

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 22nd day of January, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor D. Fawcett, Deputy Mayor B. Hill, Councillor J. Crowe, Councillor J. Elliott and Councillor B. Kumprey were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer was also present. Mayor Fawcett presided.

Additions

- Interim Tax By-law
- Resolution to appoint Wendy Atkinson as Acting CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
- 2 items to be discussed under the Procedural By-law Update
- Mayor Fawcett - received a call from Karren Wallace regarding the availability of agenda materials before the Council meeting – this to be discussed during the Procedural By-law Update
- Mayor Fawcett - Roads item in Riverview

Deletions

- None

Approval

S Show of hands

Minutes

Moved by Hill and Crowe that we approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on January 8, 2009 as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Bale Wrap - the Transfer Station was contacted and they don't accept it at the present, however, they may have a contractor lined up in the Spring.

ROMA/OGRA Conference - workshops not posted yet.

Members Privilege

Councillor Crowe asked the Clerk to contact Jamie Zimmerman of the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office to request that he attend a future meeting of Council to discuss what needs to be done under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act.

Deputy Mayor Hill would like to get started on the budget process and the other Councillors should think about the uses for the Canadian Hydro Developers Community Contribution Agreement monies. All of the members sit on Committee's that are looking at things that need to be done and we can maybe use some of this money to help out the other Committees.

Correspondence

1. Resolution from the Township of Essa regarding the NVCA Draft Budget and Municipal Levy
2. Press Release from the County of Dufferin - Headwaters Health Care Centre and Dufferin County Paramedics Partner with Southlake Regional Health Centre to Provide Improved Cardiac Care for High Risk Patients
3. Press Release from the County of Dufferin - County Council Shows Leadership In Single-Use Bottled Water Ban
4. Letter from the Egg Farmers of Ontario requesting support of a motion for local sustainable procurement practices
5. GRCA Minutes - January 2009
6. News Release from NVCA - Councillor Benotto of Shelburne elected as

- Conservation Authority Chair
7. AMO Member Communication - AMO's Pre-Budget Submission calls for Increased Infrastructure Investment
 8. Request for comments from the NEC for Jack Hunter/Brent Millsap - Application D/R/2008-2009/242 - West Part of Lot 17, Concession 1 OS
 9. Letter from Hahn Broadcast Engineering advising of an application by Industry Canada and the CRTC to operate a new FM Station to serve Shelburne, Dundalk and surrounding area. The transmitting facility is located in Melancthon near the 10th Line NE and 240 SR
 10. Letter from Julian Fantino, Commissioner - Ontario Provincial Police regarding the municipal policing Cost Recovery Formula
 11. Letter from Tom Pridham, Drainage Superintendent regarding the Drainage Superintendent Services from July 1 - December 31, 2008
 12. Dufferin County and Area Municipal Councils - Joint Council Presentation on the Growth Management Study - Agenda for the January 22, 2009 meeting
 13. NVCA - Meeting Highlights January 9, 2009

4 - wait to hear from them before we do anything.

8 - no objections to the application.

10 - put on the next Police Services Board Agenda

Correspondence on File at the Clerk's Office

1. Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board Minutes - December 10, 2008
2. Thank you card from Councillor Beverley Kumprey
3. Conservation Corner - The Life of Dead Trees
4. Resolution from the Township of Mulmur supporting a motion from the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry regarding payment of indigent funerals

Delegation

10:00 a.m. - Garry Matthews, NVCA Representative attended Council to discuss the NVCA's 2009 Draft Budget. Mr. Matthews presented a new levy schedule which shows the same percentage increase (6.1%) but Melancthon's contribution has increased by \$100.00. He has requested the CAO of the Authority to clarify items but has not had a response. Discussion ensued about the capital budget and consultants. The draft budget is up for approval at the February 13, 2009 meeting and if Council has any concerns, to get them in before that date. Council advised that they would be passing a resolution before the end of the meeting.

General Business

Accounts

Moved by Crowe and Hill that the general accounts in the amount of \$8,172.02 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Enbridge Consumers Gas Agreement

Moved by Elliott and Kumprey that leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize a Franchise Agreement between the Corporation and Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and it now be read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 2-2009.

NVCA - Dufferin Headwaters Pilot Project Final Report for the MOE - Drinking Water Source Protection

The Study was reviewed and discussion ensued. As it appears that the Source Water Protection issue is going to have a heavy responsibility on municipal staff, a

Committee should be set up to deal with this. The Clerk was asked to put this item back on the Agenda for discussion for the February 19, 2009 meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

10:30 a.m. - Harvey Lyon was in attendance and asked when Council would be discussing the budget and if the CHD monies would be discussed at that time? The Clerk advised that Preliminary Budget discussion would take place before noon and that the CHD monies would be discussed.

10:35 a.m. - Council took a five minute break and reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

Delegations - Cont.

10:45 a.m. - Arunas Kalinauskas from RJ Burnside and Associates attended Council and reviewed the Burnside Asset Date Model with Council. This system will help staff with PSAB for future years once the data has been put in.

11:00 a.m. - Don Menary and Sandy Lupo attended Council. Mr. Menary owns 100 acres and would like to put an outdoor paint ball facility on the property. Mayor Fawcett advised Mr. Menary that his property is zoned for Agriculture use and that a rezoning would have to take place for this permitted use. She suggested to him to put his proposal in writing and submit the required fees and his proposal would be forwarded to the Township Planner for comments.

General Business - Cont.

Comments from Ron Mills, Planner of the Township of Mulmur re: Growth Management Study Phase II

The comments were reviewed and received as information.

Draft Township Newsletter - Spring/Summer 2009

The newsletter was reviewed and changes were noted by the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer. The CAO will make the changes and have another draft ready for the next meeting.

Resolution to return deposit cheque to GE Canada....

Moved by Kumprey and Elliott that we return the tender cheque in the amount of \$1,000.00 to GE Canada as the temporary office trailer located on Lots 298-300, Concession 4 SW has been removed. Carried.

Preliminary Budget Discussions - 2009 Budget

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer presented Council with information (unaudited) on the monies available to be used for the budget. Discussion ensued regarding the use of Canadian Hydro monies. The CAO/C-T advised that the budget notice did advise that Council was seeking input regarding the monies but that none were received. Harvey Lyon who was in attendance said he believes that all requests for funding that are going to be received by CHD will be deferred to Council and he is very concerned about this. There are a lot of public institutions that rely on donations and he's afraid that if this happens (deferral), those requests will get "lost". Council advised Mr. Lyon that they interpret the agreement differently. The Agreement states that it will be used for the "betterment of the community". There was some discussion regarding infrastructure money for "shovel ready" projects. More discussion on the budget to take place at the next meeting of Council.

Applications to Permit

Mayor Fawcett signed an application to permit a farm shed with insulated repair shop on Part of Lot 26, Concession 7 NE - I. Martin/E. Sherk.

New/Other Business

Additions:

Acting CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Resolution

Moved by Hill and Crowe that we appoint Wendy Atkinson as Acting CAO/Clerk-Treasurer from Feb. 2 - 6, 2009 in the absence of Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer with appropriate compensation. Carried.

Interim Tax By-law

Moved by Elliott and Kumprey that leave be given to introduce a by-law to provide for levying of the interim taxes for 2009 and it now be read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 3-2009.

Burnside Capital Asset Data Model

Moved by Hill and Crowe that we accept the quote of RJ Burnside and Associates Limited to provide PSAB Inventory and valuation for \$6,400.00 as outlined in their letter of January 6, 2009. In addition, the Township will also purchase the Burnside Asset Data Model for additional cost of \$5,000.00. Carried.

Updating the Procedural By-law

The Clerk advised that the Township's current by-law was passed in 1995 and needs to be updated. A Committee was struck to do this and the Committee members are as follows: Mayor Fawcett and Councillors Crowe and Elliott, as well as Denise Holmes, Clerk. A meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. to review Mulmur Township's By-law (which was recently passed).

While on the topic of updating the Procedural By-law, Mayor Fawcett advised that she had received a call from Karren Wallace regarding the release of agenda materials in advance of the Council meeting. Discussion ensued and it was felt that there may be a liability issue or legal implications if Council does this. The Clerk to check with the Township Solicitor on this. A survey was conducted by Ms. Wallace regarding Council meetings and agenda materials. Out of 78 municipalities surveyed there were 51 responses received and Mulmur Township and Melancthon Township are the only municipalities that do not provide complete agenda package in advance of the meeting. Discussion ensued about the survey as a check of other municipality's websites indicates that not all municipalities post the materials – only the agendas. The Clerk advised of the additional expense to convert the website in order to post materials and extra staff time to do this. This will all be reviewed during the Procedural By-law update.

Third Reading - By-laws

Moved by Kumprey and Elliott that By-laws 2-2009 and 3-2009 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

NVCA Resolution

Moved by Crowe and Hill that the Council of the Township of Melancthon has reviewed the 2009 NVCA Draft Budget, And Whereas Council feels that an increase in the overall levy of 6.1% is unacceptable in these trying economic times and therefore Council requests that cuts be made to the budget to reflect no more than a 3% increase in keeping with the cost of living. Carried.

Road Business

Allen Braiden, Road Superintendent attended Council. Mayor Fawcett advised that she had received a call from a resident in Riverview who would like to see stop ahead sign in the village.

Allen put forth his proposal for a third person in the Works Department. Last year one of the seasonal employees stayed on until the end of June. This person could help cover off on holidays in the summer and then on September 1st, they start grading again and could use this person on the water truck, etc. Council advised him to put the monies in the budget and this would be reviewed during the budget process. Allen presented a preliminary draft budget. The capital budget portion was discussed regarding the reconstruction of main street in Horning's Mills. Allen said this could be done over two years. Further discussion on the budget at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

Dundalk and District Community Centre - Agreement

Councillor Elliott has not had a meeting yet. Matter deferred until after the Southgate Recreation Advisory Committee meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Hill and Crowe that we adjourn Council to meet again on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK