

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

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Councillor Bill Neilson and Councillor Ruth Plowright were present. Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk and Kaitlin Dinnick, Administrative and Finance Assistant were also present. Deputy Mayor McLean and Councillor Ralph Moore were absent with notice. 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 reminded everyone that the date of the Harvest Dinner at the Hall is October 21, 2023.

### **Additions**

None.

### **Deletions**

None

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson that Council approve the Agenda as presented. 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 September 21, 2023 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

None.

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

None.

### **Public Question Period**

None

### **Public Works**

Craig Micks was not in attendance for the meeting.

## **Accounts**

The accounts in the amount of \$362,820.37 were presented. Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson that Council receive the Public Works Accounts as presented by the Public Works Superintendent. Carried.

## **Other**

None

## **Planning**

### **Applications to Permit**

Nothing for this matter.

## **Other**

Nothing for this matter.

## **Strategic Plan**

Nothing at this time. The Mayor and the CAO will reach out to the consultant and will provide an update shortly.

## **Climate Change Initiatives**

Nothing for this matter.

## **Police Services Board**

The next Joint Police Services Board will take place in November.

## **Correspondence**

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

1. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board – May 23, 2023
2. Township of Southgate Recreation Advisory Committee – September 21, 2023
3. Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex Board of Management – June 28, 2023
4. Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex Board of Management – July 25, 2023

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright that the Board, Committee and Working Group minutes Items 1-4 be received as information. Carried.

Councillor Neilson provided an update on the highlights of the Township of Southgate Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held on September 21, 2023.

Councillor Neilson provided an update on the Shelburne District Fire Board meeting held on October 3, 2023.

## **Items for Information Purposes**

1. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Responding to the Housing Affordability task Force's Recommendations
2. County of Dufferin Resolution in Support of Melancthon's Resolution Regarding Support for Bill C-310
3. NVCA September 2023 Board Meeting Highlights
4. Grand River Conservation Authority Summary of the General Membership Meeting September 22, 2023

5. Ontario Provincial Police – Municipal Policing 2024 Annual Billing Statement Package
6. Town of Shelburne Resolution in Support of Melancthon’s Resolution Regarding Support for Bill C-310

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson the Correspondence Items 1-6, for information purposes, be received as information except Item # 5 pulled for further discussion. Carried

Councillor Neilson pulled item # 5 and commented on the mental health calls.

### **Items for Council Action**

1. Letter from Crystal and Craig Gordon – Request for exemption to Section 4.2 (a) of the Township of Melancthon Canine Control By-law

Discussion ensued pertaining to the request to exempt part of the Canine Control By-law. It was stated that modifying the By-law would make more sense rather than providing exemptions as there may be other matters that could be updated. Staff were directed to get the process started to amend the By-law.

### **General Business**

#### **Accounts**

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer presented the general accounts in the amount of \$979,738.19. Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright that Council receive the General Accounts as presented by the Treasurer. Carried.

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

Nothing for this matter.

#### **New/Other Business/Additions**

#### **Township of Southgate Letter Indicating The Township’s Current Position Regarding The Request to Service Lands within the Township of Melancthon**

Discussion ensued on this matter and Council acknowledged that no further action would be taken.

#### **North Dufferin Community Centre – Reports from Comco and the TSSA for the Removal of the Fuel Tank at the NDCC**

Discussion ensued on this matter. No action is required.

#### **Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – 2024 Draft Budget**

Concerns were raised on the increase in this budget, however the concerns were addressed at the board level, and the proposed budget was forwarded to the appropriate Municipalities.

#### **Recreation Committee – There were no new applications received as a result of the last call for volunteers for this Committee.**

It was decided to table this matter for now, and consider addressing it as part of the Strategic Direction.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Delegations**

5:30 p.m. – A Public Meeting was held to Remove a Holding (H) Symbol from Zoning By-law 58-2020. Silva Yousif, Senior Planner was in attendance and reviewed the Zoning by-law with Council. She indicated that all the conditions have been fully satisfied to remove the Holding Symbol. The Deputy-Clerk advised that comments were received from the Grand River Conservation Authority and Enbridge, as a result of the circulation of the notice of public meeting. A member of the public asked if development in these lots would affect their sewer, well, and water. It was stated that each lot would be responsible for getting their own well, and septic system. They also asked if trees that were removed in creating the Poulton Place road would be replaced. It was stated that the trees were likely in the road allowance, but they could send Council a letter requesting the replacement of the trees.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright that leave be given to introduce a By-law to Remove a Holding (H) Symbol from Zoning By-law 58-2020 and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 46-2023 Carried

### **Closed Session**

No Closed Session for this meeting.

### **Third Reading of By-laws**

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright that By-law 46-2023 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.

### **Confirmation By-law**

Moved by Plowright , 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 October 5, 2023 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 47-2023. Carried.

### **Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting**

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson that Council adjourn this meeting at 5:40 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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MAYOR

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CLERK