

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 2nd day of June, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor Dave Besley, Councillor Margaret Mercer, Councillor James McLean and Councillor Bill Neilson were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk were also present. Mayor White presided and called the meeting to order.

Mayor White advised that the meeting was being recorded and would be posted to the Township's website under Council Agendas and Minutes.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor White shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Announcements

Councillor Mercer – Environmental Sustainability Day taking place this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – informative sessions and link is posted to the website.

Councillor McLean – Melancthon Day – June 25th – a lot of festivities in the Hamlet of Horning's Mills with vendor market at the Hall in the morning and then moving to the Park in the afternoon.

Mayor White – Voting Day in Ontario until 9:00 p.m.

Mayor White wished congratulations to Queen Elizabeth II on her Platinum Jubilee year for marking 70 years of service to the Commonwealth and wishing her well.

Additions

Councillor Mercer – update on Mill Lane. Staff advised that this issue would be on the June 16th Agenda.

Councillor Mercer – potholes in Horning's Mills update

Councillor Neilson – Intact Public Entities/Good Roads webinar that was held on May 25, 2022

Sarah Culshaw – Quote from RJ Burnside and Associates regarding the Horning's Mills Community Hall.

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Besley 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.

Mayor White declared an interest on 18.3 – Closed Session – Grant Ferguson, Stieber Berlach – Notice of Libel for the reason that: I am named on the Notice of Libel filed by Councillor Mercer.

Councillor Mercer declared an interest on 18.3 Closed Session – 6 p.m. for the reason that: Libel notice served on Township and Mayor.

Minutes

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Besley that Council approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

No written questions submitted and there were no questions from Members of the Public.

Mayor White made a comment during this time regarding the recorded Council meetings and that Staff will leave their cameras off to save bandwidth and that it will allow for easier tracking of who is on the screen. Councillor McLean inquired about how the recordings will be made available. Staff advised that they will be posted within 5 business days to Agendas and Minutes on the website. There will be a separate column for recordings. They may also be posted to YouTube.

Public Works

Accounts

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent presented the accounts in the amount of \$165,645.46.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that Council receive the public works accounts as presented by the Public Works Superintendent. Carried.

Tender 02-2022 for the Placement of HL4 Hot Mix Asphalt and Shoulder Gravel – Recommendation

The recommendation was reviewed and Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer spoke to the overage of \$159,782.55 and advised that Council could draw from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve to cover the deficit in order to get the project done in 2022. Craig was supportive of getting the project done this year and not putting it off until next year as was the rest of Council. Discussion ensued on the budget and Sarah will provide a mid-term budget update in July or August.

Moved by White, Seconded by Mercer that Council receives the Tender from Cox Construction Limited, Tender 02-2022 for the Placement of HL4 Hot Mix Asphalt and Shoulder Gravel, in the amount of \$509,782.55 including HST, and recommends that the overage noted by the Treasurer be taken from the Tax Rate Stabilization Account, so that all work can continue. Carried.

Preliminary Copy of Plan Showing Laneway in Horning's Mills

The preliminary plan was reviewed and it confirms that the Township owns the laneway and Staff will have to discuss how this road will be maintained in the winter.

Other

Councillor McLean inquired about the line painting in Horning's Mills in order that we can proceed with the pedestrian zone signs. Craig advised that he called before

meeting and did not get answer and will follow up again and let Councillor McLean know.

Deputy Mayor Besley reported that there is a Road Sub-Committee meeting next Tuesday (June 7th) at 3:00 p.m.

Councillor Mercer – Addition – Potholes – The potholes are on the north side of Mill Lane. Craig advised that they have been dealing with these potholes and that they have been out already and cold patched and someone will be out again tomorrow.

Planning

Applications to Permit

Staff advised that there was a correction to the size of building for the Dawson permit and it should be 93.65 m² (1,008 sq ft).

Councillor Neilson asked a question about the Bauman application and the demo in 2019. Staff advised that this was one of the properties sent a letter in 2019 regarding derelict buildings and the buildings were demolished. There will be no development charges on the single-family dwelling, as there is a five-year exemption under the Township DC By-law.

Report from Cody Joudry, Director of Development & Tourism regarding Bill 109 More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022

The report was reviewed and there were no questions or concerns from Council.

Other

Nothing for this item.

Strategic Plan

Nothing for this item.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this item.

Police Services Board

Nothing for this item.

Committee/Board Reports & Recommendations

Councillor Mercer – Special Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting – June 1, 2022

Deputy Mayor Besley – Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board – May 17, 2022

Correspondence

Board & Committee Minutes

1. Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board – March 15, 2022
2. Shelburne Public Library – April 19, 2022
3. Police Services Board – October 22, 2021

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

Items for Information Purposes

1. Multicultural Event on Saturday June 11, 2022 at the Museum of Dufferin
2. Email from Michelle Hargrave acknowledging receipt of Township of Melancthon Resolution – Moratorium on Gravel Mining Applications
3. Upper Grand District School Board – 2022 Long Term Accommodation Plan Annual Review Report

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Correspondence Items 1-3, for information purposes, be received as information. Carried.

General Business

Accounts

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer, presented the accounts in the amount of \$108,022.18.

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

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

By-law to Prescribe Lower Rates of Speed on the 4th Line NE from 5th Line OS to Dufferin County Road 9

Moved by Besley, Seconded by McLean that leave be given to introduce a By-law to prescribe a lower rate of speed on the 4th Line NE from 5th Line OS to Dufferin County Road 9 and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 31-2022. Mayor White opened the floor to discussion on the By-law. Councillor McLean put forth a suggestion that the speed limit be reduced to 60 km per hour and spoke to his reasoning for this. Each Council member was given an opportunity to speak to the recommended lowered speed limit and advised whether they were for or against it and their reasonings. Councillor Mercer to provide information from the City of Kitchener regarding reducing speed limits at the next meeting. During the discussion it was asked if Staff could reach out to the Inspector/Detachment Commander of Dufferin OPP and have him come to the next meeting of Council to advise of the challenges this may cause by reducing the speed limit on this road to 60 km/hour.

The motion was tabled to the next meeting.

By-law to Authorize the Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Dufferin and the Township of Melancthon

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Neilson that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon for the County of Dufferin to provide IT and GIS services and support to Melancthon and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 32-2022. Carried.

By-law to Delegate Site Plan Approval to Staff

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Besley that leave be given to introduce a By-law to delegate Site Plan Approval Authority to Staff and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 33-2022. Discussion ensued on the process going forward and the motion was then carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

Consideration for Fireworks and the Excessive Noise By-law – Councillor McLean

Councillor McLean asked that this item be on the Agenda for discussion, as he had received an email from a resident. Discussion ensued and it was decided that putting

another By-law in place would not be the recommended course of action due to the inability to enforce such a By-law. Further discussion ensued regarding an education campaign to the residents regarding fireworks and if this could be done through the emergency agencies, such as Police and Fire. The Council Reps who sit on the Fire Boards were asked to have this item on their next respective Fire Board Agendas for discussion and action. Mayor White will also request that this be on the next Police Services Board Agenda.

Raising of Pride Flag and Multi-Cultural Flags for the month of June – Confirmation of Placement

Staff advised that Althea Alli, Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation would like to raise the Multicultural Flag sometime between June 1st and 10th. Council advised that the Ukraine Flag could be taken down for the month of June and then put back up when the Multicultural Flag is taken down. Staff will let Council know the date and time of the Flag raising.

Additions

Councillor Neilson – Intact Insurance/Good Roads Association – Vision Zero Traffic Safety Webinar.

Councillor Neilson provided information to Council on the webinar that was held on May 27th and asked that the link to the webinar be circulated to Members of Council who could not attend it.

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer – RJ Burnside and Associates quote for the Horning's Mills Community Hall

The quote from RJ Burnside and Associates to prepare structural drawings for the replacement stairs at the Horning's Mills Community Hall (as part of the Trillium Grant) was discussed.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Besley that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon accepts the quote from RJ Burnside and Associates in the amount of \$2,850.00 + HST for engineer costs relating to accessibility upgrades to the Horning's Mills Community Hall. Carried.

Unfinished Business

Tabled Motion from May 19, 2022 – Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Neilson that the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon become a member of the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group at a cost of \$400.00 for the annual membership. Council hereby appoints the following Council Member(s) to the Working Group: Councillor Bill Neilson and Councillor Mercer as the Alternate.

Staff advised that the Membership for the Working Group is due in June, so it would run from June 2022 until June 2023. The motion was then Carried.

During this time there was discussion regarding an email from Wind Concerns Ontario regarding wind turbine leases. Councillor Mercer will forward this email to Council. Mayor White also provided an update on a project of Dufferin Wind Power, that will be leasing lands at the former DEEP lands owned by the County of Dufferin, for a ground fixed solar project.

In Person Council meetings

Staff update: No new information to provide to Council at this time.

Township Diversity Policy

Staff recommended to defer.

Delegations

The following Delegations took place during the Council meeting:

5:30 p.m. – Jennifer Payne, Executive Director of Headwaters Communities in Action and Marci Lipman, Co-Chair, Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance attended Council, at the invitation of Council, and spoke to the Members about the 2022 Headwaters Farm Fresh Guide and their request for funding for the guide.

5:40 p.m. – Brett Lemieux, Bluewater Geoscience Consultants Inc. attended Council, at the invitation of Council, and spoke to his letter dated May 16, 2022, Re: Strada Aggregates 2021 Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Report for Shelburne Pits 1-4, Melancthon Township.

6:00 p.m. – Grant Ferguson, Stieber Berlach, LLP attended Council in Closed Session regarding the Notices of Libel served on the Township.

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Besley that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 6:03 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason: the receiving of advice that is subject to Solicitor/Client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – Notices of Libel served on the Township. Carried.

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council rise from Closed Session at 6:44 p.m. with no report. Carried.

Closed Session

None for this meeting, with the exception of the Delegation at 6:00 p.m.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that By-laws 32-2022 and 33-2022 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 Neilson, 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 Council meeting held on June 2, 2022 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 34-2022. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Mercer that we adjourn Council at 7:35 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK