

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 18th day of June, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. 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

None.

Deletions

None.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Besley that the agenda be approved as circulated. 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 Council meeting held on June 4, 2020 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Hannon that the minutes of the Special Joint Council Meeting of Mulmur & Melancthon held on June 3, 2020 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

Councillor Hannon raised a concern about emails being circulated by Council and suggested being extra cautious moving forward. Mayor White suggested that Council follow proper protocol on this matter regarding questions, comments and queries.

Public Question Period

No questions asked.

Public Works

Other

Deputy Mayor Besley reported that north end of 2nd Line SW has been pulverized.

County Road 21 Construction Planning - Update - Councillor Thwaites

Staff reported on the update of County Road 21 and County will be starting mid July with the gravel and should be done by Labour Day Weekend.

Planning

Chris Jones, Township Planning Consultant was in attendance.

Applications to Permit

The following application to permit has not been signed off yet by the Planner as he cannot sign off on a permit for an accessory use until the main use has been resolved.

NWN Inc./2690044 Ontario Inc., Part of Lot 272-277, Concession 2 SW - farm house changed to admin building.

Discussion then ensued regarding the hoop houses on the property.

Other

Chris reported on the proposed amendment to the Growth Plan and the consultation is until the end of July.

Also, he reported that the pause on planning deadlines has been removed as of June 22nd.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this meeting.

Police Services Board

Updates from June 16, 2020 PSB Meeting

Councillor Thwaites provided an update to Council on the PSB Meeting that was held electronically on June 16, 2020.

During this time, Councillor Mercer and Councillor Hannon asked for clarification and had some questions pertaining to the OPP Governance Memo that had been circulated to Council at the May 7th meeting, for endorsement and then subsequently sent to Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. This was as a result of correspondence being on the Agenda from the Town of Orangeville – Item No. 7. Councillor Thwaites responded to the clarification requested and the questions asked.

County Council Update

Mayor White provided an update to Council of the Agenda items for the County Council meeting held on June 11, 2020.

Delegations

5:30 p.m. - A Public Meeting had been called to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment on West Part of Lot 5, Concession 4 O.S., 156259 Highway 10, Bill Stellings, owner. The purpose of the By-law is to permit a home industry. The subject lands were the subject of a prior zoning by-law amendment in 2018, the purpose of which was to remove

a permission for a home industry (auto repair business). This prior amendment was initiated by the former owner who relocated his auto repair business to a new location in the Township. The new owner of the subject lands now wishes to reinstate the auto repair business on the subject lands. The business would be conducted within the existing building. No new buildings are proposed to accommodate the home industry. Mr. Stellings was in attendance for the Public meeting, as was Chris Jones, Township Planning Consultant. Mr. Jones reviewed his report and the draft zoning by-law amendment with Council. Staff advised that comments were received from WSP, County of Dufferin Building and By-law, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, Enbridge Gas and Upper Grand District School Board. Council did not have any questions or concerns and there were no questions or concerns from those present at the meeting.

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Mercer that leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend By-law No. 12-79, as amended, for lands located in the West Part of Lot 5, Concession 4 OS (Stellings) and it be given a first and second reading and numbered 35-2020. Carried.

5:40 p.m. A public meeting had been called to consider a proposed temporary zoning by-law amendment on the West Part of Lot 13, Concession 3 O.S., 437163 4th Line OS - Strada Aggregates. The purpose of the application is to zone a portion of the subject lands to permit the temporary storage of trailers. Grant Horan of Strada Aggregates was in attendance for the meeting, as was Chris Jones, Township Planning Consultant. Mr. Jones reminded Council about his report of May 29, 2020, which was presented and reviewed at the June 4, 2020 Council meeting. He provided a brief background of the application. Mr. Horan spoke to the nature of the temporary use. Staff advised that comments were received from WSP, County of Dufferin Building and By-law and Upper Grand District School Board. Several questions and concerns were raised by Council regarding the temporary use such as type of trailers, what is being stored in the trailers and the company storing the trailers. A question was raised from a member of the public that was in attendance about whether the pit was still being used for gravel, which the response was, that it is. The matter was deferred to the July 16, 2020 Council meeting.

Correspondence

*** Items for Information Purposes**

1. Approval of Grand River's Amended Assessment Report and Plan affecting multiple municipalities
2. Approval of Grand River's Amended Assessment Report and Plan affecting multiple municipalities - posted on Environmental Registry
3. Shelburne & District Fire Department 2019 Annual Report
4. Mapleton Resolution 2020-04-14 to request the Province review the Farm Property Tax Rate Programme, dated May 27, 2020
5. Town of Shelburne Notice of Passing of By-law - 600 Main Street East
6. Email message from OPP Commissioner Carrique - Confidence in Policing
7. Orangeville Council Resolution - Diversity Training Program
8. Media Releases from Dr Nicola Mercer - Phase 2 - Resolution from the Dufferin County Council - Section 22 order, face masking
9. Letter from Nathan William Nienhuis - Written Notice (Issuance of Standard Cultivation (Outdoor) Licence)
10. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - COVID Update regarding Planning Applications

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Thwaites Motion: that Correspondence Items 1-10, for information purposes, be received as information, except item 6 & 7. Carried.

Item 6 & 7 - Councillor Hannon made comments on those items of correspondence.

6:00 p.m. - Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Hannon that we adjourn Council to move into

Committee of Adjustment and reconvene as Council.

6:12 p.m. - Council reconvened.

General Business

New/Other Business/Additions

1. Horning's Mills Community Park - Re-opening - Councillor Hannon

Councillor Hannon has had inquiries about re-opening of the Park as people like to walk their dogs there. Discussion ensued on concerns on when we open the park and trying to keep people off the play equipment and ball diamond. Council directed the Public Works Superintendent to work with the CAO to come up with a solution to put barriers up to keep people off the ball diamond and allow them only on the green space and if they can come up with a plan, to feel free to open the Park.

2. Horning's Mills Community Hall - Virtual Community Public Meeting - Concerns - Councillor Mercer

Councillor Mercer raised several concerns regarding the virtual Community Public Meeting that was scheduled for June 29, 2020 and outlined those concerns with Council. She advised that she would be bringing a notice of motion forward at the end of the meeting for the July 16th Council meeting and if that motion passes, there may not be a need for the Community Public Meeting.

3. Mulmur-Melancthon Efficiency Review - Sierra Planning Report for the North Dufferin Recreation Centre - Discussion on Steering Committee - Mayor White (suggested at Joint Council Meeting on June 3rd)

Mayor White and Deputy Mayor Besley (who sits on the Steering Committee for the NDCC Study) spoke to this matter. Discussion ensued around having a smaller steering committee but it was felt that we needed to see the other part of the Sierra Report (Mulmur Rec Study) before we move forward with the formulation of a steering committee. The matter deferred until that comes forward. There was also a brief discussion and update during this time regarding the County Efficiency Study.

6:25 p.m. - Council took a five minute break.

6:30 p.m. - Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Hannon that we adjourn Council to move into Committee of the Whole and reconvene as Council. Carried.

7:04 p.m. - Council reconvened.

4. COVID-19 Updates

The CAO advised that the sneeze guard is going to be installed this Saturday morning.

Councillor Thwaites advised that CDRC would be meeting next week to address the issue of the pool and day camps to make a decision.

Mayor White provided an update on COVID-19 at the County, including a brief discussion on the Section 22 Order by the Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Unit regarding the wearing of masks.

5. AMO - Main Street Revitalization Funding - Completion Date for Projects is October 31, 2020 - Unspent Funds to be returned to OMAFRA

Discussion ensued on the monies and the transfers from that fund for the Horning's Mills Park and the Corbetton Park. The money has to be spent by October 31, 2020 or the funds need to be returned. Also, discussion the revitalization of Corbetton's entrance, sidewalks in Corbetton and possibly using the money on the cemeteries. Staff were directed to put this item on the next agenda and to send the funding criteria to Council, so that a decision can be made on projects.

6. By-law Enforcement - Update - Councillor Thwaites

Staff provided an update on the By-law Enforcement. The signed Agreement has been received from the Town of Orangeville and Staff are working through outstanding complaints on file to send to them.

Unfinished Business

1. Notice of Intent to Pass By-law - By-law to Authorize a Dispatch Service Agreement Between The Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg and The Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board

Staff reported that there has been another amendment to the Draft Agreement and Council did not have any concerns with the amendment. If approved, the executed Agreement will go to Tillsonburg Council on July 13, 2020.

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Besley that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize a Dispatch Service Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg and the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board and it be given a first and second reading and numbered 34-2020. Carried.

Closed Session

7:32 p.m. - Moved by Besley, Seconded by Thwaites that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason: Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees - Property Standards Complaint - Horning's Mills - Update. Carried.

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Thwaites that we rise from Closed Session without report. Carried.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Besley that By-laws 34-2020 and 35-2020 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

Notice of Motion

Moved by Mercer – That the current Horning's Mills Hall Board (of this current term of council), resume their responsibilities as soon as possible, with a newly-constituted member of council (as per Township of Melancthon protocols), further to the reopening of facilities post pandemic, and based on the exemplary work of the existing volunteer board members to not only successfully manage, but also bring the hall to profitability. Councillor Mercer will speak to the motion at the next meeting.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley 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 June 4, 2020 and it be given the required numbers of readings and numbered 36-2020. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting - Thursday, July 16, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.

Moved by White, Seconded by Besley that we adjourn Council at 7:58 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK