

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 14th day of July, 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

None.

Additions

Councillor Mercer – 192 Main Street, Horning’s Mills

Deputy Mayor Besley – Poulton Place Corbetton – Update and update on meeting he attended last evening regarding fire communications in Dufferin County

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Besley, 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.

Deputy Mayor Besley declared on Item 18.2 – Public Meeting for Zoning By-law Amendment (Adam Vander Zaag Farms), for the reason that: Mr. Vander Zaag is my Client and 18.3 – Annexation Property discussion for the reason that: some of the property in the discussion was sold by my Client who I represented.

Councillor Mercer – declared on Item 9.2 – Email from Kristine Pedicone re: Libel Notices and cost, for the reason that: I am bringing the Libel action.

Minutes

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Besley that Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on June 16, 2022 as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

1. Memo from Denise Holmes, AMCT, CAO/Clerk regarding Melancthon Pit #2 Bonnefield Property 2021 Amphibian Monitoring Report

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that Council receive the Memo from Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk regarding the Melancthon Pit #2 Bonnefield Property 2021 Amphibian Monitoring Report as information. Carried.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

Councillor Mercer was placed in the zoom waiting room while Council discussed the question of Ms. Pedicone due to her declared interest at the beginning of the meeting and was returned to the meeting after the question had been answered.

1. Email from Ruth Plowright regarding Internet at the Horning's Mills Hall
2. Email from Kristine Pedicone Update on Libel Notices and Cost

The above emails were answered by Council and Staff were asked to respond to both Ms. Plowright and Ms. Pedicone.

3. Unfinished Business

1. Email from Robin Tripp and Brenda Serbin regarding Written Response to Questions asked

Discussion ensued on the email from Mr. Tripp and Ms. Serbin and Councillor Nielson made a motion to accept the correspondence as information, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Besley. There was further discussion on the motion and some Council members felt that the questions in the email should be responded to in writing. The mover and seconder then withdrew the motion. Mayor White advised that he would put together a written response for questions 1, 2 & 3, but he would not be responding to questions 4 & 5 and that he would provide a report to Council.

There was a question from Karren Wallace to Councillor Mercer asking if she attended a meeting on July 12th at the Serbin home. And there was a comment from Harve Lyon on the costs that were incurred to develop a defence for an LPAT hearing that should not fall on the residents of the Township.

Public Works

Accounts

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent was in attendance and presented the public works accounts in the amount of \$471,619.75.

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Neilson that Council receive the Public Works Accounts as presented by the Public Works Superintendent. Carried.

Return Tender Security Deposit Cheque to Fleshcon – Tender 2020 and 2021 Gravel Tender

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Neilson that Council approves the release of the following tender security deposit cheques to Flesherton Concrete Products Inc.:

2020 Gravel Tender - \$38,280.00

2021 Gravel Tender - \$42,360.00.

Carried.

Other – Additions

Deputy Mayor Besley – Poulton Place Update – Staff advised that the draft survey had now been received and that it would have to go back to the Roads Sub-Committee for discussion to see if there was enough room for a turn around for the snowplow on that road. A Roads Sub-Committee meeting to be called next week.

Councillor Mercer – 192 Main Street – Councillor Mercer advised that she had been contacted by this resident regarding some issues on his property with the paved gutters that has caused run off on his lawn and gravel in his back yard that he has tried contacting the Public Works Superintendent on this matter on different occasions. Craig provided comments to Council on the situation and advised that he has been in contact with the resident. This matter will be added to the Roads Sub-Committee meeting.

Planning

Applications to Permit

There were no questions or concerns regarding the spreadsheet.

Other

Nothing for this.

Strategic Plan

Nothing for this.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this.

Police Services Board

Mayor White updated Council on the meeting that was held on July 12th. As there was no representation from the OPP at that meeting, Sgt. Jelich followed up with the Chair afterward. As a result, Alan Blundell, Chair of the Police Services Board was in attendance and provided an update to Council on that discussion which included the findings in the Detachment Commander's quarterly report and their discussions on the black cat radar.

Committee/Board Reports & Recommendations

1. Corbetton Park Board Recommendations from June 20, 2022 Meeting

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Besley that Council accepts the recommendation from the Corbetton Park Board of Management for the purchase of an adjustable height basketball net to be ground mounted at the Park. Cost of the net to be approximately \$600.00 and funds to come from the Corbetton Park Board Account for this purchase. Discussion ensued regarding the purchase and a question was asked about how much money was in the account and it was advised there was \$9,823.54. The motion was then carried.

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Neilson that Council accepts the recommendations from the Corbetton Park Board of Management for the construction of a fence along the eastern boundary and parking area to be constructed, as soon as possible, and that the Board organize a "Community Work Day" to construct the fence. The design to be similar to a paddock type fence with a five horizontal board design and constructed out of pressure treated wood. The funds to come from the Township General Account for the purchase of the pressure treated wood. Discussion ensued regarding fundraising, who would pay for the materials, height of fence, etc. Mayor White advised that the materials would be approximately \$5,000 and it was already mentioned earlier in the year that the Township would be paying for the materials. There was an amendment to the end of the motion to include the costs as follows: The funds to come from the Township General Account for the purchase of the pressure treated wood and that the approximate cost will be \$5,000.00. The motion was then carried.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. NDCC Board of Management – April 13, 2022
2. Horning’s Mills Community Hall Board – April 26, 2022
3. CDRC – March 23, 2022
4. GRCA Summary of the General Membership – June 24, 2022
5. CDRC – April 27, 2022
6. NVCA June 2022 Board Meeting Highlights
7. Multi Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group – April 14, 2022

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that the Board, Committee and Working Group minutes correspondence items 1-7 be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Construction Notice – Hwy 10 from Shelburne Limits to Dufferin Road 17
2. Email from Karen Landry, Town of Orangeville regarding Proposed Uniform Towing By-law throughout Dufferin County
3. Email from Melissa Kenney, Communications Coordinator & Administrative Assistant, Town of Shelburne - Statement from Mayor Wade Mills and Shelburne Council on Recent Events at Centre Dufferin District High School
4. Town of Orangeville Notice of Public Meeting for Towing Services and Vehicle Storage Yard Facility By-law
5. Town of Shelburne Planning Application – Part Lot Control Exemption By-law – Fieldgate
6. Grand River Conservation Authority Progress Report #1 and Inventory of Programs & Services
7. Township of Clearview Notice of Passing – Housekeeping Amendment
8. Municipality of Grey Highlands Notice of Public Meeting for Zoning By-law Amendment
9. Municipality of Brighton Resolution regarding Ontario Amber Alert Warning System
10. Notice of Appointment for Examination by Engineer regarding a Petition for Drainage Works at 30 Sideroad east of County Road 124
11. Municipality of Tweed Resolution regarding Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program
12. Dufferin County New Routes Outdoor Recreation Plan Brochure
13. City of Owen Sound Resolution regarding Remove of Municipal Councillors Under Prescribed Circumstances

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Besley that correspondence items 1-13, for information purposes, be received as information, except items 3, 9, 11 and 13. Carried.

Councillor Neilson pulled item number 3 and spoke to it.

Councillor McLean pulled item 9 and spoke it and the following motion was introduced and passed:

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council for the Township of Melancthon supports the motion from the Municipality of Brighton and requests that the Minister of Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier’s Office make the necessary changes to the Amber Alert system to create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing. And that this motion be circulated to Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon and all municipalities in Dufferin County for their support. Carried.

Councillor Neilson and Deputy Mayor Besley both pulled item number 11 and they both spoke to it and the following motion was introduced and passed:

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Besley that Council for the Township of Melancthon supports the motion from the Municipality of Tweed and requests the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to review the administration fee provided to Municipalities for the administration of the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation and this motion be circulated to all municipalities in Dufferin County and AMO for their support. Carried.

Councillor Mercer pulled item number 13 and spoke to it and Council direction to Staff was to bring this item back to a subsequent Council meeting for further discussion.

Addition – Deputy Mayor Besley updated Council on a meeting he attended last evening that was called by Chief Morden of the Orangeville Fire Service to discuss a Report on Fire Communications in Dufferin County. The purpose of the report was to assess communication technology in the County, identify deficiencies and recommend ways and means to improve it and that's what this report has done. The report identified 38 deficiencies and 8 of them were discussed last night. There is a 30-page executive summary on the report and Deputy Mayor Besley has asked for a copy of that report and once he receives it, he will pass it on. There will be presentations at the end of August, early September. They are looking at a hybrid broadband communication system for future communication needs.

General Business

Accounts

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer presented the accounts in the amount of \$1,057,142.03.

Moved by Neilson, 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 Authorize 9-1-1 Authority Agreement

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the signing of an Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon for the delivery of 911 services to the Municipality and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 40-2022. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

2022 Fall/Winter Newsletter

Staff made note of the minor changes to the Draft Newsletter to the ped-zone signs and there were no concerns or additions from Council.

Other/Addition

Unfinished Business

Shelburne & District Fire Board Resolution regarding Town of Shelburne's Revised Land Acknowledgement

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that Council approves the use of the Town of Shelburne's Revised Land Acknowledgement to be shared at the beginning of each Fire Board meeting. Carried.

Memo from Denise Holmes AMCT, CAO/Clerk, Update on 142 Mill Lane Horning's Mills

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Mercer that Council receive the Memo from Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk regarding the update on 142 Mill Lane as information. Carried.

Township Diversity Policy

Staff recommendation was to defer as there is no new information.

Delegations/Public Meetings

The following Delegations took place during the Council meeting:

Deputy Mayor Besley was placed in the zoom waiting room for this Public Meeting due to his declared interest at the beginning of the meeting.

5:20 p.m. – A public meeting had been called to consider a proposed zoning by-law amendment for Part of Lots 296 and 297, Concession 3 S.W (Adam H. Vander Zaag Farms). These lands are the subject of an application for consent B3-20 and a rezoning is required as a condition of consent to zone the farm parcel to a General Agricultural Exception (A1-146) to prohibit a dwelling and to zone the severed residential lot to a Rural Residential (RR) Zone. Margaret Walton, Agent for the Applicant was in attendance. Chris Jones, Township Planner for this matter was in attendance and spoke to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. Staff advised that comments were received from the Grand River Conservation Authority. There were no comments or concerns from persons in the gallery or from Council.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend By-law 12-1979 as amended, for lands described legally as Part 1, Plan 7R-6757, together with lands located in Lot 297 and Part of Lot 296, Concession 3 SW and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 39-2022. Carried.

Deputy Mayor Besley was returned to the meeting.

5:30 p.m. – Arunas Kalinauskas and Dan Wilson, RJ Burnside and Associates attended Council and presented and reviewed the 2021 Asset Management Plan. There will be further discussion and review on the Plan at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Besley that Council receive the 2021 Asset Management Plan as prepared by RJ Burnside and Associates. Carried.

Deputy Mayor Besley was placed in the zoom waiting room for the next Delegation due to his declared interest at the beginning of the meeting.

6:00 p.m. – Dave Milliner, Southgate CAO; Brian Milne, Southgate Deputy Mayor, Kory Chisholm, MHBC and Shakier Rehmatullah, Flato Group attended Council regarding annexation of Melancthon properties into Southgate for development by Flato. Mr. Chisholm reviewed his PowerPoint presentation with Council and Mr. Milliner explained the required process, benefits to Melancthon, the various developments, etc. Council was offered the opportunity to ask questions on the proposed annexation. The next step will be that Planning Staff/Staff from all these organizations will meet and it was asked to also include Dufferin County Planning Staff. It was then moved by Mercer, Seconded by Neilson that Council receive the Presentation by Flato. Carried.

Deputy Mayor Besley was put back into the meeting.

Closed Session

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Neilson that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 8:12 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reasons: Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal of local board employees – Recreation Task Force - Applications of Interest and Tax Arrears Registration – Update from the Treasurer and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunal, affecting the local board – CAO Update on property standards appeal issue and River Road pipe issue. Carried.

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Besley that Council rise from Closed Session at 9:05 p.m. with Report. Carried.

The report is the directives given in Closed Session to Staff as well as the below motion:

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Neilson that Melancthon Council endorses the creation of a Recreation Task Force comprised of the following people: David Thwaites, Emma Holmes, and Adrianna Bell. The purpose of the Task Force will be to research and report on recreation uses and interests in the Township of Melancthon. The Task Force be requested to bring forth an outline of a Terms of Reference, as soon as possible. Carried.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that By-laws 39-2022 and 40-2022 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 Mercer, 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 July 14, 2022 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 41-2022. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Mercer that we adjourn Council at 9:08 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

MAYOR

CLERK