

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held an electronic meeting on the 20th day of April, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor James McLean, Councillor Ralph Moore and Councillor Bill Neilson were present. Councillor Ruth Plowright 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

None.

Additions

Line painting quote from Midwestern Line Striping Inc. for Horning's Mills and 2nd Line SW

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 Moore, Seconded by Neilson that Council approve the minutes of the April 6, 2023 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

A comment was made from a resident thanking Council for their support during the Marijuana Farm (NWN Scientific Planning Process), as well as compliments about the Council members for this Term of Council.

Public Works

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

1. 2023 Calcium Quote from Da-Lee

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council accept the 2023 quote from Da-Lee for the application of 35% Liquid Calcium Chloride Sprayed, in the amount of \$0.3390 per litre + HST for approximately 468,000 litres. Carried.

2. Chris Knechtel, RJ Burnside and Associates – Bridge 2023 Engineering and Rehabilitation Scope of Work and Quotation

Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean that Council accept the quote from RJ Burnside and Associates in the amount of \$20,000.00 + HST, for the engineering assignment for the design, tendering and contract administration of Bridge No. 2023 Rehabilitation on 4th Line NE, 400 m south of Dufferin County Road 21. Carried.

3. Motion from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors regarding the Announcement of a Proposed Fee by Enbridge Gas

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that WHEREAS, Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required; AND WHEREAS, third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities; AND WHEREAS, these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities; AND WHEREAS, this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened; AND WHEREAS, if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates; THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Township of Melancthon strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities; AND THAT, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves; AND THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed; Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma; Minister of Energy Todd Smith; Premier Doug Ford; Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones; the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities in Dufferin County. Carried.

4. 2023 Gravel Tender Recommendation/Award

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that Council award the tender for the 2023 supply and delivery of approximately 5,000 tonnes of "M" Gravel, 5/8", 5,000 tonnes of Granular "A" Gravel and 15,000 tonnes of 19mm Limestone Crusher Run to specified roads within the Township to Flesherton Concrete Products. The gravel is to meet the Ontario Provincial Standards Specifications and test is to be paid by the contractor, with the sample being supplied by the Township's Public Works Superintendent. Start time is approximately May 16, 2023. The accepted prices of the tender are as follows: M Gravel - \$11.50 per tonne + \$1.50 HST and Trucking \$6.85 per tonne + \$.89 HST; A Gravel - \$11.10 per tonne + \$1.44 HST and Trucking \$6.85 per tonne + \$.89 HST; 19mm Limestone Crusher Run - \$11.40 per tonne + \$1.48 HST and Trucking \$6.85 per tonne + \$.89 HST. This tender complies with the Procurement By-law for the Township of Melancthon. Carried.

5. Other

Craig Micks provided an update to Council on the various upcoming road projects and where he is at with all of them.

6. Addition – Line Painting Quote from Midwestern Line Striping Inc.

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council accept the quote from Midwestern Line Striping Inc. for the 2023 Line Painting in Horning’s Mills and the 2nd Line SW, between Highway 89 and Ida Street, in the amount of \$16,390.00 + HST. Carried.

During this time, Mayor White complimented and thanked the Public Works Department on a job well done this winter, as he had received compliments from a Councillor in Grey Highlands during the OGRA Conference.

Planning

1. Applications to Permit

There were no concerns or questions from Council.

2. Letter from Steve Clark, Minister of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act

Staff advised that Silva Yousif, Senior Planner will have a Report for Council in May regarding this legislation.

3. Other

Nothing for this.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this.

Police Services Board

Nothing for this.

County Council Update

Nothing for this.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Grand River Conservation Authority – March 24, 2023
2. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – March 2023
3. Horning’s Mills Community Hall – March 28, 2023
4. Heritage Advisory Committee – February 7, 2023
5. Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex – February 22, 2023
6. Horning’s Mills Community Park – January 25, 2023

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that the Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes Items 1-6 be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. NVCA Media Release – Reminder to Residents to Apply for Permits well Ahead of Project Start Dates
2. Doug Downey, Attorney General – Update on POA Modernization and Streamlining Initiatives
3. Eowyn Spencer, Grand River Conservation Authority – Progress Report #4 – Ontario Regulation 687/21

4. Letter from the Town of Orangeville in Support of the Town of Caledon Traffic Study
5. Letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding Proposed Changes to the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act (OGSRA)
6. Township of Mulmur Motion in Support of Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022
7. Dufferin POA Board Meeting Agenda – April 6, 2023
8. Response from Carl Cosack, NDACT Board Member to letter from Ken Fryer Regarding NDACT’s Delegation to Melancthon Council on March 16, 2023

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore that Correspondence Items 1-8, for information purposes, be received as information, except items 6 and 7 for further discussion. Carried.

6 – Mayor White pulled this item and spoke to it. It was then Moved by White, Seconded by Neilson that Council support the Township of Mulmur and County of Dufferin resolutions regarding Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022; And that this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the local Members of Parliament, the local Members of Provincial Parliament and the Honourable Stephen Blais and all Ontario Municipalities. Carried.

7 – Councillor Neilson pulled this item and spoke about the increase of Part 1 Tickets in Melancthon from 2021 to 2022.

Items for Council Action

1. Sponsorship Package for the 2023 Walk for Alzheimer, Alzheimer Society Dufferin Country

Discussion ensued regarding the request and Council directed Staff to advise the Alzheimer Society that a donation would not be provided this year, but during the next budget cycle in 2024, Council will discuss setting aside a certain amount for grants that can be distributed for donation requests.

2. Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance Request for Contribution for the 2023 Headwaters Farm Fresh Guide

Discussion ensued and this matter was deferred until the second meeting in May, as HFFA has also requested a donation from the County of Dufferin Community Grants and this matter will be on the May 11th County Agenda for consideration.

General Business

- 1. Notice of Intent to Pass By-law By-law to Provide Remuneration, Allowances and Expenses for Members of Council- Third and Final Reading**

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that By-law 18-2023 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

- 2. New/Other Business/Additions**

- 1. Return to In Person Council Meetings – Discussion and Direction**

Discussion ensued and Council will return to In-Person Council meetings with the option to attend virtually, on May 4, 2023. The first test of the Hybrid Meeting process will be held on April 25, 2023 for the Roads Sub-Committee meeting and if all works, we will proceed on May 4th and if not, it may have to be pushed back to a later date.

3. Unfinished Business

1. The Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank – Donation

Discussion ensued and instead of the Township providing a financial contribution to the Food Bank, Council will ask the Park Board/Melancthon Day Committee to coordinate a Food Drive during the Melancthon Day Event on June 24th. It was noted that any events going forward at the Hall, participants will be asked to bring a donation for the Food Bank.

Delegations/Closed Session

5:30 p.m. – Chris Johnston, By-law Enforcement Officer and Ted Oldfield, Township Solicitor for By-law Complaints attended Council to provide an update and discuss options regarding the Property Standards Complaint at 517462 County Road 124.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that Council move into a Closed Session meeting at 5:41 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason: (2)(b) – personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees - Update to Council regarding Property Standards Complaint – 517462 County Road 124 and (2)(k) Plans and instructions for negotiations – NDCC Agreement Negotiations & (2)(e) – litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunal affecting the local board - Clearview/Simcoe Application (Wargon Deviation Road). Carried.

Mr. Johnston and Mr. Oldfield left the Closed Session meeting after their Delegation and the rest of the business was discussed.

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council rise from Closed Session at 6:37 p.m. with report. Carried. The report being that Staff be directed to carry out the directions from Council during the Closed Session Meeting.

Third Reading of By-laws

No further third readings

Notice of Motion

None.

During this time, Mayor White advised that the Corbetton Park Board met briefly to discuss upcoming activities for the year.

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 20, 2023 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 20-2023. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that Council adjourn this meeting at 6:39 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, May 4, 2023, in person, at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK