

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a special electronic meeting on the 15th day of September, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to have a discussion with Town of Shelburne Representatives regarding recreation and fire services. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor Dave Besley, Councillor Wayne Hannon Councillor Margaret Mercer and Councillor James McLean were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, Mayor Wade Mills, Councillor Shane Hall and Denyse Morrissey, CAO all from the Town of Shelburne were also present. Mayor White presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that we approve the Agenda as circulated.
Carried.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

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.

General Business

Review and Discussion regarding the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex and Fire Services with Representatives of the Town of Shelburne

The Delegation was separated into the two components and Recreation was dealt with first.

Council was advised that the Town is looking at various models on how to deliver service, as the Town is growing and there are significant pressures and demands to deliver enhanced services. The Town is going to be completing a Parks and Master Plan and will be looking at all Parks and Rec opportunities. There is only one indoor and that is the CDRC. The proposal would be that Shelburne would directly deliver the service in-house. The benefits were explained of doing this such as streamlined ability to manage the facility and real opportunities for financial efficiencies, and other recreation opportunities such as arts and culture. It was noted that there is the possibility of a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee with a member from each municipality sitting on the Committee. Further discussion ensued and Council was given the opportunity to ask questions and advise of concerns.

The next component discussed was the Shelburne and District Fire Department – Fire Services. Council were advised of the challenges with the current Board Structure level with regards to Human Resources, liability and training. This structure is unique across the Province. The proposal would be that the Town of Shelburne would directly deliver the service and the Chief would become an employee of the Town of Shelburne and therefore a lot of the decisions would be handled by the Chief. It was noted that the Fire Chief could provide quarterly reports to Council as there would not be an opportunity for a Fire Advisory Committee. Discussion ensued on the administration side of things, fire by-laws and contracts for fire services. Further discussion ensued and Council was given the opportunity to ask questions and advise of concerns.

Mayor White thanked Mayor Mills, Councillor Hall and CAO Morrissey for the presentation and advised that a more formal discussion would take place at our Council meeting. Mayor Mills noted that this is the first of a number of consultations on the matter and they will be in touch when the time is right for another meeting.

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 September 15, 2021 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 55-2021. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Besley that we adjourn this Special Meeting of Council at 7:07 p.m. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK