

## **CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON**

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor D. White, Deputy Mayor D. Besley, Councillor W. Hannon, Councillor M. Mercer and Councillor D. Thwaites 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 Thwaites announced that the Horning's Mills Community Hall would be sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The information is also posted under Coming Events on the Township's website.

Councillor Mercer wished Councillor Hannon a happy birthday as he celebrated his this week!

### **Additions**

- CAO/Clerk - Email from Karren Wallace, on behalf of the Legion, regarding the FCC AgriSpirit Fund Grant

### **Deletions**

- None.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Hannon 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 and indicated that declarations must now be submitted in writing.

### **Minutes**

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that the minutes of the March 7, 2019 Council meeting be adopted as circulated. Carried.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

None.

### **Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege**

None.

### **Public Question Period**

A question was asked about the doubling up of Gas Tax monies for 2019.

### **Public Works**

Craig Micks, PWD was in attendance.

## 1. Wargon Road Closure

Mayor White has been approached by Mr. and Mrs. Wargon about the closure (and barricade) of the Melancthon owned road, that joins up with the the deviation road that is owned by the Wargon's. They indicated that there is some issue with Clearview Township wanting access to the Wargon's deviation road . In 2005, Council passed a motion to close the Melancthon owned portion between the Mulmur-Melancthon Townline and the Clearview (Nottawasaga)-Melancthon Townline. Mayor White advised that he has no issues putting a physical barrier in place at the Mulmur-Melancthon Townline to stop people from trying to gain access to the deviation road, but can't do anything until the Spring.

## 2. Other

Councillor Mercer raised a concern regarding the breaking up of the 5<sup>th</sup> Line, North of County Road 17. Craig advised that it will have to be patched when the weather permits.

Craig raised a concern that he hasn't seen any OPP on the roads with it being half load season.

## Planning

Chris Jones, Township Planning Consultant was in attendance.

### 1. Applications to Permit

The application for Bryan Hannon - West Part of Lot 30, Concession 4 OS - single family dwelling has been approved.

The application of 10617784 Canada Corporation - Applicant Ajeet Sran - Part Lot 10-11, Concession 11 SW - single family dwelling has not been approved, as Chris would like to do a zone boundary overlay to check the OS2.

### 2. Bill 66 - Questions, comments, concerns of Council

A draft of Bill 66 was circulated to Council members in advance of the meeting. It was advised that Schedule 10 has been removed from the Bill. Chris advised that he doesn't view this document as an authority that a Planner would recommend. He said that Planner's are bound by a municipality's Official Plan and said he wouldn't recommend this to any of his municipal clients. Mayor White said he was happy just to wait and see where it goes from here.

### 3. Other

Nothing for this.

## Police Services Board

Nothing new to report. Just waiting on the Agenda for the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Police Services Board meeting which is being hosted by Amaranth Township.

## County Council Update

County Council discussed at length the reduction of the farm tax ratio to .23% which was subsequently passed. There is a notice of motion being put forward by Member Creelman regarding Hydro One Forestry Practices. Mayor White advised Council of an incident that occurred with an Orangeville resident when he called 911 and the County is currently working on a press release to respond to this matter.

## **Delegations**

5:30 p.m. - Martin Keller, Source Protection Manager, GRCA attended Council to review the changes to the Draft Updated Grand River Source Protection Plan. Mr. Keller was invited at the request of Council. He indicated that Southgate has added a new well, so they have made changes to all wells. The Shelburne wells (7 & 8) have been updated in the mapping. The schedules in the Plans have been updated and a few changes were made to the policies in the SWP regarding the timelines for when an amendment comes in. He advised that pipelines are a prescribed threat so that has to be reflected in the policy. The landowners affected by the changes will all be notified in writing. Mr. Keller was asked to provide some larger mapping that could be displayed at the Township Office showing the significant drinking water threat policy applicability. Mr. Keller was looking for endorsement from Council in support of the updates and Staff were directed to put this item on the next agenda.

5:50 p.m. - Allison Whitten, Corbetton, attended Council regarding issue with community feral cats. She advised Council that there are 6+ cats living under a neighbours deck/living in van and she has watched them eat from the trash and run around the residential streets for approximately a year. They have adopted one of them and have begun to trap the rest, in hopes to spay or neuter them, so this epidemic of feral cats can diminish, but she is finding it too difficult to do on her own. She has contacted Feral Cat Rescue (Sharon Morden) and Cats Anonymous. Sharon advised she can do two cats every Thursday at \$150.00 each. She has raised some money but is seeking some assistance. Councillor Mercer advised that she may be able to assist with this. Staff were directed to contact Sharon Morden at Feral Cat Rescue.

## **Correspondence**

### **\*Board & Committee Minutes**

1. Township of Melancthon Roads Sub-Committee - February 13, 2019

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Thwaites that the Board and Committee Minutes Item # 1 be received as information. Carried.

### **\* Items for Information Purposes**

1. Email from Sandy Kitchen, CAO/Clerk, Township of Mattice - Council Resolution regarding Paragraph 4 of the Declaration of Office

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Mercer that Correspondence Item # 1, for information purposes, be received as information. Carried.

### **\* Items for Council Action**

1. Shelburne Public Library Agreement for 2019
2. NEC - Request for comments for building dwelling at Part lot 11, Concession 1 OS

# 1 - Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Hannon that the Mayor and CAO/Clerk be directed to sign the Agreement between the Shelburne Public Library Board and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon for 2019. Carried.

# 2 - Staff were directed to advise the NEC that Council had no comments to make.

## **General Business**

### **1. New/Other Business**

#### **1. Heritage Designation/Committee - Councillor Mercer**

Councillor Mercer spoke to this matter. She has contacted the Town of Shelburne. They have a Heritage Committee, but have decided not to designate buildings. She advised that a Committee could be comprised of Council, Staff and the Public. She would like to do some more research and have it on the next agenda.

## 2. Bolton Sod - Fill Issue - Mayor White

Mayor White advised that he was approached by Terry Bolton who is seeking an exemption from the Township's Fill By-law. The Township's By-law states that the fill must come from within Dufferin County, but he has been offered a chance to get some fill from the Flato Development in Southgate to replenish some of his land. This would be a one time and a time limited exemption. Concerns raised that sludge may have been spread on that land but the Township will require soil tests. Mayor White will advise him to submit a Site Alteration Application.

## 3. Review of Salvage Yard By-law - set meeting date for Committee of the Whole for this purpose

The CAO/Clerk was directed to set some time aside at the next meeting, in Committee of the Whole, to review the By-law. A suggestion was made to contact the other area municipalities and get any information on their By-laws and enforcement.

## 2. Unfinished Business

### 1. By-law to Adopt 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 2019 (this item may be deferred, as Staff require the County of Dufferin's Tax Rate By-law to complete Township By-law)

The CAO/Clerk advised that this item will be deferred until the April 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, as the County won't be passing their By-laws until April 11<sup>th</sup>.

## 2. NDCC Budget 2019

Deputy Mayor Besley, who is the Council Rep on the Board explained that the \$40,000.00 is in a reserve and it was put in there to be used as cash flow – a mechanism to pay for the day to day expenses. Concerns were raised that it shouldn't be referred to as a reserve. A recommendation was made that the Township could pay its levy on a monthly basis, rather than quarterly, to help with cash flow. Deputy Mayor Besley will take this suggestion back to the Board.

## 3. Withdraw motion of January 17, 2019 regarding the 2020 Council meeting schedule

Both Deputy Mayor Besley and Councillor Mercer, the mover and seconder of the following motion, asked that it be withdrawn: "that Council confirm the 2020 Council meeting dates on the "Melancthon Council Meeting Schedule - 2020" noting that Council can always add additional Committee, special, public and/or emergency meetings during the year as required. Be it further resolved that Council hold one day meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday starting at 9:00 a.m.) and one evening meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday starting at 5:00 p.m.) for the months of February, March and April 2019 with a further review of the meeting schedules (2019 & 2020) in April, 2019 for Council meetings going forward." Mayor White withdrew the motion.

6:00 p.m. - Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that we adjourn Council to move into Committee of Adjustment and reconvene as Council. Carried.

6:25 p.m. - Council reconvened.

**Addition**

An email was received earlier today from Karren Wallace, on behalf of the Legion, requesting the Township to partner with the Shelburne Legion as they would like to apply for the FCC AgriSpirit Fund Grant to replace two furnaces and install two air conditioners. One of the conditions of the grant is that a municipal partner be sought. The role of the municipal partner is that there is no national registration for non-profit organizations so they must partner with their local municipal body to qualify for funding. If the Legion is selected for funding, the cheque will be made payable to the Township, care of the Legion's project. The Legion would have to work with the Township to get the funds and the Township must also sign a contract to show that they support your project. It was advised that there would be no financial obligation on the part of the Township, just a bank account and a signature on the contract showing support. Staff were directed to contact the Township Auditors to make sure there would be no impact on the audit as a result of agreeing to be a partner. If the Auditor is ok, direction to Staff to go ahead. Staff were also directed to find out if Shelburne was approached, as the Legion is in the Town of Shelburne.

**Notice of Motion**

None.

**Confirmation By-law**

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Mercer 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 March 21, 2019 and it be given the required number of readings. Carried. By-law numbered 15-2019 and given the required readings.

**Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting**

7:05 p.m. - Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Thwaites that we adjourn Council to meet again on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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CLERK