

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 7th day of September, 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 – Harvest Dinner and Comedy Show being held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at the Horning's Mills Community Hall. She advised that the painting has all been done at the Hall, chimney repaired and waiting on plumbing and electrical.

Additions

Mayor White – Rogers Fiber Project– Disposal of Fill (under Public Works); CDRC Board of Management (under Board, Committee Reports), and a couple items for County Business (under General Business Additions).

Deletions

CAO/Clerk – Delete the Delegation of Heather Hill and Jody Hoag at 5:30 p.m. – they have been rescheduled for October 19th.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright 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 Neilson, Seconded by Plowright that Council approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on August 10, 2023 as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

There were no questions asked during this time.

Public Works

Accounts

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent presented the accounts in the amount of \$101,165.79. Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean that Council receive the Public Works Accounts as presented by the Public Works Superintendent. Carried.

2023 Winter Sand Quote – Staff Recommendation

Discussion ensued on the quotes received.

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that the Council of the Township of Melancthon accepts the quote from Fleshcon for the supply and delivery of approximately 2,700 tonnes of screened winter sand for the quoted price of \$54,675.00 plus applicable taxes. Quoted price includes the rental of the stacker. The screened winter sand is to meet OPSS Specifications and the test is to be paid by the contractor with the sample supplied by the Township. Completion date is October 13, 2023. This quote complies with the Township's Procurement By-law. Carried.

Other

Craig advised that the Dually Truck has arrived, he reported on the upcoming capital projects and that Poulton Place has been completed.

Addition – Mayor White – Rogers Fiber Project Disposal of Fill

Mayor White advised that he received a call from Synapse about potentially dumping some fill in our landfill site from the internet fiber project they are working on in the Township. There were no concerns from Council and Craig was directed to work with Synapse on this matter.

Planning

Applications to Permit

There were no questions or concerns regarding the building permits on the spreadsheet.

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Strategic Plan

The matter of a new Strategic Plan will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this matter.

Police Services Board

Al Blundell, Chair was in attendance and updated Council on the interview process for the new Detachment Commander for Dufferin OPP. The new Detachment Commander will be Michael Di Pasquale.

Committee/Board Reports & Recommendations

Councillor Neilson provided a verbal report on the Shelburne Fire Board meeting held on September 5, 2023.

Councillor Moore provided a verbal report on the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on September 5, 2023.

Mayor White provided a verbal report on the NVCA meeting held on August 25, 2023.

Addition – Mayor White – CDRC

Mayor White advised that it is his intention to resign from the CDRC Board as he is not able to make the Wednesday meetings. There was discussion and Councillor Plowright will be appointed in his place. Staff will bring an amending By-law forth for the next meeting.

Correspondence

Items for Information Purposes

1. Town of Caledon – Staff Report 2023-0384: Transfer of Part III Provincial Offences Act Prosecutions by the Province
2. Township of East Garafraxa Motion to Support the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Resolution Endorsing the right-to-repair movement
3. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Update on Moving to a Project List under the Environmental Assessment Act
4. Town of Orangeville – Motion to support the motions of Township of Amaranth and Township of Melancthon regarding Shared and Combined Services for Fire Prevention and Protection Services in Dufferin County
5. Township of Clearview - Official Plan Review Notice of Public Open House & Public Meeting
6. RJ Burnside & Associates – Drainage Superintendent Services
7. Ministry of Infrastructure Memorandum regarding Red Tape Reduction for Designated Broadband Projects
8. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Streamlining of Approvals under the Aggregates Resources Act and Supporting Policy
9. Motion from the County of Dufferin for Staff to prepare a report on the process of the County engaging Subject Matter Experts to Support a Study on Fire Protection and Prevention Services in Dufferin County
10. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Announcement regarding Building Faster Fund
11. Town of Grand Valley – Notice of Complete Application and Statutory Public Meeting for Zoning By-Law Amendment for 502180 Highway 89
12. Copy of an email that Harve Lyon sent to NDACT regarding the Strada Proposal
13. NVCA Board Meeting Highlights – August 2023
14. Letter to Mayor White and Council from Antonius Peeters, CEO EH!tel Networks Inc. regarding Mayor White’s promotion of Rogers Internet
15. Response from Mayor White, on behalf of Council, to the letter from Antonius Peeters, CEO EH!tel

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore that Correspondence Items 1-15, for information purposes, be received as information, except items 1, 4, 7, 8, 10, 14 and 15. Carried.

Deputy Mayor McLean pulled item 10 and spoke to it. Staff were directed to keep on top of this item and to contact the Township’s Planner to advise that Council will be seeking a report on how to best move forward with this item, once more information has been received from the Province.

Councillor Neilson pulled items 4, 8 and 9 and spoke to each of these items of correspondence.

Councillor Moore pulled item 1 and wanted more information on it and Mayor White advised that he would get some further information from Mono Mayor John Creelman.

Mayor White pulled items 14 and 15 and spoke to the letter received from Eh!tel Networks Inc. and his response. There was discussion on the matter and Staff were directed to send the response letter.

General Business

Accounts

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer presented the general accounts in the amount of \$144,766.41. Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that Council receive the General Accounts as presented by the Treasurer. Carried.

Notice of Intent to Pass By-laws

By-law to Authorize a Purchase Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon and the Corporation of the Township of Southgate

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that leave be given to introduce a By-law to Authorize a Purchase Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon and the Corporation of the Township of Southgate and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 38-2023. Carried.

By-law to Authorize the Execution of a Consent Agreement between Steven Belford and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that leave be given to introduce a By-law to Authorize the Execution of a Consent Agreement between Steven Belford and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 39-2023. Carried.

By-law to Appoint By-law Enforcement Officer for the Township of Melancthon

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that leave be given to introduce a By-law to Appoint a By-law Enforcement Officer for the Township of Melancthon and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 40-2023. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

Notice of Motion – Deputy Mayor McLean to call on all Members of Parliament to vote in support of Bill C-310 to increase the firefighters' tax credit incentive

Deputy Mayor McLean spoke to his notice of motion.

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore that Whereas there are 90,000 volunteer firefighters in Canada, comprising 71 per cent of all firefighters in the country; And Whereas there are an estimated 15,000 vacant firefighter positions in Canada; And Whereas Canadians' reliance on volunteer firefighters is increasing at a time of warmer weather and increased wildfires; And Whereas governments need to find new ways to incentivize the recruitment of volunteer firefighters in this country; And Whereas volunteer firefighters are currently eligible for a \$3,000 tax credit each year; And Whereas Bill C-310 proposes to increase the firefighters' tax credit to \$10,000 per year. Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Melancthon calls on all Members of Parliament to vote in support of Bill C-310 to increase the firefighters' tax credit from

\$3,000 to \$10,000 to incentivize the hiring of more recruits and to recognize those who already serve. And further that this motion be circulated to: Dufferin County municipalities; Gord Johns, MP for Courtenay—Alberni; Kyle Seeback, MP for Dufferin-Caledon; Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of National Revenue. Carried.

Report from Denise B. Holmes CAO/Clerk regarding Draft Procedural and Procurement By-law

Discussion ensued on the Draft Procedural By-law and Staff advised Council that a resident had submitted comments and suggestions regarding the Draft By-law. Staff were then directed to open it up for further public comment and bring those comments back to the October 5, 2023 Council meeting.

Other/Additions

Mayor White – County of Dufferin Business

Mayor White updated Council on the County's Road Rationalization Study and advised that there was a recommendation in the study for two bridges to be downloaded to the Township next year. This will be discussed at the County Council meeting on September 14, 2023.

Mayor White updated Council on a Presentation that will be taking place at the County Council meeting on September 14, 2023 from Equity Strategy and advised Council of his concerns with the Report, and that he would be raising these at the meeting.

Delegation (Court of Revision Schill Drainage Works)

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore that we adjourn Council at 6:02 p.m. and move into the Court of Revision for the Schill Drainage Works. Carried.

Tom Pridham, P.Eng., Drainage Engineer, RJ Burnside and Associates and Councillor Jason Rice, appointed by Southgate Council to sit on the Court of Revision were in attendance for this matter. Mayor White and Councillor Neilson were appointed as Melancthon Council Members to sit on the Court of Revision at the August 10, 2023 meeting.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Rice that the Court of Revision for the Schill Drainage Works does hereby convene at 6:03 p.m. and Darren White be appointed as Chair. Carried.

The Chair welcomed all in attendance and advised that the Court of Revision and the Township of Melancthon were meeting for the purpose of considering and determining appeals from the assessments by By-law 36-2023 (Schill Drainage Works). The Chair asked if any appeals had been received and the answer was no. The Chair asked if there were any late appeals received and the answer was no. The Chair asked if Mr. Pridham had any comments to make. Mr. Pridham advised that the tenders closed yesterday and the low bidder was Carl Robinson Drainage from Elsa Craig. Mayor White advised that due to there being no appeals, and having heard the comments from the Drainage Engineer, there will be the following closing motion.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Rice that the Court of Revision does now adjourn at 6:06 p.m. Carried.

Closed Session

7:02 p.m. Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended for the following reasons: (2)(k) – a position, plan, procedure, criteria, instruction to be

applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board – re: Joint Council meeting between Southgate and Melancthon scheduled for September 11, 2023 regarding Proposed Flato Development; (2)(f) – advice that is subject to Solicitor/Client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose -517462 County Road 124; and (2)(b) – Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Applications for the vacant position on the Horning’s Mills Hall Board & Staffing – By-law Enforcement Officer. Carried.

Rise With or Without Report from Closed Session

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council rise from Closed Session at 8:08 p.m. with report. Carried.

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright that Jeannette Parkinson be appointed to the Horning’s Mills Community Hall Board effective immediately until December 31, 2023. Carried.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson that By-laws 38-2023, 39-2023 and 40-2023 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion put forward.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean 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 September 7, 2023 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 41-2023. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by McLean that Council adjourn this meeting at 8:12 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK