban area”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to advance the Draft Urban Hens By-law (Attachment 2) for public consultation generally in accordance with the schedule contained within this report PBS.26.006;

AND THAT Council direct staff to circulate staff report PBS.26.006 to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for review and comment **CARRIED**

B.9.2 Removal of Holding Symbol – 12th Sideroad Bed and Breakfast (Lawson), PBS.26.016

THAT Council receive Staff Report PBS.26.016, entitled “Removal of Holding Symbol – 12th Sideroad Bed and Breakfast (Lawson)”;

AND THAT Council enact a By-law to remove the Holding (‘h34’) Symbol in its entirety from these lands municipally known as 609375 12th Sideroad and legally described as CON 4 S E PT LOT 13 RP16R 2555 PARTS 4 & 5 RP16R 3058 PART 2. **CARRIED**

B.9.3 Information Report – Community Design Guidelines, PBS.26.003

THAT Council receive Staff Report PBS.26.003, entitled “Information Report – Community Design Guidelines” **CARRIED**