

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 6th day of April, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor James McLean, 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.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor White shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Announcements

Councillor Plowright – Sunday Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt at the Horning's Mills Hall on Sunday, April 9, 2023 and she mentioned that the Hall roof was now fixed.

Mayor White – Autism Awareness Day – the Flag was raised on Sunday, April 2, 2023 by Mayor White to recognize this day. The Flag will fly until next Tuesday.

Additions

Councillor Moore – update on lights at County Road 2 and County Road 9

Deputy Mayor McLean – update on the Horning's Mills Park Board

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore 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 Moore that Council approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

Mayor White raised a point of privilege regarding a newspaper article in the Orangeville Banner regarding comments he made at the March 16, 2023 Council Meeting regarding Strada's Application and NDACT's presentation.

Public Question Period

No questions asked.

Public Works

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent was in attendance.

Accounts

The accounts were presented in the amount of \$106,646.73. Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council receive the Public Works Accounts as presented by the Public Works Superintendent. Carried.

Roads Sub-Committee Recommendations from March 20th, 2023, Meeting

Deputy Mayor McLean provided an overview of the recommendation from the March 20th meeting. Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean that Council accept the recommendation from the Roads Sub-Committee and direct Staff to proceed with the process of selling the land requested by the Township of Southgate, under the Township's Disposition By-law. Carried.

Email from Irvin Bauman, A260 Inc Regarding Haul Route for Building Supplies

Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Bauman's email regarding the haul route for his building permits and delivery of construction materials. The Township's Planner, CAO and Public Works Superintendent will have a discussion regarding this and will report back to Council.

Discussion regarding the purchase of a used grader (Deputy Mayor McLean)

Deputy Mayor McLean spoke to this matter and Staff were directed to proceed to obtain quotes for the purchase of a used grader.

Other

Craig advised that he is getting complaints about the roads, but they are out there doing their best but the weather isn't helping.

Planning

Applications to Permit

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

Other

Nothing for this.

Strategic Plan

Nothing for this.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this.

Police Services Board

Nothing for this.

Committee/Board Reports & Recommendations

Addition – Deputy Mayor McLean – Update on the Horning’s Mills Park

Deputy Mayor McLean brought forth a recommendation from the Horning’s Mills Park Board meeting earlier this week, to proceed with the accessibility pathway. The Board was comfortable with the quote for the Public Works Department to go ahead with it.

Deputy Mayor McLean advised that he is working with reps from Mansfield Minor Baseball who are going to be using the Park more this year and there is a need for power for a pitching machine. There is a member of the community that works closely with electricians and has offered to do the work at no charge. Deputy Mayor McLean has been working with Staff to make this happen. He also mentioned that the Park Board is looking at erecting signage to have the Mansfield Minor Ball Logo on it.

Mayor White – NVCA

Mayor White provided a brief update regarding the NVCA meeting on March 23, 2023.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex Board of Management – January 25th, 2023
2. Joint Council Meeting for Mulmur Township and Melancthon Township – February 16th, 2023
3. Roads Sub-Committee Meeting – March 1st, 2023

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright that the Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes Items 1-3 be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. 2022 Annual Report – Strada Shelburne Pits
2. Annamaria Cross, Director Environmental Assessment Modernization Branch, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks – Action to Streamline and Modernize of Environmental Assessment
3. Ontario Land Tribunal – Appeal regarding Implement the 2021 Growth Management Strategy and Additional Housekeeping Changes, County of Grey
4. Township of Amaranth Motion Regarding County Planning Services
5. Township of Southgate Letter to the Members of the Upper Grand Watershed Committee Regarding Discontinuation of Participation in the Upper Grand Watershed Committee
6. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Media Release - Annual Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival
7. County of Dufferin Motion Regarding Highway 10 Traffic and Road Study
8. Municipality of Calvin Motion Regarding the Announcement in the Media about the English Public Scholl Boards Association Asking for the End of the Moratorium on Most Pupil Accommodation Reviews
9. Ilona Feldman, Source Protection Program Assistant response to letter from Harvey Lyon on the Source Water Protection Plan Updates
10. RJ Burnside and Associates - Notice of Site Meeting and Information Meeting – April 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Township Office for Schill Drainage Work
11. County of Dufferin – Notice of Public Meeting for Municipal Comprehensive Review Phase 1 – Growth Management – April 13th, 2023 at 6:00p.m.
12. Town of Essex – Motion regarding the Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
13. Grand River Conservation Authority – Update on GRCA Programs and Services – Ontario Regulation 596/22

14. Comments from Ken Fryer regarding the Strada/NDACT Public Meeting

Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean that Correspondence Items 1-14, for information purposes, be received as information, except for items 1, 4, 7, 11 & 14 for further discussion. Carried.

Councillor Neilson spoke to the Items in which he asked to be pulled: Items 1 and 7.

Mayor White spoke to the Items in which he asked to be pulled: Items # 4, 11 & 14.

General Business

Accounts

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer presented the accounts in the amount of \$1,034,455.78. Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Moore that Council receive the General Accounts as presented by the Treasurer. Carried.

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

By-law to Provide Remuneration, Allowances and Expenses for Members of Council

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright that leave be given to introduce a By-law to provide remuneration, allowances and expenses for Members of Council and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 18-2023. Discussion ensued regarding the By-law and there was a typo that needs to be fixed – 2022 to 2023 and there was discussion about the Mayor and Deputy Mayor receiving the monthly IT allowance, as they no longer receive this at the County. Council was in agreement that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor should receive the allowance, and therefore Staff will make the necessary changes to the By-law and bring it back to the next meeting for the third and final reading.

New/Other Business/Additions

Shelburne Public Library - 2023 Library Board Agreement

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright that the Mayor and CAO/Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the 2023 Municipal Agreement between the Shelburne Public Library Board and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon. Carried.

Township of Melancthon Recreation Committee – Discussion and Direction due to lack of applications received

Staff reported that only one application was received for the Committee and the Township was seeking five members of the public. Discussion ensued and it was decided that Council would table this matter until September and re-advertise to see if there is more interest at that time.

Other

Addition – Councillor Moore – Lights at the intersection of County Road 2 and County Road 9

Mayor White updated this and advised that the County is waiting for some locates and some work from hydro to do the final connections. Mayor White to reach out to Scott Martin to get a further update.

Delegations

The following Delegations were held during the meeting:

5:30 p.m. – Ardith Dunlop and Anthony Gagliardi, Shepherd’s Cupboard Foodbank attended Council and provided information to Council on the current needs of the Foodbank. It was noted that 25% of the people using the food bank on a monthly basis (300 people) are Melancthon residents and Melancthon has the second highest percentage using the foodbank. Further discussion ensued and Staff were directed to put some information on the Township’s Facebook Page about the need for food and donations for the Foodbank. The Township will look at doing a food drive and ask people attending the Hall/other Township events to bring a food donation for the foodbank.

5:40 p.m. – James Hunter, Innovative Planning Solutions attended Council regarding the temporary storage of approximately 2,000 vehicles for Honda Canada Manufacturing at the Duivenvoorden Pit located at 437138 4th Line. A lengthy discussion ensued after Mr. Hunter’s presentation and concerns from Planning Staff and Council were raised regarding truck traffic and the number of trucks using the road, the fact that this may be an annual issue and not a one-time temporary situation, lighting issues, security, prolonged/delayed rehabilitation of the area for the proposed storage of vehicles, the threat of Honda staff layoffs if Council does not approve this, and concerns that no one from Honda of Canada Manufacturing or Commercial Fleet Parking were in attendance at this meeting for this discussion. Council directed the Township’s Senior Planner to work with Mr. Hunter on this and report back to Council.

Third Reading of By-laws

None.

Notice of Motion

None.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore 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 April 6, 2023 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 19-2023. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright that Council adjourn this meeting at 6:35 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK