

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 16th 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 McLean – Melancthon Day in Horning's Mills on June 25th, 2022 and advised of the various activities that would be taking place throughout the day at the Hall and Park.

Mayor White – NDCC Board of Management are hosting a Strawberry Supper on Friday, July 1st, 2022 – check the Mulmur and Melancthon websites for more information.

Additions

CAO – Update on North Dufferin Community Centre Grant

Councillor Mercer – information from City of Kitchener regarding speed limit reductions

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 Besley, Seconded by Neilson that Council approve the minutes of the June 2, 2022 Council meeting as amended. Carried.

There will be an amendment to Page 4 of the minutes, to show that Councillor Mercer will be bringing information to the next Council meeting regarding the City of Kitchener speed limit reduction.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

There were no written or verbal questions.

Public Works

Report from Kaitlin Chessell, Secretary Roads Sub-Committee, Recommendations from June 7, 2022 Meeting

Deputy Mayor Besley who is Chair of the Roads Sub-Committee spoke to the recommendations.

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Besley that Council accepts the recommendation from the Roads Sub-Committee and directs Staff to purchase a second Motorcycle Accident sign to be installed on River Road. Carried.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Besley that Council accepts the recommendation from the Roads Sub-Committee and Staff be directed to notify the property owner at 177 Main Street that the stairs located on road allowance are the responsibility of the owner to maintain. Discussion ensued on the motion and an amendment was added to the motion as follows: and that an Agreement outlining the responsibilities for the maintenance of the stairs be entered into with the landowner, similar to an easement agreement. The motion was then carried.

Motion to release Tender Security Deposit Cheques to Graham Bros. Construction Limited – Tender 01-2021 and 02-2021

Moved by Mercer and Besley that Council approves the release of the tender security deposit cheque in the amount of \$12,600.00 received from Graham Bros. Construction Limited regarding Tender 01-2021. Carried.

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Neilson that Council approves the release of the tender security deposit cheque in the amount of \$16,000.00 received from Graham Bros. Construction Limited regarding Tender 02-2021. Carried.

Motion to release Tender Security Deposit Cheque to The Murray Group Limited – Tender 03-2021

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that Council approves the release of the tender security deposit cheque in the amount of \$15,000.00 received from Miller Paving Limited regarding Tender 03-2021. Carried.

Other

Deputy Mayor Besley noted that the work on Structure 11 has been completed.

Planning

Applications to Permit

The applications on the spreadsheet were reviewed and a question was raised on the application of Amsey Bauman because it was noted that there is currently a house on the property. Staff advised that the owner has signed an Agreement with the Township to live in the house while he is building his new home, and left a security deposit with the Township. Once the house is built, the other home will be demolished and his deposit returned. The demo permit has been taken out on that house.

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this matter.

Police Services Board

Nothing for this matter.

County Council Update

Mayor White updated Council on the County Council meeting held on June 9, 2022.

Correspondence

Board & Committee Minutes

1. Shelburne & District Fire Board – April 5, 2022
2. NVCA May 2022 Board Meeting Highlights
3. Grand River Conservation Authority – May 27, 2022

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Mercer that Council receive the Board and Committee Minutes correspondence items 1-3 as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Town of Shelburne Application for Consent and Minor Variance
2. Town of Aurora Resolution regarding Bill C-233 "Keira's Law"
3. Integrity Commissioner Guy Giorno Inquiry Report, Wallace V. Mercer
4. Melancthon Day – June 25, 2022
5. Monitoring Plan for Melancthon Pit #2 and Future Bonnefield Property Pit Expansion
6. Town of Grand Valley Housekeeping ZBA regarding Sea Containers
7. Letter from Minister of Rural Economic Development and Rural Broadband Strategy regarding Federal Funding for Rural Communities
8. Town of Shelburne Notices of Decision for 246 Irwin Street and 250 Main Street East
9. Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd., Site Plan Amendment Approval
10. Township of Mulmur Resolution regarding Ontario Climate Caucus
11. Shelburne & District Fire Board Resolution regarding Town of Shelburne's Revised Land Acknowledgement
12. Shelburne & District Fire Board Resolution regarding Fire Chief's 2021 Annual Report
13. Environmental Sustainability Day Climate Action In Dufferin Presentation (Councillor Mercer)
14. Ontario's first Pollinator Highways Meeting – September 15, 2022

The above items received as information and the following items were discussed:

11 - Councillor Mercer - Discussion ensued on this matter and Staff were directed to send a letter advising that Council is ok with the use of the County Land Acknowledgement Statement being read at the beginning of the Fire Board meetings.

3 – Councillor McLean – asked how the Township would be funding the Integrity Commissioner Report. It was advised that it would be funded through the legal fees as extra money was budgeted this year.

5 – Councillor Neilson – he raised concerns that this report is exactly the same as the Report of Strada that Bluewater Geosciences came to Council on June 2nd about and that there is nothing in the report that would have any corrective action to it. Staff were directed to reach out to Bluewater Geosciences to clarify Councillor Neilson's concerns.

9 – Councillor Neilson – raised concerns that when someone wants to bring fill into the Township they have to submit a Site Alteration Application and we know where the fill is coming from, but in this instance we do not know where the fill is coming from or whether it's been tested because this is a government regulated matter. Mayor White agreed and advised he would bring this matter up at the AMO Conference in August if there are any panels/round table discussions on excess soil.

General Business

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

By-law to Authorize a Boundary Road Agreement between the Township of Southgate and the Township of Melancthon

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Besley that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize a Boundary Road Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Southgate and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 35-2022. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

NEC Update on 140 & 142 Mill Lane (Councillor Mercer)

The response from Kim Peters, NEC was reviewed and Staff were directed to respond to the NEC to request that if there are any further changes or updates on this matter, to report them to the Township.

Additions

CAO - Township of Mulmur – Grant for Funding the North Dufferin Recreation Centre

Staff advised Council that they received notice from the Township of Mulmur that the NDCC project that they had applied for grant funding, was not selected for funding under the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Grant for the North Dufferin Community Centre. Staff were directed to contact Mulmur Township regarding next steps on this matter.

The addition of Councillor Mercer will be discussed under Unfinished Business Item dealing with the Third Reading of the By-law to Prescribe Lower Rates of Speed on the 4th Line NE.

Unfinished Business

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

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

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that By-law 31-2022 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book.

Mayor White opened the floor to discussion on the motion and discussion ensued the pros and cons of reducing the speed limit. Each member of Council was given a chance to speak on the matter. Councillor Mercer provided the information she obtained from the City of Kitchener's Manager of Transportation and Planning to Council regarding lowering speed limits. Councillor Mercer requested a recorded vote on the motion:

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

Councillor Neilson – Yea
Mayor White – Nay
Carried.

Email from Kristine Pedicone regarding Melancthon Road Speeds

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Neilson that Council receive the correspondence from Kristine Pedicone as information. Carried.

In Person Council meetings

There was discussion on this matter and all of Council were in agreement with leaving the Council meetings virtual until January, 2023 and letting the new Council decide on the format going forward.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that Council continue with the virtual Council meetings until January 2023. Carried.

Township Diversity Policy

Deferred – no new information to report.

Headwaters Farm Fresh Guide – 2022 Financial Contribution

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Mercer that Council contribute the requested amount of \$250.00 towards the 2022 Headwaters Farm Fresh Guide. Carried.

Delegations

The following Delegations/Public Meetings took place during the Council meeting.

5:20 p.m. - Derek Richmond, CUPW, regarding support our delivering community power resolution to expand service at Canada Post in Rural Communities. Mr. Richmond was not in attendance for the scheduled Delegation.

5:30 p.m. – Murray Short, RLB, Auditor, attended Council and presented and reviewed the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that Council approve the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 as prepared by RLB, Chartered Professional Accountants. Carried.

6:00 p.m. – Terry Ward, Inspector – Detachment Commander, Dufferin OPP attended Council at the invitation of Council regarding the reduction in the speed limit on 4th Line NE and to discuss the challenges that may be presented if Council passes this By-law. Inspector Ward advises that it is really up to the Mayor and Council to make the decision and they will do the enforcement piece. He did reach out to his Sergeants for feedback and input. Some of that feedback was that this section of roadway is similar to 2nd Line SW and the recommendation should be that it be consistent with that speed reduction. By reducing the speed limit on the road, it will not affect the OPP one way or another and that it is really up to Council to decide.

6:15 p.m. – A Public Meeting had been called to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment on Part of Lots 7 and 8, Concession 1 O.S to modify the Open Space Recreation (OS1) –516423 County Road 124 (Samuel E. Young Golf Enterprises Ltd.). Bob Long, Agent for the Owner and Meghan Young were in attendance for the meeting. Chris Jones, Township Planner on this file, provided an overview the proposed ZBA. The Clerk advised that comments were received from the Dufferin County Building Department, Enbridge Gas and the Dufferin County Planner. Mayor White asked if the members of the public had any questions or concerns and there were none and he also

asked if any members of Council had any questions or concerns about the application and there were none. The public meeting then concluded at 6:22 p.m.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend By-law No. 12-1979, as amended for lands located in Part of Lots 7 and 8, Concession 1 OS and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 36-2022. Carried.

6:20 p.m. – A Public Meeting had been called to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment on Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Plan 7R-6754 located in Part of Lots 7 and 8, Concession 2 O.S. together with other lands located in Part of Lots 7 and 8, Concession 2 O.S. 2577791 Ontario Inc. (Ghotra). Genevieve Scott, Cuesta Planning, the Agent for the Owner was in attendance. Chris Jones, Township Planner on this file provided an overview on the proposed ZBA. The Clerk advised that comments were received from Enbridge Gas. Mayor White asked if the members of the public had any questions or concerns and there were none and he also asked if any members of Council had any questions or concerns about the application and there were none. The public meeting then concluded at 6:29 p.m.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend By-law No. 12-1979, as amended for lands described legally as Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Plan 7R-6754 and located in and including remaining lands in the West Part of Lots 7 and 8, Concession 2 OS and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 37-2022. Carried.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Neilson that By-laws 35-2022, 36-2022 and 37-2022 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 Mclean, 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 Council meeting held on June 16, 2022 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 38-2022. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that we adjourn Council at 7:06 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

MAYOR

CLERK