

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 12th day of January, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor James McLean (left meeting at 2:59 p.m.), Councillor Ralph Moore, Councillor Bill Neilson and Councillor Ruth Plowright 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 within 5 business days.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor White shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Additions

CAO/Clerk - Resignation of Utra Hebden (email received Tuesday night) from the Horning's Mills Hall Board

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright that Council approve the Agenda as amended. Carried.

Delegation

Mayor White advised those in attendance that the morning session of Council would be held in Closed Session, as it was a Council-Staff Training Session and that Council wouldn't resume in open session until around 12:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m. - Rob Adams, BA MPA, AMCTO Instructor and Jeanne Moon, AMCTO Coordinator of Programs and Services attended Council to conduct the AMCTO Staff-Council Relations Training in Closed Session.

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 9:04 a.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason: the meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members – AMCTO Staff-Council Relations Training. Carried.

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by McLean that Council rise from Closed Session at 12:29 p.m. with no report. Carried.

Council recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Announcements

Councillor Neilson announced that the Feral Cat Rescue, located in Riverview, is now open. The Open House was held on January 8th, 2023 and Councillor Neilson was in attendance and advised it was well attended. He congratulated Sharon (Morden) and thanked her for everything she does for the community.

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 Plowright, Seconded by Neilson that Council approve the minutes of the December 15, 2022 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

No Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege for this meeting.

Public Question Period

There were no written questions received or questions asked at the meeting.

Public Works

Enbridge Gas 2nd Line SW Update

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent provided an update on this matter and advised that Enbridge Gas is still waiting on locates in order to remove these bollards. This work was to have been done in the Fall and nothing has been done to date. Craig was asked to keep on top of this to make sure that it gets completed.

Other

Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk provided an update from Scott Burns, Public Works Director County of Dufferin regarding Melancthon's request for a flashing light at the intersection of County Road 9 and County Road 2. Deputy Mayor McLean was asked to keep this on the radar at County, as he is on the Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee. At this time, there was also discussion about another concerning intersection in the Township – County Road 21 and 124 at Redickville, as there have been a number of accidents at this location over the past couple of years. Deputy Mayor McLean will also bring this forward to the Committee, to see what options are available.

Planning

1. Applications to Permit

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

2. Letter from Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Greenbelt Amendments and Revocation of the Central Pickering Development Plan and O. Reg. 154/03

3. Bill 23 Impacts to Committees of Adjustment and Land Division Committees

4. Letter from Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Bill 109, 23, 3 and 39.

5. Letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to the Conservation Authorities and participating Municipalities, Conservation Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

6. Grand River Conservation Authorities 2023 Fee Policy Planning and Regulations Programs and Services – Update #2

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that the Planning Correspondence Items 2-6 be received as information, except Items 5 & 6, pulled for further discussion. Carried.

Councillor Neilson spoke to the two items pulled, and advised of his concerns with both of them.

7. Other

Silva Yousif, Senior Planner was in attendance and advised of various items that the Council will need to deal with under Bill 23 regarding planning procedures, as well as consolidating our Zoning By-law and an updating the Official Plan due to the County's MCR. A Report/By-law will be brought forth at a future Council meeting.

Strategic Plan

Council will be dealing with this matter in the upcoming months.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this matter.

Police Services Board

Al Blundell, Melancthon's Public Member on the Board, was in attendance and spoke to Police Services Board Matters.

Committee/Board Reports & Recommendations

There were no Committee/Board Reports or Recommendations for this meeting.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Grand River Conservation Authority – December 16, 2022
2. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board – August 25, 2022
3. Shelburne & District Fire Board – November 1, 2022
4. Shelburne & District Fire Board – November 9, 2022

Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean that the Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes Items 1-4 be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. 2023 Ontario Community Infrastructure Funding Allocation Notice
2. Email from Dufferin County regarding the 2023 Warden and Committee Chairs
3. Letter from the Township of Amaranth – Request for Clarification of Letter to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing from Town of Orangeville
4. Grand River Conservation Authority Submission of Progress Report #3 and Inventory of Programs & Services – O.Reg 687/21 under the Conservation Authorities Act
5. Grand River Conservation Authority – Notification of General Membership Attendance
6. Notice of Public Information Centre for the County of Dufferin Municipal Comprehensive Review
7. Letter from Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Update on Key Initiatives Underway

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright that Correspondence Items 1-7, for information purposes, be received as information. Carried.

Items for Council Action

1. 2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo Request for Staff Assistance and Funding

Discussion ensued on this correspondence and Staff were directed to ask Bill McCutcheon and Dawn Van Kampen to attend the next Council meeting to have a

further discussion on the requests in their letter and so that Council can gather some further information about the Plowing Match.

2. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority 2023 Budget Letter

Council directed that the 2023 Budget letter be given to the Treasurer for inclusion in the 2023 draft operating budget.

General Business

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

By-law to authorize the borrowing of \$3,151,307.11 (Borrowing By-law)

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by McLean that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the borrowing of \$3,151,307.11, to meet, until taxes are collected, the current expenditures of the Corporation for the year 2023 and it now be read a first and second time and numbered 1-2023. Carried.

By-law to Provide for the Levy and Collection of Rates or Levies Required for the Township of Melancthon for the Interim Levy for the Year 2023

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that leave be given to introduce a By-law to provide for the levy and collection of rates or levies required for the Township of Melancthon for the Interim Levy for the year 2023 and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 2-2023. Carried.

By-law to Amend By-law No. 52-2022

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by McLean that leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend By-law No. 52-2022, A By-law to appoint municipal officials passed in open Council on December 1, 2022, and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 3-2023. Carried.

By-law to Appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that leave be given to introduce a By-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon until November 14, 2026 and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 4-2023. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

2024 Council Meeting Schedule – Report from Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Moore that Council confirm the 2024 Council meeting dates on the "Melancthon Council Meeting Schedule 2024". And further, that Council can always add additional Committee of the Whole, special, public and/or emergency meetings during the year as required and make amendments to the 2024 schedule as required. Carried.

Return of Deposit to Amsey and Tina Martin – Bearco Wire Inc.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright that the security deposit of \$5,000.00 be returned to Amsey and Tina Martin of Bearco Wire Inc. as the existing house on Part of Lot 37, Concession 4 NE – RP 7R-1409 Part 3 has been demolished. Carried.

Health and Safety Policy Statement

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore that Council adopts the Health and Safety Policy Statement of the Township of Melancthon for 2023. Carried.

2022 Supplemental/Write Off Summary

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer spoke briefly to the summary. Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson that Council approve the 2022 Write-Offs/Assessment Reviews in the amount of \$44,793.23 as outlined on the 2022 Supplemental/Write-Off Summary presented by the Treasurer. Carried.

2023 Spring/Summer Township Newsletter

Discussion ensued on the draft newsletter and Township Staff will work with Councillor Plowright to also include the Horning's Mills Community Hall's Event Calendar in with the tax bills.

Township of Mulmur Staff Report regarding NDCC Joint Recreation Agreement

Discussion ensued and the CAO/Clerk advised that Mulmur Council accepted CAO Tracey Atkinson's recommendation in her Report at Mulmur's meeting on January 11th. There was further discussion of potential meeting dates and Staff will work with Mulmur Staff to come up with a suitable date for a Joint Council meeting.

Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department 2023 Budget (Mayor White)

Mayor White updated Council on the first meeting of the Fire Board regarding the discussions on the 2023 Draft Budget of the Fire Department.

2022 Budget Summary

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer, provided a 2022 Budget Summary to Council prior to the meeting and she reviewed the Budget Summary with them and answered their questions.

Addition – Resignation of Utra Hebden from the Horning's Mills Hall Board

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that Council receive, with regret, the resignation of Utra Hebden from the Horning's Mills Hall Board and thank her for her contributions to the Board. Carried.

Council directed Staff to advertise for this vacancy, the vacancy on the Heritage Advisory Committee, as well as the vacancy on the Corbetton Park Board of Management.

Unfinished Business

Melancthon Recreation Task Force Report

Staff were directed at the December 15, 2022 Council to put this Report on for this meeting and Council deferred it to the next meeting.

RED Grant Program

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer spoke to her Report that was in the Council Agenda package. There was no action taken on the Report.

Delegations

During the latter part of the meeting, Council heard from the following Delegations:

1:20 p.m. – Harvey Fraser and Darlene Lamberti, both representing Centre Grey Health Services Foundation, and the Together in Care Campaign attended Council and

provided an update on the new Markdale Hospital project. The PowerPoint Presentation was provided to Council in the Agenda package.

1:30 p.m. – Ryan Post, NVCA and Ilona Feldman, GRCA attended Council and provided updates to Council on the Town of Shelburne Source Water Protection Update.

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson that the Township of Melancthon Council hereby: That Council receive the Source Water Protection report dated December 20, 2022 regarding updates to the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe and Grand River Source Protection Plans; That Council hereby supports the proposed updates to the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe and Grand River Source Protection Plans outlined in the pre-consultation notice dated November 10, 2022; and further that staff be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Grand River Source Protection Authority and the Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Authority. Carried.

Closed Session

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 2:50 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason: Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including local board employees and advice that is subject to Solicitor-Client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – By-law Enforcement Matter Update and Legal Opinion – 517462 County Road 124. Carried. *Note - the item regarding the Corbetton Park Board of Management application was removed, as Staff were directed to advertise for this vacancy.

Rise With or Without Report from Closed Session

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that that Council rise at 3:10 p.m. with report. Carried. The Report being the directives given to Staff in Closed Session.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that By-laws 1-2023, 2-2023, 3-2023 and 4-2023 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion put forth.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Moore, 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 January 12, 2023 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 5-2023. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that Council adjourn this meeting at 3:12 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK