

March 17, 2022

Warden Hicks,  
Warden,  
Grey County

Dear Sir;

A member of Grey County Council has raised the matter of the comments I made during a Town of The Blue Mountains Council meeting when I discussed my notice of motion regarding researching the impact on Town of The Blue Mountains ratepayers if a regional government were to be in place.

I have reviewed the tape and wish to formally apologize for the language I used during that debate. I let my emotions for the subject matter take the better of me and I apologize to you and County Council for using that language.

I remain steadfast in my position that the fiscal strength and health of the County is reliant upon the same health and strength of its individual member municipalities and if one municipality is weakened fiscally by the current grey County structure/governance, then this needs to be addressed for the benefit of that municipality but also the benefit of the County as a whole. This is not a new issue for the Town of The Blue Mountains, as you know.

My motion that the Blue Mountains Council adopted is simply to research the fiscal implication on local ratepayers if a different governance and service delivery model were to be in place for The Town of The Blue Mountains. There is at this time no proposal to change the governance structure, and The Town of The Blue Mountains Council did not endorse any such structure. The structure described in my motion is merely one of many, but it is the most logical and therefore was used to define the scope of the study.

I intend to press this matter further. Therefore, I believe that it would be appropriate for me to resign as the Alternate County Council Member for the Town of The Blue Mountains. I hereby offer that resignation and have copied the Clerk of The Town of The Blue Mountains for her records.

Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Sampson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rob Sampson,  
Councillor

The Town of The Blue Mountains