

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 19th day of May, 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.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor White shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Announcements

Councillor Mercer announced that Saturday, June 4th would be Melancthon Township Environmental Sustainability Day. There will be a variety of sessions, held virtually, starting at 9:00 a.m. until approximately 12:00 p.m.

Councillor McLean announced that the school buses will begin picking up children in the Bretton Estates Subdivision starting on May 30th, 2022. The Board will be confirming this with parents, via correspondence through the school.

Additions

Councillor Mercer – Mill Lane update, potholes

Denise Holmes, CAO – submissions for public meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson 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 Mercer, Seconded by Neilson that Council approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on May 5, 2022 as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

1. Email from Heather Dobson and Will Sawyers regarding the 7th Line SW back to gravel.

Staff were directed to respond to Ms. Dobson and Mr. Sawyers that nothing will be acted upon this summer on the 7th Line SW and that this matter will be dealt with by the new Council next year.

2. Email from Robin Tripp and Brenda Serbin

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Mercer that Council receive the email from Robin Tripp and Brenda Serbin as information. Carried.

3. Unfinished Business

1. May 5, 2022 Meeting – Email from Brenda Serbin sent to Councillor Mercer requesting answers to her questions from the March 17, 2022 Delegation and April 21, 2022 submission be received in writing.

Staff were directed to respond to Mr. Tripp and Ms. Serbin to ask them what the desired outcome is that they are looking for with regards to their submissions of questions to Council over the past few Agendas, as Council has provided answers to those questions during the meetings.

There were no verbal questions from those persons in attendance at the meeting.

Public Works

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent was in attendance.

Unfinished Business

1. Email from Loretta McKellar requesting a letter the broken pipe on River Road
2. River Road Broken Pipe Issue (McKellar) – Deputy Mayor Besley to provide an update on this matter.

The above two items were discussed and Deputy Mayor Besley provided some new information to Council on this matter and advised the Township has further done its due diligence and contacted the lawyer and have been advised that the Township should not be getting involved in this matter, as the Township is not responsible for the maintenance or repair of the pipe. The following motion was put forward:

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Neilson that due to input from the Township Solicitor and Insurance Company both advising Council not to become involved in the repair and maintenance of the pipe under River Road, that Council adhere with this advice and not proceed any further with this matter.

Councillor Mercer requested a recorded vote:

Councillor Mercer – Nay
Deputy Mayor Besley – Yea
Councillor McLean – Yea
Councillor Neilson – Yea
Mayor White – Yea

Carried.

3. Other

Addition to Agenda – Councillor Mercer – Potholes

Councillor Mercer has received a concern about potholes in Horning's Mills. She will find out where exactly in Horning's Mills and get that information to Craig.

Planning

1. Applications to Permit

There were no questions or concerns from the applications on the spreadsheet.

2. Other

The CAO provided an update on the Planning Services that are going to be provided by the County of Dufferin and the Building Permit approval process by the County of Dufferin.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this matter.

Police Services Board

Mayor White provided an update on the meeting held on May 10, 2022. He spoke on the information in the Staff Sergeant's Report which can be found in the PSB Agenda package on the Township website.

There was discussion about the Road Safety Task Force making a presentation to the Police Services Board and the members will contact the Secretary of the Board to book a Delegation at a future meeting.

County Council Update

Mayor White provided an update on the meeting held on May 12, 2022. Agenda items included: Presentation of the Auditor's Statements, Development of lands in Amaranth Township, Procedural By-law review, County Council remuneration review, settlement boundary expansion, pilot project "On Demand Transit" and meat processing facility in Dufferin County.

Correspondence

Board & Committee Minutes

1. Horning's Mills Community Park Board – September 28, 2021
2. Environmental Sustainability Committee – March 18, 2022
3. Environmental Sustainability Committee – April 29, 2022
4. Heritage Advisory Committee – March 9, 2022

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that the Board and Committee Minutes Correspondence Items 1-4 be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Bluebelt + Grand River: A Treaty Restoration Project
2. Township of Cramahe Resolution regarding Bill 109: More Homes for Everyone Act
3. Letter from Shelburne & District Fire Department Appointing an Alternate Mutual Aid Coordinator
4. Proposed Regulation Changes under the Aggregate Resources Act
5. Town of Grand Valley Resolution regarding the County's Municipal Comprehensive Review Process Decision
6. Town of Shelburne Notice of Public Meeting for ZBA and Consent
7. MPAC 2021 Annual Report
8. Township of Clearview Notice of Public Meeting to Update their Zoning By-law
9. NVCA's Audited Financial Statements

10. Township of Amaranth Motion regarding County's Municipal Comprehensive Review Process Decision
11. Conclusion of COVID-19 Enforcement Support Line

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Neilson that Correspondence Items 1-11, for information purposes, be received as information, with the exception of number 1. Carried.

Councillor Mercer requested information on this and wondered if this correspondence was an ask or just for information. Mayor White advised that the County also received this correspondence and is looking into it.

Items for Council Action

1. Report from Denise Holmes, AMCT, CAO/Clerk regarding 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.

Discussion ensued on the motion and Staff were directed to contact the Secretary of the organization to find out if the membership would be prorated, as we are almost half-way through the year. The motion was then tabled until this information is obtained.

2. RJ Burnside Report on the James Foley Municipal Drain

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that we grant permission to Manassa and Salinda Martin, owners of Pt. Lot 245 & 246, Concession 3 SW, to proceed with the minor remedial work on the James Foley Municipal Drain under the supervision of the Drainage Superintendent as outlined in his letter of May 16, 2022. Carried.

General Business

New/Other Business/Additions

Report from Denise Holmes, AMCT, CAO/Clerk regarding Facility User Rental Insurance

Staff were directed to contact the Township's Insurance and purchase the \$5 million insurance coverage for rentals at the Horning's Mills Community Hall.

Bluewater Geoscience Consultants Review of Strada Aggregates 2021 Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Report

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Besley that we receive the correspondence from Bluewater Geoscience dated May 16, 2022 as information. Carried.

Staff were directed to contact Mr. Lemieux and ask him to attend a meeting of Council to have a discussion on the information in his letter.

Unfinished Business

Email from David Thwaites regarding Recreation and NDCC

Discussion ensued on the email from Mr. Thwaites and some members felt that this should wait until a new Council is in place to undertake this initiative. A suggestion was

put forth about the creation of a Recreation Task Force comprised of members of the public to research recreation and that Mr. Thwaites could take the lead on this initiative.

Moved by White, Seconded by Mercer that Council endorse the creation of a Recreation Task Force to research and report on recreation uses and interests in the Township. Carried.

Staff will advertise for interested persons from the Township to form the Task Force.

In Person Council Meeting – Sight and Sound Quote

There was discussion on the quote and Staff advised of the concerns that the Township's internet may not allow for hybrid meetings. It was suggested that Staff obtain a couple more quotes and to look into recording of the meetings and posting to the website, as this is a more affordable option for the time being.

Township Diversity Policy

Deferred pending new information from the County of Dufferin.

Unfinished Business – Committee/Board Recommendations

April 7, 2022 Council meeting - Report from Donna Funston, Secretary Environmental Sustainability Committee, Recommendations from March 18, 2022 Meeting – Deferred to Roads Sub-Committee

Tabled Motion – April 7, 2022 - Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Neilson that Council accepts the recommendation from the Environmental Sustainability Committee regarding the engagement of the Roads Department in a mapping process to identify where phragmites is located in Melancthon, and how to deal with the areas as mapping. The tracking has to be done consistently to be effective, as well as educating the residents.

Councillor Mercer provided an update to Council on this matter from the May 13, 2022 Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee meeting and advised that Councillor Neilson and herself would be touring the Township to map the Phragmites. The motion was then withdrawn by Councillor Mercer and Councillor Neilson.

Delegations

During the meeting, Council heard from the following Delegation and held the following Public Meeting.

5:45 p.m. – Carl Cosack, Community Liaison and Board Member with NDACT attended Council and provided an update on NDACT and Strada discussions. He advised that NDACT will be entering into an Agreement in principle with Strada. The Agreement has no legal standing as of right now. NDACT are also negotiating a Community Recreation Improvement Fund with Strada. This will be structured to benefit Melancthon residents. There will be a Committee formed to oversee a trust account. The Committee will consist of Strada reps, NDACT reps, two community members who will distribute the funds. The fund will be based on same figures as TORAC. Strada has agreed to fund a municipal led effort to engage peer reviewers. The peer reviewers will evaluate the application. NDACT will recommend peer reviewers to Council. Mayor White recognized those in attendance from Strada – Grant Horan, James Parkin and Kevin Powers.

7:00 p.m. – A Community Engagement Meeting was held to gather input from the Public on reducing the speed limit on 4th Line NE from 5th Line OS to Dufferin County Road 9. There were several written submissions received from: Michelle Janzen,

Debbie Fawcett, Donna Hillman and Scott Shuttleworth, John A McDonald, Shondi Gougeon and Jason Rundle, David Thwaites, Kristine Pedicone and Ross and Doreen Lyon. A lengthy discussion ensued with those in attendance and Council and whether the speed limit should be reduced or whether there should be more and different signage on the road. There were pros and cons mentioned of reducing the speed limit on the road and concerns of sign pollution. The majority of Council were in favour of reducing the speed limit. The public meeting concluded at 8:00 p.m. and Staff were directed to put the By-law to reduce the speed limit on the next Agenda, with notice of intent to pass the By-law.

Closed Session

None for this meeting.

Third Reading of By-laws

None.

Notice of Motion

None for this meeting.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Neilson 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 May 19, 2022 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 30-2022. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that we adjourn Council at 8:02 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK