

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 16th day of March, 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 announced that the St. Patrick's Day Bingo Event at the Hall is completely sold out! There will be a pop up Early Learning Centre Event at the Hall tomorrow and it will continue on Thursdays until August.

Additions

Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk – Flato Developments Inc. – Motion to direct the Planner to proceed with options for Council to consider with respect to the proposed development.

Deputy Mayor McLean – Council pay/salary

Mayor White and Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer – Wellington County Aggregate Issue

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Moore, 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.

None declared.

Minutes

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson that Council approve the minutes of the March 2, 2023 Council meeting as amended. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

No written or verbal questions were asked.

Public Works

1. Other

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent was in attendance but did not have anything to report and advised that there was a Roads Meeting next Monday night (March 20, 2023).

Planning

Applications to Permit

Mayor White raised concerns regarding the four permits of Irvin Bauman that were on the spreadsheet and wanted to know if all of this construction would be taking place at the same time. Staff did not know but advised they would inquire with Mr. Bauman. He had concerns of the impact to the roads and wanted to be sure that the haul route was not going to be through the Hamlet of Corbetton.

Other – CAO/Clerk Addition – Proposed Flato Development

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that Council direct Silva Yousif, Senior Planner, to engage with appropriate stakeholders, and apply the necessary resources required, for her to prepare a Report for Council on options for Council to consider, regarding the proposed development of lands by Flato Developments Inc. Carried.

Climate Change Initiatives

No new information for this item.

Police Services Board

Nothing for this item.

County Council Update

Mayor White provided an update to Council on the County Council meeting held on March 9, 2023.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Roads Sub-Committee – February 1, 2023
2. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board – February 2023
3. Upper Grand Watershed Committee - August 25th, 2022
4. Upper Grand Watershed Committee – February 23, 2023
5. Grand River Conservation Authority – February 24, 2023

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Moore that the Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes Items 1-5 be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Request for Comments on Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment
2. Township of Amaranth Motion to Support a County Wide Telecommunications System
3. Municipality of Trent Lakes Motion to Request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to Make Changes to the Municipal Oath of Office
4. Township of East Garafraxa Motion Regarding Lake Erie Source Protection Committee Membership Nomination for 2022-2026 Term
5. Township of East Garafraxa Motion to Support a County Wide Telecommunications System

6. Township of Southgate Notice of Virtual Public Information Centre No. 2 Wastewater Treatment Capacity
7. Letter from Harvey Lyon to Ilona Feldmann, Source Protection Program Assistant regarding Source Water Protection report dated December 20, 2022

Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean that Correspondence Items 1-7, for information purposes, be received as information with the exception of # 7 for further discussion. Carried.

7 – Councillor Neilson spoke to this item and thanked Mr. Lyon for submitting it. Discussion ensued and the following motion was passed: Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that Council supports the letter from Harvey Lyon regarding the Source Water Protection Report dated December 20, 2022, in its entirety. Carried. Staff were directed to request that the Township be copied in on any response to Mr. Lyon.

Items for Council Action

1. Shelburne Public Library 2023 Budget

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Moore that Council approve the 2023 Shelburne Public Library Budget with Melancthon's levy being \$61,915.00. Carried.

2. Letters from Lenora Banfield, Chair of the Upper Grand Watershed Committee

Discussion ensued on this matter and Council accepted Staff's recommendation to discontinue the Township's participation in the Upper Grand Watershed Committee. As the Township has found in the past that it is able to communicate and work collaboratively with its GRCA Representative Guy Gardhouse on any issues/concerns that arise pertaining to the GRCA, and that Township Staff and GRCA Staff work collaboratively, it was felt there was no need for the Township's continuation on this Committee. Staff were directed to send a letter to Lenora Banfield, Committee Chair to advise of this.

3. North Dufferin Community Centre Board of Management 2023 Budget

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that Council approve the 2023 North Dufferin Community Centre Board of Management Budget with Melancthon's operating levy being \$47,773.00 and capital levy being \$15,000.00. Carried.

4. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department 2023 Budget

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore that Council approve the 2023 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department Budget with Melancthon's operating levy being \$54,569.70 and capital levy being \$72,500.00. Carried.

5. Shelburne & District Fire Department 2023 Operating Budget

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by McLean that Council approve the 2023 Shelburne & District Fire Department Budget with Melancthon's operating levy being \$116,703.79 and capital levy being \$50,394.59. Carried.

General Business

Notice of Intent to Pass By-laws

By-Law to Prescribe a Tariff of Fees for Planning Matters

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that leave be given to introduce a By-law to prescribe a tariff of fees for planning matters and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 15-2023. Carried.

Deputy Mayor McLean – Addition – Council Wages

During this time, and before the next item on the Agenda, Deputy Mayor McLean spoke to his addition to the agenda regarding Council pay/salary. In the budget, Staff increased Council salary by 4.5%, as that is what Council had approved for Staff. Deputy Mayor McLean is recommending that Council decrease this amount to 2%, which was the usual cost of living increase prior to Covid-19 and is recommending that Staff bring back a policy to Council that will deal with future Council salaries. Discussion ensued and Council concurred with both of the recommendations.

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council wages be increased by 2% cost of living, retroactive to January 1, 2023. Carried.

By-Law to Adopt the Estimates of all Sums Required During the Year and to Strike the Rates of Taxation and to Further Provide for Penalty and Interest in Default of Payment Thereof for the Year 2023

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore that leave be given to introduce a By-law to adopt the estimates of all sums required during the year and to strike the rates of taxation and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for the year 2023 and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 16-2023. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk Township of Mulmur Report Regarding Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Hall: Emergency Shelter

Mayor White spoke to this matter, as he is one of the Council Representatives on the Fire Board and advised that he is not in favour of this because it is a working fire hall and if there something happening at the fire hall with an ongoing incident, the last thing that is needed is people around at the fire hall. He feels that the Arena is the best place to have an emergency shelter. Council concurred with these concerns. He will raise this issue at the next Fire Board meeting and at the Joint Meeting with Mulmur Council to be held on March 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Addition – Wellington Aggregate Issue – Mayor White and Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer spoke to this matter and advised that she had attended a meeting with Gregg Webb at MTAG Paralegal Professional Corp. about the possibility of appealing our gravel pit assessments, due to the recent developments in Wellington County. The cost to have MTAG work on the Township's behalf is \$2,900.00 + HST, plus an additional fee of \$318.00 + HST per roll number. We can only appeal as of the current date and cannot go back to 2017. Discussion ensued and the consensus of Council is that the Township must pursue this as it could be very beneficial for the Township. Council directed Staff to sign the paperwork to start the process.

Delegations

The following Public Meeting and Delegation took place during the meeting.

5:20 p.m. – Public Meeting to Inform the Public of a Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment – Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd.

A public meeting had been called to consider a proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment on lands located in Part of the East Half of Lot 13, and the East Half of Lot 14, Concession 4 OS. The purpose of the applications are to redesignate and rezone lands for the purpose of expanding existing pit operations currently utilized by Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd. There were several members of the public in attendance

for the public meeting. Those present on behalf of Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd. were James Hunter, Consultant and John Duivenvoorden. Mr. Hunter spoke to the applications and answered the questions and spoke to the concerns that Council and the Public had with regards to the applications. Silva Yousif, Senior Planner was in attendance and also spoke to the applications. The following persons spoke at the public meeting and raised questions/concerns: Ken Fryer, Karren Wallace, Harvey Lyon, and a written question from Gerald Gordon which was asked by the Clerk. There were no decisions made on the applications at this meeting and Mr. Hunter advised that a formal second submission is targeted for Spring 2023 addressing technical review comments from the first submission. The public meeting concluded at 6:06 p.m.

5:40 p.m. – Carl Cosack, Brian Bell, Karren Wallace, et al from NDACT and Kevin Powers, Strada attended Council. Mr. Cosack provided an update to Council regarding the NDACT/Strada engagement, which included providing an overview to the Peer Review Hiring Protocol, covering Hydrogeology, Air, Noise and Blasting. He noted that the peer reviews will all be funded by Strada. He advised Council that Garry Hunter has already been selected as the Hydrogeology Community Peer Reviewer. He also spoke on the Community Recreation Fund, which will be established, and he provided details on its development and requested the Township to provide the administrative support of the fund once the negotiations were final.

Closed Session

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council move into a Closed Session meeting at 7:05 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason(s): Section 239(2)(h) – Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality – 2023 Market Compensation Review Workplan and Costing from ML Consulting Services & Section 239(2)(k) Plans and instructions for negotiations – Proposed Flato Development. Carried.

Rise With or Without Report from Closed Session

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council rise from Closed Session at 7:26 p.m. with report. Carried.

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that Council accept the recommendation from Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and approve the work plan and fee estimate from ML Consulting in the range of \$12,000.00 - \$15,000.00 for the preparation of the 2023 Market Compensation Review for the Township of Melancthon. The monies to come from reserves to fund this review. Carried.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright that By-law 15-2023 and 16-2023 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

Notice of Motion

None for this meeting.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Neilson, 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 March 16, 2023 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 17-2023. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright that Council adjourn this meeting at 7:29 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK