

MINUTES

Board Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Meeting Time: 10:00AM

Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury ON, NOH 2PO

Prepared by Carrie Fairley, Secretary

A. Call to Order

A.1 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

We would like to begin our meeting by recognizing the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples of Canada as traditional stewards of the land. The municipality is located within the boundary of Treaty 18 region of 1818 which is the traditional land of the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee, and Wendat-Wyandot-Wyandotte peoples.

A.2 Attendance

Chair Everitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Secretary noted that all Members were present in person, in Council Chambers.

Member Matrosovs vacated the meeting at 10:15am and returned at 10:31am

A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Erica Dudley Seconded by: Cat Cooper

THAT the Agenda of March 26, 2024, be adopted as circulated including any amendments.

Yay (12): Shawn Everitt, Sam Dinsmore, Carrie Fairley, Shawn McKinlay, Andrea Matrosovs, Nicholas Cloet, Cat Cooper, Erica Dudley, Marco Hinds, Mylene McDermid, Morgan May and Carter Triana

Carried.

A.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation board members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Secretary for inclusion on the Registry.

A.5 Previous Minutes

Moved By: Shawn McKinlay Seconded By: Nick Cloet

THAT the Board Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2024, be adopted as circulated including

any revisions to be made.

Yay (12): Shawn Everitt, Sam Dinsmore, Carrie Fairley, Shawn McKinlay, Andrea Matrosovs, Nicholas Cloet, Cat Cooper, Erica Dudley, Marco Hinds, Mylene McDermid, Morgan May and Carter Triana

Carried.

B. Staff Reports, Deputations, and Presentations

B.1 Deputations/Presentations

None

B.2 Public Comment Period

None

B.3 Staff Reports

B.3.1 Development Charges Update, Staff Report FAF.24.044

Sam Dinsmore, Treasurer, provided an overview of Staff Report FAF.24.044 noting the exemptions for Development Charges. Sam further noted that development charges need to be collected because they pay for growth and that you can not collect from one developer, but not another. Sam noted that the CIP program is the avenue to allow the Town to help with development charges if an application is made. Member Matrosovs noted that development charges aren't exempt with the CIP program it is more of a grant and the funds are found elsewhere. Chair Everitt noted that development charges are on charged by the county as well, which Sam noted the county gives the Town money for the CIP, to offset the development charges that are not collected. Chair Everitt noted that increase in development charges will have the most impact on those who are looking to build. Sam provided an overview of the increase in the fees. Sam noted that certain areas in the Town pay less development fees, such as rural areas who are not on municipal water and wastewater services. Sam noted the water and wastewater costs are driving the development charges up, but all will increase by 100-120%.

Moved By: Shawn McKinlay Seconded By: Erica Dudley

THAT The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation Board Management receives Staff Report FAF.24.044 "Development Charges Update"

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Carried.

C. Matters for Discussion

C.1 Short-Term and Long-Term Goals of the Board

The Board discussed the next steps that the Board wants to focus on. Chair Everitt noted that his report to Council will be going forward at the June 10, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting with recommendations on how to move the Board forward. The Board discussed what the best use of the next four meetings to bring back the most information for Council to consider. Chair Everitt noted some things for the Board to consider including what would be the scope of corporation in the future - is it a Board or does the Town take it over, programs and incentives to grow attainable housing, and opportunities in the future. Chair Everitt noted that his report will come to the Board in the middle of May to flush out all the details. Chair Everitt noted that at the next meeting he will be bringing forward a presentation outlining the working of this corporation over the last five years, with ideas for potential opportunities.

The Board discussed making the CIP bigger mechanism to incentivize and maintain affordable units, such as with restricted covenants and requirements to pay back if no longer being offered as affordable such as paying the CIP back, at a higher rate. The Board further discussed sustainable sources of funding for the CIP.

The Board agreed that it would be helpful to the Building Department and Planning Department attend a future meeting to discuss the hurdles that are being faced with respect to affordability and if there are changes that could be made within the Town to help eliminate some of those barriers.

The Board discussed the ideas they have for the corporation moving forward.

D. Correspondence

None

E. New and Unfinished Business

F. Notice of Meeting Dates

May 1, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

May 10, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

May 28, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

June 6, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Carter Triana Seconde

Seconded by: Mylene McDermid

THAT The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation does now adjourn at 11:20 a.m., to meet again at the call of the Chair.

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Carried.