

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 17th day of September, 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

- CAO - chickens in Horning's Mills, By-law Complaint

Deletions

None.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Thwaites, 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 Mercer that the minutes of the Council meeting held on September 3, 2020 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

No questions asked.

Public Works

1. Update from the Roads Sub-Committee meeting held on September 16, 2020

Deputy Mayor Besley who is the Chair of the Roads Sub-Committee advised Council of the Agenda items from the meeting held on September 16th and advised that recommendations would be forthcoming at the Council meeting on October 1st.

2. Other

Nothing for this.

Planning

Chris Jones, Township Planner was in attendance.

1. Applications to Permit

Chris advised that there was only one application to permit for this Council meeting as outlined on the spreadsheet in the Agenda package.

2. Report from Chris Jones, Township Planner - Pre-consultation for OPA/ZBA - Parts Lots 13 and 14, Concession 4 O.S.

Chris reviewed his Report with Council. It was mentioned about a water feature on this property which Chris will look into. Concerns raised about the timing of next year's planned road project for the 4th Line OS.

3. Other

Secondary Suites - Public Meeting

This public meeting has been set for the October 15th Council meeting and the notice of public meeting will go out shortly.

Delegations

5:20 p.m. -Gord Fox and Kyle Ferris of NWN attended the meeting regarding the Site Plan Agreement between 2690044 Ontario Inc. and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon. Mr. Fox advised of his concerns about the imposition of a financial cost in the Agreement for the 2nd Line SW and explained the reasons for his concerns. He also requested that Council release the building permit for the agricultural building as soon as possible, as Health Canada regulations state that the building needs to be built or they can't proceed with the 2021 crops. Discussion ensued and each member of Council was given a chance to speak on the matter. The following motion was then introduced and passed: Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that Council issue the building permit for the farm machinery building as soon as possible to NWN. Carried.

5:45 p.m. - Heather Hill, Noble Insurance and Colin Smith, Frank Cowan and Company attended Council and presented the Insurance Program for 2020-2021. It was noted that the insurance market has taken a significant shift for increased rates as a result of Covid but their rates remain the most stable. The Township's increase, year over year is 13% (mainly due in large part to the increase to cyber insurance). Discussion ensued and there were some concerns and questions regarding the insurance program.

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

6:24 p.m. - Council reconvened and took a break until 6:30 p.m. and reconvened.

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

6:50 p.m. - Council reconvened.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this.

Police Services Board

Update from September 15, 2020 PSB meeting

Councillor Thwaites updated Council on the Agenda items from the PSB meeting on September 15, 2020. There was discussion at the meeting about the PSB meeting on October 23rd being held virtually. Discussion ensued regarding a dedicated Police Officer for Melancthon Township and the need for further discussion on this matter.

County Council Update

Mayor White provided an update on the County Council meeting held on September 10th. There was a Delegation from Heather Hayes of the Food Bank. The land acknowledgement was approved and will start next month. Council reviewed a Workforce Strategy and Toolkit for County Employees.

Correspondence

***Board & Committee Minutes**

1. GRCA Summary of the General Membership Meeting - August 28, 2020

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Besley that Item # 1 – Board and Committee Minutes correspondence be received as information. Carried.

*** Items for Information Purposes**

1. Report Darrell Keenie, Director Planning, Economic Development and Culture - Land acknowledgement Statement for Dufferin County
2. Town of Shelburne Notices of Public Meeting - Consent Applications B20/02, B20/03 and ZBA 220/01 (full planning application on file)
3. Letter from the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
4. Letter from Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regarding Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2020
5. NVCA Board Meeting Highlights August 28, 2020

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Besley that Items 1-5, for information purposes, be received as information. Carried.

*** Items for Council Action**

1. Letter from Rosario Pezzo requesting permission to hunt at the landfill

Staff were directed to write a letter to Mr. Rosario Pezzo advising that hunting is not permitted at the Township Landfill Site or on any Township owned property.

2. Resignation letter from Bert Tupling as the Melancthon Representative of the NDCC Board of Management

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that we receive, with regret, the resignation of Bert Tupling from the North Dufferin Community Centre Board of Management and thank him for his service on the Board. Carried. Staff to send a letter thanking Mr. Tupling for his service and input on the Board.

General Business

Deputy Mayor Besley declared an interest on the next matter as the Bowman's are clients of his through real estate and he sold them the farm involved. Deputy Mayor Besley did not participate in the discussion.

Notice of Intent to Pass By-laws - Being a By-law to Authorize the Execution of a Consent Agreement between Corbetton Farms Inc. and The Township of Melancthon for an underground Water Reservoir

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Mercer that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the execution of a Consent Agreement between Corbetton Farms Inc. and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon for an underground water reservoir and it be given a first and second reading and numbered 46-2020. Carried.

Notice of Intent to Pass By-laws - Being a By-law to Authorize the Execution of a Consent Agreement Between Owen B. Hoover and Ina Hoover and The Corporation of the Township of Melancthon, and to Repeal By-law 43-2020 passed on September 3, 2020

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Besley that leave be given to introduce a By-law authorize the execution of a Consent Agreement between Owen B. Hoover and Ina Hoover and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon and to repeal By-law 43-2020 and it be given a first and second reading and numbered 47-2020. Carried.

2. New/Other Business/Additions

Motion from NDCC Board of Management regarding Sierra Planning Recreation Study Report and Township of Mulmur Recreation Master Plan

The motion and recreation study were reviewed and Item 4 on the Agenda was discussed at this time regarding a Joint Meeting with Mulmur Council. Some dates were suggested and Council chose Friday, October 2nd in the morning. Staff will relay this information to Mulmur Township.

2. Councillor Mercer - Notice of Motion from September 3rd Council Meeting - Moved by M. Mercer that Council examine Council wages and IT allowance prior to the next Township budget planning cycle.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Hannon that Council examine Council wages and IT allowance prior to the next Township budget planning cycle. Councillor Mercer spoke to her motion and each member was given a chance to speak to the motion. Mayor White then called for the vote and it was carried. Staff will gather information on Council wages from the surrounding municipalities and provide at the next Council meeting.

7:47 p.m. - Council took a break and reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

3. Councillor Mercer - Notice of Motion from the September 3rd Council Meeting - Moved by M. Mercer that Council pursue solutions and best practices regarding the various environmental challenges facing our township including but not limited to: invasive species, gypsy moth, nuisance beavers, loss of bats and increase in mosquito populations ... for the health and wellness of the community.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that Council pursue solutions and best practices regarding the various environmental challenges facing our Township including but not limited to: invasive species, gypsy moth, nuisance beavers, loss of bats and increase in mosquito populations ... for the health and wellness of the community. Councillor Mercer spoke to her motion and each member of Council were given a chance to speak to it. Mayor White then called for the vote and the motion was carried. Staff were directed to put this item back on the next Agenda for discussion on the creation of an Environmental Sustainability Committee.

4. Set date for Joint Virtual Council Meeting with Mulmur Township regarding the NDCC Sierra Planning Recreation Study Report

Already dealt with earlier.

5. Other/Additions

CAO- Chickens in Horning's Mills

Staff asked Council for direction on the By-law Complaint/Order to Remedy in Horning's Mills as the date for compliance was to have been September 10th. Staff advised that they have another complaint they are dealing with regarding goats on a residential property and trespassing on a neighbouring property, so are looking for direction on how to deal with it and the chickens in Horning's Mills. Discussion ensued and Council advised Staff that as long as the chickens were contained, they could keep the chickens. Staff were asked to contact the Township Planner about the Hobby Farm Regulation.

Unfinished Business

Quote from Flags Unlimited for Street Banners and Bracket Hardware

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Hannon that Council accept the quote from Flags Unlimited for the purchase of 20 customized Street Banners and 20 HD small brackets at the quoted price of \$4,894.50 + HST. The monies for this purchase to come from the Main Street Revitalization Fund. Carried. Staff to contact Flags Unlimited for assistance in selecting banners to be installed.

Options and Quotes for Township Digital Signs from LibertevisiON

Staff provided revised quotes to Council for Options A & B, for the sign only, and the Township would be responsible for the installation. Discussion ensued and each member was given an opportunity to voice their support or concern for the digital sign.

Moved Besley, Seconded by Mercer that Council accept the quote from LibertevisiON for the purchase of an outdoor digital sign Option A, in the amount of \$35,039.00 + HST. Installation to be provided by the Township. Council suspends Schedule B Section 3 of Procedural By-law 57-2004, as amended by By-law 5-2014 for this purchase as it is a specialized good and this company has been used by other Municipalities in Dufferin County with great reviews. Carried.

Notice of Intent to Pass By-laws - By-law to enter into a Site Plan Agreement between 2690044 Ontario Inc. and Corporation of the Township of Melancthon By-law 44-2020 given a first and second reading at the Council meeting held on September 3, 2020.

Staff advised Council of an amendment to Section XI of the Agreement. Due to the concerns raised earlier by Gord Fox, the motion was re-tabled and Staff were directed to contact the Planner and Engineer for advice moving forward with this issue.

Quote for lights at the Horning's Mills Community Park Ball Diamond

This matter was deferred as Council is waiting for recommendation from the Horning's Mills Community Park Board.

Horning's Mills Community Hall Public Meeting - Monday, October 19, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued and it was decided that no facilitator would be required for the meeting. Council will develop a list of options and use that for discussion. Each member of Council was asked to bring some options to the next meeting.

Agricultural Action Plan in conjunction with County of Dufferin

Staff were asked to bring this matter forward at the November 19th meeting for further discussion, so that Council would be in a position to liaise with Dufferin Federation of Agricultural in the Spring of 2021.

Closed Session

8:38 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(s): Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunal, affecting the local board - Re: Letter concerning a Motor Vehicle Accident on 3rd Line OS. Carried.

8:46 p.m. - Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Besley that we rise with no report. Carried.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Mercer that By-laws 46-2020 and 47-2020 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

Notice of Motion

None for this meeting.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Thwaites, 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 September 17, 2020 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 48-2020. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Mercer that we adjourn Council at 8:46 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK