



Township of Georgian Bluffs

Council Minutes

July 17, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Township Administration Offices
177964 Grey Road 18, RR#3, Owen Sound ON N4K 5N5

Members Present: Mayor Sue Carleton
Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn
Councillor Ryan Thompson
Councillor Rick Winters
Councillor Tobin Day

Members Absent: Deputy Mayor Grant Pringle
Councillor Isaac Shouldice

Staff Present: Brittany Drury, Deputy CAO/Director of Corporate Services
Carly Craig, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk
Samantha Buchanan, Treasurer
Rayburn Murray, Deputy Clerk
Michael Benner, Director of Development and Infrastructure

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Sue Carleton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor Sue Carleton opened the meeting with the land acknowledgement statement.

3. Approval of Agenda/Additions to the Agenda

RES2024-155

Moved By: Councillor Ryan Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Rick Winters

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

5.1 July 3, 2024

RES2024-156

Moved By: Councillor Tobin Day

Seconded By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on July 3, 2024, be adopted.

Carried

6. Announcements

None.

7. Public Hearings

Nil

8. Delegations/Public Question Period

8.1 Items On The Agenda

Nil.

8.2 Items Not On The Agenda

Nil.

9. Consent Agenda

RES2024-157

Moved By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded By: Councillor Rick Winters

That Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs adopt the Consent Agenda for information, as circulated, less items 9.1.1, 9.1.2, 9.1.3, 9.3.1, 9.3.2, 9.3.4, 9.4.1, 9.5.3; and

That all items contained therein be approved.

Carried

9.1 Correspondence for Council's Information

9.1.1 Canadian Emergency Preparedness and Climate Adaptation
Convention – September 24-26, 2024

9.2 Minutes

Nil

9.3 Resolutions From Other Municipalities

9.3.1 Brantford City Council - Support for the Decision of the Ontario
Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy

9.3.2 Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Township - Jurisdiction of Ontario
Ombudsman

9.4 Informational Reports

Nil

9.5 Ontario Clean Water Agency Reports: January 1 - May 31, 2024

9.5.1 East Linton Water System

9.5.2 Shallow Lake Water System

9.5.3 Pottawatomi Water System

10. Consideration of Items Separated from Consent Agenda

10.1 AMO-OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign

Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn indicated she would attend the discussion
groups at AMO on behalf of Council.

RES2024-158

Moved By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded By: Councillor Tobin Day

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and (Northern Ontario only)

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of Georgian Bluffs and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Carried

- 10.2 Town of Petrolia - Support for City of Belleville resolution regarding Family Doctors

RES2024-159

Moved By: Councillor Rick Winters

Seconded By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

That staff be directed to provide a letter in support of the resolution from the Town of Petrolia regarding support for City of Belleville resolution regarding Family Doctors.

Carried

- 10.3 January – June 2024 Financial Update

The Treasurer provided an overview of the financial update. Members of Council requested clarification on the status of planning consulting fees and an update on surplus steel revenue.

RES2024-160

Moved By: Councillor Rick Winters

Seconded By: Councillor Tobin Day

That COR2024-029 - January – June 2024 Financial Update be received for information.

Carried

- 10.4 Brantford City Council - Support for the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy

RES2024-161

Moved By: Councillor Tobin Day

Seconded By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

That staff be directed to provide a letter in support of the resolution from Brantford City Council - Support for the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy.

Carried

10.5 City of St. Catharines - Green Roads Pilot Project

RES2024-162

Moved By: Councillor Tobin Day

Seconded By: Councillor Rick Winters

That the resolution from the City of St. Catharines - Green Roads Pilot Project be received for information.

Carried

10.6 Oxenden Water System

Staff provided clarification that the increase was likely due to the water leakage.

RES2024-163

Moved By: Councillor Tobin Day

Seconded By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

That item 9.5.3 - Oxenden Water System be received for information.

Carried

10.7 Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childcare Worker Appreciation Day - October 24, 2024

RES2024-164

Moved By: Councillor Tobin Day

Seconded By: Councillor Ryan Thompson

That Council acknowledge the Annual Childcare Worker and Early Childcare Worker Appreciation Day - October 24, 2024.

Carried

10.8 Invitation to Walker Summer Networking BBQ

The Mayor indicated that some staff will be in attendance.

11. Correspondence

Nil

12. Committee Reports

12.1 Committee of Whole

RES2024-165

Moved By: Councillor Rick Winters

Seconded By: Councillor Tobin Day

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 10, 2024, be adopted, including recommendations COW2024-069 to COW2024-075.

Carried

12.1.1 Approval of Agenda

COW2024-068

Moved By: Councillor Ryan Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Approved

12.1.2 Public Hearings

COW2024-069

Moved By: Councillor Rick Winters

Seconded By: Councillor Ryan Thompson

That the regular meeting of Committee of the Whole be recessed to hold a public hearing for Zoning By-Law Application Z-09-23 - Forbes Quarry Expansion.

Approved

12.1.3 Z-09-23 - Forbes Quarry Expansion

COW2024-070

Moved By: Councillor Ryan Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Rick Winters

That staff report DEV2024-040, Z09-23 Forbes Quarry Expansion be received for information relative to the July 10, 2024, Public Hearing.

Approved

12.1.4 Z-09-23 - Forbes Quarry Expansion

COW2024-071

Moved By: Mayor Sue Carleton

Seconded By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

That the public hearing be adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Approved

12.1.5 DEV2024-035 - Hard Surface Preservation Program

COW2024-072

Moved By: Councillor Ryan Thompson

Seconded By: Mayor Sue Carleton

THAT Council receive Staff Report DEV2024-035, entitled “Hard Surface Preservation Program.”

AND THAT Council grant relief of Section 4.1 Limits of By-Law 2019-047 Purchasing Policy to authorize the Department Head to make purchases of goods and/or services exceeding \$50,000 + through a Request for Quotation procurement method.

AND THAT Council authorize the CAO and Treasurer are to execute a contract with the lowest quotation received, provided it meets all the specifications and all other prerequisite of the Request for Quotation request.

AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed with execution of a contract with the lowest quotation received, provided the quotation does not exceed an upset fee limit of \$500,000.00.

Approved

12.1.6 DEV2024-038 - Draft Community Improvement Plan and Recommendations

COW2024-073

Moved By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded By: Councillor Tobin Day

That Council receive staff report DEV2024-038, Draft Community Improvement Plan and Recommendations for information, and;

That Council endorse the Community Improvement Plan project completion timeline as presented in this report.

Approved

12.1.7 COR2024-022 - Updated Township Donation Policy

COW2024-074

Moved By: Mayor Sue Carleton

Seconded By: Councillor Rick Winters

That the report be referred back to staff; and

That staff be directed to bring back a revised draft policy based on Committee discussions.

Approved

12.1.8 COR2024-024 - Municipal Funding Agreement – Canada Community Building Fund

COW2024-075

Moved By: Mayor Sue Carleton

Seconded By: Councillor Tobin Day

That a by-law be passed to authorize a Municipal Funding Agreement on the Canada Community-Building Fund with The Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Approved

13. Staff Reports

13.1 Corporate Services

13.1.1 COR2024-030 - Single Source Purchase of Second Mount Pleasant Columbarium

RES2024-166

Moved By: Councillor Tobin Day

Seconded By: Councillor Ryan Thompson

That Council hereby approves the waiving of By-Law 2019-047 – Purchasing Policy; and

That Council hereby authorizes the purchase of an identical 48-Niche Columbarium Unit from Nelson Granite Ltd for Mount Pleasant Cemetery under the budgeted cost of \$30,000, inclusive of HST.

Carried

13.1.2 COR2024-031 - 2024 Concours d'Elegance – Special Events Permit

RES2024-167

Moved By: Councillor Rick Winters

Seconded By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Whereas Special Events By-law 47-2013 requires approval of Council for events consisting of 1,000 people or more prior to issuance of a Special Events Permit;

Now therefore the issuance of Special Events Permit 4-2024 for the 2024 Concours d'Elegance event, is conditionally approved pending issuance of a Right of Way Occupancy Permit and proof of appropriate insurance coverage.

Carried

14. By-laws

14.1 Zoning By-laws

Nil

14.2 Other By-laws

14.2.1 By-Law 2024-042 - Canada Community-Building Funding Agreement

RES2024-168

Moved By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded By: Councillor Rick Winters

That By-law 2024-042, being a By-law to authorize a Municipal Funding Agreement on the Canada Community-Building Fund with The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, be read a first, second and third time, and finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-law Book.

Carried

15. Unfinished Business

Nil

16. New Business

16.1 Invasive Species Program

RES2024-169

Moved By: Councillor Rick Winters

Seconded By: Councillor Tobin Day

1. That staff be directed to bring back a report on the extent and nature of Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds in the Township and a summary of the programs that the Township currently has, and,
2. That staff be directed to work with other relevant agencies such as Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and Grey County in understanding work on Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds across the Township, and,
3. That staff be directed to bring forward, as part of Budget 2025 a Budget Request to address Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds across the Township and that the request include programs to support private landowners in addressing Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds on their properties, such as through subsidized contractor services, and,
4. That staff highlight in Budget 2025 the budget that is allocated toward Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds treatment and recommend a revised budget, as may be needed, to enable expand the scope of Noxious Weeds treatment, including the provision of subsidized treatment options for private landowners, and,
5. That staff be directed as part of their ongoing work on Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds to present options for how the Township can support private management of Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds on private properties and,
6. That staff be directed to investigate in partnership where appropriate, potential external funding sources, such as grants, that might support this work.

Carried

17. Notice of Motion

Councillor Rick Winters provided a notice of discussion regarding the contract for waste collection throughout the Township. Further, Councillor Rick Winters requested an update on the status of the Pottawatomie Water System extension.

Councillor Tobin Day requested an update on extending bus services with the City of Owen Sound throughout the Township.

18. Closed Session

Nil

19. Confirming By-law

RES2024-170

Moved By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded By: Councillor Tobin Day

That By-law No. 2024-043, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on July 17, 2024, be read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the By-law Book.

Carried

20. Date of Next Regular Meeting/Adjournment

Committee of the Whole - September 4, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

Council – September 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Moved By: Councillor Rick Winters

Seconded By: Councillor Tobin Day

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Carried

Mayor, Sue Carleton

Clerk, Carly Craig