

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 18th day of December, 2014 at 6:00 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 due to illness 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

None.

Deletions

None.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Webster, Seconded by Elliott that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Councillor Hannon will be declaring a pecuniary interest on Correspondence Items regarding Dufferin Wind Power Inc. and General Business 3.1 and 3.2.

Minutes

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Elliott that the minutes of the December 4, 2014 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

Question asked about beavers in the Municipal Drains and if they are taking them out.

Correspondence

*** Board & Committee Minutes**

1. Minutes of the Mulmur- Melancthon Fire Board Meeting held November 27, 2014

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Webster that the Board and Committee minutes - Item 1 - be received as information. Carried.

*** Items for Information Purposes**

1. Email from Karren Wallace, MMAH dated November 27, 2014, Re: 2014

- Municipal Election Statistics
2. Email from Bridget Benn, MMAH dated December 1, 2014, Re: Ontario Accepting Applications for Age-Friendly Community Projects
 3. AMO Communications - AMO Report to Member Municipalities Highlights of the November 2014 Board Meeting
 4. Highlights of the NVCA Board of Directors Meetings No. 12/14 - November 28, 2014
 5. Copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Pelee dated December 2, 2014, Re: The New OPP Billing Model
 6. Letter from Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance and Ted McMeekin, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated November 13, 2014, Re: Release of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)
 7. AMO Association of Municipalities Ontario - Request for Nominations to Fill Vacancies on the 2014 - 2016 AMO Board of Directors
 8. AMO Communications - Bill 8, Accountability and Transparency Measure Update
 9. Email from Jerry Jordan dated December 9, 2014, Re: OP correspondence from GRCA and NVCA
 10. Email from Kathy Round, Grand River Conservation Authority dated December 8, 2014, Re: GRCA Planning, Permit & Inquiry Fee Increase - Effective January 1, 2015
 11. Email from Bridget Benn, MAH dated December 9, 2014, News Release - Province Passes Legislation to Strengthen Accountability
 12. Heads UP Alert - 2015 Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) and Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) - Premier Wynne Confirms Attendance for the 2015 OGRA/ROMA Combined Conference

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Webster that Correspondence Items 1-12 for Information Purposes be received as information. Carried.

*** Items for Council Action**

1. Email from River Road Studios dated November 29, 2014, Re: Farm Day in Melancthon
2. Letter from Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority dated December 2, 2014, Re: 2015 NVCA Draft Budget and Municipal Levy Notice
3. Email from Raylene Martell, Municipal Clerk, Southgate dated December 10, 2014, Re: Southgate Recreation Agreement
4. Copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Amaranth dated December 10, 2014, Re: Recommends Councillor Chris Gerrits as representative on the Grand River Conservation Authority to represent the municipalities of Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Grand Valley, Melancthon and Southgate
5. Copy of a resolution passed by the Township of East Garafraxa dated December 10, 2014, Re: Council recommends Mayor Gardhouse as representative on the Grand River Conservation Authority to represent the municipalities of East Garafraxa, Amaranth, Grand Valley, Melancthon and Southgate
6. Email from Jerry Jordan dated December 8, 2014, Re: Shelburne New Well
7. Email from S/Sgt. Steven Sills, Detachment Commander, Dufferin Detachment dated December 10, 2014, Re: OPP Contract for 2015 Melancthon Twp
8. Email from Crime Stoppers of Dufferin dated December 11, 2014, Re: Crime Stoppers Month

1 - Mayor White advised that this subject was brought about when Ms. Conley attended Council regarding her winning poster for the Royal Agricultural Fair. Discussion ensued about recognizing a Farm Day/Week and it was felt that the Township is not able to take this on and it would require the support of a group outside of Council to get behind this as the Township's Staff is too small to do this. A suggestion was made by Councillor Hannon about engaging Dufferin.biz and inviting them to Council for discussion on putting something together. Consensus was to refer this to Dufferin.biz as well as to the County of Dufferin. Staff were directed to contact Ms. Conley and advise her of what the plan is and have both her and Dufferin.biz attend a future Council meeting.

2 - Discussion about the budget and Council has no issues. There was discussion on whether Council "accept" or "approve" the budget and Staff were directed to look into this and report back at the January 15, 2015 meeting.

3 - Discussion ensued and consensus of Council is that their desire is to enter into this exact same agreement for another four year term. Staff direction to advise the Clerk of Southgate about this.

4 & # 5 - Discussion ensued and Staff were directed to inquire with Councillor Besley if he is interested in sitting on this Board. If not, it was felt that Council needed copies of the qualifications of the applicants from East Garafraxa and Amaranth. The CAO noted that Southgate was advertising for this position and it does not close till around January 8th, 2015.

6 - Staff were directed to advise Lake Erie Region CA to put Melancthon Township on the circulation list.

7 - Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Webster that the Township of Melancthon enter into a 6 month contract with the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau. Carried.

8 - Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Webster that the Council of the Township of Melancthon declares January 2015 as Crime Stoppers Month. Carried.

Delegations

6:30 p.m. - Tom Pridham, P. Eng and Jeremy Nyenhuis from R.J. Burnside and Associates attended Council and gave a Municipal Drainage Update to Council. Mr. Pridham explained the maintenance work being undertaken as well as new drains. Discussion about beavers took place and about changing the program currently in place. Staff were directed to defer this item to the next agenda. Mr. Pridham was asked about costs of the drains to the municipality for next year's budget and he advised that he didn't have an amount and would get something for staff.

**Councillor Hannon declared a pecuniary interest on the below items of Correspondence as he is involved in the Dufferin Wind Project and left the Council Chambers.*

*** Items regarding Dufferin Wind Power Inc.**

1. Letter to Honourable Glen R. Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change dated November 27, 2014, Re: Dufferin Wind Power Incorporate (DWPI)
2. Email from Gary Tomlinson, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change dated December 1, 2014, Re: Letter from Mayor Bill Hill - Mitigation Process DWPI
3. Letter from R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited dated December 4, 2014, Re: Work to be Completed on Dufferin Wind Power Turbines and Transmission Line
4. Email from Amy Shaw, District Supervisor, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change dated December 10, 2014, Re: Response to November 27, 2014 Letter

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Webster that Correspondence items 1-4 regarding Dufferin Wind Power be received as information. Carried.

Councillor Hannon returned to the Council Chambers.

Delegations - Cont.

7:00 p.m. - Sylvia Jones, MPP and Ernie Hardeman, PC Critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing. Mr. Hardeman was invited by the previous Council to discuss the issues facing Melancthon Township. Council spoke on the issues facing Melancthon such as reduced funding, denial of infrastructure grant applications, denial of ODRAP funding, policing costs, etc.

Road Business

Craig Micks, Road Superintendent attended Council.

Email from Travis Luiting - Da-Lee - Calcium Pricing for 2015

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Webster that we accept the quote from Da-Lee for 35% Liquidow Calcium Chloride for Township Roads for 2015 in the amount of \$342.88/Flake Metric Tonne(\$0.210/Litre) as per the quote dated December 8, 2014. Carried.

Motion to hire a Seasonal Road Employee for the 2014/2015 Season

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Elliott that Don Galbraith be hired as a Seasonal Labourer from December 1, 2014 until March 31, 2014 at a rate of pay of \$21.00 per hour. Carried.

Motion to appoint a current Part-time Employee to Full-time Permanent Employee

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Webster that Kevin Fawcett be hired as a permanent full time road employee effective January 1, 2015. Employee benefits and Employee RRSP to commence on this date and rate of pay to continue at his current rate of pay. Carried.

General Business

Amendment to Procedural By-law to change the day meeting to an evening meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month and to change evening starting times to 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Webster that leave be given to introduce a by-law to amend By-law No. 8-2009 (Procedural By-law) and it be hereby read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 58-2014.

Applications to Permit

Mayor White signed an application to permit:

- a storage building on Part Lot 301, Concession 3 SW - P. Heads and M. Lea
- a house addition on 18 Mill Lane, Horning's Mills - J. Lilley

New/Other Business & Additions

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Mayor White - Dufferin Wind Power Inc., Transmission Line - Discussion

Mayor White turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor Elliott to chair this portion of the meeting, so that he could have the floor regarding an issue regarding Dufferin Wind Power. He said that he was invited to part of the transmission line in Shelburne by the Green Party Candidate and when he got there, he was shown that a fluorescent tube was lighting up near the lines. He said that he also took his own electrical tester with him (the one you plug in) and it came on and stayed on. Mayor White said this concerns him more than the fluorescent light tube. He has put a motion forward at the County for the next meeting to engage the services of a consultant to record the levels of milliguass'. There is an article in the Shelburne Free Press that he suggested the members read. The following motion was put on the floor:

Moved by White, Seconded by Webster that WHEREAS Dufferin Wind Power Inc. (DWPI) has constructed a commercial wind generation facility in Melancthon Township which includes electrical power transmission facilities in the form of a 230Kv transmission line. AND WHEREAS said 230Kv transmission line travels along private easements through parts of the Township and through parts of the County of Dufferin by way of a former rail right of way, and is mainly an above ground pole suspended line, AND WHEREAS said line travels in close proximity to villages, individual homes, farmland including grazing fields, and other inhabited structures, AND WHEREAS the World Health Organization (WHO) has determined that safe limits for extended exposure to Electro Magnetic Fields (EMF) should not exceed 2.0 Mg (milliguass), AND WHEREAS there have been instances where the stray energy from the DWPI 230Kv transmission line is known to ignite fluorescent light tubes and trigger electrical voltage testers simply by their presence in the immediate vicinity to the 230Kv transmission line, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Melancthon engage an electrical engineering consultant to measure and record the levels of EMF at multiple locations along the 230Kv transmission line, and that a report and delegation be brought before Council that details those findings for Council consideration. Carried.

Mayor White resumed the Chair.

Motion - Section 352 Reduction in Taxes *Councillor Hannon declared a pecuniary interest as a property owned by him received a reduction in taxes and he was not in the Council Chambers for this motion.

Moved by Webster, Seconded by Elliott that we reduce the taxes on the following properties under Section 352 of the Municipal Act:

1. 2-16600 - Part Lot 19, Concession 8 NE - from June 01 - Dec 31, 2013 and from Jan 01 - Dec 31, 2014, removal of house
2. 5-00900 - Lot 268 to 270, Concession 2 NE - from Nov 30 - Dec 31, 2013 and from Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2014, removal of house
3. 3-11100 - Part Lot 20, Concession 1 NE - from Apr 15 - Dec 31, 2013, OMAFRA approval
4. 3-07000-9804 - Lot 41, Concession 3 NE - from Jan 01 - Dec 31, 2012 and Jan 01 - Dec 31, 2013, Omit issued to wrong tax class
5. 3-04100-9804 - Part Lot 20, Concession 5 NE from Jan 01 - Dec 31, 2012 and Jan 01 - Dec 31, 2013, Omit issued to wrong tax class
6. 3-04000-9803 - Pt Lot 21, Concession 5 NE - from Jan 01 - Dec 31, 2012 and Jan 01 - Dec 31, 2013, Omit issued to wrong tax class
7. 3-03900-9804 - Lot 22, Concession 5 NE - from Jan 01 - Dec 31, 2012 and Jan 01 - Dec 31, 2013, Omit issued to wrong tax class
8. 3-00500-9803 - Lot 22, Concession 6 NE - from Jan 01 - Dec 31, 2012 and Jan 01 - Dec 31, 2013, Omit issued to wrong tax class
9. 4-11150 - Lot 1, Plan 54 - from Aug 15 - Dec 31, 2013 and Jan 01 - Dec 31, 2014, title changed to municipality, property became exempt. Carried.

Councillor Hannon returned to the Council Chambers.

Motion - Transfer monies to Insurance Reserve Fund Account (Insurance surplus)

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Webster that we transfer \$5,203.07 from the General Account to the Insurance Reserve Fund Account - 2014 insurance surplus (roads - \$3,454.13, admin - \$1,748.94). Carried.

Unfinished Business

By-law to appoint a Committee of Adjustment

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Hannon that leave be given to introduce a by-law to constitute and appoint a Committee of Adjustment who shall hold office to November 30, 2015 and it now be read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 59-2014. The Committee will consist of the Members of Council.

By-law to appoint a Board of Management for the Horning's Mills Cemetery

Moved by Webster, Seconded by Elliott that leave be given to introduce a by-law to appoint a Board of Management for the Horning's Mills Cemetery for the term of Council and it be hereby read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 60-2014. The Board will consist of: Darren White, James C. Webster, Penny Squirrell, Nanci Malek and Ron Webster.

By-law to appoint a Board of Management for the Horning's Mills Park

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Elliott that leave be given to introduce a by-law to appoint a Board of Management for the Horning's Mills Community Park for the term of Council and it be hereby read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 61-2014. The Board will consist of: Janice Elliott, James C. Webster, Nanci Malek, Rita Kirch and Christopher Kirch.

By-law to appoint a Board of Management for the St. Paul's Cemetery

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Webster that leave be given to introduce a by-law to appoint a board of Management for the St. Paul's Cemetery for the term of Council and it be hereby read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 62-2014. The Board will consist of: Janice Elliott, Diane Trudgeon, John Crowe, Douglas Maxwell and Nanci Malek.

Mulmur-Melancthon Townline Agreement

Mulmur Township Delegation Booked for January 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Establishment of a Fire Sub-Committee -

To be discussed at the January 15, 2015 Council meeting.

Grand River Conservation Authority Member

AMO Double Hatter Motion

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Elliott that **WHEREAS** the training and certification of professional firefighters is established and mandated by the Province of Ontario under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act 1997, **AND WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of municipalities to establish fire departments and appoint fire chiefs to provide fire protection services as they determine may be necessary in accordance with their needs

and circumstances, **AND WHEREAS** the Township of Melancthon relies on no less than three (3) volunteer fire departments to provide mandated fire protection and suppression services to its residents, **AND WHEREAS** the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Constitution prohibits full time firefighters from volunteering as firefighters in another municipal jurisdiction, known as double hatting, **AND WHEREAS** the IAFF's stance on Double Hatting is specifically prohibited by legislation in almost all provinces in Canada and much of the United States, **AND WHEREAS** the right of individuals to use their free time in service of their community is a fundamental right in a free, open and democratic society, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Melancthon requests the Province of Ontario amend the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 in such a way that salaried firefighters who also choose to work as volunteer firefighters outside of the municipality, that is their primary employer, may do so. And further, that no association shall deny, revoke, or make conditional, membership in an association for professional firefighters based on a member or potential members volunteer roles. Additionally, no association shall be permitted to discipline a member, or require that any employer refuse to employ or limit employment options based on a members volunteer roles. **AND THAT** this resolution be forwarded to all Dufferin County Municipalities, The County of Dufferin, all fire departments that provide services under "FPPA, 1997" to residents of Dufferin County for their consideration and support, **AND FURTHER THAT** resolutions of support be forwarded to Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Madeline Meilleur, Attorney General
Hon. Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour
Hon. Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services
Hon. Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin Caledon

Carried.

Risk Management Officer - SWP

Item deferred as Lawyer is still working on Agreement

Grey County Draft Transportation Master Plan

If there are any comments that any Council members wishes to make, they are due by January 15, 2015.

Delegation Requests for ROMA/OGRA Conference

Deadline is January 16, 2015 for requests and Melancthon Council will be submitting requests for MOF, MMAH, MOE, Ernie Hardeman, PC Critic and PC Christine Elliott.

Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund - Discussion on what funds should be spent on

This item was referred to the Roads Sub-committee for further discussion.

Third Readings on By-laws

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Elliott that By-laws 58-2014, 59-2014, 60-2014, 61-2014 and 62-2014 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 Webster, Seconded by Elliott that leave be given to introduce a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on December 18, 2014 and it be given the required number of readings. Carried. By-law numbered 63-2014 and read three times.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

8:35 p.m. - Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Webster that we adjourn Council to meet again on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK