

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 2nd day of November, 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

Deputy Mayor McLean announced that there is going to be a Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph in Horning's Mills at 11:00 a.m.

Councillor Plowright thanked everyone who came out to the Harvest Dinner and Comedy Show. She announced that Santa and the Grinch are coming to the Hall on Saturday, November 25th and the tree lighting will also be held that day.

Additions

Roads Sub-Committee Recommendation from the November 1, 2023 Meeting regarding the paving of County Road 21.

Deletions

None.

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 Moore, Seconded by Neilson that Council approve the minutes of the October 19, 2023 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

Harvey Lyon asked a question about the proposed Strada Quarry as he heard that no planning approvals were required and he was advised that they were not. Discussion then ensued regarding the ARA process.

Public Works

Accounts

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent was in attendance. The accounts were presented in the amount of \$173,332.84. Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore that Council receive the Public Works Accounts as presented by the Public Works Superintendent. Carried.

Other

Craig advised that Cox Construction was in Riverview today fixing up the laneways after the paving.

Addition:

Roads Sub-Committee Recommendation from the November 1, 2023 Meeting regarding the paving of County Road 21.

Deputy Mayor McLean spoke to the recommendation put forth at the Roads Sub-Committee meeting on November 1, 2023 which was to send a letter to the County of Dufferin advising of Councils concerns and disappointment regarding the ongoing delays around the paving and completion of County Road 21.

Mayor White spoke to this matter and read out a letter he had drafted to be sent to Scott Burns, Director of Public Works and County Engineer and County Council. Discussion ensued with input from Council on the letter and Staff were directed to send the letter and request that it be put on the County Council Agenda for the November 9th meeting.

Planning

Applications to Permit

There were no questions or concerns with the one application on the spreadsheet.

476420 3rd Line Pre-Consultation Brief

Silva Yousif, Senior Planner was in attendance and spoke to her Report. Discussion ensued amongst Council and they are supportive of this proposal with the Township assuming the sewage treatment facility such as a communal system. It was noted that the Township would contract the services of an operator (company) to look after this and bill back to the owners. Silva will advise the applicants of this so they can decide if they wish to move forward with the various studies, reports, details, etc. that will be required.

Other

Nothing for this.

Strategic Plan

Nothing for this.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this.

Police Services Board

The Joint Section 10 PSB is November 17, 2023 and is being hosted by Melancthon PSB.

Committee/Board Reports & Recommendations

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Shelburne Public Library Board – June 20, 2023
2. Shelburne Public Library Board – October 27th, 2023
3. Shelburne & District Fire Board – July 4th, 2023
4. Shelburne & District Fire Board – September 5th, 2023
5. Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex – August 30, 2023

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that the Board, Committee and Working Group minutes Items 1-5 be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Ministry of Finance – 2024 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)
2. Watson and Associates – Assessment of Bill 134 – Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act
3. Upper Grand District School Board - Primrose ES Boundary Review
4. RJ Burnside and Associates - Drainage Superintendent Services

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that the Correspondence Items 1-4, for information purposes, be received as information. Mayor White asked if Council wanted to pull any items for further discussion and the following were pulled – 1, 2 & 3. Therefore item 4 was received as information. Carried.

1 – Councillor Neilson pulled this item and inquired about the “Farm Area Measure” being n/a on the 2023 Allocation notice. Sarah will look into this and get back to him.

2 – Councillor Neilson pulled this item and spoke to the affordable housing numbers contained in the tables in the submission.

3 – Deputy Mayor McLean pulled this item and a lengthy discussion ensued regarding the various options in the Primrose Elementary School Boundary Review and the concerns. Deputy Mayor McLean advised that he has drafted a letter that he will be submitting (on his own) for the meeting on November 14th. He will share the letter with Council if others wish to add their name on or he can send on his own.

Items for Council Action

1. Family Transition Place – November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by McLean that WHEREAS violence continues to be the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals; and WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month; and WHEREAS November 25th the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and WHEREAS Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 50 femicides in Ontario since November 26th, 2022; and WHEREAS Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian and South East Asian women and girls continue to experience high rates of violence, including femicide and were overrepresented within the Ontario Association of Interval

and Transition Houses' 2021-2022 Annual Femicide List; and WHEREAS last year in Ontario, on average every 7 days a woman or child lost their lives due to femicide; and WHEREAS this month and throughout the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, we acknowledge our community's support of the Wrapped in Courage campaign and commitment to ending gender-based violence; and WHEREAS there is an urgent need for greater investment and action to end gender-based violence in our community and throughout Ontario; and Now, therefore, I Mayor White, on behalf of the Township of Melancthon Council proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2023 shall be known as "**The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**" and urge all citizens to recognize this day by taking action to support survivors of gender-based violence and becoming part of Ontario wide efforts to end gender-based violence. Carried.

2. Report from Denise B. Holmes – Flag Raising/Half Staff Policy Amendment

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore that Council approve an amendment to the Flag Raising/Half Staff Policy to include the following bullet point under the Half-Staff Flags section: - A former long-term Employee (5 years+) upon notification.

General Business

Accounts

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer presented the accounts in the amount of \$224,655.79.

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council receive the General Accounts as presented by the Treasurer. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

Primrose Boundary Changes – Deputy Mayor McLean

This item was discussed earlier under correspondence.

Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex 1994 Agreement – Councillor Moore

Councillor Moore advised that he would like to send a letter out to the other municipalities who contribute to the CDRC expressing an interest to re-write the Agreement. Discussion ensued regarding this matter and the consensus was that the Agreement needs to be redrafted. Councillor Moore was asked to draft a letter and send it out to Council for review before it goes out.

Remembrance Day Services – Laying of Wreaths in Dundalk and Shelburne

Councillor Moore will attend the Dundalk Service and Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk will attend the Shelburne Service.

Delegations

The following Delegation took place during the Council meeting.

5:30 p.m. – Rob Adams from Town Hall Consulting attended the meeting and gave a Strategic Planning Proposal Presentation to Council. Council were receptive to the proposal and asked Mr. Adams to put together a cost framework and timeline. Mayor White and the CAO/Clerk are to meet with Mr. Adams next week.

Closed Session

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 6:43 p.m. pursuant to Section – 239(2)(f) – Advice that is subject to Solicitor/Client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – Township of Melancthon ats Mercer Email from Grant Ferguson, Township Solicitor; 239(2)(b) – Personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees – Current By-law Enforcement Complaints – Update and Process; 239(2)(e) - Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunal affecting the local board – Mayor White. Carried.

Rise With or Without Report from Closed Session

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright that Council rise from Closed Session at 7:23 p.m. without report. Carried.

Third Reading of By-laws

N/A

Notice of Motion

N/A

Confirmation By-law

Moved by McLean, 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 November 2, 2023 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 52-2023. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson that Council adjourn this meeting at 7:24 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK