

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 11th day of August, 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

None.

Additions

Clerk: Item 19.4 reason has been changed to Litigation or Potential Litigation, including matters before administrative tribune affecting the local board – Property Standards Complaint – Northern Iron and Metal

Clerk: Recommendation from the Roads Sub-Committee meeting held on August 10, 2022 and Treasurer's Report regarding Financials (to be added to Public Works 10.4)

Councillor McLean – Horning's Mills Community Hall Board recommendation

Deletions

Clerk: Item 10.3 – there is no recommendation at this time.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Neilson, 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.

Deputy Mayor Besley declared on Item 18.1 – Delegation for the reason that: Adam Vander Zaag is my Client and on Item 16 – Items for Council Action re: Security Deposit for the reason that: Mr. Martin is my Client.

Minutes

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Neilson that Council approve the minutes of the July 14, 2022 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

Councillor Mercer inquired about the written response to Robin Tripp/Brenda Serbin and wondered if it had been sent. It was advised that it had not been sent and that the response would be in the September 1st Council agenda.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

No questions asked.

Public Works

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent was in attendance.

Accounts

The accounts were presented in the amount of \$351,614.39.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that Council receive the Public Works accounts as presented by the Public Works Superintendent. Questions were asked regarding the Bridge 11 invoice, as well as the survey in Horning's Mills for the unnamed lane. The motion was then carried.

Council Email Chain regarding County Road Work on County Road 21

No action taken.

Tender 3-2022 – Purchase of Dual Wheel Truck with Landscape Dump Box - Recommendation

Deleted from Agenda.

Addition:

Recommendation from the Roads Sub-Committee meeting held on August 10, 2022 and Treasurer's Report regarding Financials

Deputy Mayor Besley spoke to the recommendation from the Roads Sub-Committee meeting held on August 10, 2022 to install a curb along Church Street to stop water from washing out on the lawn at 192 Main Street. The Treasurer's Report was also reviewed and discussed.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that Council accept the quote from C & G Concrete in the amount of \$24,144.00 plus HST, to remove existing asphalt gutter, remove fill under gutter to allow for up to 150mm granular material and curb, supply, place and compact up to 150mm granular material and form/pour concrete curb OPSD 600.040 from 24 Church Street to 192 Main Street in Horning's Mills. The funds for this project to be transferred from the working capital reserves. Carried.

Other

Deputy Mayor Besley provided an update on Poulton Place in Corbetton and advised that he and Craig Micks, as well as Glenn Clarke from RJ Burnside and Associates, would be meeting over there next week regarding the approximate costs to engineer the road. He will report back to Council on the matter.

Planning

Applications to Permit

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

Other

Nothing for this.

Strategic Plan

Nothing for this.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this.

Police Services Board

There was nothing to report as there has not been a meeting since July. The Board is talking about potential scheduling dates for a Community Information evening. More information to follow.

Committee/Board Reports & Recommendations

Councillor McLean spoke to the recommendation that was added to the Agenda from the Horning's Mills Community Hall Board and they are recommending that the Township cover the cost of connecting the Hall to the new high-speed internet cable (Eh!Tel). Staff will look into this.

Councillor McLean also spoke to the recommendation of the Horning's Mills Community Park Board and making it more accessible by installing a walking path, with screenings, from the Pavilion to the Ball Diamond. Craig received a quote of approximately \$2,500.00 for the installation. Staff were asked to put this matter on the next Agenda and to get a financial update on whether this could be accomplished this year.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board – May 17, 2022

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Neilson that Item 1 of the Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Dufferin County Resolution in Support of Town of Orangeville to Dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal
2. RJ Burnside Report for Groundwater Assessment at 517641 County Road 124 Submitted by Jeff Holmes, Holmes Agro
3. NVCA Media Release regarding Ukrainian Children Learn about Canadian Life at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation
4. Dufferin County Notice of Passing of Development Charges By-law
5. GRCA General Membership Attendance
6. Township of Mulmur Resolution regarding Climate Emergency Declaration
7. Letter from Town of Grand Valley to County Council regarding Municipal Comprehensive Review Process and Land Needs Assessment Report
8. Grey Highlands Resolution regarding in Support for the Town of Blue Mountains Motion – Voter's List Information for Candidates
9. Town of Blue Mountains Motion regarding all Ontarians Having Access to Candidate Information
10. Hydro One Networks Inc Amendments to the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities
11. City of Brantford Resolution regarding Haldimand Tract Land Dispute

12. Municipality of Grey Highlands Office Plan Amendment Notice of Complete Application
13. Dufferin Tourism Trails project being Launched by the Dufferin Board of Trade
14. RJ Burnside Invoice up to June 30, 2022 – Martin Extension Drainage Works
15. RJ Burnside Invoice up to June 30, 2022 – Schill Drainage Works
16. Grey County OPA 11 – Housekeeping Amendment

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Correspondence Items 1-16, for information purposes, be received as information, except Items 4, 6, 10 and 11. Carried.

Councillor Mercer spoke to Items 6 & 10 and asked that these be added to the next Environmental Sustainability Committee Agenda for further discussion.

Councillor Neilson spoke to Item 4 regarding the absence of the wind turbine development charge at the County.

Councillor Neilson spoke to Item 11 and the following motion was introduced and passed:

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by White that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon supports the motion of the Corporation of the City of Brantford seeking prosperity and partnership with the Indigenous Nations and a timely resolution of Haldimand Tract Land Dispute, in its entirety. And that a copy of this motion be sent to the following: The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; the Minister of Crown Indigenous Relations of Canada; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of the Province of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Minister of Indigenous Affairs; Chief Mark Hill, Six Nations of the Grand River; Chief Stacey Laforme, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation; Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Carried.

Items for Council Action

Councillor Besley was put in the Zoom waiting room for the next item as he declared an interest at the beginning of the meeting.

1. Alvin Martin Request for House Demolition Refund

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that the security deposit of \$5,000.00 be returned to Alvin Martin (Windy Stream Farms) as the existing house on Part of Lot 245 & 246, Concession 4 SW has been demolished. Carried.

Deputy Mayor Besley was returned to the meeting.

2. Email from Ian Bushfield regarding Unconstitutional Prayer used in Regular Council Meeting

Discussion ensued on this matter and going forward there will be no prayer at any Inaugural meeting.

General Business

Accounts

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer, presented the accounts in the amount of \$152,566.81.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Mercer that Council receive the General Accounts as presented by the Treasurer. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

Melancthon Recreation Task Force – Draft Terms of Reference

Discussion ensued and a suggestion was made about using financial data which was not in the Terms of Reference and asked if the Committee could consider this. David Thwaites was on for the meeting and spoke to the Terms of Reference.

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Neilson that the Council of the Township of Melancthon receive the Draft Terms of Reference of the Recreation Task Force. Carried.

Unfinished Business

Township Diversity Policy

Deferred.

Information Correspondence Item # 13- Removal of Municipal Councillors Under Prescribed Circumstances from City of Owen Sound – July 14, 2022 Council Meeting

Discussion ensued on the correspondence and Council decided to take no action with it and will wait and see what happens with this issue.

Participation in Town of Orangeville Towing By-law – Information Correspondence # 2 – July 14, 2022 Council Meeting

Discussion ensued and Council decided not to participate in the Towing By-law, as this does not appear to be an issue in the Township.

Delegations

The following Delegation/Public Meeting took place during the meeting:

5:20 p.m. A Public Meeting was called to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment on Part of Lots 297 and 298, Concession 2 S.W. for lands located at 116239 2nd Line SW (Adam H. Vander Zaag Farms). These lands are the subject of an Application for Consent B12/21 and a rezoning is required as a condition of consent to zone the farm parcel to a General Agricultural Exception (a1-147) Zone to prohibit a dwelling and to zone the severed residential lot to a Rural Residential Zone (RR) Zone. Adam Vander Zaag and Stefan Szczerbak, Agent from Planscape were in attendance for the Public Meeting. Chris Jones, Township Planner, for this application, was also in attendance and he spoke to his Report and the Zoning By-law Amendment. The Township received comments from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, Enbridge and County of Dufferin Building Services. There were no comments or questions from Council or persons present for the Council meeting.

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 described legally as Part 1, Plan 7R-6768, located in and together with other lands located in Lot 297 and 298, Concession 2 SW and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 42-2022. Carried.

Closed Session

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Mercer that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 6:05 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended

for the following reasons: litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunal, affecting the local board – Report on Settlement Conference and Property Standards Complaint – Northern Iron and Metal – Update from By-law Enforcement Officer. Carried.

Rise With or Without Report from Closed Session

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Besley that Council rise from Closed Session at 6:33 p.m. with report. Carried.

The Report being the directives given to Staff in Closed Session.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Besley that By-law 42-2022 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 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 August 11, 2022 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 43-2022. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Neilson that we adjourn Council at 7:22 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK