

## **CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON**

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor James McLean, Councillor Ralph Moore (by electronic) 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**

Mayor White announced that the Pride Flag was raised (by Councillor Neilson, Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and himself) this afternoon at the Township Office in recognition of Pride Month.

### **Additions**

None.

### **Deletions**

None.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council approve the Agenda as circulated. 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 May 18, 2023 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

None.

### **Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege**

None.

### **Public Question Period**

A question was raised by a member of the gallery regarding the AMO Conference in August and a question by another member in the gallery regarding the letter in the package under Public Question Period regarding the Fifth Line.

1. Letter from Ken Groen

Mayor White addressed the letter from Ken Groen and provided a timeline of events regarding the discussions on the Fifth Line. Other members of Council were given the opportunity to speak to the letter. Council was of the opinion that because the Council meeting is recorded, that Mayor White did not need to respond in writing.

**Public Works**

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

**1. Accounts**

Craig presented the accounts in the amount of \$70,455.68. Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council receive the Public Works Accounts as presented by the Public Works Superintendent. Carried.

**2. Dually Truck Tender Results and Staff Recommendation**

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council accept the tender (Tender 02-2023) from Trillium Ford Lincoln Ltd. in the amount of \$165,731.45 (HST incl.) for the purchase of a 2023 Ford F550 and further that the installation of fog lights as per the tender requirements be included in this price. This tender complies with the Procurement By-law for the Township of Melancthon. Carried.

**3. Roads Sub-Committee Meeting (May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023) Recommendation(s)**

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that Council accept the recommendation from the Roads Sub-Committee and extends an invitation to Constable Robert Button, Dufferin OPP to attend all Roads Sub-Committee meetings. And further that Staff be directed to include Constable Button in all meeting dates and agenda circulations. Carried.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that Council supports Resolution Number 23-058 from the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago, in its entirety, regarding Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites. Further that a copy of this motion be sent to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada. Carried.

**4. Other**

Nothing for this.

**Planning**

**1. Applications to Permit**

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

**2. 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**

There were no Committee Reports given.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes**

1. Horning's Mills Community Hall Board – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023
2. Horning's Mills Community Park Board – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that the Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes Items 1 & 2 be received as information. Carried.

#### **Items for Information Purposes**

1. Upper Grand District School Board – 2023 Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) Comprehensive Report
2. Township of Amaranth Motion regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that Correspondence Item 1 be received as information, and Item # 2 for further discussion. Carried.

# 2 – Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that Council support the motion from the Township of Amaranth regarding school bus stop arm cameras and that this motion be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Sylvia Jones, MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Dufferin County. Carried.

#### **Items for Council Action**

1. Report to Council from Denise B. Holmes CAO/Clerk – Return of Deposit to Israel and Elizabeth Martin

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that that the security deposit of \$5,000.00 be returned to Israel and Elizabeth Martin as the existing house on Lot 285 & 286, Concession 3 SW has been demolished. Carried.

### **General Business**

#### **1. Accounts**

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer presented the accounts in the amount of \$83,552.74. Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that Council receive the General Accounts as presented by the Treasurer. Carried.

#### **2. Notice of Intent to Pass By-law**

No By-laws for this meeting

#### **3. New/Other Business/Additions**

##### **3.1 Letter from Ajeet Pal Singh Sran regarding an entrance off 7<sup>th</sup> Line SW**

Discussion ensued on the letter and Staff were directed to advise Mr. Sran that Council will be deferring this for a couple of months to determine its course of action, as Council is looking to develop a Park in Riverview and it may be on the property that he is referring to in his letter.

### **3.2 Notice of Motion from Deputy Mayor McLean regarding a “Melancthon Council Award for Community Leadership”**

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Whereas Melancthon Township is home to several outstanding members who care about their community and make it a better place to work, live and play; And Whereas Melancthon Council would like to recognize and celebrate these local community builders who, through their contributions, are making a difference in our Township; Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Township of Melancthon establishes a “Melancthon Council Award for Community Leadership”; And further that Council develop the framework to identify the process for the Award and that Staff be directed to place monies in the 2024 Operating Budget to fund the Award. Deputy Mayor McLean spoke to his motion and the reasoning for putting it forth. The motion was then carried.

Deputy Mayor McLean will work with Staff on this initiative.

## **3. Unfinished Business**

### **3.1 Corbetton Park – Gazebo**

Both the CAO/Clerk and the Mayor provided an update to Council on the gazebo at the Park. Staff to follow up with Mr. Sherk regarding the drawings, so that the building permit can be applied for.

### **3.2 2023 Association of Municipalities Ontario Conference Delegation Request Form**

Council directed Staff to request a Delegation with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding:

1. Upcoming Development pressures facing Melancthon
2. Bill 97 and the Proposed Provincial Policy Statement
3. Development Charges

## **Delegations**

During the meeting, Council heard from the following Delegation who was invited by Council to attend the meeting.

5:30 p.m. – Sara MacRae, Manager of Climate and Energy, County of Dufferin attended Council and presented information via a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the BetterHomes Dufferin Program. Ms. MacRae answered questions that Council had provided ahead of time. Staff were directed to place this matter on the next Agenda regarding the letter of support.

## **Committee of the Whole**

6:00 p.m. – Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that we adjourn Council to move into Committee of the Whole and reconvene as Council. Carried.

Council reconvened at 6:04 p.m.

## **Closed Session**

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that Council move into a Closed Session meeting at 6:10 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason Section 239(2)© - a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board –Township of Southgate request to purchase property at Highway 10 and 240 Sideroad. Carried.

**Rise With or Without Report from Closed Session**

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that Council rise from Closed Session at 6:17 p.m. with report. Carried.

Report: Staff were directed to bring a By-law to the next meeting to declare lands at Highway 10 and 240 Sideroad to be surplus and a By-law to describe the method of disposition of the surplus lands, as required under Section 4 of By-law 58-2015.

**Third Reading of By-laws**

There were no By-laws for this meeting.

**Notice of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion.

**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 June 1, 2023 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 26-2023. Carried.

**Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting**

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that Council adjourn this meeting at 6:18 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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MAYOR

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CLERK