

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 1st day of October, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor D. White, Deputy Mayor J. Elliott, Councillor W. Hannon and Councillor J. Webster were present. Councillor D. Besley was absent with prior notice given. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk were also present. Mayor White presided and called the meeting to order.

Announcements

None.

Additions

Deletions

None.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Webster 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 Elliott, Seconded by Webster that the minutes of the September 17, 2015 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

The CAO/Clerk updated Council on the Bretton Estates issue from the last meeting.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

No questions asked.

Road Business

Accounts

Craig Micks was in attendance and presented the road accounts in the amount of \$67,367.68. Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Elliott that the road accounts be approved as presented by the Road Superintendent. Carried.

New/Other Business

Mayor White updated Council on his meeting with the Canada Post Representative regarding the placement of the Community Mailbox in Corbetton and showed a picture of the proposed site. Discussion regarding the new Park and the relocation of the gates on the County trail.

County Council Update

The County Council Update from September 10, 2015 was reviewed by Mayor White.

Committee Reports

Deputy Mayor Elliott - CDRC - September 9, 2015, Horning's Mills Park - September 23, 2015

Councillor Webster - Horning's Mills Hall Board - September 8, 2015

Mayor White - Horning's Mills Cemetery - September 28, 2015

Correspondence

Outside Board & Committee Minutes

1. Grand River Conservation Authority General Membership Meeting - Meeting date Friday July 24, 2015

Moved by Webster, Seconded by Elliott that the Outside Board and Committee Minutes Correspondence Item # 1 be received as information. Carried.

*** Items for Information Purposes**

1. AMO Communications - AMO Policy Update - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Legislation Review - AMO Makes Initial Submission
2. Email from Pam Hillock, County Clerk dated September 21, 2015, Re - POA Report

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Elliott that Correspondence Items 1 & 2 for Information Purposes be received as information. Carried.

*** Items for Council Action**

1. Email from Raylene Martell, Municipal Clerk, Southgate dated September 21, 2015, Re - Southgate Recreation Agreement

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Webster that Council extend the current Recreation Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Southgate and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon for a further four (4) year term to expire December 31, 2019. Carried.

General Business

Accounts

Councillor Hannon declared a conflict of interest on the accounts as they contained an invoice pertaining to Dufferin Wind Power Inc. and he has a lease with DWP. Councillor Hannon did not participate in the vote.

The Treasurer presented the accounts in the amount of \$796,034.02. Moved by Webster, Seconded by Elliott that the general accounts be approved as presented by the Treasurer. Carried.

Application(s) to Permit

Mayor White signed an application to permit an addition to a dwelling on Lot 9, Lot 10 and Part of Lot 11, Plan 1 - A. Brandt.

New/Other Business/Addition to Agenda

Open Tenders for the Stinson D., Bauman and Fluney Drainage Works (to be opened after Court of Revision - under Delegations)

To be opened later in the meeting.

Discussion regarding the distribution of Information Flyer for Community Meeting to be held October 22, 2015 at the Corbetton Hall

No further changes on the flyer and Mayor White and Deputy Mayor Elliott will distribute to residents in Corbetton and Riverview. The area surrounding these Hamlets will be a square concession in area.

Unfinished Business

Memorandum to Mayor White and Members of Council from Denise Holmes dated September 24, 2015, Re - Third Reading on By-law to Permit Off Road Vehicles on Municipal Roads & Third Reading of the By-law

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Webster that By-law 43-2015 which is a By-law to Permit Off Road Vehicles on Municipal Roads is hereby read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

North Dufferin Recreation Agreement

Moved by White, Seconded by Elliott that the Township of Melancthon supports an Agreement on Recreation with the Township of Mulmur relating to the North Dufferin Recreation Centre based on the following terms:

1. That a Board of Management comprised of Community Members be struck with one member from each Council; and
2. That the annual operating contribution be \$17,500.00 for the first two years with an Agreement to increase it further if mutually agreed to by both parties.

Carried.

Conservation Authorities Act - does Council have any comments to submit - deadline is October 19, 2015

Mayor White has put comments together and will submit to the CAO/Clerk to have them in the package for the October 15th meeting.

Ark II Shelter - Update

Defer this item until October 15, 2015. Waiting for the new Fire Chief to start his position, then a meeting will be set up.

Information flyer - Update

Mayor White will have something in the package for the next meeting.

Rogers Telecommunications Tower - Request for Concurrence

No new information. Defer.

Chris Jones Memo - Home Occupations and On Farm Business'

No new information. Mayor White updated Council on a conversation he had with Eli Sherk regarding Mr. Jones' Memo.

Corbetton Scrap Yard (Mayor White)

A letter was sent to the owners in July 2015 requesting that the electronic waste, tires, scrap metal be cleaned up by the end of July. As this has not been done, the CAO/Clerk was directed to send another letter by registered mail, advising that the items are to be cleaned up by October 16th or Staff will be contacting the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change to deal with this matter.

Delegations

5:45 p.m. - Trevor Downey, Downey Farms attended Council to request that the members reconsider their decision on the FIT application for roof top solar project that he had submitted at the last meeting. He explained the purpose of the project as well as the details of his business. After discussion and further consideration by Council, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by White that the Township of Melancthon supports the construction and operation of the project on lands proposed by Downey GECCO of a roof top solar PV project at 477476 3rd Line Melancthon. Carried.

Mr. Downey invited Council to tour his facility anytime.

5:52 p.m. - Council took a break and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

Delegations - Cont. - Court of Revision on the Bauman Drainage Works (6:00 p.m.)

Mayor White declared a conflict of interest on this matter as he is part of the watershed area of the Henderson Drainage Works and this drain is the outlet for the Bauman Drain. Mayor White left the Council Chambers.

Moved by Webster, Seconded by Elliott that we adjourn Council to convene as Court of Revision on the Bauman Drainage Works at 6:00 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Elliott be appointed as Chair.

Chair Elliott welcomed all in attendance and advised that the purpose of the meeting is for considering and determining appeals from the assessments from By-law 39-2015. She asked if any appeals had been received. The answer was no. She then asked if there were any late appeals received. The answer was no. She then asked if Tom Pridham, Drainage Engineer had any comments to make and there were none.

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Elliott that the Court of Revision on the Bauman Drainage Works does now adjourn at 6:02 p.m. Carried.

Mayor White returned the Council Chambers.

Tenders for Stinson D. Drain and Bauman Drainage Works

Mayor White opened the tenders received for the Stinson D. Drain (in no particular order):

Hanna & Hamilton Construction - \$20,170.50 (includes HST)
McIntyre Aggregates - \$50,334.04 (includes HST)
DLG Services Inc. - \$19,549.00 (includes HST)

Mayor White opened the tenders received for the Bauman Drainage Works (in no particular order)

Hanna & Hamilton Construction - \$7,175.50 (includes HST)
Martin Drainage - \$4,8593.00 (includes HST)

Delegations - Cont. - Court of Revision Fluney Drainage Works (6:15 p.m.)

Moved by Webster, Seconded by Elliott that we adjourn Council to convene as Court of Revision on the Fluney Drainage Works at 6:15 p.m. and Mayor White be appointed as Chair. Carried. As the Drainage Act requires that there can either be 3 or 5 members of the Court of Revision, Councillor Webster advised that he would step away and left the Council Chambers.

Chair White welcomed all in attendance and advised that the purpose of the meeting is for considering and determining appeals from the assessments from By-law 40-2015. He asked if any appeals had been received. The answer was no. He then asked if there were any late appeals received. The answer was no. He then asked if Tom Pridham, Drainage Engineer had any comments to make and there were none.

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Hannon that the Court of Revision on the Fluney Drainage Works does now adjourn at 6:17 p.m. Carried. Councillor Webster returned to the Council Chambers.

The tenders for the Fluney Drainage Works were then opened by Mayor White (in no particular order):

Hanna & Hamilton - \$203,221.46 (includes HST)
McIntyre Aggregates - \$335,842.06 (includes HST)
Martin Groundworks - \$206,297.32 (includes HST)
DLG Services Inc. - \$219,457.30 (includes HST)

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Webster that Council refer the tenders received on the Stinson D. Drain, the Fluney Drain and the Bauman Drain to Tom Pridham, Drainage Engineer for review and recommendation. Carried.

Closed Session

There was no closed session for this meeting as indicated on the Agenda. Mayor White felt that what he was going to speak on, could be done in Open Session. Mayor White updated Council with regards to the Gilmore issue in Amaranth Township (which he reported on at the last meeting under Information Correspondence). The Gilmore's who live in Amaranth Township applied to the Municipality and the NVCA for a building permit. The Township and the NVCA denied their application. They built the house anyway. The Gilmore's appealed to the Board of Directors of the NVCA but the Board upheld Staff's decision. The Gilmore's then appealed to the Mining and Lands Commission. They too upheld the NVCA's position. The Gilmore's then appealed to the Divisional Court who overruled the decision by the NVCA and ordered them to issue a clearance letter. As with any court decision, there is an avenue for appeal and the lawyers for the NVCA want to know if the NVCA is going to appeal this decision. Consensus is that the NVCA will be proceeding with a Leave to Appeal. There will be a Special Meeting tomorrow to deal with this issue.

Delegations - Cont.

6:45 p.m. (Scheduled for 7:00 p.m. but because Council was ahead of schedule and this was an information update, all of Council agreed to move it up and to hear from the Delegate).

Dennis Ramsarran and Stephanie Grylls attended Council to introduce themselves to Council and update them on their purchase of the High Point Maples Trailer Park. They announced that they will be re-branding it to be called "Blue Sky RV Resort" and are hoping to be able to bring tourism to this area. They advised Council that the Park Transfer will take place in February 2016 and are planning to have the Park open by May 14, 2016 and it will close one week after Thanksgiving. They plan to stay at the Park full time when it is open so they have constant contact with the people there. Council thanked them for their presentation and wished them the best of luck with their new venture.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Webster that leave be given to introduce a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on October 1, 2015 and it be given the required number of readings. Carried. By-law numbered 46-2015 and read three times.

Adjournment

6:59 p.m. - Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Webster that we adjourn Council to meet again on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK