

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held its Inaugural Meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. virtually on Zoom.

The CAO/Clerk, Denise Holmes, opened the meeting, advised that the meeting was being recorded, welcomed all in attendance and conducted the Declarations of Office.

The Council Members for the 2022-2026 Term of Council are as follows:

Mayor Darren White
Deputy Mayor James McLean
Councillor Ralph Moore
Councillor Bill Neilson
Councillor Ruth Plowright

The CAO/Clerk then turned the meeting over to Mayor White who gave his Inaugural speech and each of the Members of Council then took a few moments to each say a few words.

Mayor White then called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor White shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Announcements

Deputy Mayor McLean – advised of two fundraising events taking place this weekend in Honeywood. The first one is on Saturday morning and is being hosted by the Hockey Association and is a meet and greet with Santa and the second one is being hosted by the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department and is breakfast with Santa and the fire department will also be selling Christmas Trees.

Councillor Plowright – advised of the Christmas Market at the Horning's Mills Hall from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and both floors will be filled with Vendors.

Additions

None.

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson that Council approve the Agenda as presented. 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 McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council approve the minutes of the November 10, 2022 meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

No questions asked.

Public Works

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent was in attendance.

Accounts

Craig presented the accounts in the amount of \$91,670.62. Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright that Council receive the Public Works Accounts as presented by the Public Works Superintendent. Carried.

Other

Councillor Neilson asked about manpower for the winter season and Craig advised that we are in good shape.

Councillor Plowright thanked Craig for all his work at the Horning's Mills Community Hall.

Planning

Applications to Permit

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

Silva Yousif, Senior Planner was in attendance.

Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act

1. Assessment of Bill 23 Re Development Charges – Watson & Associates
2. Assessment of Bill 23 Re Conservation Authorities Act – Watson & Associates
3. Assessment of Bill 23 Re Parkland Dedication – Watson & Associates
4. Assessment of Bill 23 Re Planning Act and Conservation Authorities Act – Watson & Associates
5. AMO Submission on Bill 23, Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022 Introduced – Expanding "Strong Mayor" Tools

There was discussion on Bill 23 amongst the Council. Silva also spoke on Bill 23. She will be putting together a Report for Council on what the Township needs to do to be compliant with the policies/procedures for Bill 109.

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright that Council receive the correspondence items regarding Bill 23, 1-5, as information. Carried.

Other

Discussion ensued about Development Charges and Bill 23 and opening up our current Development Charge Study/Report. Staff were directed to have a Representative from

Watson and Associates attend a Council meeting in the new year (before budget discussions) to speak on Development Charges.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group – September 8, 2022

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

Board & Committee Recommendations

1. Horning's Mills Park Board Recommendations

Recommendation Bullet Point 1: Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore that the Township cover the expenses of the 2022 Melancthon Day in the amount of \$1,299.55. Carried.

Recommendation Bullet Point 2 – There was discussion about the Park Board putting together a budget for the event. Staff will include the Melancthon Day 2023 expenses in the 2023 Budget.

Recommendation Bullet Point 3 – Deputy Mayor McLean spoke to this and Council took no action.

Recommendation Bullet Point 4 -this will be dealt with in the Spring.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Melancthon 2023 Council Meeting Schedule
2. Dufferin County Council Inaugural Meeting
3. RJ Burnside & Associate Limited – Drainage Superintendent Services
4. Municipality of Huron Shores – Opposition to Bill 23
5. Intelivote Election Statistics – Melancthon 2022
6. 2023 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Release Documents
7. Letter of Congratulations from Minister Steve Clark
8. Municipality of Lambton Shores – Proposed Legislation Bill 23
9. Primrose School Update – Deputy Mayor McLean
10. Town of Mono – Bill 23 Letter to Minister Clark

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that Correspondence Items 1-10, for information purposes, be received as information, except items 1, 2, 5, 6 & 9 for further discussion. Carried.

1 – Deputy Mayor McLean inquired about the two meetings starting at 9:00 a.m. and if there could be amendments to the meeting schedule for those meetings. Staff advised that training had already been scheduled for the January 12th meeting and the meeting in December is the second Thursday of the month, so a change in time would conflict with the County Council meeting.

2 – Councillor Neilson spoke to this and reiterated that it is great that we have our second seat back at County Council.

5 – Councillor Neilson spoke to the statistics and asked Staff's thoughts on the Intelivote and how it worked. Staff advised that the system worked well, this was the second time using Intelivote and had no issues.

6 – Councillor Neilson asked what we could use this money for and Sarah advised him that we just put this money in the budget and that we don't have to report on it.

9 – Deputy Mayor McLean provided a further update on this matter.

Items for Council Action

1. Grand River Conservation Authority - Pre-Consultation Regarding Proposed Changes to the Grand River and South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plans, Under s.34 of the Clean Water Act, 2006

Staff were directed to have Ryan Post, Risk Management Officer, attend a future meeting of Council regarding this matter.

2. Horning's Mills Hall Board Request for Additional Member

Staff were directed to put the Horning's Mills Community Hall Municipal Services Board By-law on the next Agenda for discussion/amendment.

General Business

Accounts

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer presented the accounts in the amount of \$89,984.43.

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

Report from Denise Holmes – Council Member Appointments to Boards and Committees

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright that the Report of Denise Holmes regarding Council Member Appointments to Boards and Committees be received. Carried.

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

Municipal Officials

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that leave be given to introduce a By-law to appoint officials from December 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023 and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 52-2022. Council reviewed the various available Boards and each member advised of their choices. The only Board not filled was the North Dufferin Community Centre Board, as there will be a discussion about this matter at the next meeting. The motion was then Carried.

Committee of Adjustment

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright that leave be given to introduce a By-law to constitute and appoint a Committee of Adjustment who shall hold office until December 31, 2023 and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 53-2022. Carried.

Authorize the Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon for Shared Land Use Planning Services

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize and direct the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon for shared planning services and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 54-2022. There was discussion on the MOU, as there were some sections in the Agreement that the Township lawyer had concerns with. There were no changes to the MOU as presented and the motion was then Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

Appointment of Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board Member

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson that Council appoint Mayor Darren White to the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board of Management until December 31, 2023. Carried.

Appointment of Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group Member

Discussion ensued amongst Council and no action was taken on this matter as Melancton Council will not be appointing a Member to this Working Group.

Appointment of Roads Sub-Committee – Three Members of Council

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore that Council appoint the following members to the Roads Sub-Committee for the term of Council: Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor James McLean and Councillor Bill Neilson. Before the vote was taken, there was discussion about putting the Environmental Sustainability Committee and the Road Safety Task Force with this Committee. All of Council concurred, and Mayor White called for the vote and the motion was Carried.

Appointment of Environmental Sustainability Committee – Three Members of Council

As per the above, this will now form part of the Roads Sub-Committee.

Appointment of Human Resources Sub-Committee – Two Members of Council

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that that Council appoint the following members to the Human Resources Sub-Committee for the term of Council: Mayor Darren White and Deputy Mayor James McLean. Carried.

Appointment of Road Safety Task Force – Three Members of Council

As per the above, this will now form part of the Roads Sub-Committee.

Appointment of a Member to the Grand River Conservation Authority Board of Management

Staff advised that East Garafraxa Mayor Guy Gardhouse was interested in continuing on the GRCA Board for next term. No one from Council was interested in this position.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright that Council do hereby put forward Township of East Garafraxa Mayor Guy Gardhouse's name as the Grand River Conservation Authority joint representative for the Townships of East Garafraxa, Amaranth, Southgate and Melancton, and the Town of Grand Valley, for consideration by the participating municipalities, for the term of Council being 2022–2026. Carried.

Appointment of the Chair of the Property Standards Appeal Committee

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright that Council appoint Deputy Mayor McLean to be the Chair of the Property Standards Committee for the term of Council. Carried.

Appointment of the Chair of the Committee of the Whole

Moved by Nielson, Seconded by Plowright that Council appoint Deputy Mayor McLean to be the Chair of the Committee of the Whole for the term of Council. Carried.

Other

Mayor Chain of Office

Mayor White spoke regarding the Township's Chain of Office and the history behind the creation of the Chain.

Horning's Mills Hall

Councillor Plowright provided an update on the Horning's Mills Hall and advised that the capping of the windows and new doors is starting next week.

Unfinished Business

Township Diversity Policy

Item deferred.

Delegations

Council took a break from 10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. before the Delegation at 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – Jennifer Kostyria and Spencer Fitzpatrick, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing attended Council and went through an Orientation Training Session with Council discussing matters pertaining to the role of Council, Councillor and Staff, Accountability and Transparency and Meetings.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that By-laws 52-2022, 53-2022 and 54-2022 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

Notice of Motion

Moved by Councillor Moore that Council look into updating Townhall in order to facilitate meetings via zoom and to obtain quotes in order to have in person meetings and still be able to attend virtually.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Neilson, 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 December 1, 2022 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 55-2022. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright that Council adjourn this meeting at 11:58 a.m. to meet again on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK