

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 19th day of April, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor D. White, Deputy Mayor J. Elliott, Councillor D. Besley, Councillor W. Hannon and Councillor J. Webster were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk were also present. Mayor White presided and called the meeting to order.

Announcements

Councillor Webster announced that there will be an auction at the Horning's Mills Hall on Saturday, May 5th at 7 p.m. with Bob Severn as the Auctioneer. The items up for auction will be those donated by the Community.

Additions

Councillor Webster requested that Item under General Business 3.1 be deferred to the next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Elliott - Horning's Mills Park Board - financial request.

Deletions

None.

Approval of Agenda

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Mayor White advised that disclosure of pecuniary interest can be declared at this time or anytime throughout the meeting.

Minutes

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Webster that the minutes of the Council meeting held on April 5, 2018 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

Councillor Webster advised that the person who put in the Social Media Policy has taken on a full time job so this issue will be put on hold for now.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

A question was raised about the Council meetings and if we were going back to night meetings. It was noted that yes we are.

Public Works

1. Update on Onsite to Part of Lot 301, Concession 2 SW on April 5, 2018 - C. DiFrancesco

There was an onsite conducted at the property on April 5, 2018 and it is the Township's unopened road allowance but it is not the Township's water and TransAlta is not interested in trying to resolve the issue. It was suggested about building a berm and redirecting water to 2nd Line SW or excavation of about three feet. It was suggested to wait until Mr. DiFrancesco contacts the Township.

2. Other

Discussion regarding ice storm. We had two trucks down but Public Works Staff are gaining on it now. There's lots of potholes as a result.

Planning

1. Applications to Permit

The application from Simeon Martin to add a porch with balcony to existing house and renovate the bathroom at Lot 239, Concession 1 NE was approved.

2. Unfinished Business

1. Annable ZBA, Blue Sky RV Resort ZBA, Source Water Protection - ZBA and OPA, Strada - OPA and ZBA

No new information on these applications.

3. Other

Discussion regarding Feral Cat Rescue and Senior Staff at the County Building Department advise that the applicant has not approached the County yet regarding septic for the facility.

Police Services Board

The next Board Meeting is May 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. - Municipal Office Committee Room
The Joint PSB meeting is being hosted by Mono on April 27th – starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Mono Municipal Office.

County Council Update

The Staff and Council wore their hockey jerseys in support of Humboldt. A new policy was approved on Conference attendance. Also, there will be an increase to the salary for the new County Council as a result of the loss of the one-third exemption.

Correspondence

***Board & Committee Minutes**

1. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board of Management Minutes - March 5, 2018

Moved by Webster, Seconded by Elliott that the Board and Committee Minutes Correspondence Item No. 1 be received as information. Carried.

*** Items for Information Purposes**

1. Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority-Ontario Government releases Tires Regulation
2. AMO Policy update - 2018 Provincial Budget
3. Shelburne & District Fire Department - Draft Financial Statements
4. Natural Resource Solutions - Strada Shelburne South Pit 2017 Anuran Monitoring

Report

5. Town of Shelburne Notice of Public Meeting under Sections 34 and 51 of The Planning Act
6. Copy of a letter from Sylvia Jones, MPP regarding Greenbelt Proposed Expansion
7. Headwaters Tourism Update, March 17, 2018
8. Headwaters Tourism Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - March 1, 2018
9. Motion from Township of Madawaska Valley regarding Asset Management Planning
10. Motion from Township of Amaranth - Moratorium on Approval of Additional Discharge to Grand River
11. Motion from Township of Amaranth for Training for Water and Ice Rescue
12. Town of Grand Valley Notice of Passing a Zoning By-law
13. WDG Board of Health Highlights, April 2018
14. GRCA Current April 2018, Volume 22 Number 3
15. Township of Mulmur - Notice of Public meeting New Comprehensive Zoning By-law
16. Township of Amaranth Resolution for Consideration, Increased Funding for Libraries
17. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board 2017 Draft Financial Statements
18. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Chief's Year End Report 2017
19. Ernie Hardeman, MPP letter regarding Municipalities' right to approve landfill developments
20. Township of Baldwin letter to MPP regarding Bill C-71
21. Upper Grand District School Board Public Meetings - Long Term Accommodation Plan Final Report (Draft)

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Besley that Correspondence Items 1-21, for information purposes, be received as information. Carried.

9 - Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that the Township of Melancthon support the motion of the Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley to support small municipalities with asset management, compliance and implementation. Carried.

*** Items for Council Action**

1. Paul Lynch Application for Permission for Filling - East Lot 2, Concession 1 OS
2. Notification for Maintenance and Repair for Dixon Municipal Drain
3. South East Grey Community Health Centre-International Youth Day Donation Request
4. Niagara Escarpment Commission request for comments regarding Part Lot 14, Concession 2 OS construction of single dwelling with attached garage, septic and well
5. Approval of Survey on West Part Lot 13, Concession 2 OS - Application for Consent B3/17 - Dresar

1 - Council had no issue with the application for fill and directed Staff to send it to the NVCA for Staff's comments. Council doesn't think there is a need for a soil analysis because of where the soil is coming from.

2 - Moved by Webster, Seconded by Elliott that we accept the notification for the maintenance and repair of the Dixon Municipal Drain under Section 79 of the Drainage Act, 1990, signed by Dennis Martin, owner of the Part of Lots 256-260, Concession 1 SW and Part of Lots 259-260, Concession 2 SW. We direct Tom Pridham, P.Eng., Drainage Superintendent to investigate and report back to Council on his findings and recommendations. Carried.

3 - As the budget is already passed for 2018, Council directed Staff to advise the SEGCHC of this and request that they have their request in for next year by January, 2019.

4 - Council had no comments to make on this application.

5 - Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Webster that we approve the survey submitted by P.J. Williams, Ontario Land Surveyor, for Application for Consent B3/17 - Dresar as it conforms to the terms and conditions of the severance application. Carried.

General Business

1. Notice of Intent to pass By-law - Authorize the Execution of an Agreement between The Association of Municipalities of Ontario and The Corporation of the Township of Melancthon

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon and it be hereby read a first and second time. Carried. By-law numbered 17-2018 and read a first and second time.

2. New/Other Business/Additions

1. Motion to approve 2% increase in wages for Township Staff & Council as per the 2018 approved Budget

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Webster that Council for the Township of Melancthon hereby approves a 2% increase in wages for Township Staff and Council as per the 2018 Budget. Staff be directed to bring back a By-law to provide remuneration, allowances and expenses for members of Council for the next meeting. Carried.

2. Employee Recognition Policy - Motion to recommend amendment to Policy

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Webster that the CAO/Clerk be directed to amend the Employee Recognition Policy as follows:

18. Employee Recognition Policy

In recognition of dedicated service to the Citizens of Melancthon Township, all part-time employees with five (5) years of service and thereafter in five (5) year increments, shall receive a certificate (wooden plaque after 20 years of service) and \$10.00 per year of service. All full-time employees with five (5) years of service and thereafter in five (5) year increments, shall receive a certificate (wooden plaque after 20 years) and \$20.00 per year of service. Retirement gift as appropriate. Carried.

3. Addition - Horning's Mills Park Board Financial Request

Deputy Mayor Elliott and Councillor Webster requested a grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 to provide a bigger fireworks display because the Township is celebrating its 165th Anniversary this year. They also advised Council of the other ideas they have for the celebration.

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that the Township of Melancthon support the 165th Anniversary Horning's Mills Park Celebration to the amount of \$1,500.00. Carried.

3. Unfinished Business

1. Township Signage - deferred to May 3rd Council meeting as per Councillor Webster's request.

Delegations

5:30 p.m. - Janet Horner, NEC Representative and Mulmur Township Councillor attended Council on an invitation by Council and she spoke on the Niagara Escarpment Commission

and explained the composition of the Commission, the process when applying for a development permit and the legislative and regulatory framework. Ms. Horner also shared her experience and knowledge with Council when Mulmur Council dealt with the second dwellings in Mulmur and provided an information sheet to Council. Mayor White thanked Ms. Horner for attending our meeting.

5:45 p.m. - Guy Gardhouse, GRCA Representative attended Council on an invitation by Council regarding the fill issue on Highway 89 in Amaranth Township and Annual Update of GRCA Activities. Mr. Gardhouse indicated that things were going well at the GRCA and that they are the 2nd largest in Ontario with camping. The budget for 2018 has been passed.

With regards to the fill issue on Highway 89, he advised that this started approximately 2-4 years ago. They took the peat out and brought fill in. The GRCA took the owners to Court and it was thrown out. It is now in front of the Courts again. Amaranth will be having a meeting with the GRCA next week. As of May 2017, lower tier municipalities can go into the regulated areas with their site alteration by-laws for fill violations. Mr. Gardhouse will make sure that the Conservation Authority is made aware of the well-head protection area in our municipality which are in close proximity to this area.

6:12 p.m. - Council took a break and reconvened at 6:25 p.m.

6:25 p.m. - Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that we adjourn Council to go into Committee of the Whole and then reconvene as Council. Carried.

Closed Session

None for this meeting.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that By-law 17-2018 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

Notice of Motion

None for this meeting.

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 of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon at its meeting held on April 19, 2018 and it be given the required number of readings. Carried. By-law numbered 18-2018.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

7:12 p.m. - Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that we adjourn Council to meet again on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK

