

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 17th day of October, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor D. White, Councillor W. Hannon, Councillor M. Mercer and Councillor D. Thwaites were present. Deputy Mayor D. Besley was absent with prior notice given. 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 Hall Board is having a Halloween Supper on October 31st at the Hall.

Councillor Mercer announced that the Shelburne Public Library is doing an Afternoon Tea to kick off Ontario Public Library Week on Monday, October 21st at 2:00 p.m. with the Honourable Sylvia Jones bringing special greetings.

Mayor White advised that he is attending the ribbon cutting for the Grand Opening of the Market in the Mills (located on Main Street in Horning's Mills) on Saturday, October 19th at 2:00 p.m.

Additions

Councillor Thwaites - discussion under Public Works on Frank Cowan and Company seminar he attended earlier today.

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 Thwaites that the minutes of the Council meeting held on October 3, 2019 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

A resident apologized to Councillor Hannon for comments he made at the last meeting regarding the differences between hemp and marijuana and advised he was misinformed and his comments were inappropriate.

A question was asked as to whether or not Council should be taking another look at the proposal by Southgate (several years ago) regarding a proposed by-pass using 250 Sideroad/2nd Line SW. This question came as a result of the completion of the Township's Road Management Plan. Staff were asked to provide a memo on this matter (250 SR By-pass) for the new Council members.

Public Works

Open Fuel Tenders

Mayor White opened the tenders received (in no particular order):

Staff explained that the tender was to be submitted based on the same rack price, so the tender would be awarded based on the tendered delivery cost.

1. Bird Fuels - \$0.25/L
2. Bryan's Fuel - \$0.00/L
3. Arthurs Fuels - \$-.0120/L
4. Highland Fuels - \$.814/L (Clear Diesel) and \$.804/L (Coloured Diesel)

Craig left to review the tender documents.

When Craig returned, he recommended awarding the tender to Arthurs Fuel. Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Hannon that Council accept Tender 03-2019 dated October 16, 2019 from Arthurs Fuel for the supply of fuel effective November 1, 2019. Carried.

Other

Councillor Thwaites advised that he attended a seminar this morning hosted by Frank Cowan and Company regarding Minimum Maintenance Standards and advised of the need to develop a number of policies, conduct training in conformity with standards, etc. He will review this and make a report to Roads Sub-Committee and then to Council. It was noted that we also need a policy to declare a significant weather event.

Planning

Chris Jones was in attendance.

Applications to Permit

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

- Sarah Bone - Part of Lot 22, Concession 6 SW, Lot 17, Plan 54 - new dwelling
- Mark Downey - West Part of Lot 17, Concession 3 OS - new dwelling

He did not sign the application of Andrew Patchett of Part of Lot 217 & 218, Concession 2 NE for a patio enclosure as he required further information.

Hemp vs Marijuana Article - Councillor Hannon

Councillor Hannon spoke to the article and found it to be a simple article (with simple references) he found on google which explains the differences of hemp and marijuana.

Other

Chris provided a hand out which explained the changes to the Aggregate Resources Act and he reviewed this with Council.

Delegations

5:30 p.m. - A public meeting was held to consider five separate applications for zoning by-law amendments under Section 34 of the Planning Act for Bonnefield Farmland Ontario III Inc. Chris Jones, Township Planning Consultant was in attendance. Kristine Loft, Agent for Bonnefield was also in attendance for the Public Meeting.

The first two applications affect lands located on the 4th Line OS, located in Part Lots 17 and 18, Concession 3 O.S. – Applications B3/19 and B4/19. Consent application B3-19 merged an existing vacant residential lot and B4-19 re-created a new residential lot in an alternate location of a large agricultural parcel. The existing lot that was merged is located in the West Part of Lot 18, Concession 3 O.S. and the lot to be transposed or re-established is located in the West Part of Lot 17, Concession 3 O.S. The lot proposed to be merged is located in the Rural Residential Exception (RR-159) Zone. This zone exception allows residential use and recognizes non-compliant lot area. The proposed zoning amendment would rezone this lot to the General Agricultural Exception (A1-129) Zone. The purpose of this zone is to prohibit residential use, similar to the surrounding agricultural parcel that this parcel will be merged with. The lot to be re-created is located in the General Agricultural Exception (A1-129) Zone and is proposed to be rezoned to the Rural Residential (RR) Zone. The Clerk advised that comments were received from WSP (on behalf of the County of Dufferin), Hydro One, Enbridge Gas and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority. Chris is recommending deferral of the zoning by-law amendment pending delivery of the registered reference plans. Kristine Loft had no issue with this. No one from Council or the Public had any comments to make.

The third application affects lands located on the Mulmur-Melancthon Townline and located in Part of Lots 18 and 19, Concession 1 OS – Application B5/19. The consent facilitated a lot addition of lands to an existing vacant lot increasing the area of the lot to 0.68 ha and the frontage to 85 metres. The existing vacant lot is currently zoned General Agricultural (A1) and the required zoning amendment would zone the resultant lot to a Rural Residential Exception (RR-85) Zone. The purpose of the zone exception is to recognize the resultant lot area, which is slightly non-compliant with the minimum lot area requirement for the RR Zone. The Clerk advised that comments were received from WSP (on behalf of the County of Dufferin), Enbridge Gas, Hydro One and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority. Chris is recommending deferral of the zoning by-law amendment pending delivery of the registered reference plans. Kristine Loft had no issue with this. No one from Council or the Public had any comments to make.

The fourth and fifth applications affect lands located on County Road 124 in Part Lots 19 and 20, Concession 1 OS – Applications B6/19 and B7/19. Consent application B6-19 merged an existing vacant residential lot with a surrounding agricultural parcel and consent application B7-19 re-created a new residential lot in an alternate location of a large agricultural parcel. The existing lot to be merged is located in the West Part of Lot 20, Concession 1 O.S. and the lot to be transposed or re-established is located in the West Part of Lot 19, Concession 1 O.S. The lot to be merged is currently located in the Rural Residential (RR) Zone and is required to be rezoned to the General Agricultural (A1) Zone as a condition of consent B6-19. The lot to be re-created is currently located in the General Agricultural Exception (A1) Zone and is required to be rezoned to the Rural Residential (RR) Zone as a condition of consent B7-19. The Clerk advised that comments were received from WSP (on behalf of the County of Dufferin), Hydro One, Enbridge Gas and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority. Chris is recommending deferral of the zoning by-law amendment pending delivery of the registered reference plans. Kristine Loft had no issue

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The Public Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Climate Change Initiatives

Discussion ensued on this matter and Mayor White advised that he would like to see solar panels on both the Administration and Public Works buildings to take both buildings off the grid. Staff were directed to start putting money in the budget for this purpose. It was also mentioned that the next patrol truck should be an electric based vehicle.

Police Services Board

The Community Policing Meeting will be held November 5th from 7-9:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The Agenda has been set and notice will go out next week.

County Council Update

Mayor White advised that the County Council meeting held on October 10th is on YouTube. There was a presentation by Anna McGregor, Director of Community Services on Poverty and he encouraged all to watch the video just to see the Presentation. There was only one Committee Report and it dealt with the POA Report. There was a report from the CAO on the General Services Review. It was noted that nine companies have picked up the RFP package. There were two notices of motion. The first one for vaping and the other one dealing with transit.

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

6:25 p.m. Council reconvened.

Correspondence

***Board & Committee Minutes**

1. GRCA - September 27, 2019
2. Shelburne Public Library - June 18, 2019
3. Shelburne & District Fire Board - September 3, 2019

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Hannon that the Board and Committee Minutes Correspondence Items 1-3 be received as information. Carried.

*** Items for Information Purposes**

1. Letter from Town of Mono Mayor Laura Ryan to Honourable Doug Downey, Ministry of the Attorney General regarding Joint and Several Liability
2. Letter from Town of Mono Mayor Laura Ryan to Honourable Doug Downey, Ministry of the Attorney General regarding Provincial Funding Cuts to Legal Aid Ontario
3. Township of Clearview Notice of Public Meeting for the Official Plan Review
4. AMO Communications - Submits report to Attorney General on liability and insurance cost reforms
5. Township of Mulmur letter in support of Melancthon's Resolution regarding the increase in traffic fines
6. Town of Shelburne Notice of Public Meeting Regarding a Proposed Community Improvement Plan
7. Letter from Town of the Blue Mountains to Honourable Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Integrity Commission Matters
8. NVCA Board Meeting Highlights September 27, 2019

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Thwaites that Correspondence Items 1-8, for information purposes, be received as information except for item four for discussion. Carried.

4 - Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Hannon that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon endorse the AMO Report to the Attorney General on Liability and Insurance costs reform with a copy of this Resolution to be directed to the Attorney General and the Solicitor General. Carried.

*** Items for Council Action**

1. NVCA 2020 Draft Budget

Staff were directed to put Melancthon's levy amount from the NVCA 2020 Draft Budget in the Township's 2020 Draft Budget.

General Business

New/Other Business

Shelburne and District Fire Department - Agreement - Update

The CAO advised that she had received an email from the Shelburne's CAO that Shelburne Council has not signed the Agreement. There were concerns raised by the current Chair of the Board about the issue of board representation relating to the voting authority for each partner as Shelburne funds about 52% of the budget. Shelburne Council received the Agreement as information only and directed that the members representing the Town on the Fire Board raise the issue at the next Fire Board meeting.

Also, during this time, it was mentioned that there is an article in the Shelburne newspaper that Councillor Benotto, a Board Member and Chair of the Department wants to see the votes changed in the Shelburne Fire Board Agreement and in fact would like to see the Board dissolved. Melancthon Reps were asked by Council to raise this matter at the next Fire Board meeting on November 5th.

Heritage Committee - Interest from the Public (from the 2019 Fall/Winter Newsletter)

Staff advised that two people expressed an interest in sitting on a Heritage Committee. Council directed that the matter be placed on the Committee of the Whole Agenda for discussion. It was asked if Staff could find some information on Rural Heritage Committees for that meeting.

Draft Salvage Yard By-law - Comments received prior to Public Meeting on November 7, 2019 (if any)

No written comments were received ahead of the Public Meeting on November 7, 2019.

Other

Unfinished Business

WDGPH Letter to Municipalities re: Alcohol Policy

Deferred.

Closed Session

No Closed Session for this meeting.

Third Reading of By-laws (if required)

Not required.

Notice of Motion

None for this meeting.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Thwaites 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 October 17, 2019 and it be given the required number of readings. Carried. By-law numbered 45-2019 and given the required number of readings.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

6:44 p.m. - Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Thwaites that we adjourn Council to meet again on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK