

## CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor B. Hill, 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. Deputy Mayor D. White was absent with prior notice given. Mayor Hill presided and called the meeting to order.

### Announcements

A huge thank you to our Works Department and everyone else that was involved in the storm last week. Great job by all. Thank you also to Warden Hill for making the proper decisions during the storm.

### Additions

- Hydro One Grant for the Horning's Mills Community Park

### 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 Malek that the minutes of the January 23, 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.

### County Council Update

County Council in Brief for January 23, 2014 in package.

### Committee Reports

Verbal reports given ~ written reports kept on file.

**Councillor Elliott - Shelburne Fire Board**

**Councillor Crowe - POA**  
**Mayor Hill - CDRC and Shelburne Library**

Correspondence

**\* Items for Information Purposes**

1. Copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Amaranth on January 15, 2014, in support of a resolution passed by the Township of Mulmur, re: Inequities in MPAC Assessment Process
2. E-mail from Peter Politis, re: Mayors' Coalition Member Brief Note
3. Notice of Posting to the Environmental Registry by Grand Valley Wind Farms Inc. regarding a proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project
4. AMO Watch File - January 23, 2014
5. Healthy Kids Community Challenge - Province Offers Municipalities Support for Healthy Kids
6. E-mail from Peggy Young-Lovelace , Township of Baldwin, re: Proposed OPP Billing Model
7. Copy of comments sent to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing from G.W. Jordan Planning Consultants Ltd., re: Melancthon Draft Official Plan Growth Accommodation Report
8. Letter from G.W. Tomlinson, Ministry of the Environment, re: Dufferin Wind Power Inc.
9. Copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Amaranth on January 15, 2014, re: Proposed New Police Billing Model
10. Copy of a resolution passed by the Town of Tillsonburg on January 27, 2014, re: OPP Billing Model
11. AMO Watch File - January 30, 2014
12. Copy of resolution passed by the Municipality of Greenstone on January 27, 2014, re: requalification of Municipal Building Officials
13. Copy of resolution passed by the County of Lambton on November 27, 2013, re: requalification of Municipal Building Officials
14. Letter dated January 22, 2014 from Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Agriculture and Food responding to Mayor Hill's letter regarding Dufferin Wind Power Inc.
15. Letter from Mayor Hill to Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario and Minister of Agriculture and Food in response to her letter of January 22, 2014
16. Letter dated January 16, 2014 from Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Energy, responding to Mayor Hill's letter regarding the role of municipalities in the siting of large wind projects
17. Letter from Mayor Hill to Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Energy responding to his letter of January 16, 2014

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Malek that Correspondence Items 1-17 for information purposes be received as information. Carried.

Discussion on Items 16 & 17.

**\* Items for Council Action**

1. Letter from G.W. Tomlinson, Ministry of the Environment, re: Melancthon Township Landfill Site
2. Copy of resolution passed by the Township of Amaranth on January 15, 2014, re: Special Purpose Business Property Assessment Review Taxation for Industrial Development-Wind Turbines
3. Copy of resolution passed by the Township of Amaranth on January 15, 2014, re: Gas Tax Funding to Municipalities
4. GRCA 2014 Budget and Levy Meeting
5. E-mail from Soma Hemingway on behalf of Jane Pepino, re- CORE Appeal to ERT

# 1 - direction to Staff to forward the correspondence to Bret Lemieux, Township Hydrogeologist.

# 2 - direction for Staff to bring back to the next meeting

# 3 - Moved by Crowe, Seconded by Malek that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon hereby supports in its entirety, the motion from the Township of Amaranth, dated January 15, 2014 urging the Province of Ontario to expand gas tax funding to municipalities regardless of whether they have a transit system or not. Carried.

# 4 - Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that the Council of the Township of Melancthon approves the GRCA 2014 Budget as presented with Melancthon's levy being \$18,144.00. Carried.

# 5 - Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Malek that the Township of Melancthon requests that the Minister of Energy halt the construction immediately of the Dufferin Wind Project until all appeals have been heard and decided and that all appeals be decided with the Ontario Government's consideration of these appeals not be solely limited to the restrictions in the Act, but also consider what is in the best interest of the public. Carried.

### **General Business**

#### **By-law to authorize voting by mail for the 2014 Municipal Election and the entering into an agreement with Data Fix to provide vote by mail services**

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize voting by mail for the 2014 Municipal Election and the entering into of an agreement with Datafix to provide Vote by Mail services and it be hereby read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 8-2014.

#### **By-law to amend By-law 3-2011 to appoint a Board of Management for the Horning's Mills Community Park**

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Malek that leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend By-law No. 3-2011 (Board of Management for the Horning's Mills Community Park) and it be hereby read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 9-2014.

#### **By-law to provide for Reduced Load Periods within the Township of Melancthon**

Moved by Crowe, Seconded by Malek that leave be given to introduce a By-law to provide for Reduced Load Periods within the Township of Melancthon and it now be read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 10-2014.

#### **2014 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets - Discussion and Public Comments**

Deferred to later in the meeting

### **Accounts**

The general accounts were presented to Council in the amount of \$82,434.22. Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Malek that the general accounts be approved as presented. Carried.

#### **Resolution to correct Road's Voucher Amounts for Pay Periods 40-47**

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that that the Road Vouchers for Pay Periods 40-47 be amended and the amount as follows is the corrected amount for each pay period:

# 40 - \$3,137.40

# 41 - \$4,361.80

# 42 - \$4,089.55

# 43 - \$3,428.99

# 44 - \$4,812.07

# 45 - \$4,748.14

# 46 - \$4,563.02

# 47 - \$4,417.35

Documentation is attached to this resolution. Carried.

#### Notice of Motion from last meeting regarding gas tax for transit

Deferred to the next meeting of Council as Deputy Mayor White (who moved the motion at the January 23, 2014 meeting) was absent.

#### Applications to Permit

The CAO presented an application from Eli Sherk/Isaac Martin to permit a 50' x 105' machine shop with attached 19' x 20' office and 12' x 32' power room on Part of Lot 26, Concession 7 NE. Discussion ensued because the size of the machine shop was larger than what was permitted under the On Farm Uses By-law. A five minute break was taken at 9:55 a.m. so that the CAO could go and get the rezoning file.

When the CAO returned, she advised that the property was rezoned in 2010 to permit the machine shop and limitations placed on the size of the machine shop at 6,028 square feet. The matter was deferred to the next meeting and the CAO was asked to send the applications to Jerry Jorden, Township Planner for his comment on conformity. The Mayor and CAO will have a discussion with the Planner next Tuesday to see if the Zoning By-law Amendment can be amended to conform to the On Farm Uses By-law or perhaps we can ask the applicant for voluntary compliance.

#### **New/Other Business**

##### ODRAP Resolution

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Crowe that Whereas the Township of Melancthon recently experienced a severe winter storm from January 24<sup>th</sup> until February 1<sup>st</sup> 2014; and, Whereas the Township has experienced substantial costs and disruption of infrastructure which will have a long term financial impact; and, Whereas other municipalities in the County of Dufferin similarly experienced the effects of the severe winter storm on municipal property and infrastructure; Now therefore be it resolved: 1) That Melancthon Township Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ("MMAH") to declare the Township of Melancthon a "disaster area" for the purposes of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP); and, 2) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution. Carried.

#### **Unfinished Business**

##### OFM Report

Councillor Malek advised that the Fire Chief has gone over the recommendations and the Department is sitting in a good place. The goal is to have this done by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Melancthon needs to get its Simplified Risk Assessment updated, as well as an Establishing and Regulating By-law. The CAO will put this on the next Agenda. As

Councillor Malek is a member of the Shelburne Fire Board she has asked the Shelburne Fire Chief for an update.

Cornerstone Standards Council - Responsible Aggregate Standards for Review and Comment

The CAO was directed to have a Representative from Cornerstone Standards Council come to the next meeting of Council so the members can get more information on this. The CAO to send them the Township's comments on the ARA and PPS and also to send them the letter that was sent to Sylvia Jones, MPP regarding the ARA Review Report.

Correspondence Action Item # 2 from January 9, 2014 meeting from the Municipality of East Ferris - Councillor Malek

Deferred.

**Road Business**

Accounts

The road accounts were presented in the amount of \$327,208.96. Moved by Crowe, Seconded by Malek that the road accounts be approved as presented by the Acting Road Superintendent. Carried.

Mayor Hill, on behalf of Council, thanked Craig and his road department for a great job last week during the storm.

Unfinished Business - Southgate-Melancthon Townline - Invoice for survey

The CAO advised of the resolution that was passed on November 21, 2013. Council is unsure as to why a survey was required and there was no approval by Council to do a survey. Consensus of Council to just let this be and not pay the invoice.

2014 Draft Operating and Capital Budget

The Treasurer, Wendy Atkinson, presented another draft of the budget and explained the changes that were made to it. The draft budget as presented represents at 2.9% increase in the tax rate. Craig Micks, Acting Road Superintendent raised concerns about the cost of snow removal due to the storm and it was advised to leave this out as we would be applying to the Province for some assistance under the ODRAP. As this was advertised as a public meeting, there was one member of the public in attendance and he was given a copy of the budget and he inquired about revenue from the Dufferin Wind Project. It was explained that the Township would not see any revenue until the turbines have been in commercial operation for one year. Wendy advised that she would have the actuals listed for the next meeting and consensus of Council is that they were ready to pass this draft budget. The public will be given another opportunity at the next meeting for comments and the budget to be posted on the website.

Addition to Agenda

Hydro One - Grant to the Horning's Mills Community Park - deferred.

Third Reading - By-laws

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that By-laws 8-2014, 9-2014 and 10-2014 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 Crowe, Seconded by Malek that leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held February 6, 2014 and it be given the required numbers of readings. Carried. By-law numbered 11-2014 and read three times.

**Adjournment**

11:00 a.m. - Moved by Crowe, Seconded by Malek that we adjourn Council to meet again on February 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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MAYOR

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CLERK