

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 20th day of February, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor B. Hill, Deputy Mayor D. White, Councillor J. Crowe, Councillor J. Elliott and Councillor N. Malek were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk were also present. Mayor Hill presided and called the meeting to order.

Announcements

None.

Additions

- Request under Development Charge By-law to pay the Development Charge in installments over period of 30 months.
- Deputy Mayor White - lane in Corbetton - snow removal

Deletions

None.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that the Agenda be approved as amended.
Carried.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Can be declared at this time or anytime throughout the meeting.

Minutes

Moved by Crowe, Seconded by White that the minutes of the February 6, 2014 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

No questions asked.

Correspondence

Items for Information Purposes

1. Planning Report from G.W. Jordan Planning Consultants Ltd., re: Addendum to Growth Accommodation Report
2. AMO Training - So You Want to Run for Council?
3. NVCA 2014 Municipal Levy
4. GRCA Annual General Meeting, February 28, 2014, 9:30 a.m., Cambridge
5. Town of Grand Valley Notice of a Public Meeting for a Zoning By-law Amendment
6. Copy of a letter sent from the Township of Amaranth to the County of Dufferin,

- re: County Property Access/Former Rail Line
7. GRCA Newsletter February 2014
 8. AMO Communications - Joint and Several Liability - Municipal Action Needed
 9. AMO - OPP Policed Communities: Update 1
 10. NVCA News Release - New Funding to Improve On-Farm Wetlands and Streams
 11. Semi-Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Sampling Report 2013 submitted by Bluewater Geoscience Consultants Inc.
 12. Copy of resolution passed by the Township of Greater Madawaska, January 29, 2014, re: OPP Proposed New Billing Model
 13. Municipal Policing Bureau announce the OPP internet site has been update to include information about OPP Municipal Police at www.opp.ca
 14. AMO Communications - Prime Minister Announces Additional Building Canada Fund Details
 15. Copy of a resolution passed by The Town of Grand Valley, January 28, 2014, re: Special Purpose Business Property Assessment Review Taxation for Industrial Development-Wind Turbines
 16. Copy of a resolution passed by The Town of Grand Valley, January 28, 2014, re: Gas Tax Funding to Municipalities

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Malek that Correspondence Items 1-16 for information purposes be received as information. Carried.

*** Items for Council Action**

1. Dundalk District Agricultural Society request for sponsorship for the 159th Dundalk Fall Fair
2. Autism Ontario request to raise the awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder by participating in Autism Ontario's Raise the Flag campaign, April 2, 2014
3. 2014 Agreement between Township of Melancthon and Ruth Hargrave Memorial Library Board
4. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board PSAB Policy
5. Request for submissions to the CDRC Spring/Summer 2014 Recreation Guide
6. Copy of a resolution passed by the Town of Orangeville on February 3, 2014, re: Provincial/Federal Support - Environmental & Storm Impact Events
7. Request from Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association for support of the 89th Annual Peel-Dufferin Plowing Match to be held on August 28, 2014
8. Copy of resolution passed by Township of East Garafraxa, February 11, 2014 and sent to County of Dufferin, re: Building Department Reserve Fund

1 - Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that we give a grant in the amount of \$300.00 to the Dundalk and District Agricultural Society for its 2014 Fall Fair. Carried.

2 - Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that the Township of Melancthon participate in raising the Autism Ontario Flag on April 2, 2014 to recognize World Autism Awareness Day. Carried.

3 - Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Malek that the Mayor and CAO/Clerk be directed to sign the Agreement between the Township of Southgate Ruth Hargrave Memorial Library Board and the Township of Melancthon. Carried.

4 - Moved by Crowe, Seconded by White that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon hereby approves the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department Capital Asset Policies 2014 (Revised). Copy attached. Carried.

5 - the CAO advised that the Horning's Mills Hall Board would be putting some information together to submit for the guide. The CAO was asked to send in a paragraph that people should watch the website for details on an Open House to be held in June 2014 to tour the newly renovated municipal office

6 - Verbal motion - Moved by Crowe, Seconded by White to receive the

correspondence as information. Carried.

7 - Moved by Crowe, Seconded by White that we give a grant to the Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association in the amount of \$100.00 for the 2014 Plowing Match. Carried.

8 - Verbal motion - Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that we table this correspondence until later in the meeting for further discussion. Carried.

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

1. Copy of an e-mail sent to Rebecca Crump from Dennis Sanford, re: tree cuttings
2. Copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Amaranth February 5, 2014 and sent to Ms. Pepino, CORE, re: Motion of Support
3. Copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Amaranth February 5, 2014 and forwarded to Hon. Kathleen Wynne, re: Moratorium of Dufferin Wind Power Project and the immediate undertaking of health studies & compensation plan
4. Copy of resolution passed by the Township of Mulmur February 5, 2014 and forwarded to Sonya Pritchard and Pam Hillock, re: CORE resolution re DWP project
5. Copy of a resolution passed by the County of Dufferin, January 23, 2014, re: Dufferin Wind Power Request for Easement along Former Rail Corridor Update No. 6

1 - the CAO/Clerk to send an email to Rebecca Crump and ask her for an update on the number of trees that have been removed and what trees are to come down. Send a copy of that email to Dennis Sanford.

2 - Verbal motion - Moved by Elliott, Seconded by White that the correspondence be received as information. Carried.

3 - Verbal motion - Moved by Elliott, Seconded by White that the correspondence be received as information. Carried.

4 - Verbal motion - Moved by Crowe, Seconded by Malek that the correspondence be received as information. Carried.

5 - Verbal motion - Moved by Malek, Seconded by White that the correspondence be received as information. Carried.

***Items regarding The County of Dufferin Official Plan**

1. MMM Group Draft Meeting Report of January 27, 2014
2. Copy of memo from Chris D. Jones MCIP, RPP to Tracy Atkinson, MCIP, RPP, re: Background Report - Dufferin County Official Plan
3. Draft Background Issues and Options Report available at - <http://www.dufferincounty.ca/files/content-pdf/dcop-background-report-February-2014.pdf>

1-3 - Verbal motion - Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that we receive these items as information. Carried.

Delegation

9:30 a.m. - Nicolas Schulz of Cornerstone Standards Council attended Council (at Councils request). Mr. Schulz advised that the Standards Council is a small not for profit company that is developing a voluntary certification system for responsible pits and quarries in Ontario. The Draft Responsible Aggregates Standards was released on January 6, 2014 for a 60-day consultation period. He advised that the Standard Development Panel is made up of representatives from the aggregate industry, environmental groups and community groups. Mr. Schulz was advised that Councillor Malek was currently reviewing the document and that the Township would be making

comments. Council asked Mr. Schulz if he could put the Township on his email list to receive updates and thanked him for his presentation.

General Business

Notice of Motion from the January 23, 2014 meeting regarding Gas Tax for Transit

Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that Whereas the Township of Melancthon is a rural Ontario Municipality that has, during this term of Council, watched as the Government of Ontario has consistently reduced the amount of funding available through gas tax revenues and other such programs. And Whereas the loss of such funding and considerable cutbacks at the Provincial level has caused the Township of Melancthon to place the increased burden on our residential taxpayers, And Whereas, there has been an increase in Provincial taxes on our residents as well during this term of Council, and said increases included increased Provincial revenues through gas tax revenues due to the ever rising cost of fuel, And Whereas the residents of the Township of Melancthon will receive no benefit, direct or otherwise as a result of the Blue Ribbon panel's proposed 10% increase in taxes at the pump and/or the proposed HST increase. And Whereas the Council of the Township of Melancthon believes that any new taxes, tax increases or new levies put in place to address the issues of transit in the GTA and GTHA should be levied on a regional basis, Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Melancthon object to any plan to increase taxes on our residents to offset the cost of transit in the GTA and/or GTHA. Carried.

Tabled Motion from December 19, 2013 meeting regarding Amendment to the Aggregate Resources Act - Peat Moss Extraction

Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon supports Motion 2013/208 from the Combined Counties of Prescott Russell seeking an amendment to the Aggregate Resources Act with regards to Peat Moss Extraction. Carried.

Application(s) to Permit

Mayor Hill signed an application to permit a 30' x 60' machinery storage shed on Part of Lot 30, Concession 3 OS - B. Hunking. An application to permit a 60' x 120' indoor riding arena and hay storage on the East Part of Lot 28, Concession 4 OS was presented and because the application just came in yesterday, the CAO advised that she would like the Planner to have a look over it. Council granted permission to the CAO to sign the application provided it was in compliance with the zoning by-law.

At the last meeting of Council, an application to permit a machine shop with attached office and power room on Part of Lot 26, Concession 7 NE was presented and there were concerns raised regarding the size of the building. The CAO advised that she and the Mayor spoke to the Planner and the Planner indicated that the size of the machine shop is in conformity with the zoning by-law passed in 2010 and there would be no legal way to make the applicant make the building smaller to conform to the On Farm Uses By-law. The CAO explained that on the other properties that have been rezoned and not yet developed, a zoning by-law amendment could be passed to make them conform to the On Farm Uses By-law and she was currently in the process of determining which ones had not yet been developed or that were approved for larger than 4,500 square feet.

Township of Melancthon - Simplified Risk Assessment - Update & By-law to Establish and Regulate a Fire Department for the Township of Melancthon - Discussion

The CAO advised that she was currently working on these documents.

New/Other Business

Deputy Mayor White - Hall Board

Deputy Mayor White advised that the lift is still not working at the Hall and they have had Dickinson and Hicks involved but no resolution. The Chair of the Board is going to contact TSSA to see if someone can come take a look at the lift. The Board also would like to put this in the hands of the Trillium Grant representatives to see if something can be done.

Discussion about the Women's Institute taking back control of the Hall but there was no action on this item.

Deputy Mayor White advised that a Hall Manager Position (volunteer) has been created and Jim Webster will be looking after hall bookings, collecting money, issuing keys, showing the Hall, etc.

Discussion regarding the book keeping for the Hall. The CAO explained that she thought the Hall Board was going to be doing the books last year and handed over all the information to them. In August, she was advised that the Hall Board unanimously voted to have the Township do the books and all the information was returned to the Township office. The Hall Board was still requesting the invoices, deposits, etc. as they were keeping their own separate set of books. The CAO advised Council that she spoke to the Chair of the Board and advised that only one set of books was to be kept as it was taking up Staff time to forward the information to the Hall Board, when staff were already doing them. Council concurred with the CAO that the Township office would be doing the books for the Hall. The Township will provide the monthly financials to the Board in a timely fashion and if the Hall Board decides in the future that they want to take over the financials, they can meet with the CAO and discuss this with her.

Addition - Development Charges

A request was received from a resident asking of the possibility of entering into an agreement concerning payment of the development charges and wanted to pay them over the duration of the build. The CAO advised that the duration of build was 30 months and Council advised that they were not willing to enter into an Agreement and felt that the Development Charges should be paid in full before the building permit is issued by the County.

Unfinished Business

Horning's Mills Park - Hydro One Grant - deferred.

OFM Report - as updated at the last meeting, most stuff is done and Mayor Hill asked the Reps to provide the update in writing to Council.

Cornerstone Standards Council - Responsible Aggregate Standards for Review and Comment - Councillor Malek is working on this.

Correspondence Action Item # 2 from January 9, 2014 meeting from the Municipality of East Ferris - Councillor Malek - no action - received as information;

Township of Amaranth motion - regarding Special Purpose Business Property Assessment Review Taxation for Industrial Development Wind Turbines (Action Correspondence # 2 from February 6, 2014 meeting - it was suggested that Council would draft up its own motion but in the meantime the CAO to send another letter to Minister Sousa and enclose the Report that Mayor Hill prepared on how much money the School Boards get as a result of the turbines.

Application to Permit - E. Sherk/I. Martin - dealt with earlier in the meeting.

2014 Draft Capital and Operating Budgets - Tax Rate and Levying By-law - Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer presented the draft budget and Report recommending approval of the Budget. Wendy was asked to revise her report regarding the scenarios and provide it to Council.

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that leave be given to introduce a by-law to adopt all the estimates of all sums required during the year and to strike the rates of taxation and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for the year 2014 and it be hereby read a first and second time. By-law numbered 12-2014 and read a first and second time.

Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellent Program - Mayor Hill - Mayor Hill has not had a chance to connect with the company that he would like to nominate.

Road Business

Addition - Deputy Mayor White advised that the municipal lane that connects Argyle Street to Main Street has not been maintained this winter as the Township's equipment is too large to get through. On three occasions, Deputy Mayor White has had to get a plow truck in to clear the lane at a cost of \$55.00 + HST/occasion. He said he would only contact the person on an as needed basis as he didn't want the road staff bringing a loader out because it would take two hours out of the day when they could be doing other things. Council granted permission and asked that the contractor be advised to send the invoices to the Township for payment for the three occasions.

Closed Session

11:45 a.m. - Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reasons: personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees - Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department and employee wages. Carried.

12:10 p.m. - Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Malek that we rise with report. Carried.

During the Open Session it was reported that a 2% increase had also been incorporated into the Budget for Council (as per the Council Remuneration Sub-committee Report).

Moved by Crowe, Seconded by White that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon hereby approves a 2% increase in wages for township Staff and Council as per the 2014 budget. CAO to assess individual increases as appropriate. Carried.

Third Reading - By-law

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that By-law No. 12-2014 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 Elliott, Seconded by Malek that leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on February 20, 2014 and it be given the required number of readings. Carried.

Adjournment

12:19 p.m. - Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that we adjourn Council to meet again on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK