

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 1st day of September, 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.

During this time, Mayor White advised that at the last County Council meeting he brought forward a Notice of Motion for Staff to review the Land Acknowledgement Statement at the County, as well as the lower tier municipalities for accuracy, as they are all different across the County. This will likely be dealt with under the new Term of Council.

Announcements

Councillor Neilson recognized and congratulated two Melancthon residents – Jordan Smith and Taylor Pate who are part of Team Ontario, Under 18 Rugby Sevens Team who captured the Gold Medal, most recently.

Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk advised that the Preliminary List of Electors was released today with 2,529 electors in it. At the moment, the Township has its second seat back at County Council, but the final numbers won't be provided to the County until after the election and encouraged everyone to check to see if they are on the list and if they are not on the list, to get on this list as we do need 2,500 electors to send the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to County Council.

Additions

Councillor Mercer – Information from the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group regarding extension of contract for the Melancthon I Wind Project and information on what constitutes a meeting of Council.

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Mercer that Council approved 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 McLean that Council approve the minutes of the August 11, 2022 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

Unfinished Business

1. Mayor White – Tripp/Serbin Written Response to Questions - Update

Mayor White advised that the letter has been completed to the best of his ability and wondered what Council wanted to do with it – send it out to Council to review first, send directly to Mr. Tripp/Ms. Serbin or send to legal for review? Staff were directed to send it out to Council to review it and then it will be sent out after that.

A question was asked from a member of the public regarding infrastructure grants and a question about the 60km/hour signs on 4th Line NE.

Public Works

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent was in attendance and presented the road accounts in the amount of \$168,434.34. Discussion ensued on the gravel and calcium costs. The motion was then carried.

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

Report from Craig Micks, PW Superintendent regarding Revision to Tender for Tack Coat on 2nd Line SW

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Neilson that Council accept the quote from Cox Construction Limited to supply and apply SS-1 Tack Coat to an existing roadway surface prior to placement of HL-4 Hot Mix Asphalt on the 2nd Line SW from Ida Street to north of 250 Sideroad and on 2nd Line SW from Highway 89 to North of 300 Sideroad (Tender 02-2022). The cost of the quote is \$16,080.00 + HST for a total cost of \$18,170.40. The monies to come from the working capital reserves for this purchase. As this was a unique situation and Cox Construction was already awarded the tender for Tender 02-2022, the procurement process was not used in this procurement of goods and services. Discussion ensued on this matter about other projects budgeted that could be moved to next year, etc. At the end of the discussion, it was decided that Council wouldn't delay any projects and that the monies will come from Working Capital Reserves (as noted above in the motion). The motion was then Carried.

Report from Craig Micks, PW Superintendent regarding Recommendation for Pick-Up Truck Tender

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Besley that Council accept the recommendation from the Public Works Superintendent regarding Tender 03-2022, and that Orangeville Chrysler be awarded the quote for the purchase of one (1) two door dually pick up truck – Ram 5500 Reg Cab Chassis in the amount of \$135,521.00 plus HST for a total cost of \$153,138.73. This tender complies with the Township's Procurement Policy. Carried.

Winter Sand Quote – Recommendation

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Besley that the Council of the Township of Melancthon accepts the quote from James Dick Construction Limited for the supply and delivery of approximately 2,500 tonnes of screened winter sand for the quoted price of \$16.26 per tonne, plus applicable taxes. Quoted price includes the rental of the stacker. The screened winter sand is to meet OPSS Specifications and the test is to be paid by the contractor with the sample supplied by the Township. Completion date is October 3, 2022. This quote complies with the Township's Procurement By-law. Carried.

Other

Craig reported that the curb has been completed on Church Street in Horning's Mills.

Planning

Applications to Permit

None for this meeting.

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Strategic Plan

Nothing for this matter.

Climate Change Initiatives

Mayor White noted that two County Staff attended the AMO Conference and made presentations on Climate Change and Waste Diversion.

Police Services Board

Nothing for this matter.

Committee/Board Reports & Recommendations

Councillor Mercer – Environmental Sustainability Committee – August 25, 2022 and NVCA – August 26, 2022

Correspondence

Addition – Councillor Mercer

Councillor Mercer provided information to Council that she received from the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group and Wind Concerns Ontario about the extension of the Melancthon 1 Wind Contract for another five years and wondered if the Township was consulted on the extension. It was advised that we had not been consulted and then Staff were directed to reach out to our contact at TransAlta about this.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Report from Gagnon Walker Domes regarding East Part Lot 1, Concession 1 OS, Dufferin County Municipal Comprehensive Review
2. RJ Burnside Drainage Superintendent Services from April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022
3. Melancthon NVCA 2021 Annual Report Supplement
4. Dufferin County Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2021 Annual Report
5. Invitation Dufferin County Memorial Walk For Residential Schools

6. Letter from Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General regarding Standards of Care for Dogs Kept Outdoors in Ontario
7. Letter from Ontario Sheep Farms – Livestock Guardian Dog use in Ontario

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Neilson that Correspondence Items 1-7, for information purposes, be received as information, except Items 1, 5 and 6. Carried.

1 – Councillor Neilson spoke to this matter and inquired if in the near future if Melancthon would be dealing with another annexation due to this submission. The next term of Council will likely be dealing with it. Mayor White also spoke to this on the information he had regarding the County MCR.

5 – Councillor Mercer spoke to this matter and it was noted by Staff that this correspondence has been posted on the Township’s website.

6 – Council McLean spoke to this matter and advised that he would be participating and encouraged other Council members to participate.

Items for Council Action

1. Petition for Drainage Works on Part Lot 23, Concession 7 SW

Moved by Besley, Seconded by McLean that Council accept the petition under Section 4 of the Drainage Act signed by Manassa and Melinda Martin describing Pt. Lot 23, Concession 7 SW in the Township of Melancthon as requiring drainage and directs the Clerk to notify the petitioners and the Grand River Conservation Authority as required by Section 5 of the Drainage Act of its decision to proceed. Be it further resolved that Council appoint Tom Pridham, P. Eng., of R. J. Burnside & Associates Ltd. to prepare a report, plan and profile in accordance with Section 8 of the Drainage Act. The Engineer is directed pursuant to Section 8(4) of the Drainage Act, to combine the work with the report currently in progress for Pt. Lot 22, Concession 7 SW in the Township of Melancthon (Schill-Land Holdings Inc.) and Pt. Lot 42, Concession 6 in the Township of Southgate (Schill-Land Holdings Inc.) as the areas requiring drainage are adjoining. Carried.

General Business

Accounts

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer presented the accounts in the amount of \$110,338.22.

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

New/Other Business/Additions

Budget Expense Summary as at August 24, 2022

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer reviewed her budget expense summary with Council. Discussion ensued regarding various items in the expense summary and Sarah answered the questions Council had with regard to it.

Park Board Accessible Walking Path & Financial Update – Discussion

Discussion ensued and it was decided that the accessible walking path would be done next spring due to lack of manpower in the Public Works Department. The Park Board to have further discussion on the matter at that time.

Addition

Councillor Mercer – Information on What Constitutes a Meeting

Councillor Mercer inquired on this item because four members of Council are running in the election and wanted to know how that will work around attending meetings and their participation. Mayor White spoke to the matter and the CAO read information to Council that had been received from the Solicitor in 2021 on the definition of a meeting.

Unfinished Business - Township Diversity Policy

This item was deferred.

Delegations

None.

Closed Session

None.

Third Reading of By-laws

None.

Notice of Motion

Moved by Neilson, that WHEREAS The Federal Government announced September 30, 2021 as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and a statutory holiday;

AND WHEREAS Melancthon Township has adopted and uses our Land Acknowledgment Statement which is read at each council, board and committee meeting;

AND WHEREAS at the August 11, 2022 council meeting council supported the City of Brantford’s resolution regarding the Haldimand Tract Dispute.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Melancthon does hereby commit to recognizing September 30th of each year, as the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day).

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Mercer, 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 September 1, 2022 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 44-2022. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Mercer that we adjourn Council at 6:20 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK