



TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD

Council - Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Council Chambers and by Videoconference
97 Hurontario Street, Collingwood ON

Council Present: Mayor Yvonne Hamlin
Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer
Councillor Kathy Jeffery
Councillor Deb Doherty
Councillor Chris Potts
Councillor Rob Ring
Councillor Christopher Baines
Councillor Steve Perry
Councillor Ian MacCulloch

Staff Present: Sonya Skinner, CAO
Sara Almas, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Summer Valentine, Director, Growth and Development
Jennifer Graham, Treasurer
Karen Cubitt, Director, Parks Recreation and Culture
Mohamed Alkoka, Director of Infrastructure
Jenny Haines, Administrative Coordinator

Sustainable, Connected, Vibrant

Collingwood is an inclusive community that offers a healthy and active lifestyle in a beautiful waterfront setting, anchored by a responsible government, strong business and nonprofit networks, and an animated downtown.

1. Call of Council to Order

Mayor Hamlin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and Councillor MacCulloch provided the recognition and acknowledgement of the traditional territory of the Indigenous peoples.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

RES-175-2025

Moved by: Councillor Chris Potts

Seconded by: Councillor Deb Doherty

THAT the content of the Council-Committee of the Whole Agenda for April 14, 2025 be adopted as amended:

- Item 7.3.1 Addition of the amended staff report for PRC2025-01 Maximizing Ice Facility Availability;
- Item 14.2.3 Addition of staff report for C2025-06 Council Input for the Development of the 2026-2029 Collingwood & The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Action Plan;
- Item 14.5.1 Addition of the amended staff report for T2025-03 Council Community Grant Award.
- Addition of Other Business Items: Mountain Road Project Update, Update on EPCOR, Update from FCM Board Meeting, Update on One Community Solutions

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

3.1 Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer - T2025-03 Council Community Grant Award - Amended

Deputy Mayor Fryer declared a conflict with Agenda Item 14.5.1 – Amended Staff Report T2025-03 Council Community Grant Award noting that he is a volunteer with the Hope Chapel lunch program. Deputy Mayor Fryer requested that the motion be severed before voting.

3.2 Councillor Chris Potts - T2025-03 Council Community Grant Award - Amended

Councillor Potts declared a conflict with Agenda Item 14.5.1 - Amended Staff Report T2025-03 Council Community Grant Award due to a family members involvement in Collingwood Minor Hockey.

3.3 Councillor Christopher Baines - T2025-03 Council Community Grant Award - Amended

Councillor Baines declared a conflict with Agenda Item 14.5.1 - Amended Staff Report T2025-03 Council Community Grant Award as he is a member of the Optimist Club.

4. Community Announcements

Council reported on various community announcements and events.

5. Public Meetings

5.1 Development Charges Appeal Hearing, J. Kania, 38 Madeline Drive

Mayor Hamlin confirmed the Hearing process and confirmed that under Section 20 of the *Development Charges Act*, the Hearing is being held in response to a complaint concerning the development charges imposed on a property located at 38 Madeline Drive. Mayor Hamlin confirmed that Council may choose to dismiss the complaint or correct any error or incorrect determination identified through this process and that once Council has made a decision, notice will be issued to the complainant within 20 days and should the complainant disagree with Council's decision, they have the right to appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal within 40 days of the decision being made.

Mr. Kania addressed Council referencing By-law No. 2013-086 which has been imposed on all landowners on Madeline Drive pertaining to water servicing charges. Mr. Kania noted that the By-law clearly declares that charges cover specifically use of public utility, including water treatment and distribution system and that it does not specify time limitation when the connection can be made and when each lot has municipal water connection. Mr. Kania confirmed that he has paid his full share and is now eligible to make a connection. Mr. Kania confirmed that he was automatically charged with Development Charges when he applied for his building permit and is seeking relief from the charge.

Treasurer Graham addressed Council providing background on the subject property and confirmed that Staff have consulted with Hemson Consulting and that they believe it is fair and reasonable to require both Local improvement Charges and Development Charges on the property.

Staff answered questions and received comments from Council regarding the context of the complaint; if all residents on Madeline Drive have to pay the same charges; confirmation that the Water Treatment Plan expansion is built into the Development Charges fee; confirmation that the charges are two distinct items; consideration to remind residents that they are still responsible for Development Charges; and to ensure that appropriate language is included in the Local Improvement Charges By-law to ensure that Development Charges are outside of the charge.

RES-176-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer

Seconded by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

THAT Staff Report T2025-05, Development Charge (DC) Complaint for 38 Madeline Drive, be received;

AND THAT Council, having conducted a hearing in accordance with the Development Charges Act and hearing from the complainant and assessing the facts, herein dismiss the complaint and maintain the DCs as calculated for 38 Madeline Drive.

CARRIED

6. Deputations

6.1 Reconsideration of Funding Request for Pride Collingwood, Michelle Kemper

Michelle Kemper briefed Council on Pride Collingwood's Mission and Vision and reviewed the Core Values of the Rainbow Club of South Georgian Bay, noted the importance of building relationships with community partners and provided Council with an overview of the plans for the Pride Festival to be held in July 2025. Michelle Kemper acknowledge the support the Town has provided over the years in working with Staff, the BIA and the OPP for the festival and the parade. Michelle Kemper confirmed that the LGBTQ+ community has encountered challenges and that funding support from sponsors is low during times of economic uncertainty.

Michelle Kemper noted that the Town has provided letters of support which assisted in reaching out to the Provincial and Federal Government and confirmed how important it is to have the commitment of the Town moving forward. Michelle Kemper referenced the Town's Tourism Master Plan and advised how the Pride Festival can assist with bringing quality tourism to Collingwood. A financial commitment of \$15,000 cash funding and additional in-kind support was requested from the Town.

6.2 Request for a Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement, Georgian Triangle Humane Society - Karen Marsh and Erin Tuckey

Karen Marsh and Erin Tuckey addressed Council providing Council with an overview on the community services the Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS) provides, including pound services, emergency services, pet population control, programming, volunteering and wellness clinics confirming how the GTHS is a pillar in the Collingwood community. An overview of how the current location has evolved and continues to evolve to meet the growing needs of the community was also provided with confirmation that Humane Societies are essential municipal partners. Karen Marsh confirmed the request that the Town of Collingwood authorize a Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement between the Town of Collingwood and the GTHS, for the Regional Centre for Pets and People to better assist with long-term funding and development related fees.

Staff answered questions and received comments from Council regarding the ownership of Municipal Capital Facilities and if the Town can enter into this agreement based on the criteria provided; implementation of a partial Agreement; whether a cost benefit been done based on the services provided to residents of Collingwood; how did larger municipalities such as

Burlington, Ottawa or Peterborough have this agreement implemented; and if Staff working with MPAC regarding how the property will be taxed.

Karen Marsh and Erin Tuckey answered questions from Council regarding data on how many visitors are from Collingwood and surrounding areas; if the GTHS has received any contributions from any other municipality it serves.

Deputy Mayor Fryer assumed the role of Chair.

Mayor Hamlin put forward a notice of motion requesting Staff to report on the best solution for further funding of the GTHS, including the use of the municipal capital facilities agreement, the cost of outsourcing funding and additional support from municipalities the GTHS serves and the cost of preparing the report.

Mayor Hamlin re-assumed the role of Chair.

7. Adoption of Minutes

7.1 Council Minutes

RES-177-2025

Moved by: Councillor Christopher Baines

Seconded by: Councillor Ian MacCulloch

THAT the minutes of Council-Committee of the Whole meeting held March 31, 2025 (excluding Committee of the Whole recommendations) and Council Meeting held April 7, 2025, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

7.2 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

No business arising from the previous meeting.

Mayor Hamlin called for a 10 minute recess.

7.3 Approval of Committee of the Whole Recommendations

7.3.1 Committee of the Whole - March 31, 2025

RES-178-2025

Moved by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

Seconded by: Councillor Rob Ring

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommendations from its meeting held March 31, 2025 contained within the March 31, 2025, Council minutes be hereby approved as presented.

- P2025-09 Approval and Authorization By-law to Execute a Site Plan Control Agreement - 172 Vacation Inn Drive (Town File No. D111419)

- T2025-02 Long Term Strategic Financial Plan Update
- CAO2025-01 Operational Plan: 2024 Year End Accomplishments & 2025 Year Start (amended)
- PRC2025-01 Maximizing Ice Facility Availability (amended)
- Reports/Minutes of Other Committees and Boards (includes recommendation from the Trails and Active Transportation Advisory Committee regarding speed limit reductions to be referred to the Master Mobility and Transportation Plan for consideration)

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery
Seconded by: Councillor Rob Ring

THAT Staff Report P2025-08, “2025 Tourism Master Plan Workplan” dated March 31, 2025 be received;

AND THAT the implementation of the Tourism Master Plan initiatives outlined in Report P2025-08 be supported;

AND THAT Council approve an allocation of up to \$70,000 from the Municipal Accommodation Tax Reserve Fund for costs related to the retention of consulting services to support implementation of the 2025 Tourism Master Plan Workplan;

AND THAT staff be directed to bring forward a request for an additional internal resource position or partial position for review as part of the 2026 budgeting process, including an analysis of cost savings for a staff position instead of relying on consulting services;

AND THAT a by-law to establish Collinwood Tourism to act as the Town of Collingwood’s Eligible Tourism Entity, including adopting the Business Case, establishing a process for interim board appointment, and delegating authority to Senior Town Administration to execute the necessary incorporation documents and undertake related processes, be enacted and passed;

AND THAT after 2 years of establishment, the legal structure of the Eligible Tourism Entity be re-evaluated to determine if incorporation as a fully independent not-for-profit entity is feasible, among other matters that may impact sound governance.

RES-179-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer
Seconded by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

Amendment: THAT the governance structure of the Interim Board for the proposed eligible tourism entity “Collingwood Tourism” identified in Appendix B: Business Case to Establish Collingwood Tourism be amended as follows:

- The Mayor be designated as the Council Representative;
- The three (3) Industry Reps appointed to the Board be recruited consistent with the Town's Volunteer Recruitment process for advisory committees and boards.

CARRIED

RES-180-2025

Moved by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

Seconded by: Councillor Rob Ring

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CARRIED

7.3.1.1 C2025-07 Response to US Trade War Tariff Impacts and Next Steps

RES-181-2025

Moved by: Councillor Steve Perry

Seconded by: Councillor Chris Potts

THAT Staff Report C2025-07, Response to US Trade War Tariff Impacts & Next Steps, be received;

AND THAT Council direct to staff to:

- Continue to monitor the impacts of the tariffs, counter-tariffs, and other unplanned expenditures above the 2025 budget and develop financial strategies to help mitigate the effects, including further potential by-law and process amendments, where these actions do not have an unreasonably negative effect on Collingwood and Canada;
- Continue to proactively communicate with local businesses affected by tariffs, collaborate with the County of Simcoe to reinforce a regional approach, and undertake advocacy efforts including through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and other umbrella organizations, and with orders of government to support these businesses as outlined in this Report or as opportunities arise; and
- Ensure alignment to the extent possible and feasible with the actions of upper orders of government, unless such alignment would demonstrably have negative impact on the Town or local businesses.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Steve Perry

Seconded by: Councillor Chris Potts

AND THAT the playing of the Canadian National Anthem be implemented at the beginning of Council meetings.

**Amendment:
RES-182-2025**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer
Seconded by: Councillor Steve Perry

Amendment: THAT the version of the Canadian National Anthem played be instrumental.

CARRIED

RES-183-2025

Moved by: Councillor Steve Perry
Seconded by: Councillor Chris Potts

AND THAT the playing of an instrumental version of the Canadian National Anthem be implemented at the beginning of Council meetings.

CARRIED

8. Staff Reports

None.

9. By-Laws

Clerk Almas confirmed that amendments as approved earlier pertaining to the composition of the Interim Collingwood Tourism Board will be incorporated into By-law 2025-031, as may be required.

RES-184-2025

Moved by: Councillor Christopher Baines
Seconded by: Councillor Rob Ring

THAT the following By-laws be hereby enacted and passed this 14th day of April, 2025.

CARRIED

9.1 By-law No. 2025-030, being an authorization by-law to execute a Site Plan Control Agreement for The Quad – Georgian Bay Hotel

9.2 By-law No. 2025-031, being a by-law to direct the establishment of a Municipal Services Corporation

9.3 By-law No. 2025-032, being a by-law to appoint a Hearing Officer

9.4 By-law No. 2025-033, being a by-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers (MLEO)

9.5 By-law No. 2025-034, being a by-law to appoint a By-law and Licensing Appeals Committee

10. Departmental Updates

10.1 Poplar Health and Wellness Village MZO Update, Director Valentine

Director Valentine provided Council with a quarterly progress update on the Poplar Health and Wellness Village, and answered questions from Council regarding how often the Province requests an update from the Town.

10.2 OLT Appeals Update, Director Valentine

Director Valentine provided an update on the following OLT Appeals: Town of Collingwood Official Plan and Huntingwood Trails (East Lands).

10.3 Pollinator Protection Plan Update, Manager Martin

Manager Martin provided Council with an update on the Pollinator Protection Plan noting that the plan was formally adopted by Council in February 2024. The four goals within the plan were reviewed, including action items under each goal and status of the action items. Manager Martin answered questions and received comments from Council regarding support of the current program; educational information for residents regarding the best and worst time of year to rake leaves; consideration of County yard waste pick up being delayed to encourage residents to wait longer before filling their paper yard waste bags; and if there has been thought to reach out to the schools as a way to support the initiative.

11. Consent Agenda

RES-185-2025

Moved by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

Seconded by: Councillor Christopher Baines

THAT Council herein receive the General Consent Agenda;

AND FURTHER THAT the information and opinions provided in the General Consent Agenda Items are that of the author(s) and are not verified or approved as being correct:

- NVCA re: Appointment of CAO
- Letters received re: Concerns for Arts Centre
- Collingwood Musical Festival Letter re: Support for Arts Centre
- Proclamation: Dig Safe Month

CARRIED

11.1 NVCA re: Appointment of CAO

11.2 Province of Ontario Media Release re: Strong Mayor Powers

Council discussed the pros and cons of Strong Mayor Powers and consideration to send correspondence to the Province regarding Collingwood's position on the matter prior to the April 16 deadline to submit comments for the Ministers consideration before the legislation is enacted on May 1, 2025. Comments included the ability to postpone the Powers to the 2026 Municipal Election; provincial priorities and the Towns ongoing efforts towards affordable housing; funding opportunities; ability to veto by-laws and the impacts of this power; the importance of having a strong Code of Conduct; requested clarification on Strong Mayor Powers and need for training.

Council members discussed the upcoming OSUM Conference and panel discussions to be hand with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

RES-186-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer

Seconded by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

THAT Council direct a letter be forwarded to the Province, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and MPP Saunderson that shares the individual members of Council's and the CAO's input and feedback on the proposed Strong Mayor Powers proposed for the Town of Collingwood;

AND THAT Council request further clarification or future consideration on enhanced protection for the use of Strong Mayor Powers to avoid any potential misinterpretation and guardrails for efficient use of such Powers.

For (7): Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer, Councillor Kathy Jeffery, Councillor Chris Potts, Councillor Rob Ring, Councillor Christopher Baines, Councillor Steve Perry, and Councillor Ian MacCulloch

Against (2): Mayor Yvonne Hamlin, and Councillor Deb Doherty

CARRIED (7 to 2)

Councillor Perry left the Council table at this time.

11.3 Letters received re: Concerns for Arts Centre

11.4 Collingwood Musical Festival Letter re: Support for Arts Centre

11.5 Proclamation: Dig Safe Month

12. County Report

Deputy Mayor Fryer provided an update from the County noting that the Birch Street report was received positively and that the project must be at the 'ready to dig' status before funding will come through from the Province. Deputy Mayor Fryer confirmed that the project will advance to that stage in approximately two months and that he will keep Council updated on funding supports when they come through.

13. Motions

None.

14. Move into Committee of the Whole

Councillor Perry returned to the Council table at this time.

14.1 Motion to move into Committee of the Whole (Mayor Hamlin)

RES-187-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer

Seconded by: Councillor Steve Perry

THAT Council herein move into Committee the Whole Session.

CARRIED

Committee took a 10 minute recess.

14.2 Staff Reports

14.2.1 P2025-10 Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval Extension Request Red Maple (725 Tenth Line) Town File: PLEDP2024400

Director Valentine provided introductory remarks on the extension request for Red Maple, 725 Tenth Line. Senior Planner Teakle provided Committee with an overview of the Extension Request Draft Plan of Subdivision for Red Maple which included brief history of the file, a review of the approved draft plan from 2014, site specific considerations and confirmed Staffs recommendation.

Colin Travis of Travis & Associates Inc., Planning Consultant on behalf of the applicant, addressed Committee regarding the proposed extension and confirmed there are no concerns with the conditions presented.

Senior Planner Teakle, Director Valentine and Colin Travis answered questions from Committee regarding the next step should Council approve the recommendation; the importance of ensuring that the proponent moves the development forward; ability to request another extension; ability to require that the proponent register the first phase of the draft plan; and if any other fees other than the transfer of the land are required to be paid.

RES-188-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer

Seconded by: Councillor Rob Ring

THAT Staff Report P2025-10, “Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval Extension Request – Red Maple (725 Tenth Line, Town File PLEDP2024400)”, dated April 14, 2025, be received;

AND THAT the Request for Extension of Draft Plan Approval for the Plan of Subdivision – Red Maple (PLEDP2024400), be approved for a period of six (6) months with the expectation that the proponent will at minimum register Block 198 containing the Taylor Creek and associated trail to facilitate conveyance to the Town.

CARRIED

14.2.2 PRC2025-02 Mayor's Golf Challenge Beneficiaries

Manager Parker provided Committee with an overview on the Mayor’s Golf Challenge Beneficiaries noting that at the Council meeting on March 4, 2024 Council considered different options for allocating funds raised by the Mayor’s Golf Challenge with 70% of the proceeds be dedicated to the Collingwood and District Special Olympics and the remaining 30% of the proceeds be added to the 2025 Council Grants & Donations budget and dispersed according to the Council Grant Policy. Manager Parker noted the difficulties in securing sponsorships this year and confirmed Staffs recommendation for Council to update the 2017 Mayor’s Golf Challenge Reserve Policy.

Staff answered questions and received comments from Committee regarding how Council distributes funds to groups in need and if what has been granted historically should take precedence; that a robust review of how best to handle requests might be merited; is there an obligation to top-up proceeds annually; that proceeds of the Mayor's Golf Tournament have always gone to the Special Olympics; if the Town issues tax receipts for community grants; has there been any feedback from sponsors of the Tournament to move away from the focus on Special Olympics; and that it is very important that this group receives the support.

Moved by: Councillor Christopher Baines

Seconded by: Councillor Ian MacCulloch

THAT Staff Report PRC2025-02, Mayor’s Golf Challenge Beneficiaries, be received;

AND THAT Council approves 50% of the proceeds of the 2025 Mayor’s Golf Challenge be allocated to the 2026 Council Grants &

Donation budget and the remaining 50% be allocated to the Collingwood & District Special Olympics;

AND THAT Council approves 75% of the proceeds of the 2026 Mayor's Golf Challenge be allocated to the 2027 Council Grants & Donation budget and the remaining 25% be allocated to the Collingwood & District Special Olympics;

AND THAT Council approves, in the subsequent years, 100% of the proceeds of the Mayor's Golf Challenge be allocated to the Council Grants & Donation budget;

AND THAT Council directs Staff to update the 2017 Mayor's Golf Challenge Reserve Policy to reflect the aforementioned changes.

Amendment:

RES-189-2025

Moved by: Councillor Christopher Baines

Seconded by: Councillor Ian MacCulloch

THAT the allocation of the proceeds be amended to 30% of the proceeds of the 2025 Mayor's Golf Challenge be allocated to the 2026 Council Grants & Donation budget and the remaining 70% be allocated to the Collingwood & District Special Olympics;

AND THAT paragraphs three and four be replaced with: THAT Council directs Staff to provide a submission in the similar format of current grant programs from the Collingwood and District Special Olympics to be considered within the Mayor's Golf Tournament in future budget processes with regard to maintaining or making an adjustment to the level of support for Collingwood and District Special Olympics.

Delete as no longer relevant: **AND THAT** Council directs Staff to update the 2017 Mayor's Golf Challenge Reserve Policy to reflect the aforementioned changes.

CARRIED

RES-190-2025

Moved by: Councillor Christopher Baines

Seconded by: Councillor Ian MacCulloch

THAT Staff Report PRC2025-02, Mayor's Golf Challenge Beneficiaries, be received;

AND THAT Council approves 30% of the proceeds of the 2025 Mayor's Golf Challenge be allocated to the 2026 Council Grants &

Donation budget and the remaining 70% be allocated to the Collingwood & District Special Olympics;

AND THAT Council directs Staff to provide a submission in the similar format of current grant programs from the Collingwood and District Special Olympics to be considered within the Mayor's Golf Tournament in future budget processes with regard to maintaining or making an adjustment to the level of support for Collingwood and District Special Olympics.

CARRIED

14.2.3 C2025-06 Council Input for the Development of the 2026-2029 Collingwood & The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Action Plan

Clerk Almas provided an overview of the requirements of the *Community Safety and Policing Act* confirming that Council's input is required in the development of the 2026-2029 Collingwood and The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Action Plan, reviewed the requirements for consultation and collaboration efforts between the Town and Police Services. Clerk Almas confirmed Staff's request for Council's input on the Detachment Action Plan recognizing the importance of 'excellence' in service delivery, collaboration and financial stewardship, while ensuring there is a focus on a community that is safe and well.

Clerk Almas confirmed next steps and answered questions and received comments from Committee regarding kids safety while walking or biking to school and their interactions with vehicles; the Bike Rodeo being held at Cameron Street School; that the OPP Detachment Commander used to present annually to Council and that Council would benefit from hearing from the OPP Senior Leadership; what specifically do the OPP do regarding homelessness and homelessness strategies and how do they interact with people experiencing homelessness; the importance of increasing the visibility of OPP in the community; that lack of foot patrol downtown is a common theme being heard; and concerns regarding the time it takes for record checks to be administered.

Moved by: Councillor Rob Ring
Seconded by: Councillor Deb Doherty

THAT Staff Report C2025-06, Council Input for the Development of the 2026-2029 Collingwood & The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Action Plan, be received;

AND THAT Council approve the following as key themes (and action items as defined herein) as important input and considerations for the

development of the 2026-2029 Collingwood & The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Action Plan;

- Community Relationships and Trust Building:
- Substance Abuse, Mental Health and Homelessness:
- Traffic and Road, Waterway & Trail Safety:
- Resource Allocation and Management:
- Cultural Competency and Diversity:
- Environmental and Emergency Preparedness:
- Local Crime Trends and Prevention

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the approved feedback be forward the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board for information.

Amendment:

RES-191-2025

Moved by: Councillor Deb Doherty

Seconded by: Councillor Chris Potts

THAT Council approve the additional key themes (and action items as defined herein) as important input and considerations for the development of the 2026-2029 Collingwood & The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Action Plan:

- Bike patrol (under Traffic and Road, Waterway & Trail Safety)
- Improved delivery time for Vulnerable Sector Check and advocacy for it
- The Detachment Commander and/or Board Chair make periodic presentations to Council

CARRIED

RES-192-2025

Moved by: Councillor Rob Ring

Seconded by: Councillor Deb Doherty

THAT Staff Report C2025-06, Council Input for the Development of the 2026-2029 Collingwood & The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Action Plan, be received;

AND THAT Council approve the following as key themes (and action items as defined herein) as important input and considerations for the

development of the 2026-2029 Collingwood & The Blue Mountains
OPP Detachment Action Plan;

- Community Relationships and Trust Building:
- Substance Abuse, Mental Health and Homelessness:
- Traffic and Road, Waterway & Trail Safety:
- Resource Allocation and Management:
- Cultural Competency and Diversity:
- Environmental and Emergency Preparedness:
- Local Crime Trends and Prevention
- Bike patrol (under Traffic and Road, Waterway & Trail Safety)
- Improved delivery time for Vulnerable Sector Check and advocacy for it
- The Detachment Commander and/or Board Chair make periodic presentations to Council

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the approved feedback be forward the Collingwood OPP Detachment Board for information.

CARRIED

RES-193-2025

Moved by: Councillor Rob Ring

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer

THAT in accordance to the Procedural By-law, the meeting be extended by one hour.

CARRIED

14.3 Deputations (unregistered)

None.

14.4 Reports/Minutes of Other Committees/Boards

RES-194-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer

Seconded by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

THAT the following minutes of Other Committees and Boards be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved:

- Minutes - Collingwood Heritage Committee Meeting - March 6, 2025
- Minutes - Collingwood Public Library Board - February 27, 2025

CARRIED

14.5 Old or Deferred Business

14.5.1 T2025-03 Council Community Grant Award - Amended

Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer declared a conflict on this item. (Deputy Mayor Fryer declared a conflict with Agenda Item 14.5.1 – Amended Staff Report T2025-03 Council Community Grant Award noting that he is a volunteer with the Hope Chapel lunch program. Deputy Mayor Fryer requested that the motion be severed before voting.)

Councillor Chris Potts declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Potts declared a conflict with Agenda Item 14.5.1 - Amended Staff Report T2025-03 Council Community Grant Award due to a family members involvement in Collingwood Minor Hockey.)

Councillor Christopher Baines declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Baines declared a conflict with Agenda Item 14.5.1 - Amended Staff Report T2025-03 Council Community Grant Award as he is a member of the Optimist Club.)

Treasurer Graham provided an overview of the amended Staff Report T2025-03 Council Community Grant Award.

Chair Potts, Deputy Mayor Fryer and Councillor Baines noted their declared conflicts and requested the motion be severed and to be able to leave the table when those items are being considered.

Staff answered questions and received comment from Committee regarding whether there is any preferential treatment being given to the organizations presented; if consideration could be made to adjust the percentage so the amount would not be as significant; that organizations might need to understand the reality of the outcome of their requests; and that each year the process and requests seem to always be reconsidered.

Moved by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery
Seconded by: Councillor Rob Ring

THAT Staff Report T2025-03, 2025 Council Community Grant Award, be received;

AND THAT under the Council Community Grant Policy, Council award the eligible 2025 applicants, a dollar amount as calculated based on the average awarded by each member of Council, from the 2025 operating budget, with the total dollar amount awarded being \$99,760.

AND THAT Council increase the CCG by approximately \$8,000 from the remaining 2024 Mayor's Golf Tournament proceeds, and approve funding of the four in-kind requests that were unsuccessful in the CRCG process totalling \$10,125.00, having small budget shortfall of \$1,885;

Alternatively,

AND THAT Council proceed with the evaluation of the remaining four (4) In-kind CRCG Requests and report back on their ranking in the full CCG evaluations.

Amendment:

RES-195-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer

Seconded by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

AND THAT Council increase the CCG by approximately \$8,000 from the remaining 2024 Mayor's Golf Tournament proceeds, and approve funding of the four in-kind requests that were unsuccessful in the CRCG process prorated to their asks **prorated to their asks proportionate to the remaining available funds.**

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Fryer and Councillor Baines left the Council Chambers at this time.

RES-196-2025

Moved by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

Seconded by: Councillor Rob Ring

THAT Staff Report T2025-03, 2025 Council Community Grant Award, be received;

AND THAT Council increase the CCG by approximately \$8,000 from the remaining 2024 Mayor's Golf Tournament proceeds and approve funding of the in-kind requests that were unsuccessful in the CRCG process prorated to their asks proportionate to the remaining available funds, pertaining only to the requests related to the Hope Chapel and the Optimist Club.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Fryer and Councillor Baines returned to the Council Chambers.

RES-197-2025

Moved by: Councillor Kathy Jeffery

Seconded by: Councillor Rob Ring

THAT Staff Report T2025-03, 2025 Council Community Grant Award, be received;

AND THAT Council increase the CCG by approximately \$8,000 from the remaining 2024 Mayor's Golf Tournament proceeds and approve funding of the in-kind requests that were unsuccessful in the CRCG process prorated to their asks proportionate to the remaining available funds with the exclusion of the requests made regarding Hope Chapel and the Optimist Club.

CARRIED

Chair Potts returned to the Council Chambers and assumed the role of Chair.

14.6 Other Business

14.6.1 Maintenance of Bus Shelters, Councillor Potts

Chair Potts thanked Staff for the work that has been done at the Transit Terminal at Second Street and Pine and requested an update from Staff on bus shelter maintenance plans for the various bus shelters in Town. CAO Skinner confirmed that Staff will be working on bus shelter maintenance and repairs and that there will be a routine cleaning schedule to ensure that the shelters are kept in good condition. CAO Skinner noted that additional bus shelters will be added to the current inventory and reminded Council and the public that if concerns are raised regarding the state of a bus shelter that it can be reported through Service Collingwood.

14.6.2 Mountain Road Update – Deputy Mayor Fryer

Deputy Mayor Fryer requested an update from Staff regarding the plans for construction on Mountain Road. CAO Skinner confirmed that the detailed design and scope of work is complete and that the tender package is with the Procurement team for final review. CAO Skinner noted that construction will begin in early Q3 after the tender is awarded. CAO Skinner confirmed that updates on various town construction projects are available on the Town's website.

14.6.3 EPCOR Update, Deputy Mayor Fryer

Deputy Mayor Fryer inquired to when a representative from EPCOR will be providing an update to Council regarding electrification of Ontario. Clerk Almas provided an update from a meeting she had with

EPCOR and Hydro One regarding Collingwood and area electricity needs for their forecasting planning.

14.6.4 31 Huron Street, Councillor Jeffery

Councillor Jeffery requested an update on the sidewalk at 31 Huron Street to when it will be reopened, noting that she has committed to getting back to the resident as soon as she can.

14.6.5 Rainbow Crosswalk, Councillor Jeffery

Councillor Jeffery noted that the Rainbow Crosswalk looks tattered and is in need of re-painting, and would be putting forward a notice of motion with request for the crosswalk to be re-painted if the work was not in Staffs workplan. CAO Skinner noted that she is unaware that the re-painting of the Rainbow Crosswalk is in Staffs workplan, but she will confirm and report back.

14.6.6 FCM Update, Councillor Jeffery

Councillor Jeffery provided an update from the FCM March 2025 Board of Directors Meeting noting advocacy discussions, national prosperity partnership, key issues regarding the 2025 Federal Election, and advocacy updates regarding delegation related to Canada and U.S. relations. Councillor Jeffery noted decisions on endorsing UNDRIP, Strategic Planning and the FCM Budget 2025-2026.

Councillor Jeffery put forward a notice of motion regarding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and FCM's position to the Unity Collective for comment.

14.6.7 One Community Solution

This item was not discussed. An update will be provided in the next CAO Operational Update.

14.6.8 Trails and Active Transportation, Councillor Doherty

Councillor Doherty noted that the Town has 63kms of trails and asked Staff to confirm whether the trails are included in the Town's Asset Management Plan. Treasurer Graham confirmed that the trails are included as a non-core asset.

14.6.9 Drainage System, Councillor Doherty

Councillor Doherty noted concern regarding drainage swales on properties that have been filled or altered and questioned if the Town has easements or maintenance plans for those storm water systems and if they will be included in the Stormwater Management Plan. Manager Leal confirmed that this component to drainage is not part of the Stormwater Management Plan, but that Staff are aware of the concern and are working on it internally.

Staff answered questions from Committee regarding drainage concerns for new homes being built; consideration of having municipal easements; that utility boxes are in ditches; and if the Town retroactively make drainage easements on properties where there are there are no easements to ensure control and accountability of drainage infrastructure.

14.7 Notice of Motions

Councillor Baine brought forward a notice of motion regarding a Forever Georgian Bay Pledge.

14.8 Rise from Committee of the Whole

14.8.1 Motion to rise form Committee of the Whole (Councillor Potts)

RES-198-2025

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer

Seconded by: Councillor Steve Perry

THAT Council herein rise from Committee of Whole and return to the regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

15. Confirmatory By-Law

RES-199-2025

Moved by: Councillor Steve Perry

Seconded by: Councillor Ian MacCulloch

THAT By-law No. 2025-035, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the regular meeting of Council held April 14, 2025, be enacted and passed this 14th day of April, 2025.

CARRIED

16. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Jeffery

THAT the Council meeting be hereby adjourned at 7:55 p.m. **CARRIED.**

Mayor

Clerk