

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

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 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. Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent was absent with prior notice given. Mayor White presided and called the meeting to order.

### **Announcements**

None.

### **Additions**

Amendment to the Agenda - Item 16.2.2 should be referred to as the Environmental Sustainability Committee instead of Evasive Species Committee.

Councillor Thwaites would like to move Item 16.2.2 (Fire Services Discussion) to after the Closed Session section on the Agenda, as that discussion will give some context to this discussion.

### **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 September 17, 2020 Council Meeting and the minutes of the September 25, 2020 Special Council Meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

A question was asked about Council pay for Council meetings and it was advised that the Council meetings form part of the Council Salary.

Councillor Thwaites asked for an update on the Rural Net application from the Council meeting held on September 3, 2020. Mayor White updated Council on the situation and a lengthy discussion ensued which prompted the Telecommunications Protocol to be amended again. Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that Council reconsider the Telecommunications Tower Protocol and bring back to the next Council meeting. Carried. Chris Jones, Township Planner and the CAO to amend the Protocol and bring back to Council for approval.

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

None.

## **Public Question Period**

A comment was made about an article in the Dundalk Herald Newspaper about fibre optic coming to Horning's Mills and Mulmur area. Mayor White will update later in the meeting on this matter.

A question was asked about the Honeywood Arena Project and why Horning's Mills Hall was not included as part of the Study.

## **Public Works**

### **1. Accounts**

The accounts were presented in the amount of \$667,287.88. Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Mercer that Council receive the Public Works Accounts as presented. Carried.

### **2. 30<sup>th</sup> Sideroad Emergency Culvert Replacement - Quotation from RJ Burnside and Associates**

Deputy Mayor Besley, who is Chair of the Roads Sub-Committee provided an update to Council on this matter.

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Thwaites that Council accept the quotation from Moorefield Excavating in the amount of \$40,810 .00 (+/- 10% fluctuation) + HST and the engineering fees quotation from RJ Burnside and Associates in the amount of \$5,000.00 (+/-) + HST for the emergency culvert replacement of the Timber culvert structure 30<sup>th</sup> Sideroad. This purchase complies with Township Procurement By-law 5-2014, as amended, Schedule C, Subsection 5 as this is an emergency situation and the culvert needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Carried.

### **3. Recommendations from Roads Sub-Committee Meetings Sept 16 & 23**

Deputy Mayor Besley spoke to the recommendations.

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Thwaites that Motion 11, made on January 14, 2016, that "Municipality of the Township of Melancthon accept the offer of approx. 10,000 Tonnes of gravel from Longyan Power at no cost to the Township", be rescinded. Carried.

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that Council accept the quote from Coppertone Paving in the amount of \$38,000.00 + HST for the installation of paved shoulders in Corbetton on the South side of 260 Sideroad in the Spring of 2021. And further that Council suspends Schedule C, Subsection 3 of Procedural By-law 57-2014, as amended for this procurement as we have used Coppertone Paving in the past for paved shoulder work in Horning's Mills. Carried.

## **Planning**

Chris Jones, Township Planner was in attendance.

### **1. Applications to Permit**

Chris reviewed the applications as outlined on the spreadsheet in the Agenda package.

## 2. 2690044 Ontario Inc - Mini Tower for Dedicated Internet Circuit

Chris advised that he reviewed the application for the minor installation and the tower complies with one or more exemptions under the Township Protocol and therefore he has no further comment to make.

## 3. Email from Jean-Marie Barker regarding 556112 Mulmur Melancthon Townline, request to waive the Zoning By-law Amendment Application fee

Discussion ensued on this matter and Staff were directed to advise Ms. Barker that Council is not in a position to waive the fee for the Zoning By-law Amendment Application.

## **Strategic Plan**

### 1. Innovation and Growth - 3.2 - Improve access to high speed internet

During this time, Mayor White updated Council on the SWIFT announcement regarding the \$10.4 million Dufferin County Broadband Expansion Plan to deliver high speed internet to approximately 1,600 households/businesses in Dufferin County.

## **Climate Change Initiatives**

A question was asked if the charging stations (County of Dufferin initiative) were still going to go ahead and the response was yes.

## **Police Services Board**

The Section 10 Joint PSB Meeting will be held virtually on October 23, 2020 and hosted by Melancthon Township PSB.

## **Committee Reports**

The following verbal committee reports were given:

Councillor Thwaites - Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex BOM

Deputy Mayor Besley - North Dufferin Community Centre BOM

Councillor Hannon - Lake Erie Region Source Protection Implementation Working Group. After Councillor Hannon's report, Staff were directed to contact Ryan Post, Township Risk Management Officer (Source Water Protection) and see if he would be the Township's Representative on the Working Group, as there are a lot of technical issues discussed at these meetings. It was asked if he could keep us informed with reports to Council.

Councillor Mercer - Shelburne Library BOM and County Economic Development Committee

## **Correspondence**

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

1. GRCA - General Membership Meeting September 25, 2020
2. Shelburne Public Library February 18, 2020
3. Shelburne Public Library April 6, 2020
4. Shelburne Public Library April 21, 2020
5. Shelburne Public Library May 19, 2020
6. Shelburne Public Library June 16, 2020
7. Shelburne Public Library July 21, 2020
8. Economic Development Committee Meeting September 17, 2020

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Besley that Board and Committee Minutes Items 1-8 be received as information. Carried.

\* Items for Information Purposes

1. Wollaston Township Motion asking Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to review the Municipal Elections Act
2. Letter from Ministry of the Solicitor General - Enforcement and Amendments under the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020
3. Email from Nancy Neale regarding Bill 108/Bill 197 Proclamation
4. Email from Heather Gushulak regarding Highway Traffic Act Related To Off-Road Vehicles

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Mercer that Correspondence Items 1-4, for information purposes, be received as information. Carried.

\* Items for Council Action

1. Report from Denise Holmes regarding Monument Repairs At The Horning's Mills Cemetery

Moved by White, Seconded by Besley that we accept the Staff recommendation and that we do as many "reseals" as Mr. Gardecki can get done this year while the weather permits, and work on the remaining reseals and foundations next year and direct Staff to put some extra money in the budget for this purpose. Carried.

**General Business**

1. Accounts

The Treasurer presented the accounts in the amount of \$1,021,338.25. Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Thwaites that Council receive the General Accounts as presented. Carried. A question was raised about the Integrity Commissioner's invoices during this time.

2. New/Other Business/Additions

1. Council Wage Comparison

Councillor Mercer spoke to this item on the Agenda and the reasons for proposing an increase in the Council salary. Each Council member was also given the opportunity to speak to the matter. She will be bringing a motion forward at the end of the meeting during Notice of Motion.

2. Fire Services Discussion (Councillor Thwaites)

To be discussed after Closed Session, as per the amendment at the beginning of the Council meeting.

3. NVCA Deputation to Council re: 2021 Budget (Councillor Mercer)

Staff were directed to contact the NVCA and request that Representatives attend the November 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting regarding the Draft 2021 Budget.

4. Economic Development in the Township (Councillor Hannon)

Councillor Hannon spoke to this item on the Agenda. Discussion ensued about capturing economic growth in the Township and about the buildable lots available in the Township. Mayor White to ask Karisa Downey to provide some data and will set up a meeting with her.

Staff were asked to place this matter on the next Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

### **3. Unfinished Business**

#### **1. Community Meeting - Horning's Mills Community Hall - Options to be discussed at the Community Meeting (Council members to bring options to the Council meeting for discussion)**

Discussion ensued. Mayor White would like to be able to propose a few options to the public at the public meeting. The meeting will be held virtually on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Council members to bring forth options to the next meeting so they can be included on the Agenda for the meeting. The notice of the meeting will be titled: "Community Consultation with Mayor White and Members of Council regarding the future direction of the Horning's Mills Community Hall".

#### **2. Environmental Sustainability Committee**

Discussion ensued and Mayor White, Councillor Hannon and Councilor Mercer will be the members on the Committee. They will get together to come up with a Terms of Reference and decide whether this Committee will include residents from Melancthon.

#### **3. Quote for lights at the Horning's Mills Community Park**

Deferred – Mayor White has asked the Chair of the Board for a meeting.

### **Delegations**

No Delegations for this Council Meeting.

### **Closed Session**

7:05 p.m. - Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Mercer 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 - Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board - Fire Chief. Carried.

7:38 p.m. - Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that we rise from Closed Session without Report. Carried.

#### **Fire Services Discussion (Councillor Thwaites)**

Discussion ensued regarding the three fire services in the Township and the Agreements that are currently in place with each, the County of Dufferin Service Delivery Review and boundary changes between Shelburne and Mulmur-Melancthon FD. The Mayor and CAO were directed to set up a meeting with the Mayor and CAO of the Town of Shelburne regarding the Shelburne Fire Department, to see what direction they (Shelburne) see it going and regarding the new Shelburne Fire Agreement.

### **Third Reading of By-laws**

Not required.

### **Notice of Motion**

Moved by Mercer, that wages for Members of Council be increased in years 2021 and 2022

as follows:

Mayor from current \$17,425.61 increased by \$600 in 2021 to \$18,025.61 and increased by \$600 in 2022 to 18,625.61.

Deputy Mayor from current \$12,078.98 increased by \$2000 in 2021 to \$14,078.98 and increased by \$2000 in 2022 to \$16,078.98.

Councillors from current \$10,891.15 Increased by \$2000 in 2021 to \$12,891.15 and increased by \$2000 in 2022 to \$14,891.15.

IT allowance to remain at \$75.00 per month.

**Confirmation By-law**

Moved by Mercer, 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 October 1, 2020 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 50-2020. Carried.

**Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting**

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that we adjourn Council at 8:21 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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MAYOR

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CLERK