

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 20th day of May, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor Dave Besley, Councillor Wayne Hannon and Councillor Margaret Mercer were present. Councillor James McLean 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

None.

Additions

Deputy Mayor Besley – Pride Month - Flying Flag

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Hannon that the Agenda be approved as amended.

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 by giving the general nature thereof and that declarations must be submitted to the Clerk in writing.

Minutes

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that the minutes of the Council meeting held on May 6, 2021 be approved as circulated. Carried. A discussion was had about consistency in the minutes regarding Council members requesting items for the Agenda.

Business Arising from Minutes

The Memo in the Agenda package will be dealt with under Items for Council Action # 2 – Proclamation for Melancthon Sustainability Day.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

A question was asked about the Gubco Zoning By-law Amendment Public Meeting.

Public Works

Updates from the PW Superintendent

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent was in attendance and provided an update to Council regarding the upcoming road projects, gravel and the bridge in Riverview.

Other

Nothing for this.

Planning

Chris Jones, Township Planning Consultant was in attendance for the meeting.

Applications to Permit

Questions were asked about the failed permits on the spreadsheet in the Agenda Package and Chris advised that he required a better site plan before he could approve the applications.

Other

Chris advised of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Virtual Engagement Sessions for Ontario's Proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline. Staff will circulate this information to Council.

Unfinished Business

Assessment of Candidate Agricultural Lands – Growth Plan

Chris spoke to this matter and is looking for direction from Council. Staff will circulate the map to Council and will put this item on the next Agenda for a decision.

Lot 95, Plan 23A

The Clerk advised that the Title Searchers were unable to find any information pertaining to Lot 95, Plan 23A. When the Stay-at-Home Order ends and the Museum of Dufferin opens back up, Staff will have to search the archives to see if they can come up with some information.

Unnamed Lane - Corbetton

Staff advised that the County GIS mapping has been corrected and that the position of the unnamed lane no longer goes through Lot 90 on its mapping. Staff were directed to leave this item off future agendas, temporarily, until new information surfaces.

Climate Change Initiatives

Melancthon: Climate Action Implementation Strategy

This item was referred to the Environmental Sustainability Committee for further discussion and response and recommendation back to Council.

Police Services Board

There has been no meeting. There was discussion about enhancements to the Township's OPP Contract for speeding enforcement.

County Council Update

Mayor White provided an update on the Agenda items from the meeting held on May 13, 2021.

Correspondence

Board & Committee Minutes

1. NVCA April 2021 Board Meeting Highlights
2. CDRC Board of Management March 24, 2021

3. Horning's Mills Community Hall Board April 27, 2021

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that the Board and Committee Minutes items 1-3 be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Ontario Land Tribunals Local Planning Appeal Tribunal – Lyon v. Melancthon (Township)
2. Ontario Land Tribunals Local Planning Appeal Tribunal – 2577791 Ontario Inc. v. Melancthon (Township)
3. Notice of Statutory Special Meeting of Council County of Simcoe Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR)
4. Resolution of Grand Valley Council
5. CDRC – 2021 Forecast Update
6. Township of Clearview Notice of Public Meeting for Vending By-law and Amendment to Zoning By-law
7. Thank You Email from Darlene Lamberti – Executive Director, Centre Grey Health Services Foundation
8. Grey Highlands Notice of Passing – Municipality of Grey Highlands Accessory Apartments
9. Town of Shelburne ZBA Circulation – 242 Main Street East

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Mercer that Correspondence items 1-9, for information purposes, be received as information except 1 & 2. Carried.

Councillor Hannon spoke to Item No. 1 and Councillor Mercer spoke to Item No. 2

Items for Council Action

1. Report from Mathew Waterfield, Fire Chief Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department regarding Open Air Burn By-law

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that Council accept the recommendation from Chief Waterfield, Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department that no changes be made to the Township's current Open Air Burn By-law (By-law 10-2007) at this time. Mayor White asked if there were any concerns and questions on the motion. There was a concern raised that this should have gone back to the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board but it was advised that Staff (CAOs of Mulmur and Melancthon and the Fire Chief) were tasked with the job of looking at both of the Township's Fire By-laws and providing a recommendation. There was no further discussion and the motion was carried.

2. Proclamation – Melancthon Sustainability Day June 5, 2021

Mayor White Proclamation: I, Mayor Darren White, do hereby proclaim June 5, 2021 Melancthon Sustainability Day in tandem with World Environment Day.

Discussion ensued about the various virtual events planned for the day and all in attendance were encouraged to take a few minutes out of their day to attend.

General Business

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

By-law to Authorize the Use of Alternative Voting Methods For the 2022 Election

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the use of alternative voting methods (Telephone and Internet) for the 2022

School Board and Municipal Election and it be hereby read a first and second time and Numbered 30-2021. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

RJ Burnside Report for Building Condition Assessment Horning's Mills Community Hall

Council reviewed the Report and discussed the projects that should be completed this year. Discussion ensued about establishing a Horning's Mills Hall Capital Reserve Fund for the future capital expenditures. This Report to be brought forward each year for budget deliberations.

Horning's Mills Community Hall – Discussion on operating costs and confirmation that the Township is paying same going forward

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that the Township of Melancthon fund the operating expenses for the Horning's Mills Community Hall in perpetuity, and Township Staff be directed to determine the appropriate method of accounting for payment of the operating expenses. Carried.

Other/Additions

Pride Month – Deputy Mayor Besley

Discussion ensued regarding Pride Month and flying the Pride Flag. It was advised that we haven't received a request, as per the Township's Flag Raising Policy. Further discussion ensued and Staff were asked to put the Township's Flag Raising Policy on the next Agenda for review and possible amendment, as well as to bring forward a Proclamation for Pride Month.

Unfinished Business

Canada Healthy Communities Initiative – Funding for Projects to support Canadians through COVID

Discussion ensued on the projects for the funding and Staff will bring back the criteria for the grant program to the next meeting.

Draft Emergency Response Plan – County of Dufferin

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Mercer that Council receive the Draft Emergency Response Plan 2021 as they have no comments to make on it. Carried.

Markdale Hospital Funding for new hospital

Staff will diarize this item to January 2022 for consideration during the Township's Budget deliberations.

OPP Detachment Boards under the Community Safety and Policing Act – deadline June 7, 2021

There was no new information brought forward on this matter.

Creation of a motion from Melancthon Council regarding Fire Services Operation

Staff were directed to remove this item from future agendas until a recommendation comes forward from the Fire Sub-Committee.

Delegations/Public Meetings

The following Delegations/Public Meetings took place during the Council Meeting:

5:20 p.m. – A public meeting had been called regarding a Zoning By-law Amendment on East Part Lot 11, Concession 4 OS to modify the Open Space Conservation (OS2) Zone (Gubco). Andrea Gubco was in attendance for the Public Meeting. Chris Jones, Township Planning Consultant was also in attendance and reviewed the Zoning By-law Amendment with Council. There were no comments or concerns from Members of the Public or Members of Council. There were written comments received from Enbridge Gas.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Hannon that leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend By-law 12-1979 as amended for lands located in the East Part of Lot 11, Concession 4 OS and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 28-2021. Carried.

5:30 p.m. – A public meeting had been called regarding a Zoning By-law Amendments on West Part Lot 9, Concession 2 OS to zone the lands to permit an Accessory dwelling unit (Carvalho & Kattler). Chris Jones, Township Planning Consultant was in attendance for the Public Meeting and reviewed the Zoning By-law amendment with Council. There were no comments or concerns from Members of the Public or Members of Council. There were written comments received from WSP and Enbridge Gas.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend By-law 12-1979 as amended for lands located in the West Half of Lot 9, Concession 2 OS and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 29-2021. Carried.

5:45 p.m. – Brandon Williamson, Land Management Technician, Thames River Conservation Authority attended the Council meeting (on an invitation from Council) and spoke about Environmentally Significant Areas Management and Beaver Management. The PowerPoint Presentation was included in the Agenda package.

Also, during the meeting, at 6:11 p.m. it was Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that we adjourn Council to move into Committee of Adjustment and reconvene as Council. Carried. Council reconvened at 6:18 p.m.

Closed Session

7:36 p.m. – Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Hannon that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reasons: personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; Direction regarding a By-law Enforcement Complaint and Update on Administration and Public Works Staffing and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before an administrative tribunal, affecting the local board – Discussion on retaining Legal Counsel for the CMC – 2577791 Ontario Inc. Carried.

8:05 p.m. – Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Mercer that we rise from Closed Session with Report. Carried. The report being the directives given to Staff in Closed Session.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that By-laws 28-2021, 29-2021 and 30-2021 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 for this meeting.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon 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 May 20, 2021 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 31-2021. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that we adjourn Council at 8:06 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK