



Committee Report

The Blue Mountains

Committee of the Whole

Date: June 1, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers - Virtual Meeting
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by:
Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

Staff Reports, Deputations, Correspondence

Finance, Administration and Legal Services Reports - To be chaired by Councillor Rob Sampson

B.1 Deputations, if any

B.1.1 Deputation: Brendan Hall and Matthew Betik - KPMG
Re: Audit Findings Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2020

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives and approves the Audit Findings Report and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2020 as presented by Brendan Hall and Matthew Betik, KPMG, Carried.

B.1.2 Deputation: Dr. Sabrina Saunders, CEO, Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL)
Re: BMPL 2020 Annual Report

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation from Dr. Sabrina Saunders, CEO Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL) and BMPL Board Chair Maurice Pepper providing the Blue Mountains Public Library 2020 Annual Report, Carried.

B.1.3 Deputation: Jim Torrance, Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association
Re: Town of The Blue Mountains 2022 Budget

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation material from Jim Torrance, Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association regarding the Town of The Blue Mountains 2022 Budget, Carried.

**B.1.4 Deputation: Johanna Franz and Cameron Ellis
Re: 105 Settlers Way and Neighbourhood Parking for Owners Without Driveway or Garage**

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation material from Johanna Franz and Cameron Ellis regarding 105 Settlers Way and neighbourhood parking for owners without driveway or garage; Carried.

**B.1.5 Deputation: David Finbow, Agent, The Blue Mountains Short Term Accommodation Owners Association (BMSTA)
Re: Staff Report FAF.21.98 and Draft Licensing and AMPS By-laws**

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the deputation of David Finbow, Agent for The Blue Mountains Short Term Accommodation Owners Association (BMSTA) regarding Staff Report FAF.21.98 Licensing and Administrative Monetary Penalties By-laws, and refers the deputation material to Legal Services Department for information, Carried.

B.3.1 2022 Budget, FAF.21.083

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.21.083, entitled “2022 Budget”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to present a 2022 budget with a tax rate change of 0% over the 2021 tax rate, while maintaining current service levels;

AND THAT Council direct staff to present User-Fees as identified in staff report FAF.21.083 for consideration in the 2022 budget process, and as noted below:

- i. Building, no increase
- ii. Harbour, \$2/foot
- iii. Water, no increase
- iv. Wastewater, 2% increase

AND THAT Council direct staff to work with the Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association on enhancements to zero based budgeting process and identify the Accounting and Budgets as the specific pilot division for the 2022 Budget, Carried.

B.3.2 Communication and Customer Service Overview, FAF.21.096

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.21.096, entitled “Communications and Customer Service Overview”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to include a Level of Service Enhancement Proposal to implement a Centralized Customer Service Model in the 2022 Draft Budget for Council consideration, and enhancements to the proposed 2 + 5 Day Customer Service Response Time Standard for Town staff as outlined in this report;

AND THAT Council endorse the 2 + 5 Day Customer Service Response Time Standard for Town staff as outlined in this report;

AND THAT Council direct staff to develop a Corporate Policy, for Council consideration, related to the implementation and ongoing operation of a “Truth Corner” on the new Town’s website when launched;

AND THAT Council support the Community Pre-Consultation Process as outlined in this report;

AND THAT Council endorse the concept, as outlined in this report, regarding the inclusion of correspondence on Council, Committee of the Whole, Committees of Council and Task Force meeting agendas and direct staff to bring forward a draft Corporate Policy for Council consideration in the 4th Quarter of 2021;

AND THAT Council direct staff to initiate the development of a draft Town of The Blue Mountains Lobbyist Registry concept including the drafting of proposed Corporate Policies and Procedures, as well as the potential implementation plan for a Lobbyist Registrar for Council consideration, Carried.

B.3.3 2021 – 2025 Communications Strategy, FAF.21.092

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.21.092, entitled “2021 – 2025 Communications Strategy”;

AND THAT Council acknowledges that the Community Communications Advisory Committee has endorsed the 2021 – 2025 Communications Strategy and requested the Strategy be brought forward for Council final consideration and approval;

AND THAT Council acknowledges that all unfunded tactics and/or tactics that require additional funding will be presented to Council during the annual budget process for formal consideration and deliberation;

AND THAT Council directs staff to proceed with implementation of the 2021 tactics as identified within the Strategy utilizing funds that were previously approved and carryforward from the 2020 budget for the Community Communication Advisory Committee, Carried.

B.3.4 Monthly Financial Report – April 2021, FAF.21.082

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.21.082, entitled “Monthly Financial Report – April 2021” for information purposes, Carried.

B.3.5 Additional Gas Tax Funding, FAF.21.081

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.21.081, entitled “Additional Gas Tax Funding”;

AND THAT Council approve the funding of the Bridge #2 and #3 replacement with the annual grant and additional Gas Tax received in 2021, Carried.

B.3.6 Library Funding Alternatives, FAF.21.068

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.21.068, entitled “Library Funding Alternatives”;

AND THAT Council direct the Director of Finance & IT Services to work with Library CEO to prepare a draft agreement for consideration by Council and The Blue Mountains Public Library Board that provides for annual levy increases in line with "a Percentage of the Tax Levy" to be assigned to the Library Board Annual Budget, Carried.

B.3.7 The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Development Charges and Municipal Fees, FAF.21.084

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.21.084 entitled “The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Development Charges and Municipal Fees”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to work with the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation to provide a recommendation to Council with a fees and charges program that provides financial support by the Town to the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation that is permitted under legislation, and that the proposal be revenue neutral to the Town, as it relates to the attainable units, Carried.

B.3.10 Amendment to By-law No. 2018-67, as amended, Being a By-law to Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers (MLEOs), FAF.21.089

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.21.089, entitled “Amendment to By-law No. 2018-67, as amended, Being a By-law to Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers (MLEOs)”;

AND THAT Council enact an amendment to By-law No. 2018-67, as amended, being a By-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, that would update the list of persons appointed as Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the purposes of enforcing specific parking related by-laws of the municipality on specific lands, Carried.