

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 10th day of August, 2023 at 6:05 p.m. (scheduled for 5:00 p.m.) Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor James McLean, Councillor Bill Neilson and Councillor Ruth Plowright were present. Councillor Ralph Moore 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

There were no announcements.

Additions

1. CAO – Advertisement in the Rural Voice Magazine – September Issue – focussing on the International Plowing Match in Dufferin County
2. CAO – Letter from Minister Steve Clark, Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding AMO Conference Delegation Request

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson that 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 McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on July 13, 2023 as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

A member of the gallery made a comment about a Facebook post regarding a puppy that was killed on 2nd Line SW and because of the comments that were generated on that post, they suggested that the Road Safety Taskforce Report should be provided as

a link in the comment section, so people are aware of all the work Council has done around speeding issue.

Public Works

Accounts

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent presented the public works accounts in the amount of \$116,428.70. Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright that Council receive the Public Works Accounts as presented by the Public Works Superintendent. Carried.

Return Tender Cheque to Fleshcon for the 2023 Gravel Tender

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that Council approves the release of the tender security deposit cheque in the amount of \$51,445.00 received from Flesherton Concrete Products Inc. regarding the 2023 Gravel Tender. Carried.

Other

Deputy Mayor McLean asked for an update on capital projects, the grader, tractor and dually truck which Craig provided.

Planning

Applications to Permit

There were no questions or concerns on the applications to permit and the CAO/Clerk advised that the Corbetton Pavilion permit had been approved.

Letter to Sonya Pritchard, CAO County of Dufferin from Steve Clark Minister of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Regarding Bill 109 More Homes for Everyone Act 2022

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson that Planning Correspondence Item Number 2 be received as information. Carried.

Other

Staff advised that the Planning is very busy with Pre-Consultation Applications.

Strategic Plan

Nothing for this.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this.

Police Services Board

Chair Alan Blundell attended Council and provided an update on the Police Services Board meeting held on August 8, 2023.

Committee/Board Reports & Recommendations

Councillor Neilson – advised that the new truck has arrived for the Shelburne and District Fire Department.

Councillor Plowright inquired about the dates of the Plowing Match as the Harvest Dinner is to be held at the Hall on September 23rd. It was advised that the Plowing Match would finish at 5:00 p.m. on September 23rd.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Horning's Mills Hall – June 13th, 2023

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright that the Board, Committee & Working Group minutes, Item Number 1 be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Municipality of Chatham-Kent – Letter to Honourable Rasheed Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD) regarding the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
2. Town of Caledon – Letter to Premier Ford regarding Illegal Land Use Enforcement Update
3. Township of Mulmur Notice of Public Meeting to Consider amendments to the Official Plan
4. Town of Grand Valley Request for Comments for a Zoning By-law Amendment for 502180 Highway 89
5. County of Dufferin Motion for Lower Tier Municipalities to Review the Report titled Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2022 Annual Report
6. RJ Burnside & Associates Limited Drainage Superintendent Services Invoice
7. County of Dufferin Notice of Passing of By-law 2023-43 to Adopt Dufferin County Official Plan Amendment No. 3
8. Town of Shelburne Notice of Passing of By-law 44-2023 Rezoning for 220 Owen Sound Street

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Correspondence Items 1-8, for information purposes, be received as information, except items 1 & 2. Carried.

1 – Moved by White, Seconded by Neilson that Council supports the motion from Chatham-Kent regarding changes to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, in its entirety, and that a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and all municipalities in Dufferin County. Carried.

2 – Moved by White, Seconded by Neilson that Council of the Township of Melancthon strongly supports the motion from the Town of Caledon regarding Illegal Land Use Enforcement, in its entirety, and that a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario and all municipalities in Dufferin County. Carried.

General Business

Accounts

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer presented the accounts in the amount of \$116,100.02. Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright that Council receive the General Accounts as presented by the Treasurer. Carried.

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

None for this meeting.

New/Other Business/Additions

Jade Snell's Resignation Letter from the Horning's Mills Hall Board

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by McLean that Council accept, with regret, the resignation of Jade Snell from the Horning's Mills Hall Board and thank her for her contributions to the Board. Carried.

Staff were directed to advertise for the vacancy on the Board.

Unfinished Business

NDACT Request from the July 13, 2023 Council meeting regarding Community Peer Reviewers

At the meeting held on July 13, 2023, Staff were directed to obtain a legal opinion on the Township's participation in the Community Peer Reviewers. The CAO/Clerk read an opinion that was received from the Township's Solicitor advising that if the Township is to be involved, that an Agreement be entered into between Strada, NDACT and the Township of Melancthon, which would outline the Township's role and obligations and would contractually confirm Strada's obligation to pay for the Peer Reviews. It was suggested that either Strada or NDACT have their legal counsel prepare such an Agreement for the Township's consideration, so that it can clearly outline what the Township's role and obligations would be. As Council concurred with the Solicitor's recommendation, Staff were directed to reach out to Strada and NDACT and advise of this.

Additions:

1. CAO – Advertisement in the Rural Voice Magazine – September Issue – focussing on the International Plowing Match in Dufferin County

Staff were directed to purchase an advertisement 1/12 page for \$111.00 + HST with the Township's logo to welcome people to the Plowing Match from the Council and Staff.

2. CAO – Letter from Minister Steve Clark, Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding AMO Conference Delegation Request

Discussion ensued on the letter, but no action was taken.

Delegations

During the meeting, Council heard from the following Delegation:

6:11 p.m. (scheduled for 5:30 p.m.) Tom Pridham, P.Eng., Drainage Engineer, RJ Burnside and Associates attended Council for the Consideration of the Report on the Schill Drainage Works and for the 1st and 2nd Reading of the Schill Drainage Works By-law. Mayor White asked if any owners in the area wished to withdraw their names from the petition and there were none, as there was no one in attendance who had been notified of the Consideration of the Report. Mr. Pridham advised that the Township of Southgate is also involved in this Drainage Works, and therefore one member of Southgate Council has been appointed to the Court of Revision.

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that leave be given to introduce a By-law to provide for the construction of the Schill Drainage Works and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 36-2023. Carried.

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright that the Court of Revision for the Schill Drainage works be set for Thursday, September 7th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. and the following Council members be designated to sit as members of the Court Mayor Darren White and Councillor Bill Neilson. Carried.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright that we direct the Engineer to call tenders for the construction of the Schill Drainage Works. Tenders to close Wednesday, September 6th, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Provision to be added that the tenders will be returned unopened in the event of appeals. Carried.

Committee of the Whole

6:51 p.m. – Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson that we adjourn Council to move into Committee of the Whole and reconvene as Council. Carried.

6:55 p.m. – Council reconvened.

Closed Session

There was no closed session for this meeting, as it was felt that Council did not need to go into Closed Session as indicated on the Agenda.

Third Reading of By-laws

Not required.

Notice of Motion

Deputy Mayor McLean advised that he would be putting forth a motion at the next meeting to deal with Bill C-310 regarding the Firefighters' Tax Credit. This will be in the next Agenda package.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson 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 August 10, 2023 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 37-2023. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright that Council adjourn this meeting at 6:59 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK