

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 14th day of January, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Mayor D. White, Deputy Mayor D. Besley, Councillor W. Hannon and Councillor M. Mercer were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk were also present. Mayor White presided and called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Announcements

None.

Additions

None.

Deletions

None.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Mercer 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 Besley, Seconded by Mercer that the minutes of the Council meeting held on December 10, 2020 be approved as circulated. Discussion ensued and there were amendments requested to the minutes under Public Question Period and under the Unfinished Business dealing with the Council Vacancy Report. The content of what should be reflected in the minutes was also discussed. Mayor White called for the vote. Lost.

The Clerk was directed to put the circulated draft minutes and the amended version on the February 4, 2021 Agenda and to contact the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and get an opinion on unapproved Council meeting minutes.

Business Arising from Minutes

Not applicable.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

Councillor Hannon raised a point of privilege.

Public Question Period

There were three questions included in the Agenda package.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that we receive Public Question Period Items 1, 2 & 3 as information. Carried.

Members of the gallery asked questions pertaining to the Township newsletter content and about the content of the minutes.

Public Works

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent, was in attendance.

Accounts - \$29,950.74

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Mercer that Council receive the Public Works Accounts as presented by the Public Works Superintendent. Carried.

Other

Nothing for this.

Planning

Chris Jones, Township Planning Consultant was in attendance.

Applications to Permit

The applications received were included in the Agenda package and are still in process.

Minister's Zoning Order - Verbal Update

Chris provided a verbal update on this matter. Karren Wallace, Chair of NDACT has been booked in for a Delegation at the February 18, 2021 Council meeting. No action on NDACT's correspondence at this time.

Other

Chris provided an update on the Feral Cat Rescue.

Climate Change Initiatives

1. Dufferin County Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory & Summary of Local Municipalities Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Mercer that Council receive the Dufferin County Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Summary of Local Municipalities Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Table 24 & 25 as information. Carried.

Police Services Board

The next meeting is February 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

County Council Update

No update as there is a meeting this afternoon.

Correspondence

***Board & Committee Minutes**

1. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board - February 11, 2020
2. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board - July 14, 2020
3. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board - August 18, 2020
4. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board - October 13, 2020

5. GRCA Summary of General Membership Meeting - December 18, 2020
6. Shelburne Public Library - November 17, 2020

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that the Board and Committee Minutes Correspondence Items 1-6 be received as information. Carried.

There was discussion on the MMFB minutes and the Clerk was directed to contact the Secretary of Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board about receiving the approved minutes.

* Items for Information Purposes

1. Letter from Ministry of Attorney General regarding Expanding the Use of Certified Evidence in Provincial Offences Act Courts
2. Email from Santiago Acevedo-Martinez, Case Coordinator Planner, LPAT - Withdrawal Acknowledgement Letter for Robin Tripp and Brenda Serbin
3. Dufferin County Motion regarding Aggregate Resource Properties Value
4. Dufferin County Press Release - Elects 144th Warden
5. Ontario's Vaccine Distribution Implementation Plan
6. RLB Letter to Confirm Mutual Understanding of Terms of an Engagement to Audit the Consolidated Financial Statements
7. Township of Matachewan Resolution regarding grant deadlines
8. NVCA Board Meeting Highlights December 11, 2020
9. Letter from Honourable Sylvia Jones regarding the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan
10. Letter from Graydon Smith, AMO President regarding Value of AMO Membership and MEPCO Support in 2021
11. Grey County Notice of Public Meeting - Part of Lots 225 and 226, Concession 2 SW Township of Southgate
12. Letter from Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regarding Rural Economic Development program
13. Letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Safe Restart Agreement - Melancthon is allocated \$18,000
14. Email from Karisa Downey regarding November Rural Numbers for the Economic Region
15. Memo from Anthony Di Monte, GM, Emergency and Protective Services regarding COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Update
16. Notice of Study Commencement - Town of Shelburne, Water and Wastewater Master Servicing Plan
17. Regulatory Amendments effective January 1, 2021 relating to Off-road Vehicles on Municipal Highways

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that Correspondence Items 1-17, for information purposes, be received as information. Carried.

* Items for Council Action

1. Report from Denise Holmes - 2022 Council Meeting Schedule

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that Council confirm the 2022 Council meeting dates on the "Melancthon Council Meeting Schedule - 2022". And further, that Council can always add additional Committee of the Whole, special, public and/or emergency meetings during the year as required and make amendments to the 2022 schedule as required. Carried.

2. Notification from Maintenance and Repair on Part Lots 245/246, Con 3 SW

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that we accept the notification for the maintenance and repair of the James Foley Drainage Works under Section 79 of the Drainage Act, 1990, signed by Manassa and Salinda Martin, owners of Part of Lots 245 & 246, Concession 3 SW.

We direct Tom Pridham, P.Eng., Drainage Superintendent to investigate and report back to Council on his findings and recommendations. Carried.

3. Motion from Township of Melancthon in Support of Resolution 276/20 from the Township of Howick

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that the Council of the Township of Melancthon supports Resolution 276/20 from the Township of Howick, in its entirety, requesting the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to consider lowering the interest rate on Tile Drain Loans to 4% and increasing the yearly loan limit to \$100,000.00. Further, a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP, Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario, Drainage Superintendents of Ontario and Tom Pridham, P.Eng., Melancthon Township Drainage Engineer. Carried.

4. Motion from Township of Melancthon in Support of Resolution 288-20 from the Township of Howick

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that the Council of the Township of Melancthon supports Resolution 288-20 from the Township of Howick, in its entirety, requesting the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, amend the Agricultural Tile Drainage Installation Act, and or the regulations under the Act, that would require tile drainage contractors to file farm tile drainage installation plans with the local municipality. Further, a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Dufferin Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario, Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario, Drainage Superintendents of Ontario and Tom Pridham, P.Eng., Melancthon Township Drainage Engineer. Carried.

5. EH!tel Rapid Response Stream application - requesting Melancthon Council Support

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that the Mayor and Clerk be directed to send a letter of support to Eh!Tel for the Rapid Response Stream Project. Carried.

General Business

Accounts - \$17,078.32

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Mercer that Council receive the accounts as presented by the Treasurer. Carried.

Notice of Intent to Pass By-laws

By-law to Authorize the Borrowing of \$3,021,035.74 to meet until taxes are collected, the current expenditures of the Corporation for the year 2021

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the borrowing of monies, to meet until taxes are collected, the current expenditures of the Corporation for the year 2021 and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 1-2021. Carried.

By-law to Provide for the Levy and Collection of Rates or Levies Required for The Township of Melancthon for The Interim Levy for the Year 2021 and to Provide for the Mailing of Notices Demanding Payment of Taxes for The Interim Levy for the Year 2021

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that leave be given to introduce a By-law to provide for the levy and collection of rates or levies required by the Township of Melancthon for the Interim levy for the Year 2021 and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 2-2021. Carried.

By-law to Authorize the Execution of a Consent Agreement Between Owen B. Hoover and Ina Hoover and the Township of Melancthon and to repeal By-law 47-2020

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the execution of a Consent Agreement between Owen B. Hoover and Ina Hoover and the Township of Melancthon and to repeal By-law 47-2020 and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 3-2021. Carried.

New/Other Business/Addition(s)

Email from Sonya Pritchard, CAO, County of Dufferin - County of Dufferin and Member Municipalities Service Delivery Review Part A - Final Recommendations

Discussion ensued. Moved by Besley, Seconded by White that we receive the County of Dufferin and Member Municipalities Service Delivery Review Part A Final Report. Mayor White called for the vote. Lost. The Clerk was directed to put this matter back on the Agenda for February 4, 2021.

Motion from Township of Melancthon Schedule A to By-law No. 4-2020

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that Schedule A to By-law 4-2020, Tariff of Fees By-law be amended to add a fee of \$250.00 for Business Licenses Renewal. Carried.

Township of Melancthon - Environmental Sustainability Committee Motion for Council to Approve Terms of Reference

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Hannon that we approve the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Sustainability Committee as presented. Carried.

Draft Township Spring/Summer 2021 Newsletter

Staff were directed to add information to the newsletter regarding the Council Vacancy. The draft newsletter to be sent out to Council before it is sent out with the tax bills.

Unfinished Business

Council Vacancy Options

Moved by Besley, Seconded by White that Council receives the Report of the CAO/Clerk regarding Council Vacancy Procedure dated November 13, 2020 as presented; And further that Council shall fill the vacant seat on Council by selecting Option No. 1, subject to a further Report prepared by the Mayor and CAO (with input from Council) setting out the exact procedure to be submitted at the February 4, 2021 Council meeting. Carried.

Tabled Motion from November 5, 2020 - Townships of Mulmur and Melancthon North Dufferin Community Centre Efficiency Review - Final Draft Report - October 2020

Deferred to February 18, 2021

NDCC Motion from the November 10, 2020 Meeting - Recommendation that the Townships reach a consensus on moving forward

Deferred to February 18, 2021

Joint Mulmur and Melancthon Council Meeting - Doodle Poll currently underway regarding the County of Dufferin Service Delivery Review recommendations (Fire/Recreation)

The meeting to be held Wednesday, February 17, 2021 in the afternoon.

Creation of a motion from Melancthon Council regarding Fire Services Operations (once SDR recommendations received).

Deferred.

Horning's Mills Community Hall - Draft By-law for consideration and discussion (The current By-law 16-2013, needs to be amended to change the composition of the Board for the Hall)

Discussion ensued and the Clerk was directed to bring the By-law back to the next meeting, with the provision in the By-law for the appointment of the Board to be an annual appointment.

Zoning Provisions for Accessory Dwelling Units

Deferred to February 4, 2021 meeting

Delegations

9:45 a.m - Tom Pridham, P. Eng. Drainage Engineer and Sid Vander Veen, RJ Burnside and Associates attended Council regarding beaver removal in municipal drains in the Township. A budget line item will be set up in the 2021 Operating Budget to deal with this matter.

10:00 a.m - Dave Milliner, Township of Southgate CAO and Derek Malynyk, Township of Southgate Fire Chief attended Council to discuss Agreement between Township of Melancthon and Township of Southgate for Fire Protection Services.

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Mercer that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the Execution of an Agreement between the Township of Melancthon and the Township of Southgate for Fire Protection Services and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 4-2021. Carried.

10:45 a.m - A Public meeting had been called to deal with a Zoning By-law Amendment regarding Parts 1,2 and 3 Plan 7R-6435 and Parts 1,2 and 3 Plan 7R-6577 located in Part Lot 8, Concession 9 SW to recognize two parcels of lands with non-compliant lot frontages and lot area. Everett Lusk, Agent for the landowners was in attendance. Chris Jones, Township Planning Consultant reviewed the zoning by-law amendment with Council. There were no concerns from Council or the Public. Comments were received from GRCA and the County of Dufferin.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend Zoning By-law 12-1979 as amended for lands described legally as Parts 1, 2 and 3, Plan 7R-6435 and Parts 1, 2 and 3, Plan 7R-6577 and located in Part of Lot 8, Concession 9 SW and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 5-2021. Carried.

Committee of Adjustment and Committee of the Whole

During the meeting, we adjourned Council to convene into other Committee meetings:

11:19 a.m. - Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that we adjourn Council to go into Committee of Adjustment and reconvene as Council. Carried. Council reconvened at 11:24

a.m. and carried on with the Council business.

11:49 a.m. - Moved by Besley, Seconded by Mercer that we adjourn Council to go into Committee of the Whole and reconvene as Council. Carried. Council reconvened 12:19 a.m. and carried on with the Council business.

Closed Session

Not required.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Mercer that By-laws 1-2021, 2-2021, 3-2021, 4-2021 and 5-2021 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.

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 January 14, 2021 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 6-2021. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

12:37 p.m. - Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that we adjourn Council to meet again on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK