

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 12th day of August, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor Dave Besley, Councillor Wayne Hannon, Councillor Margaret Mercer and Councillor James McLean were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk were also present. Mayor White presided and called the meeting to order.

Announcements

Mayor White announced that a Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic is being held at the Honeywood Arena today from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Additions

Councillor Mercer – Corbetton Park

Councillor Hannon – Horning’s Mills Community Hall

Councillor McLean – Update on Black Cat and Social Media Policy

Denise Holmes, CAO – Email from David Thwaites regarding the Notice of Motion by Councillor Mercer

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Besley, Seconded by McLean that Council approve the Agenda 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 by giving the general nature thereof and that declarations must be submitted to the Clerk in writing.

Minutes

Moved by Besley, Seconded by McLean that Council approve the minutes of the July 15, 2021 Council meeting as amended. Carried.

Wording to be added to the Corbetton Park Discussion about the Park Board not functioning and meeting.

Business Arising from Minutes

Councillor Mercer provided information to Staff for samples of Diversity policies – Sheridan College, Bell Canada and the Toronto Community Housing Authority

Councillor Hannon asked for clarification on the Holding Zones in Corbetton on the lots on Poulton Place. Chris Jones, Township Planning Consultant provided the clarification. This matter had been referred back to the Roads Sub-Committee at the July 15th Council meeting.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

No questions asked.

Public Works

Accounts

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent, presented the accounts in the amount of \$563,102.95.

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

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Planning

Chris Jones, Township Planning Consultant was in attendance.

Applications to Permit

There were three applications on the spreadsheet circulated in the package. There were no questions or concerns.

Letter from Harvey Lyon regarding Farm Business By-law

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Mercer that we receive the letter from Harvey Lyon as information and forward it to Committee of the Whole for subsequent discussions on the On Farm Business By-law. Carried.

Staff advised that Mr. Lyon was booked in as a Delegation for the September 2nd meeting to speak about the On Farm Business By-law and that they would put the letter back on the Agenda for reference.

Other

Chris Jones advised that the Case Management Conference was held today regarding the 2577791 Ontario Inc.'s Official Plan Amendment Application regarding the six lots on the Third Line, and the settlement was accepted by the Ontario Land Tribunal. The OLT issued a verbal order of adoption, and the Township should expect something in writing from them in the next couple weeks. The OPA will now have to go to the County for approval of the Official Plan Amendment.

Strategic Plan

Nothing for this matter.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this matter.

Police Services Board

The correspondence from the Town of Grand Valley regarding a request for consideration of OPP Detachment Boards, the motion from the Township of Mulmur and Town of Shelburne regarding same, were reviewed and discussed.

Moved by McLean, Seconded by White that Council supports on Rural Detachment Board and two Urban Detachment Boards (Orangeville and Shelburne). This composition to be re-evaluated at the end of the transitional contracts. Carried.

Committee Reports

Councillor Mercer – Heritage Sub-Committee – August 4, 2021

Councillors McLean/Hannon – Horning’s Mills Community Hall – August 10, 2021

There was discussion during this time about re-opening the Hall, as the Hall Board would like to have a Harvest Dinner fundraiser in September. It was directed by Council that Representatives of the Board reach out to the Health Unit for re-opening guidelines.

Mayor White – Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board

Correspondence

Board and Committee Minutes

1. Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board – May 18, 2021

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Hannon that Council receive the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board minutes of May 18, 2021 as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Township of Amaranth letter of support for County of Dufferin Resolution regarding Residential Schools
2. Notice of Passing for the Town of Shelburne – 600 Main Street East
3. Toronto Decisions City Council – Building the Early Learning and Child Care System Toronto Needs
4. Toronto Report – General Government and Licensing Committee
5. Township of Huron-Kinloss supports the Town of Cochrane Motion to Include the PSA test for Men into the Medical Care
6. Township of Huron-Kinloss supports the City of Mississauga in their call upon the Government of Canada to Terminate its Appeal of the 2019 Human Rights Tribunal Ruling
7. Township of Huron-Kinloss supports Chatham Kent and the City of Kitchener Motion Anti-Hate Crimes
8. Township of Clearview Notice of Public Meeting related to Cannabis Within the Whole of the Township

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Mercer that Correspondence Items 1-8, for information purposes, be received as information except Item No. 5 for further discussion. Carried.

Councillor Hannon spoke to Item No. 5. It was then Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Mercer that Council supports Motion No. 572 from the Township of Huron-Kinloss supporting the Town of Cochrane and the Town of Plympton-Wyoming in their request for Federal and Provincial Governments to have the prostate blood test (PSA Test) be included in the national health care system. Carried.

Action

1. James Webster – Horning’s Mills Hall Board Resignation Letter

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Besley that Council accept the resignation of James Webster from the Horning’s Mills Community Hall Board, with regret. We further direct Staff to fill this vacancy by approaching a previous applicant about the position. Carried.

Discussion ensued on the matter and Staff will send an email to Mr. Webster thanking him for his service to the Board and advising that should he wish to discuss his resignation further, to contact the CAO.

2. Joint Recreation Subcommittee Recommendation from July 9, 2021 meeting

Moved by Besley, Seconded by McLean that Council receives the Joint Recreation Subcommittee Recommendation (Letter from KPMG) as information. Carried.

3. County of Dufferin and Member Municipalities – Emergency Response Plan – Final Draft

There were no further comments from Council on the final draft.

4. Report from Denise Holmes to Return Deposit to Benjamin and Mary Ann Frey

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Mercer that the security deposit of \$5,000.00 be returned to Benjamin and Mary Ann Frey, as the existing house on Lot 35, Concession 3 NE – 199125 2nd Line NE has been demolished. Carried.

5. Town of Shelburne Motion regarding the Report from Denyse Morrissey, CAO, Town of Shelburne – Town of Shelburne Service Delivery Review Report.

6. Email from Denyse Morrissey, CAO – Town of Shelburne requesting First Meeting Dates with each Municipality Regarding Smaller Working Group for Service Delivery Review

Discussion ensued on Items 5 & 6. Staff were directed to contact Ms. Morrissey to request some dates for the first/second week of September and request that there be a Special Council meeting to accommodate this meeting, as all of Council will be attending.

General Business

Accounts

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer, presented the accounts in the amount of \$95,021.23.

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

Notice of Intent to Pass By-laws

By-law to Provide the Actual Assessment on Part of the No. 48 Drainage Works

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that leave be given to introduce a By-law to provide for the Actual Assessment on Part of the No. 48 Drainage Works "A" Drain and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 47-2021. Carried.

By-law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement between her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Infrastructure and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon (ICIP Funding)

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by McLean that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Infrastructure and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 48-2021. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

Motion to Pave the 4th Line NE and the 5th Line by September 1, 2022 – Councillor Mercer

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Hannon that 4th Line NE and 5th Line be paved with asphalt by September 1, 2022 using monies from the working capital reserve fund and/or available grant monies.

Councillor Mercer spoke to her motion and provided information she had researched on the differences in maintenance costs for gravel vs. asphalt roads. Discussion then ensued on the motion and each Member of Council was given an opportunity to speak on it.

The motion was then tabled and was referred to the Roads Sub-Committee so that the Sub-Committee could get information on the current road counters and to get costs to reconstruct the road. The mover and seconder both agreed to table the motion to a future date, once the Roads Sub-Committee has had a chance to discuss it.

Motion to Adopt the Land Acknowledgement be Delivered at the Beginning of every Township Council – Councillor Besley and Councillor McLean

Moved by Besley, Seconded by McLean that Whereas, Land Acknowledgement Statements are a first step, and a means of bringing awareness to the pain, impact and legacies of colonialism and subjugation of Indigenous peoples. Be it resolved that the Township of Melancthon amend as appropriate, and adopt the Land Acknowledgement Statement presently used by the County of Dufferin. And further, that the adopted Land Acknowledgement be delivered at the beginning of every Township Council and Committee Meeting.

Deputy Mayor Besley spoke to the motion. Discussion ensued and each Member of Council was given an opportunity to speak to the motion. A friendly amendment was made to the end of the motion and Deputy Mayor Besley and Councillor McLean agreed to it. The motion to now read:

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Mayor White – Verbal update on Proposed Strada Quarry – 4th Line OS

Mayor White provided a verbal update on the proposed Strada Quarry which will be located on the 4th Line OS. The site for the proposed quarry will be part of the existing gravel pit and will total 360 acres. Staff were directed to send out the package of information received from Strada to Council. Karren Wallace of NDACT was in attendance and spoke to this matter.

Additions

Councillor Mercer – Corbetton Park

Councillor Mercer inquired as to why there was a "Use at Your Own Risk" sign installed at the Park. It was advised that it was put there by Staff because of Covid, as someone

can't be there constantly cleaning the play equipment. There are "Use at Your Own Risk" signs posted at the Horning's Mills Park. Also during this time, discussion ensued regarding the Board of Management and Staff were directed to put this matter on the next Agenda for discussion regarding dissolution of the Board and Council will take over the management and operations for the Park.

Councillor McLean – Updates on Black Cat and Social Media Policy

Staff advised that both items will be on the September 2nd Council meeting Agenda.

Email from David Thwaites regarding Notice of Motion by Councillor Mercer added by the CAO

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Hannon that the correspondence of David Thwaites regarding the roads motion – August 12, 2021 be received as information. Carried.

Deputy Mayor Besley, who is Chair of the Roads Sub-Committee, requested that the correspondence be placed on the next Roads Sub-Committee Agenda for consideration.

Delegations/Public Meetings

The following Public Meetings took place during the Council meeting:

5:20 p.m. – A public meeting had been called to consider a proposed zoning by-law amendment for lands located in Part of Lot 37, Concession 3 NE – 803027 220 Sideroad (John and Christine Fraser-Lee) The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to recognize a deficient lot area. The subject lands were recently the subject of a consent approval for a lot addition – File No. B1/21. The subject lands will be zoned to a Rural Residential Exception Zone (RR-173) to recognize the deficient lot area of the resultant lot which is 0.4 hectares. Christine Fraser-Lee applicant was in attendance for the public meeting. Chris Jones spoke to the Zoning By-law Amendment. The Township received written comments from the County of Dufferin Building Department and WSP. There were no comments or concerns from Council or those in attendance at the Council meeting.

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Mercer that leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend By-law No. 12-1979, as amended, for lands described legally as Part 1, Plan 7R-3423 and Part 1, Plan 7R-6704 located in Part of Lot 37, Concession 3 NE and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 46-2021. Carried.

5:30 p.m. – A public meeting had been called to consider a proposed temporary zoning by-law amendment for Lots 1 and 2, Plan 332 located in Part of Lot 21, Concession 7 SW – 077572 7th Line SW (Sharon Morden/Feral Cat Facility). The subject lands will be zoned to permit the establishment of a feral cat rescue facility as a temporary use. Sharon Morden, applicant was in attendance for the public meeting. Chris Jones spoke to the Temporary Zoning By-law Amendment, as did Ms. Morden. The Township received written comments from Dufferin County Building Department and WSP. Two persons in attendance for the public meeting spoke in support of the facility. Those persons were Allison Whitten and Rhonda Turnbull-Strong. There were no concerns from Council or from those in attendance at the Council meeting. Chris Jones advised that this matter will be brought back to a subsequent Council meeting for a decision.

Council adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m. to go into Committee of Adjustment and reconvene as Council – Moved by Mercer and Seconded by Hannon. Council reconvened at 6:08 p.m.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Mclean that By-laws 46-2021, 47-2021 and 48-2021 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 Mercer, Seconded by McLean 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 August 12, 2021 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 49-2021. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that we adjourn Council at 7:30 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK