

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 18th day of May, 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.

As this was the first in person Council meeting since March 19, 2020, Mayor White welcomed everyone back to the Council Chambers and 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

Deputy Mayor McLean reminded everyone that Melancthon Day will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at the Horning's Mills Park and listed the events scheduled for the day.

Mayor White announced that two Flag raising events would be taking place – the first on June 1st for Pride Month and the second on June 27th for Multi-Cultural Day.

Additions

Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk – Motion to suspend Sections 58 & 59 of the Procedural By-law dealing with written motions.

Mayor White – Motion regarding Fire Protection and Prevention Services in Dufferin County

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.

Minutes

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by McLean that Council approve the minutes of the May 4, 2023 Council meeting and the May 8, 2023 Special Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

A question was asked about the access on the 4th Line regarding the Hall property (discussed at the last meeting) and concerns raised regarding the number of trucks that will be hauling fill into the property.

Public Works

1. Email from Kala Bennett, Enbridge Gas Update Regarding Locate Charges

There was discussion on the correspondence and Council took no action on it.

2. Other

There was nothing for this item.

Planning

1. Applications to Permit

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

2. Other

Silva Yousif, Senior Planner was in attendance and didn't have anything for Council at this time.

Climate Change Initiatives

1. Request for Support from the County of Dufferin in Establishing the BetterHomes Dufferin Program

There was discussion on this item and there were some questions from Council members regarding the program. Staff were directed to have Sara MacRae and Scott Burns from the County attend a future meeting of Council to answer the questions.

Police Services Board

Alan Blundell, Chair of the Police Services Board attended the meeting and provided an update on the May 9th, 2023 PSB meeting.

During this time it was noted by Mayor White that a Dufferin OPP Sgt. is willing to come to the Roads Sub-Committee meetings or sit on the Roads Sub-Committee and Staff were directed to put this item on the next Roads Sub-Committee Agenda for discussion.

County Council Update

Mayor White provided an update on the May 11th, 2023 County Council meeting.

During this time, Silva Yousif, Senior Planner spoke on information regarding Bill 97.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Reports/Recommendations

1. Horning's Mills Community Hall Board Motion

Councillor Plowright spoke to the motion from the Hall Board and presented the quotes for the repairs/painting that are required at the Hall.

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright that Council accept the following quotes and proceed accordingly:

Freeman Aluminum - \$2,203.50

Redseal Masonry - \$5,401.53

519 Contracting - \$4,926.80

Cutting Edge - \$4,975.00

including taxes. Carried.

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Police Service Board – February 14, 2023
2. Mulmur-Melancthon Joint Council – March 21, 2023
3. Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex - March 22, 2023
4. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – April 2023
5. Grand River Conservation Authority – April 28, 2023

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that the Board, Committee and working Group Minutes Items 1-5 be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Updated Dufferin County Municipal Emergency Readiness Fund Application
2. Dufferin County – Notice of Adoption of the Official Plan Amendment (OPA) No. 02
3. Blue Box Transition for Residential Recycling Collections
4. Holmes Agro Groundwater Assessment 2023 Spring
5. Township of Amaranth Motion regarding Township Shared and Combined Services within Dufferin County
6. Township of Southgate Rezoning Application – Flato Development
7. RJ Burnside & Associates – Drainage Superintendent Services January – March 2023
8. Town of Orangeville Letter of Support for Bill 74, Missing Persons Amendment Act, 2023
9. Upper Grand District School Board – Notice of Increase of Education Development Charges effective May 20, 2023
10. Township of East Garafraxa Motion to Support the Township of Amaranth's Motion regarding Township Shared and Combined Services within Dufferin County
11. Dufferin County Motion to Support the Town of Orangeville's Motion Regarding the Support of Adoption of Bill 74 Missing Persons Amendment Act, 2023
12. NVCA Media Release – 5 Year Check ups on the Health of the Nottawasaga Watershed

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Moore that Correspondence items 1-12, for information purposes, be received as information, except for 3, 4, 5, 8 & 9 pulled for further discussion. Carried.

3 – Deputy Mayor McLean asked for more information on this item and Mayor White provided an overview on the Blue Box transition.

4 – Councillor Neilson spoke to the report and complimented that it was an efficient report.

5 – Councillor Neilson spoke to this item. Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that Melancthon support Amaranth's motion to discuss shared and combined services. And that this motion be forwarded to Amaranth and all other Dufferin County municipalities for consideration. Carried.

8 – Councillor Neilson spoke to this item. Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that Melancthon supports the Missing Persons Amendment Act, 2023 with respect to expanding the criteria for Amber Alerts for vulnerable persons to facilitate a search for a missing person, who, because of their age, a disability or other circumstance, is in a greater risk than the general public. And this motion be circulated to Sylvia Jones, MPP, Minister Michael Parsa, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, Monique Taylor, Critic, Child, Community and Social Services and all municipalities in Dufferin County. Carried.

Items for Council Action

1. 2023 Association of Municipalities Ontario Conference Delegation Request Form

Mayor White, who is attending AMO along with Councillors Moore and Plowright, would like to request a Delegation with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding development in Melancthon. Staff will put this on the next Agenda to see if there are any further Delegations to be requested.

General Business

New/Other Business/Additions

1. **Report from Denise B. Holmes, CAO/Clerk – Flag Raising/Half Staff Policy**

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole meeting and approve the amendment to the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon Flag Raising/Half Staff Policy, as presented, regarding the Annual Raising of Flags. Carried.

2. **Updates for the Corbetton and Riverview Parks (Councillor Plowright)**

Discussion ensued regarding the Corbetton Park. There were two motions passed by Council last term regarding the purchase of basketball nets and the purchase of wood for the construction of a fence. The funds for the nets to come from the Corbetton Park Board Account and the wood for the fence from the Township's general account. Mayor White asked for confirmation that this Council was on board with it and Council concurred. Staff were directed to move forward with this. There was discussion regarding the engineered drawings and the costs for the gazebo. Councillor Plowright will provide some names of engineers to Staff and this will be further discussed at the next meeting.

The discussion moved on to the proposed Riverview Park and there are two Township owned properties in the Hamlet that are potential sites. There was discussion about community outreach to see what the community wants. Staff were directed to put this item on the next Roads Sub-Committee Agenda for further discussion and direction. There was a request for a Council onsite to have a look at the potential properties. Staff were directed to set this up.

3. **Other/Additions**

Addition – CAO/Clerk – Suspend Sections 58 & 59 of the Procedural By-law

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council suspend Section 58 & 59 of the Township of Melancthon Procedural By-law 16-2015 regarding the requirement for motions of Council to be in writing. Carried.

Mayor White – Motion regarding Fire Prevention and Protection Services in Melancthon

As this matter has already been previously addressed at Council, Mayor White put the following motion forth:

Moved by White, Seconded by Moore that Whereas municipalities are required to provide appropriate, sustainable fire prevention and protection services to its residents;

And Whereas municipalities within Dufferin County rely on fire prevention and protection services from multiple fire services with varying service levels;

And Whereas avenues for potential collaboration between fire departments and other emergency first responders have not been studied or identified to the eight local tier municipalities;

Therefore be it resolved that Melancthon Township Council request the County of Dufferin engage subject matter experts and support a study on fire prevention and protection services in Dufferin County, and supply a report that details options and recommendations for the appropriate provision of fire prevention and protection services across Dufferin County. And further that funds for the study be taken from the County of Dufferin's emergency management preparedness reserve.

And further that this motion be forwarded to all Dufferin County municipalities, as well as Dufferin County Council for support, and all local tier Fire Department Boards of Management and Advisory Boards for information. Carried.

Unfinished Business

1. Site Alteration Application – Shane Hall 585166 County Road 17, Melancthon - Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Clearance Letter

There was further discussion on the application and Council reviewed the clearance email from NVCA. Mr. Hall was in attendance at the meeting and spoke to Regulation 406/19 which requires his application to be registered on the Excess Soil Registry. He has registered and has his number, but he will complete it when approval has been provided by the municipality. Mr. Hall advised that he had received all of his permits from Dufferin County Public Works. He also indicated that all trucks would be tracked as they go onto the property and will be validated on a daily basis, as there were concerns about that quantity of fill being monitored.

Moved by White, Seconded by Plowright that Council direct Staff to issue a Site Alteration Permit, 1-2023, to Shane Hall, West Part of Lot 10, Concession 3 OS, 585166 County Road 17 for the placement of approximately 50,000 cubic metres of topsoil, on a portion of the above noted property, to allow the land to be used for agricultural purposes. A clearance email has been received from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority dated May 9, 2023, that the NVCA does not require a permit application at this time. Carried.

Council directed Staff to stipulate on the permit, that trucks use County Road 17 only.

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

Discussion ensued on the request from HFFA and Council took no action on the funding request.

Delegations

There are no Delegations for this meeting.

Closed Session

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 6:32 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason: NDCC Agreement Negotiations – Section 239(2)(k) – a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. Carried.

Rise With or Without Report from Closed Session

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson that Council rise from Closed Session at 7:14 p.m. without report. Carried.

Third Reading of By-laws

N/A

Notice of Motion

None.

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 May 18, 2023 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 25-2023. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Moore that Council adjourn this meeting at 7:16 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK