

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a special electronic meeting on the 21st day of December, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. regarding school bus safety and potential OPP response in the Bretton Estates area. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor Dave Besley, Councillor Wayne Hannon, Councillor Margaret Mercer and Councillor James McLean were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, OPP Sgt. Dave McLagan and Township of Melancthon Police Service Board Chair Alan Blundell were also present. Mayor White presided and called the meeting to order.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor White shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

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

School Bus Safety and Potential OPP Response in the Bretton Estates Area

Discussion ensued on this matter and Council members provided all of the background information to Sgt. McLagan (i.e. the discussion at Council on December 9th and letters received and the further discussion at the Task Force meeting held on December 16th). Council also advised him of the direction that Council was taking on this matter by having its Solicitor review the current Subdivision Agreement and to inquire if it can be opened up for the Township to assume a portion of the road in the subdivision so the children can be picked up. He was also advised about a meeting that will be set up in the new year with various officials regarding this matter and discussions with County Public Works for signage, lighting etc. Council invited the OPP to the meeting today to see if they can assist with this and help the children to safely get on the bus. Sgt. McLagan advised that they can assist however, with the number of resources, he could not commit to this. He spoke on the new traffic unit in the County. He also advised that the OPP has not received any complaints regarding this intersection and suggested that if there are concerns for the parents to call the 1-888-310-1122 number and provide description of vehicle and license plate. This will allow them to look at the data. Sgt. McLagan will be sending officers out to this location tomorrow for observation and will make it a target area. There was also discussion about Community Safety Zones.

A suggestion was made from a member of the public, that Staff put the "1-888" number in the Township newsletter, so that the public are aware of this and can call and report speeding concerns, etc.

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 December 21, 2021 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 75-2021. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that we adjourn this Special Meeting of Council at 3:32 p.m. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK