

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 20th day of October, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Councillor Margaret Mercer, Councillor James McLean and Councillor Bill Neilson were present. Deputy Mayor Dave Besley was absent with prior notice given. 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 announced several upcoming events at the Horning's Mills Community Hall:

- Harvest Dinner this weekend which is sold out
- Halloween Event on October 31, 2022
- Spaghetti Dinner
- Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph by the Hall
- Christmas Event

Additions

Councillor Mercer – Heritage Advisory Committee – News Release Plaque Program
Mayor White – Site Alteration at Highway 10 and County Road 21

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean 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.

None declared.

Minutes

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that the Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on October 6, 2022 as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

Councillor Mercer inquired about the Delegation of TransAlta (at the request of the Environmental Sustainability Committee). Staff advised that TransAlta is scheduled in for the November 10th Council meeting.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

1. Email from Edmund Graham regarding Highway 10 and County Road 9

Discussion ensued on this matter. Staff were directed to respond to Mr. Graham to advise that Council does share his concerns but that there are no regulations at the County or Municipal level to prohibit the removal of trees from agricultural property. Staff are also to reiterate that Council passed a motion in December 2021, drafted by the Township's Planner, asking that the trees not be removed; however, the property owner went ahead and removed them anyway.

There was direction to Staff to put the item on a future agenda of the Environmental Sustainability Committee for further discussion/research/direction on and prohibiting the removal of trees.

Public Works

Phragmites – Information Update from the Environmental Sustainability Committee on how to control Phragmites on Melancthon roads

Councillor Mercer and Councillor Neilson updated Council on the Phragmites issue in Melancthon Township. There are several areas in the Township with two different types of Phragmites that have been mapped. Discussion ensued about the serious concerns Phragmites has on the environment. The County has contained it on County roads, but the Township needs to figure out how we will contain this on Township roads. There are approximately 28 locations in the Township and several are on private property. There was further discussion about setting up an education program with property owners, as the next step. This will be on a future Roads Sub-Committee Agenda for action.

Other

Councillor Mercer advised that someone contacted her about a stop sign at the 10th Line NE and 240 Sideroad. She was asked to send an email and the matter will be put on the next Roads Sub-Committee meeting.

Councillor McLean inquired about the removal of the Ped-zone signs in Horning's Mills. Craig advised that a rep from the Company is coming next Wednesday to show them how they are to be removed. Some will be removed then and the rest after Halloween.

Planning

Applications to Permit

There were no questions or concerns regarding the Application to permit on the spreadsheet.

Other

Nothing for this item.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this item.

Police Services Board

Letter from Chair Al Blundell

Chair Blundell was in attendance and spoke to his letter. Council thanked him for his service/contributions to the Police Services Board over the past term of Council.

County Council Update

Mayor White provided an update on the Agenda items from the County Council meeting held on October 13, 2022.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Multi Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group – June 9, 2022

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that the Board, Committee and Working Group minutes, Item number 1, be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. 2023 OPP Annual Billing Letter
2. Dufferin County Multicultural Event winner of 2022 Creative Cultural Event
3. Township of Mulmur Resolution regarding Primrose Elementary School
4. Town of Shelburne Notice of Passing and Notice of Decisions
5. Melancthon Township Recreation Task Force Public Meeting

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Neilson that Correspondence Items 1-5 for information purposes, be received as information except Items 3 & 5 pulled for further discussion. Carried.

3 – Pulled by Councillors McLean and Neilson – Discussion ensued and the following motion was passed: Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that the Township of Melancthon supports the motion from the Township of Mulmur regarding the Primrose Elementary School. Carried.

5 – Pulled by Councillor Mercer – Councillor Mercer asked for an update on the meeting and that update was provided by Mayor White and Councillor Neilson who were in attendance for the meeting.

Items for Council Action

1. NEC Request for Comment - Loretta McKellar River Road Pipe

Discussion ensued on this matter. In addition to a permit from the NEC, Ms. McKellar will also require a Road Occupancy Permit issued by the Township. The following motion was introduced and passed:

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that Council has no objections to a development permit being issued. Carried.

General Business

New/Other Business/Additions

Planning Services MOU with NVCA

This item will be left to the new Term of Council to deal with and Township Staff will reach out to Staff at the NVCA to advise of this.

Board and Committee Appointments (Councillor Mercer)

Discussion ensued regarding the timelines for Boards and Committees. The end of the term of Council is Monday, November 14, 2022 when all Boards and Committees will

cease for this term. Any meetings up to November 14th can still be attended by Council members. The new term will begin on December 1st when the municipal officials will be appointed to the Boards and Committees for the new term of Council. There was brief discussion about Lame Duck Council after Monday's election.

Additions

Councillor Mercer added the Heritage Advisory Committee News Release regarding the Heritage Plaque Program. Councillor Mercer spoke to the Heritage Plaque Program and the need to get this information out and Councillor McLean mentioned about putting out a news release. Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that Council receive the news release and directs Staff to send it out. Carried. The news release be sent out to the following: Banner, Free Press, Orangeville Citizen, Dundalk Herald and Country 105

Mayor White updated Council about two potential issues regarding site alteration without permits. The first location is at County Road 21 and Highway 10 – southeast corner and the other one is across the road, immediately south of the Northern Iron and Metal salvage yard and appears that an entrance is being installed. The Township will keep an eye on these two locations and Staff were directed to contact the Grand River Conservation Authority.

Unfinished Business

Township Diversity Policy – item was deferred. Mayor White did note that the County's Strategic Plan and the revised Terms of Reference for the DEI Committee are now in place. Therefore the new term of Committee will now have defined documents in place and the Township can follow up at that time.

Delegations

During the meeting, Council heard from the following Delegation in Closed Session.

5:30 p.m. – Chris Johnston, By-law Enforcement Officer attended Council and provided an update on By-law Complaints to Council.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason(s): Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Update on By-law Complaints. Carried.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Neilson that Council rise from Closed Session at 6:03 p.m. with Report. Carried. The Report being the directives given in Closed Session.

Third Reading of By-laws

None.

Notice of Motion

None for this meeting.

Councillor Mercer advised that there was going to be one put forth from the last Environmental Sustainability Committee, but noted that it can wait till the new Term of Council.

Mayor White also advised of a motion that he would like to bring forth regarding the recent news about LaFarge being found guilty for providing material aid to terrorists in Afghanistan. As LaFarge operates in Ontario, the motion would be structured in such a way, that with regards to any future road project in Melancthon, Council would either disallow them from using any concrete from this company or rank them lower than any

other bidder because of this. Councillor Mercer suggested using the word boycott in the motion. Staff advised that if Mayor White could have the motion in by November 3rd, it could be put in the Agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

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 October 20, 2022 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 50-2022. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Mercer that we adjourn Council at 7:10 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK