

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 6th day of June, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White (virtual), Deputy Mayor James McLean, Councillor Bill Neilson and Councillor Ruth Plowright (virtual) were present. Councillor Ralph Moore was absent with prior notice given. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk were also present. Deputy Mayor McLean presided (as Mayor White was attending virtually) and called the meeting to order.

Deputy Mayor McLean advised that the meeting was being recorded and would be posted to the Township's website under Council Agendas and Minutes.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Deputy Mayor McLean shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Announcements

Councillor Plowright advised that the Horning's Mills Community Hall outside work should be done by the end of the week.

Deputy Mayor McLean reminded everyone of the Melancthon Day Celebrations – there will be a BBQ at the Corbetton Park on Friday, June 21st at 5:30 p.m. and Council will be in attendance and more celebrations at the Horning's Mills Community Park on Saturday, June 22nd from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Additions

None.

Deletions

None

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Neilson and Seconded by Plowright

That Council approve the Agenda as circulated. Carried.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Deputy Mayor McLean 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 and Seconded by Neilson

That Council approve the minutes of the May 16, 2024 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

The email from Alethia Alli regarding the schedule of Multi-cultural Day Flag Raisings was reviewed and Staff recommended that the Flag be raised on June 27th in accordance with the Township's Flag Raising Policy. Council concurred and Staff will send out the details to Council once finalized.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

Residents living at the Chipwoods Trailer Park attended Council with questions and to raise their concerns regarding the proposed development on the property.

Public Works

Accounts

The Public Works Accounts were presented in the amount of \$152,267.67.

Moved by Neilson and Seconded by White

That Council receive the Public Works Accounts as presented. Carried.

Recommendation from Roads Sub-Committee Meeting – June 3rd, 2024

Moved by Neilson and Seconded by McLean

That Council accept the recommendation from the Roads Sub-Committee and approve Engineering Change Order No. 1, dated May 8, 2024, from Chris Knechtel, P.Eng., regarding increased engineering costs for Bridge 2023 Rehabilitation, in the amount of \$17,400.00 + HST. Carried.

Motion to Release Tender Cheque to Cox Construction for Tender 03-2023

Moved by White and Seconded by Neilson

That Council direct Staff to release the Tender Deposit Cheque (Tender 03-2023) to Cox Construction Limited in the amount of \$100,000.00. Carried.

Other

There was nothing for this matter.

Planning

Applications to Permit

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

Other

There was nothing for this matter.

Strategic Plan

There was nothing for this matter.

Climate Change Initiatives

There was nothing for this matter.

Police Services Board

There was nothing for this matter.

Committee/Board Reports & Recommendations

There were no Committee or Board Reports for this meeting.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Shelburne Public Library Board - April 16th, 2024
2. Southgate Recreation Advisory Committee – May 16, 2024
3. Heritage Advisory Committee – April 10, 2024

Moved by Plowright and Seconded by Neilson

That the Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes Items 1-3 be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Watson and Associates – Proposed Planning Act, City of Toronto Act, 2006 and Municipal Act, 2001 Changes (Schedules 4, 9, and 12 of Bill 185 – the proposed Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024)
2. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Affordable Housing Bulletin
3. S. Burnett & Associates Limited – Town of Shelburne, Water Supply Schedule “B” Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Public Information Centre #2
4. Letter to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Regarding Dufferin County OP Amendment No. 4 from Harvey Lyon, Melancthon Resident
5. 2024 Dufferin County Multicultural Event June 8th, 2024, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
6. Township of Amaranth Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water
7. Melancthon Township January to March 2024 OPP Detachment Revenues
8. Grand River Conservation Authority Summary of the General Membership Meeting – May 24, 2024
9. Township of Southgate Notice of Passing of a Zoning By-law

Moved by Neilson and Seconded by McLean

That Correspondence Items 1-9, for information purposes, be received as information, except items 4 & 7 pulled for further discussion. Carried.

Councillor Neilson pulled both items and spoke to them. Regarding Item # 4, Staff were directed to write a letter to the Ministry with a copy to the County of Dufferin to support Mr. Lyon’s letter.

Items for Council Action

1. Niagara Escarpment Commission Request for Comments – 517403 County Road 124 Development Permit

It was noted by Staff that the correspondence was sent to the Township Planners for comment and their comments would be provided to Council at the next meeting.

General Business

Accounts

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer presented the accounts in the amount of \$164,785.57.

Moved by Neilson and Seconded by Plowright

That Council receive the General Accounts as presented by the Treasurer. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

Heritage Advisory Committee Amended Terms of Reference

Moved by White and Seconded by Neilson

That Council approve the amendments to the Township of Melancthon Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference as presented. Carried.

Unfinished Business

Tabled Motion from April 18, 2024 Council Meeting - Dissolving the Horning’s Mills Park Board and Corbetton Park Board to Establish a Melancthon Park Board

Deferred.

NDCC Funding Request

Deferred.

NDACT/Strada Well Registration on Township Owned Lands

Deferred.

Delegations/Public Meetings

5:30 p.m. – Samantha Lawson, CAO; Beth Brown, Manager of Planning and Regulations Services and Chris Foster-Pengelly, Supervisor of Planning and Regulations from the Grand River Conservation Authority attended the meeting as they were invited by Council to attend to speak to concerns that Council has regarding roles and responsibilities, enforcement and clarification of roles. Ms. Brown provided a PowerPoint Presentation which outlined information on GRCA Programs and Services (Categories 1, 2 and 3), legislative changes that took effect on April 1, 2024, information about their compliance and enforcement programs and key changes in permit decisions. Mayor White spoke to some of his concerns regarding the non-enforcement of regulatory areas and areas where the Township and property owners are being tasked with providing information to the GRCA on hydraulic modeling/floodplain mapping, when it should be the GRCA that is providing the information, as is noted in Category 1 of the Programs and Services. The CAO’s of the GRCA and Township will develop regular meetings to keep on top of issues that arise between the Township and GRCA.

6:00 p.m. – A Public Meeting was held under Section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, as amended for the Township’s Proposed Development Charges By-law and Background Study – Nancy Neale, Watson and Associates was in attendance and provided a presentation to Council on the Background Study and Proposed By-law. She noted during the meeting that the proposed By-law in the package will have to be updated as the legislation has changed again while she was on her way to our meeting. She reviewed the Background Study with Council and spoke to the methodology used to calculate the Development Charges and went over the rate comparisons and exemptions included in the By-law. She also reviewed the new changes to the legislation which includes the removal of the proposed phase-in. Discussion ensued and Council was given an opportunity to raise concerns and ask questions about the proposed new Development Charges. Those present in the gallery were also given an opportunity to speak, and Harvey Lyon spoke regarding the required upgrading of gravel roads because of the turbines and approved on-farm diversified shops. It was noted that David Thwaites submitted comments to Council this morning regarding the Background Study. Ms. Neale advised that the Township could include information on roads that would be required to be upgraded in the Background Study, so that a portion of D.C.’s could be used for the upgrade. Staff will put this matter on the next Agenda for further discussion and for any further amendments to the Study, if required. The By-law is proposed to be passed at the July 18th Council meeting.

Closed Session

Moved by Plowright and Seconded by Neilson

That Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 7:03 p.m. pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason: (a) Security of the property of the municipality or local board - County of Dufferin Transportation Master Plan. Carried.

Rise With or Without Report from Closed Session

Moved by Plowright and Seconded by Neilson

That Council rise from Closed Session at 7:21 p.m. with report. Carried.

The Report being the directives given in the Closed Session meeting.

Third Reading of By-laws

There were no By-laws for this meeting.

Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion for this meeting.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Plowright and 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 June 6, 2024 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 24-2024. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Neilson and Seconded by McLean

That Council adjourn this meeting at 7:22 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, June 20th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK