

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 16th day of May, 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

None.

Additions

Mayor White - Corbetton Park

Denise Holmes, CAO - Recommendation from Roads Sub-Committee meeting held on May 15, 2019

Deletions

None.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Mercer 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 Thwaites, Seconded by Besley that the minutes of the May 2, 2019 Council meeting be adopted as amended. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

Councillor Mercer provided some comments with respect to the Cannabis Presentation/Delegation of NWN Scientific.

Note: Deputy Mayor Besley declared a conflict of interest on this matter as he was the listing agent of the property and he left the Council Chambers. He returned when the discussion was over.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

A question was asked about the article in the Dundalk Herald about taxes going down this year. After discussion, Staff were asked to put information in the Newsletter regarding the budget increase and the tax rate decrease.

Public Works

Craig Micks, Director of Public Works was in attendance.

1. Letter from Strada Aggregates regarding road improvements to the 4th Line being deferred to 2020

Discussion ensued and Craig was asked his opinion of the road. He advised that the road is still ok and Council could go with giving a one year extension.

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Thwaites that the road improvements scheduled to take place this year on the 4th Line OS under the Strada Agreement be deferred to 2020 pursuant to the request from Strada dated May 6, 2019. Carried.

2. Other

Recommendation from the Roads Sub-Committee Meeting - May 15, 2019

A letter was received from Allan Wargon, enclosing his invoice for the 2018-2019 snowblowing of the deviation road. The Roads Sub-Committee discussed the invoice and determined that because the ownership of that road belongs to the Wargon's, the Township will not be paying this invoice. The ownership of the road was reported to Council on October 4, 2018 and was subsequently communicated to the Wargon's.

The letter went on to further state, that when Melancton has blocked off its part of the deviation road, the Wargon's will simultaneously erect a gate at a spot determined by the Public Works Director and then the track (road) will truly become a private road with no through traffic (only access for easement effected for Melancton and other service agencies), and he will no longer charge for the clearing of snow. At the Roads Sub-Committee meeting, Craig Micks, PWD raised concerns about the Township blocking off the Township portion of the road, as he felt that his Staff would be there every Monday morning to put the barricades back. After discussion, the Roads Sub-Committee concurred with the PWD and recommends to Council that the Township not block off access on our portion of the road and if Mr. Wargon does not want people on his private road, then he be responsible for barricading both ends.

Recommendation

The Roads Sub-Committee recommends to Council that a letter be sent to Mr. Wargon advising that the Township of Melancton will not be paying the invoice of \$1,502.90 for snowblowing, as the road is in his ownership and that the Township is not prepared to block off access on our road and if Mr. Wargon wants to keep the public off his private road, then he be responsible for barricading both ends.

Discussion ensued and Council concurred that the Township would not be paying the invoice. With regards to the barricade, it was decided that the Township would supply the barricade – likely two large cement blocks and these blocks are to be placed at the top of the Township's road. Staff to advise Mr. Wargon, that he will be responsible for the maintenance of the barricade. Staff were directed to send the letter indicating the above.

Delegations

Chris Jones, Township Planning Consultant was in attendance for this Public Meeting.

5:20 p.m. - A Public Meeting was called for a Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment on Part of Lot 30, Concession 7 N.E. for Levi and Rachel Martin. The purpose of the application is to zone the subject lands to correct the location of the Open Space Conservation (OS2)

Boundary, so it is better aligned with the natural features on the property and as delineated in the Township Official Plan. Mr. Levi Martin, et al were in attendance. Chris Jones spoke to the proposed amendment. There were no written comments received as a result of the required circulation under the Planning Act. There were no comments from Council, the applicant or those in the gallery.

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Hannon that leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend By-law No. 12-79 as amended, for lands located in Part of Lot 30, Concession 7 NE and it be hereby read a first and second time. (Levi Martin). Carried.

Planning

Chris Jones, Township Planning Consultant was in attendance.

1. Applications to Permit

Chris advised that he reviewed and signed off on the following permits:

- Wendy Travis - attached garage on the East Part of Lot 5, Concession 3 OS (not on spreadsheet provided in package)
- Jason Cooney - 2nd Floor Bathroom - Lot 30, Plan 34A
- Meyercroft Farms Ltd. - wet grain bins - Part Lot 253-255, Concession 2 SW
- Alan Galbraith/Barb Babineau - Billboard - Part of Lot 7, Concession 7 SW

2. Report from Chris Jones - ZBA Application for Lot 20, Concession 4 NE - Tripp/Serbin

Chris reviewed his Report with Council. The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is to permit the holding of special events, such as weddings, as an on-farm use in the new storage building on Lot 20, Concession 4 NE. Chris is supportive of the proposal and the Official Plan is supportive of this use. He is recommending that it be approved as a temporary use. Staff were directed to proceed with the Statutory Public Meeting.

3. Other

Chris provided an overview of the changes of Bill 108 – More Homes, More Choices Act and explained that it amends 13 existing statutes. He said the consultation period is short but doesn't see any that are objectionable. He said the Act was released on May 2nd and has had second reading and consultation is open for 30 days. Chris also advised that the Growth Plan – A Place to Grow became effective today. He still has concerns regarding the Agricultural mapping and advises that the refinement criteria, when applied to the Township, does not appear to provide any opportunity for refinement back to a Rural land use designation. This will be mentioned at our special meeting with MPP Sylvia Jones, next week.

Delegations - Cont.

5:30 p.m. - A Public Meeting was called to consider the Draft Property Standards By-law. A notice of Public Meeting was published ahead of time on the website and a notice sent to those people that have subscribed to the Township's Important Notices (from the website). No written comments were received. Mayor White asked those present in the gallery if they had any questions or concerns regarding the draft By-law. It was asked about the complaint process and would there be a By-law Officer going around? The answer was that a written complaint would have to be filed and the complaint procedure was explained. There were no further comments or concerns from the Public or Council.

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Hannon that leave be given to introduce a By-law for prescribing standards for the maintenance and occupancy of property within the Township

of Melancthon, for prohibiting the occupancy or use of such property that does not conform to the standards, and for requiring property below the standards prescribed herein to be repaired and maintained to comply with the standards or the land thereof to be cleared of all buildings, structures, debris or refuse and left in a graded and level condition and it be hereby read a first and second time. Carried. By-law numbered 27-2019 and read a first and second time.

Police Services Board

1. Email from Kerstin Vroom - Mulmur Motion for Community Safety and Well-Being Plan - Joint Advisory Board

No action on this item.

County Council Update

Mayor White advised there were a lot of Proclamations made at the meeting. There was a Delegation from Urban Metrics. Sally Slumski, from BDO, presented the 2018 Financial Statements and it was noted that this would be her last time presenting, as she is retiring this year. Mulmur Mayor Horner provided an update on NEC issues. During Public Question Period, a member of the public asked for an update on the SWIFT project. Mayor White advised that the County Council meetings will be moving to the Orangeville Council Chambers in July. The Economic Development Officer has presented new branding for the County. The notice of motion for County Council to approve all of the County accounts was tabled to the next meeting. The notice of motion for the syncing of traffic lights was passed.

Correspondence

*** Items for Information Purposes**

1. Township of Essa Resolution Requesting Support for Essa Public Library Board Initiative
2. Invitation to join David Tilson, MP & Team Appreciation Evening to thank residents of Dufferin-Caledon for their support
3. Email from Adam Hicks regarding Mulmur - Aggregate Motion
4. Email from Adam Hicks regarding Mulmur - Library Motion
5. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Integrated Watershed Management Plan
6. Email from Fred Simpson being a letter from The Town of Mono Mayor to the Minister of Finance regarding the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund
7. Email from Nancy Neale, Watson & Associates regarding Proposed Changes to the Development Act - Bill 108
8. Letter from OPP regarding future communications from OPP
9. NVCA - Provincial Funding Cuts and Proposed Legislative Changes for Conservation Authorities
10. R.J. Burnside for Drainage Superintendent Services January to March 2019
11. Update from Ontario Good Roads Association regarding combining conferences with Rural Ontario Municipal Services
12. NVCA Board Meeting Highlights April 26, 2019
13. Letter from Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sports regarding Budget Changes to Library Funding
14. Email from Jeff Holmes - Annual Water Sampling Report for Redickville
15. Email from Doreen Still regarding Modernizing Conservation Authority Operations
16. MPAC 2018 Annual Report
17. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department Chief's Year End Report 2018
18. Email from Steve Clark regarding Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan
19. Environmental Registry - Excess soil regulatory proposal and amendments to Record of Site Condition (Brownfields) Regulation

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Thwaites that Correspondence Items 1-19, for information purposes, be received as information, except 1, 4, 9, 11, 13, 14, 7 for discussion. Carried.

Items 1, 4 & 13 deferred to the next meeting as Councillor Mercer has a Library Board meeting on May 21, 2019 and would like to obtain further information.

Item 9 - Councillor Mercer advised that she would like to get some more information at the NVCA meeting on May 24, 2019. Discussion ensued and Staff were directed to invite the NVCA to a future Council meeting to discuss the impacts of the Provincial cuts.

Item 11 - Staff directed to place this on the next Agenda to support a motion to have ROMA & OGRA combine their Conferences again.

Item 7 - Councillor Thwaites commented on his concerns relating to the cost and Staff resources required with regards to the downloading of soft services in connection with the Development Charges Act (Bill 108). Staff were asked what this is going to mean for Melancthon and to bring back the information to the next meeting.

Item 14 - Staff were directed to contact Mr. Holmes and advise that Council wants the water sampling to remain annually, as that is what was originally agreed upon at the time the Agreement was entered into.

*** Items for Council Action**

1. Email from Michelle Hargrave, Dufferin County - Request for nominees for Dufferin County's Appointment to the Niagara Escarpment Commission

Staff will forward Mayor White's name as Melancthon's nominee.

General Business

1. New/Other Business/Addition(s)

1. Email from Raymond Pidzamecky - Concerns regarding 10 Ashlea Lane, Bretton Estates

Discussion ensued on the email and Council directed the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CAO to set up a meeting with Gord Feniak, RJ Burnside and Associates to get the matter resolved.

2. Sylvia Jones, MPP - Delegation - Special Meeting - Wednesday, May 22, 2019 - 9:30 a.m. - Update topics, if any

Discussion ensued and topics to be added are: Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, Animal Rights Activists Trespassing on Farmer's Property and Bill 108 Changes – Conservation Authority cuts, library cuts and soft services (Development Charges Act). Staff to remove Bill 66 as it is no longer a topic of concern.

Addition

Corbetton Park - Mayor White has spoken with the Board and they are ready to go forward with a Play Structure and would like to have a similar base to what the Horning's Mills Community Park has which is pea gravel. Staff were asked to order the Play Structure from Henderson Recreation Equipment.

Third Reading of By-laws (if required)

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Hannon that By-laws 26-2019 & 27-2019 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

Notice of Motion

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 May 16, 2019 and it be given the required number of readings. Carried. By-law numbered 28-2019 and read three times.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

7:24 p.m. - Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that we adjourn Council to meet again on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK