

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 21st day of October, 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.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor White shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Announcements

None.

Additions

Councillor Hannon – Proposed Strada Quarry

Councillor Mercer – Building permits during COVID-19

Deletions

Councillor Mercer – Item 10.3.2 and 10.3.3 – these are being dealt with by the Road Safety Taskforce and to be left off future agendas.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Besley, Seconded by McLean that Council approve the Agenda 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 Mercer that Council approve the minutes of the October 7, 2021 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

A resident asked that during the Committee of the Whole meeting, the criteria for an on-farm diversified use (referring to the use being secondary to the principle agriculture use of the property) be reviewed and inquiring how the Township is going to measure this.

A resident asked that with regards to the Roads Sub-Committee recommendation regarding the motion from Council regarding the 4th Line NE and 5th Line OS paving, that there be a recorded vote on the motion.

Public Works

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent was in attendance.

Email from Bill Neilson regarding Roads Sub Committee Recommendation

Discussion ensued and Mr. Neilson was thanked for his letter which was accepted as information.

Report from Kaitlin Chessell, Secretary Roads Sub-Committee regarding Recommendations from Roads Sub-Committee October 12, 2021 meeting

Deputy Mayor Besley spoke to the recommendations contained in the Report.

Recommendation 8.9 – Road Occupancy Permit - Moved by McLean, Seconded by Besley that Council accept the recommendation from the Roads Sub-Committee and that we adopt the road occupancy permit as presented. Carried.

Recommendation 7.13.2 – General Business; Unfinished Business; Motion referred from Council regarding 4th Line NE & 5th Line OS paving

Discussion ensued and each Member of Council was given an opportunity to speak to the recommendation. Discussion ensued and questions asked regarding the Township's reserves and reserve funds. The Treasurer was asked to provide a Report for the next meeting outlining all of the Township's reserves. The matter was deferred to the November 4th Council meeting.

Unfinished Business

Trees on Road Allowances (Councillor Mercer)

Discussion ensued and this matter was referred to the Environmental Sustainability Committee to discuss the idea of making the removal of trees into a community friendly venture. A further recommendation, if any, will then be referred to the Roads Sub-Committee.

Quotes for Survey for Unnamed Lane in Horning's Mills

Deferred. Township Staff have only received one quote and are waiting for one more.

Other

Craig advised Council of the recent retirement of a Public Works Employee and that the Township would be putting an employment ad out for a full-time employee, as well as one seasonal employee.

Planning

Applications to Permit

There were no questions or concerns with the applications on the spreadsheet in the Agenda package.

Email from Robyn Kurtes, Director, Environmental Policy Branch MOE regarding Decision on the Proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline

Chris Jones provided a brief update to Council on this.

Email from Brenda Serbin regarding Deficiency Letter for the Events Centre TZBA 54-2019 (Councillor Mercer)

Discussion ensued on the correspondence and Staff were directed to contact Ms. Serbin and make an appointment for her to meet with the Planner.

Other - Councillor Hannon – Addition to Agenda – Proposed Strada Quarry

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Strada Quarry and the planning process. There was also discussion regarding a report prepared by NVCA during the time of the Highland Companies Quarry. Staff directed to see if we have this Report on file.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this matter.

Police Services Board

Nothing for this matter.

County Council Update

Mayor White reported that the County of Dufferin passed a Vaccine Policy at the last meeting and advised of the details in the Policy.

Correspondence

Board & Committee Minutes

1. Heritage Advisory Committee – May 19, 2021
2. Heritage Advisory Committee – June 16, 2021
3. Shelburne & District Fire Board – September 7, 2021

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

Items for Information Purposes

1. Town of Grand Valley Notice of Public Meeting
2. LPAT Correction Notice for Lyon v. Melancthon (Township)
3. Municipality of Grey Highlands Notice of Public Meeting
4. Email from Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding Regulatory Proposals Under the Conservation Authorities Act
5. Email from Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry Included in the Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021 regarding Changes to CFSA, PFA and PLA
6. Email from Annamaria Cross, Director Environmental Assessment Modernization Branch regarding Minor Amendment being Proposed to the Environmental Assessment Act
7. Township of Adelaide Metcalfe Resolution supporting Township of Scugog Resolution for Federal and Provincial Funding of Rural Infrastructure Projects
8. Township of Clearview Extension of Interim Control By-law Notice of Passing
9. Response from City of London to the Township of Melancthon Resolution for Additional Funding for COVID-19

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Mercer that Correspondence items 1-9, for information purposes, be received as information with the exception of Item 2. Carried.

Item 2 – Councillor Hannon requested that the correspondence be sent to County Councillors, as well as the Dufferin Federation of Agriculture to make them of aware of it and the rest of Council concurred.

General Business

Notice of Intent to Pass By-laws:

By-law to Provide for Maintenance and Repair to the Curphy Municipal Drain

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that leave be given to introduce a By-law to provide for the maintenance and repair to the Curphy Municipal Drain and for the

borrowing on the credit of the municipality the amount required for such work and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 63-2021. Carried.

By-law to Authorize an Amended Agreement to the Mutual Access Easement Between Sidhu, Botros and Khalil and the Township of Melancthon

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Besley that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the execution of an Amending Agreement to the Mutual Access Easement Agreement between Harinder Sidhu, Atef Adly Botros and Mona Joseph Khalil and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 64-2021. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

Update on 142 Mill Lane (Councillor Mercer)

Councillor Mercer spoke to this matter and her concerns. Discussion ensued by various members of Council. Staff to check the file to see what information was given to Council on this matter (from the NEC) on what could be discussed because this was a legal matter.

Purchase of Christmas Lights for the Horning's Mills Community Hall (Councillor McLean)

Council had no issues with this, but the purchase of the Christmas lights is to come out of the Horning's Mills Community Hall's bank account.

Other/Additions

Councillor Mercer – Building Permits during COVID-19

Councillor Mercer inquired as to the process for extending permits due to COVID-19 and supply chain issues. She was advised to contact the County of Dufferin Building Department to ask their process for this.

Unfinished Business

Tabled Motion from the August 12, 2021 meeting regarding the paving of the 4th Line NE and 5th Line OS (was referred to the Roads Sub-Committee)

This item is being deferred to the next meeting as the Treasurer has been asked to prepare a Report regarding the Township's reserves.

Township Diversity Policy

This item was deferred. Township Staff will follow up with the County of Dufferin to get information on the Diversity Policy they will be working on.

Town of Shelburne Service Delivery Review regarding Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex and Shelburne and District Fire Department – Update on meeting with Amaranth, Mono and Mulmur

There was no update for this matter and it was deferred until further information is received.

Dufferin County – Vaccine Policy

This item was deferred, as Township Staff have not received a copy of the Vaccine Policy that was just recently approved by County Council.

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law - By-law to Execute a Joint Recreation

Agreement Between Township of Melancthon and Township of Mulmur

This item was deferred as the North Dufferin Community Centre Board of Management has a meeting on October 25, 2021 and will be reviewing the draft Agreement at the meeting.

Delegations

During the meeting, Council heard from the following Delegation.

5:30 p.m. – Inspector Terry Ward, Dufferin OPP; Peter Marshall and Simon Looker, Municipal Policing Bureau attended Council, at the invitation of Council. Discussion ensued and questions were asked regarding the 2022 Annual Billing Statement and questions regarding the cost and process of an enhancement to the OPP contract for a full-time Officer.

Committee of the Whole

At 6:40 p.m., it was Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that we adjourn Council to move into Committee of the Whole and reconvene as Council. Carried. At 7:54 p.m. Council reconvened.

Closed Session

Not required for this meeting.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Besley, Seconded by McLean that By-laws 63-2021 and 64-2021 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 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 October 21, 2021 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 65-2021. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that Council adjourn this meeting at 8:25 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK