

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 4th day of June, 2015 in the Council Chambers. Mayor D. White, Deputy Mayor J. Elliott, Councillor D. Besley, Councillor W. Hannon and Councillor J. Webster were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk were also present. Mayor White presided and called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. An onsite took place at 5:00 p.m. at Hill Agra Machinery in Horning's Mills.

Announcements

None.

Additions

Deletions

None.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Can be declared at this time or anytime throughout the meeting

Minutes

Moved by Webster, Seconded by Elliott that the minutes of the May 21, 2015 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

At this time (approximately 5:55 p.m.), Delegations were moved up in the Agenda as the first Delegation was booked for 5:40 p.m.

Delegations

John Wattam, owner of 157115 Highway 10 attended Council regarding his site alteration application and his request to make a road bed of clay bricks. It was advised that the clay bricks would be coming from the Toronto area which is in contravention of the Township's Site Alteration By-law 40-2012 (Amendment to By-law 29-2004). Mr. Wattam advised that he had spoken with someone at the MOE who says it is perfectly safe to use bricks as a road base. He indicated that he is getting his tractor stuck all the time because he didn't finish the road he started approximately 10 years ago. Further discussion ensued and because the dumping of fill is such a huge issue in Dufferin County these days which is costing tax payers thousands of dollars, the following motion was put forth: Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that the Corporation of the Municipality of Melancthon deny permission to Mr. Wattam to use brick as fill to finish his farm driveway and uphold by-law 29-2004 and amendment 40-2012. Deputy Mayor Elliott requested a recorded vote. The CAO/Clerk called out the names for the members to vote as follows: Deputy Mayor Elliott - Yea, Councillor Webster - Yea, Councillor Hannon - Yea, Councillor Besley - Yea and Mayor White - Yea. Carried.

6:25 p.m. (Scheduled for 5:50 p.m.) - William and Linda Barton, owners of 116234 2nd Line SW attended Council regarding their entrance culvert. The culvert was damaged several years ago and when they approached the Township in January of this year, they were advised that they would be responsible to fix it. Mr. Barton spoke to the matter and he was asking for reconsideration of the decision. Discussion ensued and as a compromise, Council suggested that the Township would install the new culvert, if the Barton's purchased the culvert. An onsite will be made to the property after the meeting (in the event that the meeting does not go too late) or at the next meeting.

6:35 p.m. (Scheduled for 6:00 p.m.) Court of Revision - Stinson D. Drainage Works

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Webster that we adjourn Council to convene as Court of Revision on the Stinson Drainage Works, D. Drain at 6:35 p..m. and Mayor White be appointed as Chair. Carried.

Mayor White welcomed those in attendance and advised that the purpose of the meeting is to consider and determine appeals from the assessments by By-law No. 21-2015 and asked if any appeals had been received. There were none. He asked if any late appeals had been received and there were none.

He asked Mr. Tom Pridham, P. Eng., Drainage Superintendent, who was in attendance for the Court of Revision, if he had any comments. Mr. Pridham explained that the purpose of the Court of Revision is for any appeals and if someone is dissatisfied with their assessment then they can appeal here.

As there were no further comments, it was Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that the Court of Revision does now adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Carried.

6:38 p.m. (Scheduled for 6:20 p.m.) - Jeff Holmes, Holmes Agro attended Council regarding the Development Charges on a building on the West Part of Lot 20, Concession 1 OS. Mr. Holmes submitted a letter ahead of the meeting listing his various options which was reviewed. A memo was also put forward by the CAO/Clerk regarding a waiver agreement. After discussion regarding the proposed use of the building, various taxes the Company pays in other municipalities and the interpretation of agricultural storage, Council took a five minute break at 7:02 p.m. When Council reconvened, the following motion was put forth: Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that the Township of Melancthon confirms the balance of the square footage after the retail and office space is agricultural storage and the future building also be confirmed as agricultural storage and is therefore exempt from development charges. Before Mayor White called for the vote, further discussion ensued and it was advised that if the motion is defeated, it cannot be brought back for six months. Staff were then directed to contact Jerry Jorden, Township Planner to get his comments on the term "agricultural storage" as Mr. Holmes advises that this is what the Planner refers to in his correspondence. The mover and seconder agreed to table their motion to June 18th.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

No questions asked.

Road Business

Craig Micks, Road Superintendent was present for this portion of the meeting.

Accounts

The road accounts were presented in the amount of \$100,624.13. Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Webster that the road accounts be approved as presented by the Road Superintendent. Carried.

Data from road traffic counters - Corbetton Railbed

The data was reviewed and Staff were asked to forward this to the Police Services Board.

Stop signs in Horning's Mills at Main Street and Mill Street (River Road)

Staff were directed to bring a by-law to the next meeting for the erection of stop signs at this intersection. Mayor White presented a draft of a sign pertaining to motorcycles that he would like to see installed on the River Road.

Drainage issues - 4th Line SW and 260 Sideroad

With regards to this issue discussed at the last meeting, the Grand River Conservation Authority has stopped the owners from accessing the Crowder Drain as their outlet, as the route to be taken is through a regulated wetland area. There is a meeting next Wednesday, June 10th at 10:30 a.m. with the GRCA and the Township's Drainage Superintendent. Mayor White advised he would be in attendance as well as Councillor Besley.

Report and Recommendation regarding the Delegation of Norman Martin, Isaac Bauman and Manassa Bauman from May 21st Council meeting

Craig reported that he went out and looked at this and said there is a small area that is holding water from the lane culvert but we are not putting any water on the rest of his property. Craig said they have been letting the owners excavate the ditches and Township Staff will haul it away. Craig to follow up with the property owners.

At this time, Councillor Besley spoke on tile outlets and said that some landowners needing a tile outlet are having difficulties accessing one especially if they have to cross another owner's property. They are either being forced to tile that person's land or being refused altogether. Staff were directed to contact Sid Vander Veen about this situation to see if there are any alternatives out there for these landowners.

County Council Update - May 14, 2015

The County Council in Brief was reviewed and Mayor White updated Council on the Strategic Plan Workshop held on May 28th, 2015.

Committee Reports

The following verbal reports were given:

Councillor Besley - Shelburne Library Board - May 19th

Deputy Mayor Elliott - Centre Dufferin Recreation Board - May 27th, Horning's Mills Park Board - June 3rd

Councillor Webster - Horning's Mills Hall Board - May 19th

Councillor Hannon - reported that Southgate's meeting had been cancelled

Mayor White - Special Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board Meeting - May 25th

Correspondence

*Outside Board & Committee Minutes

1. Minutes of the Shelburne Public Library Board Meeting - Meeting March 17, 2015

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that the Outside Board and Committee Minutes

Correspondence Item # 1 be received as information. Carried.

*** Items for Information Purposes**

1. Email from Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk, County of Dufferin dated May 19, 2015, Re - Planning By-laws
2. Copy of a resolution passed by the Town of Grand Valley dated May 12, 2015, Re - Support of investigating Delivery of the POA service
3. Copy of a resolution passed by the Town of Shelburne dated May 11, 2015, Re - Support of investigating Delivery of the POA service
4. Letter from the Township of East Garafraxa to Minister Jeff Leal of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs dated May 20, 2015, Re - 2015/2016 Tile Loan Program and adjusting the current rate of interest to bring in line with current market rates
5. Email from Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk, County of Dufferin dated May 22, 2015, Re - POA Motion
6. AMO Communications - AMO Breaking News - Bill 8 Effective Date for Municipal Governments Confirmed
7. Highlights of the NVCA Board of Directors Meeting No. 05-15 - May 22, 2015
8. Email from Finbar Desir, P. Eng., Secretary, Normal Farm Practices Protection Board dated May 29, 2015, Re - Update and Reminder on Cox v Town of Mono

Moved by Webster, Seconded by Elliott that Correspondence Items 1-8 for information purposes be received as information. Carried.

*** Items for Council Action**

1. Letter from David Tilson, Member of Parliament Dufferin -Caledon dated May 15, 2015, Re - Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Confederation in 2017
2. Email from Richard Seguin, Director General, Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario dated May 15, 2015, Re - New Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program
3. Letter from Elizabeth Durkin (Webster) dated May 15, 2015, Re - Relocation of the Heritage Day quilt that is currently being displayed at the Township of Melancthon administration office
4. Email from Sean D. Stewart, Acting Planner, Niagara Escarpment Commission dated May 26, 2015, Re - Niagara Escarpment Commission Request for Comments
5. Report to Mayor White and Members of Council from Denise Holmes dated May 27, 2015, Re - Return of Deposit to William and Linda Neilson - Part Lot 20, Concession 5 NE

1 & 2 - Council directed that this information be received as information.

3 - Staff were directed to send Ms. Durkin a letter to advise that it was Debbie Fawcett's (Creator of the Signature Quilt) desire that the quilt hang in the Municipal Office and Council will be honouring that wish and the Quilt will remain hanging at the Office.

4 - Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that we have no objection to the construction of a two storey, 2, 130 square foot dwelling on a vacant .50 acre lot. The dwelling will be serviced by a new on-site sewage disposal system, existing well and hydro services. NEC File No. D/R/2015-2016/48. Carried.

5 - Moved by Webster, Seconded by Elliott that the security deposit of \$5,000.00 be returned to William and Linda Neilson as the existing house on Part of Lot 20, Concession 5 NE has been demolished. Carried.

General Business

Accounts

Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer presented the accounts in the amount of \$155,407.24. Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that the general accounts be approved as presented by the Treasurer. Carried.

By-law which provides for the erection of stop signs at intersections (Horning's Mills - Main Street/15 Sideroad)

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that leave be given to introduce a by-law to provide for the erection of stop signs at intersections and it be hereby read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 27-2015.

By-law to enter into OPP Contract

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Webster that leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services of Ontario and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon for the provision of Police Services under Section 10 of the Police Services Act, RSO 1990, c.P.15. and it be hereby read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 28-2015.

Applications to Permit

Mayor White signed the following applications to permit:

- Paul Martin - single family dwelling and grain bin on Lot 34, Concession 6 NE
- Jeff Merkley - demolition of old garage and construct new garage - Lot 31, Plan 34A
- David Vander Zaag - demolish existing potato storage and replace with new storage. Old bank barn to be demolished as well - Lot 22, Concession 2 OS

New/Other Business/Additions

Council meeting in August & September - the Council meeting in August will be held on the 13th and meetings in September will remain on the 1st and 3rd Thursday (3rd & 17th)

Unfinished Business

Corbetton Park - General Government Services has approved a Report from the County CAO to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Township - this will go to the next County Council Meeting on June 11, 2015

By-law Enforcement - deferred.

Bonnefield Rezoning By-law Amendments - B7/14, B8/14 and B10/14 - no new information, deferred.

Third Reading - By-laws

Moved by Webster, Seconded by Elliott that By-laws 27-2015 and 28-2015 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that leave be given to introduce a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on June 4, 2015 and it be given the required number of readings. Carried. By-law numbered 29-2015 and read three times.

Adjournment

8:40 p.m. - Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that we adjourn Council to meet again on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK