

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 10th day of November, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor Dave Besley, Councillor James McLean and Councillor Bill Neilson were present. Councillor Margaret Mercer 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

Mayor White – Horning's Mills Hall Board Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Horning's Mills Cenotaph – 9:45 a.m.

Councillor McLean – Added information regarding the Remembrance Day Ceremony and advised of the Horning's Mills Hall Board Christmas Tree lighting event which will be held on November 26th, 2022.

Additions

Councillor Neilson – Email from Flato Developments regarding an Open House and Shelburne and District Fire Board – three meetings. He will report this under Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes.

Councillor McLean – Recommendations from the Horning's Mills Park Board meeting. He will do this under Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes.

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by McLean, 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.

Minutes

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on October 20, 2022 as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

During this time, Mayor White recognized that this was the last meeting of this term of Council and spoke of each of the past and present Council member's contributions to Council during this term of Council.

Public Question Period

A question was asked by a member of the public regarding the road counter information in the package for the 4th Line NE and that we (Council and Staff) look at the information again, as he feels there is a problem with the data regarding the number of vehicles using the road. He has noticed a significant drop in vehicles using the road, but that is not what the data is showing. Staff will look at this in the Spring and put the counters back out.

Public Works

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent was in attendance for this portion of the meeting.

Accounts

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

Report from Kaitlin Chessell, Secretary Roads Sub-Committee, Recommendation from the November 2, 2022, Meeting

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Besley that Council accept the recommendation from the Roads Sub-Committee and direct Staff to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Dufferin Drift Busters Snowmobile Club, giving the snowmobile club permission to use Melancthon Township roadways for its OFSC trails. Carried.

Road Counter Information for 4th Line NE Speed Comparison of Before and After Speed Limit Reduction

This was already discussed under Public Question Period and Staff will put the counters back out in the Spring.

Other

Nothing for this item.

Planning

Applications to Permit

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

Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act

1. Report from Silva Yousif – Senior Planner – Bill 23 More Homes Build Faster Act, 2022 Overview

Silva Yousif, Senior Planner was in attendance and spoke to her Report on Bill 23. Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that the Staff Report of Silva Yousif, Senior Planner be received for information. Carried.

The other items of correspondence regarding Bill 23 were reviewed. This information will be provided to the new members of Council and further discussion will take place at the December 1st meeting.

1. Statement from Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority in Response to Bill 23
2. AMO Policy Update – Unpacking Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022
3. Correspondence from Karren Wallace, Melancthon Resident Concerning Bill 23
4. Letter to Clients – Andrew Grunda, Principal Watson & Associates - Regarding Bill 23
5. Follow up to Clients – Andrew Grunda, Principal Watson & Associates - Regarding Bill 23
6. Bill 23 Notice from Steve Clark, Minister – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
7. Bill 23 Notice from Steve Clark, Minister – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing November 4, 2022 Update

Report from Silva Yousif – Senior Planner – Planning Application Review Process – More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022

Silva Yousif, Senior Planner reviewed her Report with Council.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Besley that the Staff Report of Silva Yousif, Senior Planner be received and that:

Council direct Staff to bring forward for approval by Council a By-law to establish mandatory pre-application consultation requirements in respect of planning applications submitted to the Township.

Council direct Staff to bring forward for approval by Council amendments to the Township By-law 3-2019, as amended, to prescribe a tariff of fees for planning matters, changes to address the additional changes to application review requirements and establish a fee refund process.

Council direct Staff to bring forward for approval by Council amendments to the Township Official Plan 2014, as amended, to prescribe all changes to address the additional changes to application review requirements, Site Plan control requirements and approval process with accordance to Bill 109. Carried.

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Strategic Plan

Nothing for this matter.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this matter.

Police Services Board

Nothing for this matter.

Committee/Board Reports & Recommendations

Councillor Neilson – provided an update on various Shelburne and District Fire Board meetings since the last Council meeting- October 27th, November 1st and November 9th.

Addition to the Agenda – Councillor McLean – Horning’s Mills Park Board Recommendations

During this time, Councillor McLean spoke to several recommendations from the Horning's Mills Park Board. The recommendations will be deferred to the December 1st, 2022 meeting for consideration.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex - Board of Management – August 24, 2022
2. Heritage Advisory Committee – September 14, 2022
3. Grand River Conservation Authority General Meeting – October 28, 2022
4. Roads Sub-Committee – June 7, 2022
5. Special Roads Sub-Committee - July 20, 2022
6. Special Roads Sub-Committee – August 10, 2022
7. Road Sub-Committee On-Site – September 8, 2022
8. Special Roads Sub-Committee – September 14, 2022

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that the Board, Committee and Working Group Minutes, Items 1-8, be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Letter from the Deputy Chief Veterinarian for Ontario – Avian Influenza
2. Letter from Steve Clark, Minister of Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and Housing Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act
3. Proposed Amendments to O. Reg. 507/18: Energy Reporting and Conservation and Demand Management Plans
4. Township of East Garafraxa Resolution to Support the Town of Wasaga Beach Resolution Strong Mayors, Build Homes Act
5. Dufferin County Resolution to Support the Township of Mulmur Resolution – Primrose Elementary School
6. Dufferin County Notice of Decision Amendment 4 to the Official Plan for the Township of Mulmur
7. Municipality of Grey Highlands Notice of Decision to refuse an Official Plan Amendment
8. Dufferin County Notice of Decision Revised Amendment 9 to the Official Plan for the Township of East Garafraxa
9. Email from Meghan Townsend, CAO/ Clerk-Treasurer Town of Grand Valley Regarding Proposal for OPP Detachment Board – Dufferin Detachment
10. Dufferin County Outdoor Recreation Plan Approved by County Council
11. Triton Engineering Services Limited Township of Southgate Dundalk Water Treatment Facility Class Environmental Assessment Notice of Public Information Centre
12. Report to Council from Denise B. Holmes, CAO/Clerk – Accessibility Report 2022 Municipal Election

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Neilson that Items 1-12, for information purposes, be received as information, except items 1 and 9, pulled for further discussion. Carried.

1 – Deputy Mayor Besley commented that he felt this was 6 months too late and expressed his frustration and disappointment. Councillor Neilson shares Deputy Mayor Besley's comments.

9 – Councillor McLean asked for an information update on this process, which Mayor White provided to him.

7 – Mayor White made a comment on this item because it is similar to the Township's last Committee of Adjustment meeting with the refusal of a minor variance application, as it seems that similar requests are being made in Grey Highlands.

During this time, and before Council moved into General Business, Mayor White presented Deputy Mayor Besley with a plaque recognizing and thanking him for his

many years of dedicated service and governance to the Citizens of Melancthon Township.

General Business

Accounts

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer presented the accounts. Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that Council receive the general accounts, as presented and amended, by the Treasurer. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

Grand River Conservation Authority – Representative Guy Guardhouse – Term to Expire

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council of the Township of Melancthon extend the term of Guy Guardhouse, GRCA Representative until January 31, 2023 or until a new appointment has been made. Carried.

Draft Township of Melancthon Respect in the Workplace Policy

Staff advised Council that the Insurance Company advised earlier today that the policy meets the underwriting requirements. Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council approve the Township of Melancthon: Respect in the Workplace Policy as presented. Carried.

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority - Councillor Mercer Appointment

Discussion ensued and due to Councillor Mercer's appointment ending on November 14th, 2022 with the term of Council, Staff were directed to contact the NVCA to advise that there would be no Melancthon representation at the meeting in November.

Other/Additions

Addition – Councillor Neilson Email from Flato regarding Open House

Councillor Neilson advised that he received an email about Open House Information Session from Flato and wondering if anyone else from Council received it. Mayor White and Councillor McLean both received one. Discussion ensued on this matter. Silva Yousif, Senior Planner was in attendance for the discussion and felt that Township Staff should be meeting with Southgate Staff and then a Report come back to Council on this proposal with options. Mayor White will to provide a response to the email based on the Council discussion.

Unfinished Business

Township Diversity Policy

Staff Recommendation – This item was deferred.

Delegations

During the Council meeting, Council heard from the following Delegation.

5:30 p.m. - Bill Chambers, Gavin MacPhee and Hamreet Sekhon, TransAlta attended Council at the invitation of the Environmental Sustainability Committee to answer questions regarding Phase 1 Melancthon Wind Project – Extension period and public consultation, as well as how TransAlta dealt with any complaints received regarding the wind turbines. The Representatives provided a PowerPoint Presentation to Council.

At 6:03 p.m., it was Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that we adjourn to move into Committee of Adjustment and reconvene as Council. Carried. Council reconvened at 6:09 p.m.

Closed Session

No Closed Session for this meeting.

Third Reading of By-laws

None.

Notice of Motion

None.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Besley 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 November 10, 2022 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 51-2022. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Besley, Seconded by McLean that Council adjourn this meeting at 6:37 p.m. sine die. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK