

## CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 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.

### Announcements

There was a reminder about the County Council session to be held tonight at the Horizon's Centre at 7:00 p.m. regarding the Draft County Official Plan - there will also be a public meeting on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 a.m. at the Mel Lloyd Centre

At this time, Mayor Hill advised that he would not be seeking re-election in this year's Municipal Election. (Please see attachment)

### Additions

Closed Session - Administration Employee Contract  
Hydro One - Power play Agreement re: 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 White, Seconded by Crowe that the minutes of the December 19, 2013 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

### Business Arising from Minutes

None.

### Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

The Melancthon Township Roads Department were recognized at this time for the great job they did during this week's storm.

### Public Question Period

No questions asked.

### County Council Update

The Council in Brief for December 12, 2013 was reviewed.

Committee Reports - verbal reports given and written reports kept on file.

Deputy Mayor White - NVCA  
Councillor Crowe - PSB - December 11<sup>th</sup>

Correspondence

**\* Items for Information Purposes**

1. Letter from Premier Kathleen Wynne responding to Mayor Hill's letter regarding the Green Energy Act
2. Highlights of the NVCA Board of Directors Meeting - December 13, 2013
3. Copy of resolution passed by The Township of Algonquin Highlands re: OPP Proposed New Billing Model
4. Copy of resolution passed by The Town of Mississippi Mills, re: OPP Proposed New Billing Model
5. Copy of resolution passed by The Municipality of Huron Shores, re: OPP Proposed New Billing Model
6. Copy of resolution passed by The Village of Oil Springs, re: OPP Proposed New Billing Model
7. Copy of resolution passed by The Township of Champlain, re: OPP Proposed New Billing Model
8. Copy of letter sent to Ken East, President, OAPSB from Colin Cope - Chair, OAPSB Zone 4, re: OPP Proposed New Billing Model
9. Letter from Chris D. Lewis, Commissioner, OPP, re: police officers authorized to carry CEW's (conducted energy weapon)
10. GRCA Newsletter January 2014
11. Copy of request sent to The Honourable Linda Jeffrey, Minister of MAH, from The County of Lambton seeking support in opposing the requalification of Building Officials under Ontario Regulation 332/12 and the Ontario Building Code
12. Copy of resolution passed by the Town of Mono on December 10, 2013, re: 2014 Operating Budget from the Shelburne and District Fire Board
13. AMO Communications - AMO Watch File - December 19, 2013
14. The Township of Mulmur Notice of Adoption of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 50-13 on December 11, 2013
15. Update from Tom Pridham, P. Eng., re: Bradley-French Drainage Works
16. E-mail from Jerry Jorden, re: Reports on Official Plan
17. AMO Communications, re: AMO Online Course - "So You Want to Run for Council"
18. AMO Breaking News - Report of the Special Purpose Business Property Assessment Review
19. Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund Announced
20. Report from Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, re: Draft Official Plan Reports

Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that correspondence items 1-20 for information purposes be received as information. Carried.

**\* Items for Council Action**

1. Watson & Associates Proposal for the Preparation of a Development Charges Study
2. Copy of letter sent to Premier Kathleen Wynne from the Municipality of East Ferris, re: The Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund

# 1 - Moved by Malek, Seconded by Crowe that we approve the proposal submitted by Watson and Associates in the amount of \$23,500.00 excl. HST for the preparation of a Development Charges Study for the Township of Melancthon. Carried.

# 2 - Councillor Malek indicated that she would like to bring a motion forth at the next meeting and perhaps a similar letter be sent with Melancthon's information.

**General Business**

By-law to Authorize the Borrowing of Monies to meet the 2014 expenditures of the municipality until the taxes are collected

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize the borrowing of monies to meet, until taxes are collected, the current expenditures of the municipality for the year 2014 and it now be read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 1-2014.

#### 2014 Interim Tax Billing By-law

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Malek that leave be given to introduce a by-law to provide for the levy and collection of taxes for the interim levy for the year 2014 and it be hereby read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 2-2014.

#### By-law to appoint a Board of Management for the Horning's Mills Community Hall

Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that leave be given to introduce a by-law to appoint a Board of Management for the Horning's Mills Community Hall and it be hereby read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 3-2014.

#### By-law to appoint Municipal Officials from December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that leave be given to introduce a by-law to appoint officials from December 1, 2013 until November 30, 2014 and it be hereby read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 4-2014.

#### Delegations

9:30 a.m. - Ken Copeland, owner of property at 156259 Highway 10 attended Council as he is interested in opening a small home based auto repair shop on his property. He advised that he is a licensed auto repair technician and the business would be operated out of the garage on the property. He has spoken to his neighbours and has their approval. It would be small scale with just him working there. Concerns from Council that they did not want to see this turned in to a junk yard and he advised that it would not. He also said he would be looking for MTO approval for an inspection station. As Council had no major concerns with his proposal, they advised him to contact staff to get the planning process started to allow this on the property.

9:40 a.m. - Scott Funston attended Council and raised concerns that one of Dufferin Wind Power's Turbines does not meet the 550 metre setback as per the Green Energy Act. Before Mr. Funston began his delegation, Mayor Hill advised that Council had been circulated an email from Connie Roberts of Dufferin Wind Power, in response to his email to County Council. Mr. Funston was given a copy of the email as he did not receive it. Mayor Hill also advised that Mike Giles, County Building Department went out and reviewed the turbine setbacks and didn't have any issues. Mr. Funston advised Council that he retained the services of Van Harten surveying to come out and survey the distance of the turbine T-7 and Van Harten's measurement between his house and the turbine is 548.2 metres. Mr. Funston said there are more turbines in the project that should be surveyed. He asked Council to send a letter to Dufferin Wind Power and Mayor Hill advised that he did not have a problem doing so but needed to be sure of the measurements from his garage, etc. Mr. Funston to provide this information.

9:56 a.m. - Council took a break and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - Staff Sergeant Steve Sills, Dufferin OPP attended Council at Council's invitation as they had concerns regarding the OPP Costs. Staff Sergeant Sills explained the new costing model, the amending agreements that Council signed last year and how policing would be billed going forward. Staff Sergeant Sills to provide this in writing to the Council.

10:30 a.m. - Sylvia Jones, MPP attended Council at Council's invitation regarding the

Aggregate Resources Act Review Report. Ms. Jones advised that the government made a commitment during the 2011 election to review the ARA and the review started in March 2012 and took over 19 months. At the moment, the Committee is waiting for the Minister of Natural Resources to comment on it and he has 60 legislative days to do this. She advised that the Committee does not have the ability to change legislation – only make recommendations, which they did and there were 38 recommendations. She indicated that the Committee was comprised of four liberals, two NDP and three PC members. The consensus from all three parties was that the ARA needed to be improved and updated and that is why they stayed with a consensus report. Council raised their concerns with Ms. Jones and she advised that Council has the opportunity to question the Minister on where he is going with the ARA and this can be done at ROMA/OGRA and AMO. Mayor Hill thanked Ms. Jones for attending the meeting.

11:05 a.m. - Council took a five minute break and reconvened at 11:10 a.m

### **General Business - Cont.**

#### **By-law to amend By-law No. 57-2004 Procurement By-law**

Council direction to Staff was to amend the by-law to increase the amount that Department Heads could approve for procurements and that amount was any procurement below \$5,000.00. The rest of the sections to be increased by \$5,000.00. The amendment to be brought back to the next meeting.

#### **Resolution to transfer monies from the Gas Tax Reserve Account to the General Account (20 Sideroad OS Holdback 2013)**

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that we transfer \$11,151.36 from the Gas Tax Reserve Account to the General Account, re: 20 Sideroad OS Holdback (2013). Carried.

### **Accounts**

The general accounts were presented by the Treasurer in the amount of \$9,707.45. Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that the general accounts be approved as presented by the Treasurer. Carried.

### **Road Business**

Craig Micks, Acting Road Superintendent, attended Council. Mayor Hill, on behalf of Council, thanked Craig and his roads crew for a great job during the snow storm. Their efforts are much appreciated.

John Crowe spoke on the 2000 Western Star Truck and would like to get working on the repairs required for the truck.

Craig advised that Adam Vander Zaag would like permission to put a crossing for irrigation across the Third Line. Council advised that we would need something in writing from him.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Memo from CAO regarding Proposed Transfer Station Costs**

Moved by Crowe, Seconded by White that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon hereby accept the report from CAO Denise Holmes dated November 26, 2013 relating to proposed Transfer Station Costs. The financial impacts of proceeding with the project would be as outlined in the Report (attached). We hereby approve the costs in the 2014 budget year, considering the previous requests by approximately 150 citizens to keep our landfill site open as a transfer station. Before calling for the vote, Mayor Hill opened the floor to discussion on the motion. Councillor

Malek felt it was doable, Councillor Crowe was in favour of the motion, Councillor Elliott advised that she would like to wait to see what the budget looked like before voting on it, Deputy Mayor White advised he had no concerns with it and Mayor Hill advised that he would not support the motion today. He said basically we are opening it up to take clean wood and was really concerned about opening up the COA. He advised that the County is reviewing their contract in June of this year and recommended holding off until then. Deputy Mayor White suggested tabling it to April 3, 2014 as the County may have some information by then instead of waiting until June. The mover and seconder agreed to table the motion to April 3, 2014.

12 noon - Council adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

### **Road Business - Cont.**

Craig advised that a DWP Cement truck overturned in the ditch on the 5<sup>th</sup> Line and DWP is requesting more sand on the 5<sup>th</sup> Line - they are willing to put it on or they will pay us to put more sand on the road. Concerns were raised that there would be salt mixed with the sand which would turn the roads to mud in the spring time and concerns that residents could be upset that we are providing a greater level of service to those that can pay for it. Craig was advised to go back and advise that the Township is meeting the minimum maintenance standards of the Township and that we did not want them putting on their own sand.

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

Discussion regarding the very preliminary draft budget and Council went through the roads budget and made some changes. Discussion about paying for the new truck and it was decided that if we could take it out of Development Charges, to do that. There were various changes made to the budget and the Treasurer was asked to make the changes and bring it back to the next meeting. The public will be given the opportunity for input into the budget before it is passed.

1:50 p.m. - Deputy Mayor White leaves meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Memo from Denise Holmes, CAO, re: Council Remuneration - 2014-2018**

Moved by Crowe, Seconded by Malek that for the 2014-2018 term of Council, there will be no change in the base remuneration or meeting rates for Council Members. Also, that in the event that there is a cost of living increase given to Staff, Council would also receive the cost of living to the base salary.

#### **Recorded Vote**

Mayor Bill Hill - Yea  
Deputy Mayor White - absent  
Councillor John Crowe - Yea  
Councillor Janice Elliott - Yea  
Councillor Nancy Malek - Yea

Carried.

#### **Southgate Public Library Budget 2014**

The CAO was directed to advise the Dundalk Library Board to prepare the 2014 Agreement.

#### **Township Draft Newsletter**

The CAO was asked to include a section at the top of the newsletter regarding garbage that is not collected on the day that it is supposed to be. There was already an instance this year where the garbage trucks were called off the roads due to the weather, but many of the garbage containers, recyclables and compost bins were left out most of the

week making it harder for the snow plows to manoeuvre around them and there was also lots of garbage being left in the ditches. It was asked that the people call the County or check the Township website if this happens again and to bring their bins back in off the roads.

Information Only Correspondence Item No. 1 from December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding Transit Funding - Deputy Mayor White drafting resolution - notice of motion later in the meeting

OFM Recommendations - Updates - deferred to the next meeting due to the absence of Deputy Mayor White.

### **Third Readings - By-laws**

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that By-laws 1-2014, 2-2014, 3-2014 and 4-2014 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

**Addition - Hydro One Grant Agreement** - deferred.

### **Closed Session - Addition**

2:35 p.m. - Moved by Crowe, Seconded by Elliott 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 - Employee contract. Carried.

2:50 p.m. - Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Malek that we rise from Closed Session with report. Carried.

Staff to proceed with the direction given.

### **Notice of Motion**

The following motion was Moved by Crowe and will be placed on the next meeting's agenda:

Whereas a reliable supply of electricity is a necessity to ensure the safety and security of Ontario residents, and  
Whereas a reliable electricity network is necessary in order to promote productivity and prosperity in Ontario, and  
Whereas the economy of Ontario and all of Canada is negatively affected when there are widespread power outages due to extreme weather conditions, and  
Whereas extreme weather conditions are becoming more frequent and it turn causing larger and longer power outages, and  
Whereas recent weather events have caused power outages that have been widespread and have lasted in some cases for up to two weeks and have had serious financial impacts on Ontario families and Ontario businesses, and  
Whereas these power outages, in addition to having economic repercussions that may run into the hundreds of millions of dollars, or more, also put residents at significant health risk, and risk security of the person,  
Therefore, be it resolved that all future development, including currently planned development that has not commenced construction be required to utilize buried (underground) electricity lines for transmission lines, collector lines or feeder lines, for residential, commercial, industrial, business or farm operations, and  
That this motion be forwarded to all Dufferin Municipalities, MPP Sylvia Jones, the Minister of Energy, The Ontario Energy Board and the Premier of the Province of Ontario.

### **Adjournment**

2:54 p.m. - Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Malek that we adjourn Council to meet again on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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MAYOR

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CLERK

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IT IS WITH VERY MIXED EMOTIONS THAT I FORMALLY ANNOUNCE THAT I WILL NOT BE SEEKING RE-ELECTION IN OCTOBER 2014. I THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TO MAKE MY INTENTIONS KNOWN SOONER THAN LATER.

OVER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE SOME TIME AND REFLECT ON MY PAST AND MY FUTURE. HAVING BEEN CHOSEN WARDEN IN DECEMBER QUITE HONESTLY HAS PUT ME IN A SPOT POLITICALLY THAT I NEVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE. IT IS SOMETHING I DO NOT TAKE LIGHTLY AND AM HONOURED AND HUMBLLED TO BE THE HEAD OF DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL.

HAVING SAID THAT THERE IS VERY LITTLE ELSE FOR ME TO ACCOMPLISH IN DUFFERIN COUNTY POLITICS AND I HAVE NO DESIRE TO MOVE TO THE PROVINCIAL OR FEDERAL LEVEL.

I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN DUFFERIN POLITICS SINCE 1983 WHEN I FIRST SERVED ON SHELBURNE COUNCIL. AFTER MOVING TO MELANCTHON I THEN REPRESENTED THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE ON THE FORMER DUFFERIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION. I HAD THE HONOUR OF SERVING AS BOARD CHAIR IN 1992 AND LEFT THE BOARD IN 1994.

I WAS SELECTED AS A COUNCILLOR FOR MELANCTHON IN 1998 AFTER THE PASSING OF OUR LONG TIME REEVE GORDON OLDFIELD. THE REST AS THEY SAY IS HISTORY.

TO QUOTE RALPH WALDO EMERSON "AND IN THE END IT'S NOT THE YEARS IN YOUR LIFE THAT COUNT, IT'S THE LIFE IN YOUR YEARS", AND FRANKLY I BELIEVE I HAVE A LOT OF LIFE LEFT IN MY YEARS.

I HAVE A WIFE, TWO KIDS, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, WITH ANOTHER ON THE WAY ANY DAY, THAT NEED TO BE SPOILED MORE THAN THEY HAVE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. I HAVE TWO HOBBIES I REALLY ENJOY, CARVING AND PHOTOGRAPHY, THAT NEED TO BE PURSUED MORE. I HAVE A PASSION FOR READING THAT HAS BEEN IGNORED FOR TOO LONG. AFTER FINDING TIME TO READ FOUR BOOKS IN 2103 IT REINFORCED HOW MUCH I MISSED IT. I HAVE A NEW GUITAR THAT HASN'T BEEN PLAYED AND I INTEND TO WRITE A BOOK TO PASS ON TO OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN ABOUT THEIR ROOTS AND THE CRAZY THINGS THEIR FATHER AND MOTHER (grandfather and grandmother) HAVE DONE IN OUR VERY FORTUNATE LIVES. AS CHILDREN WE DID NOT HAVE THE PLEASURE OF HAVING OUR PARENTS AROUND TO GROW UP WITH. THE EXCEPTION WAS ALMAS' MOTHER WHO PASSED AWAY BEFORE OUR DAUGHTER GOT MARRIED TEN AND A HALF YEARS AGO.

MORE IMPORTANTLY I WILL BE LIVING MY DREAM. SINCE I HAVE BEEN TEN YEARS OLD I HAVE WANTED TO RETIRE ON LAKE COUCHING IN THE ORILLIA AREA, WHERE MY DAD AND WIFE WERE BORN AND RAISED. TWO YEARS AGO THIS WEEK WE BOUGHT A TWO YEAR OLD HOME BY WASHAGO WITH 100 FEET RIGHT ON THE LAKE. WE TRADED THE SPORTS CAR FOR A PONTOON BOAT. IT IS OUR LITTLE PIECE OF PARADISE.

SO IT IS WITH MIXED EMOTIONS. I HAVE TRULY ENJOYED MY TIME ON COUNCIL AND ONCE AGAIN WOULD LIKE TO THANK STAFF AND IN PARTICULAR THIS GROUP OF COUNCILLORS FOR THEIR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT. THIS COUNCIL HAS DEALT WITH UNPRECEDENTED ISSUES DURING THIS TERM. EACH TIME WE HAVE WORKED AS A GROUP TO TRY OUR BEST TO DO OUR BEST FOR OUR RATEPAYERS. IT WILL BE HARD TO FIND A BETTER GROUP TO WORK WITH.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH