



Township of Georgian Bluffs

Council Minutes

November 22, 2023, 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
Deputy Mayor Grant Pringle
Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn
Councillor Ryan Thompson
Councillor Rick Winters
Councillor Tobin Day
Councillor Isaac Shouldice

Staff Present: Niall Loble, Acting CAO/Director of Community and
Environmental Services
Brittany Drury, Director of Corporate Services
Carly Craig, Acting Clerk
Samantha Buchanan, Treasurer
Rayburn Murray, Legislative Services Coordinator

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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

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Grant Pringle
Seconded By: Councillor Tobin Day

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

5.1 Special Council - October 31, 2023

RES2023-270

Moved By: Councillor Rick Winters

Seconded By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

That the minutes from the October 31, 2023, meeting of Council be adopted.

Carried

5.2 Council - November 8, 2023

RES2023-271

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Grant Pringle

Seconded By: Councillor Rick Winters

That the minutes from the November 8, 2023, meeting of Council be adopted.

Carried

6. Announcements

Mayor Sue Carleton indicated that she was privileged to attend the 2023 YMCA Peace Medallion Award Ceremony, which was awarded to Sharif Rahman. She noted that his family received the award in his name. She also attended the

ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new bridge at Inglis Falls, which was a joint effort between the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority and the 32nd Combat Engineers Battalion out of Toronto. She encouraged residents to attend the area.

Councillor Tobin Day recognized the students at Keppel Sarawak School and the student's attendance at the Youth Climate Action Conference. She hopes the next group of youth will be inspired to promote initiatives.

7. Public Hearings

Nil

8. Delegations/Public Question Period

8.1 Items On The Agenda

Nil.

8.2 Items Not On The Agenda

8.2.1 Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Board - 2024 Draft Operating Budget

Tim Nicholls Harrison, CEO/Chief Librarian, Richard Thomas, Board Chair and Rosemary Buchanan (Citizen Member for Township of Georgian Bluffs) were in attendance. Tim presented the 2024 Operating Budget, noting a 3.98% increase and highlighted the following:

- Georgian Bluffs shares roughly 22% of the municipal funding.
- There are approximately 10,597 library members, which continues to increase.
- Overview of 2024 plans, including delivering Sunday hours as a pilot program on October through March, the library online, community outreach activities, and more.
- Overview of the 2024 Community Centre Library (vending book machine). Install is currently projected for the beginning of January at the Shallow Lake Arena.

RES2023-272

Moved By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Grant Pringle

That the 2024 Draft Operating Budget for the Owen Sound & North Union Public Library Board be received.

Carried

9. Consent Agenda

RES2023-273

Moved By: Councillor Rick Winters

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Grant Pringle

That Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs adopt the Consent Agenda for information, as circulated, less items 9.2.1.

That all actions contained therein are hereby approved.

Carried

9.1 Correspondence for Council's Information

9.1.1 Climate Action Plan

9.1.1.1 Leigh & Megan Grigg

9.1.1.2 Bev Ker

9.1.1.3 Mark Harwood

9.1.1.4 Shawna McIvor

9.1.1.5 Tasha Schmidt

9.1.1.6 Janet Pawsley

9.1.1.7 Jennie Hoeskstra

9.1.1.8 Jim Martin

9.1.1.9 Jenny Carver

9.1.2 Debra Scott - Private Road Big Bay

9.1.3 Murray Davenport - 343622 Church Side Road East, Kemble

9.1.4 Bruce Peninsula Hospice - Holiday Celebration Invitation

- 9.2 Minutes
- 9.3 Resolutions From Other Municipalities
 - 9.3.1 Town of Aurora - Cannabis Retail Applications
 - 9.3.2 Municipality of Shuniah - Unnecessary Noise - Engine Brakes
- 9.4 Informational Reports
 - Nil

10. Consideration of Items Separated from Consent Agenda

10.1 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority - October 25, 2023

Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn inquired about a presentation by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board regarding the 2024 budget, or whether a Board member could speak to it.

The Mayor noted that budget presentation from Grey Sauble Conservation Authority is scheduled for December 6, 2023.

RES2023-274

Moved By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

That Council receive item 9.2.1 for information.

Carried

11. Correspondence

11.1 Safe 'N Sound - Invitation for Facility Tour

Council noted that 2024 budget discussions are scheduled for the date. As a result, staff indicated they would reach out to request an alternative date and time.

12. Committee Reports

12.1 Committee of Whole

Councillor Ryan Thompson joined the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

RES2023-275

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Grant Pringle

Seconded By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 15, 2023, be adopted, including recommendations COW2023-134 to COW2023-143.

Carried

12.1.1 Approval of Agenda/Additions to the Agenda

COW2023-134

Moved By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

Seconded By: Councillor Tobin Day

That the addendum to the agenda to include a community petition associated with item 6.1 – Public Hearing for Zoning By-law Amendment Z-07-23 – for Abercrombie/Bartley be approved; and

That item 7.2.1 – Delegation from Julie Scarcella - Georgian Bay Affordable Housing be deferred to a future date; and

That item 7.1.1 – Delegation by GSS Engineering be deferred to item 9.2.1 DEV2023-58 following staff presentation of the report and prior to taking the vote; and

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Approved

12.1.2 Public Hearings

COW2023-135

Moved By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

Seconded By: Mayor Sue Carleton

That the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole be recessed to hold a public hearing for Zoning By-law Amendment application Z-07-23 for Cindy Abercrombie and Shelley and Keith Bartley.

Approved

12.1.3 Zoning By-law Amendment Z-07-23 - Abercrombie/Bartley

COW2023-136

Moved By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

Seconded By: Councillor Tobin Day

That report DEV2023-057 be received for information relative to the November 15, 2023, Public Hearing.

Approved

12.1.4 Community Petition in Opposition to Application Z-07-23

COW2023-137

Moved By: Councillor Tobin Day

Seconded By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

That the community petition be received for information; and

That staff be directed to include the petition as part of the public record associated with Zoning By-law Amendment Application Z-07-23.

Approved

12.1.5 CES2023-025 - Winter Operations Plan

COW2023-138

Moved By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

Seconded By: Councillor Rick Winters

That report CES2023-025 be received for information; and

That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council that the Proposed Winter Operations Plan, attached as Schedule A, be approved.

Approved

12.1.6 DEV2023-58 - Water and Wastewater Master Servicing Plan - Phase 2 Draft Report

COW2023-139

Moved By: Councillor Tobin Day

Seconded By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

That Council receive report DEV2023-58 for information; and

That staff be directed to work with Council members who are attending the 2024 ROMA Conference to prepare materials to submit for a delegation request.

Approved

12.1.7 COR2023-048 - 2024 Base Budget

COW2023-140

Moved By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

Seconded By: Councillor Rick Winters

That report COR2023-048 and the 2024 Base Budget as included as Appendix A, be received for information.

Approved

12.1.8 COR2023-049 -2024 Budget Survey Results

COW2023-141

Moved By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

Seconded By: Councillor Tobin Day

That report COR2023-049 and 2024 Budget Survey Results be received for information.

Approved

12.1.9 COR2023-050 - Donation Applications

COW2023-142

Moved By: Councillor Rick Winters

Seconded By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

Whereas, Council adopted FIN-01-2022 Donation Policy on March 9, 2022; and

Whereas, the 2024 application period was advertised and open from July 13, 2023, to September 30, 2023; and

Whereas, staff received donation requests outside of the application period; and

Whereas, at the February 27, 2023, Special Council Meeting Council directed staff to include the request from REACH for the 2024 and 2025 application period;

Now therefore, be it resolved that Council hereby waives Township Donation Policy FIN-01-2022 to consider providing donations to applications made outside of the application process and timeline; and

That, upon the passing of the 2024 annual budget, Council directs staff to prepare all administrative documentation required to award donations to successful applications as follows:

- 1. Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce - \$1,250**
- 2. Georgian Riding for Challenged Equestrians (G.R.A.C.E.) - \$1,000**
- 3. Owen Sound District Community School (OSDSS) - \$1,250**
- 4. Bruce Peninsula Hospice - \$1,250**
- 5. Sauble Wiarton MD Quest - \$5,000**
- 6. REACH Centre Grey Bruce - \$2,500**
- 7. Grey Bruce Hospice - \$1,250; and**

That Council directs staff to prepare a letter to all unsuccessful applicants advising of Council's decision; and

That staff be directed to bring back the policy with evaluation criteria and the option of a Committee of Council to review donation applications.

Approved

12.1.10 CAO2023-11 - Pottawatomie Water Supply

COW2023-143

Moved By: Councillor Rick Winters
Seconded By: Mayor Sue Carleton

That Council direct staff to engage with staff at the City of Owen Sound to explore feasibility of assuming the responsibility, administration and management of the City water supplies that exist in the Veterans subdivision of Brooke, with the installation of a bulk water meter, and,

That staff work with City staff in developing an agreement that the Township may extend this service, at the Townships cost, to Atkins Drive, and,

That if it is possible, that such a service includes fire suppression along the length of the new water infrastructure corridor and,

That staff will negotiate a proposed connection fee from the City of Owen Sound for establishing 25 new connections to the City water system, and,

That only those residents connected to the Pottawatomi Municipal Supply will be connected to an alternative supply at this time, and,

That staff be directed to organize and host a community meeting with residents on Atkins Street to answer questions in respect to water supplies, and,

That staff be directed to engage the RFP process and,

That staff bring back a report as part of budget 2024 on potential costs, funding avenues and timelines for a new service to be established.

Approved

13. Staff Reports

13.1 COR2023-51 - December 4, 2023 - Special Budget Meeting

The Acting CAO and Treasurer noted that there are approximately 40 items for consideration for review of Council and discussion is anticipated to take some time. Staff noted they would be looking for budget priorities

from Council and that discussion around a formal 2024 draft budget would occur in January.

RES2023-276

Moved By: Councillor Tobin Day

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Grant Pringle

That Council change the location of the Special Council Meeting scheduled for December 4, 2023, to the Shallow Lake Community Centre; and

That Council approves amending the start time of the meeting to 1:00 p.m. to allow adequate time for discussion; and

That staff be directed to advertise the change in location and time for this meeting.

Carried

14. By-laws

14.1 Zoning By-laws

Nil.

14.2 Other By-laws

Nil.

15. Unfinished Business

Nil

16. New Business

Nil

17. Notice of Motion

None.

18. Closed Session

RES2023-277

Moved By: Councillor Rick Winters

Seconded By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

That Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs move into closed session at 5:36 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the Acting CAO and Acting Clerk and Director of Corporate Services remaining in the room to discuss:

18.1 - Minutes of Previous Closed Session Meetings

18.2 - personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (open meeting exemption "b" of section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001) - Volunteer Recognition Nominations

18.3 - personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (open meeting exemption "b" of section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001) - Staffing Matter

Carried

Council returned to open session at 5:57 p.m.

Mayor Sue Carleton reported out of closed session noting that Council went into closed session under open meeting exemption "b" of section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001. As a result of closed-session discussions the following action was taken:

18. 1 – Minutes of Previous Closed Session meetings were approved.

18.2 – The following motion was presented following discussions on Volunteer Recognition Nominations received for 2023:

RES2023-278

Moved By: Councillor Rick Winters

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Grant Pringle

Whereas Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs adopted a Volunteer Recognition Program Policy in December 2021; and

Whereas nominations were open for submission by the public from September 14, 2023, to an extended deadline of November 16, 2023, and compiled by the Clerk for selection of Council in closed session to maintain confidentiality of nominations; and

Now therefore be it resolved that Council hereby awards the 2023 Township of Georgian Bluffs Volunteer Recognition Awards as follows:

The Georgian Bluffs Lifetime Volunteer Award - Danuta Valleau

The Georgian Bluffs Community Service Award - Kim Robins; and

That staff be directed to invite recipients to the Council meeting on December 13th for award presentation.

Carried

18.3 – No action was taken.

19. Confirming By-law

RES2023-279

Moved By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded By: Councillor Ryan Thompson

That By-law No. 2023-080, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on November 22, 2023, 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

A Special Council meeting to hold initial budget discussions is scheduled for December 4, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at Shallow Lake Arena.

Moved By: Councillor Isaac Shouldice

Seconded By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

Mayor, Sue Carleton

Acting Clerk, Carly Craig