

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 16th day of May, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor James McLean, Councillor Ralph Moore (Virtual), Councillor Bill Neilson and Councillor Ruth Plowright were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and Kaitlin Dinnick, Administration and Finance Assistant 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 advised that a poll had been placed on Facebook regarding painting the exterior of the Horning's Mills Community Hall and there were three colour choices to choose from with well over 150 votes cast. The darkest colour won and that work will be taking place shortly.

Additions

1. CAO/Clerk – Councillor Ralph Moore - Resignation from the Township of Melancthon Heritage Advisory Committee
2. CAO/Clerk – Request from Althea Alli, Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation to raise the Multicultural Flag for the month of June.
3. Deputy Mayor James McLean – Melancthon Paid Duty Traffic Enforcement

Deletions

1. Delegation at 5:45 p.m. – Chris Johnston, By-law Enforcement Officer

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson 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 Plowright, Seconded by Moore that Council approve the minutes of the May 2nd, 2024 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

The CAO advised that she reached out to the Township of Mulmur regarding the NDCC Funding from other municipalities and was advised that nothing has come in from Clearview and Adjala-Tosorontio has it on their next meeting Agenda, to receive it as information.

During this time, Deputy Mayor McLean advised that he has been asked to sit on a Committee to help coordinate some of the fundraising that had been offered through the survey. He will get some further information on this and report back to Council.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

Nothing for this.

Public Question Period

There were no questions asked.

Public Works

Recommendation from Roads Sub-Committee Meeting – May 6th, 2024

Deputy Mayor McLean spoke to the recommendation.

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that that Council accept the recommendation from the Roads Sub-Committee and that the speed limit be lowered to 40 km/hr on 15 Sideroad from County Road 124 to the first bend where the pavement ends (0.9 kms). Carried.

Bridge 2023 Rehabilitation Engineering Change Order No.1

The Engineering Change Order No. 1 prepared by Chris Knechtel, RJ Burnside and Associates was reviewed. Discussion ensued on the increase, due to GRCA requirements, and Staff were directed to have Mr. Knechtel attend the next meeting of Council regarding the matter.

Other

It was advised that Craig was not in attendance as spring gravel began this week.

Planning

Applications to Permit

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

Other

There was nothing for this matter.

Climate Change Initiatives

There was nothing for this matter.

Police Services Board

There were no new updates for this matter.

County Council Update

Mayor White provided an update to Council on the meeting held on May 9, 2024. It was noted that Councillor Neilson attended the meeting in Deputy Mayor McLean's absence. The biggest discussion was on the Traffic Management Plan and the proposed By-pass route and options. Mayor White is meeting with Mayor Mills, Shelburne and Mayor Gerrits, Amaranth.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Shelburne Public Library Board – March 19, 2024
2. Roads Sub-Committee – April 8, 2024
3. Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex Board of Management – March 13, 2024
4. Horning’s Mills Community Park Board – April 10, 2024

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that the Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes Items 1-4 be received as information. Carried.

Councillor Neilson reported on the Southgate Advisory Recreation Meeting held earlier today.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Letter from Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group Regarding Unwillingness to Host New Wind Projects
2. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Notification of Environmental Registry Posting of Proposed Amendments to Development Permit Exemptions under R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 828 under the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act
3. Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. – Affordable Housing Bulletin Release
4. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights – April 15, 2024
5. Town of Shelburne Planning and Development Department – Application for Minor Variance – Luxton Way Part of Lot 31, Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Plan 7R-5347 & Application for Zoning By-law Amendment – 393 Colonel Phillips Drive
6. Triton Engineering Services Limited – Township of Southgate Class Environmental Assessment Schedule C Dundalk Wastewater Treatment Capacity Notice of Study Completion
7. Clearview Township - Final Draft of the New Clearview Township Official Plan
8. Grand River Conservation Authority’s Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy – Consultation Period
9. Grand River Conservation Authority Summary of the General Membership Meeting – April 26, 2024
10. RJ Burnside & Associates Limited – Drainage Superintendent Services January – March 2024
11. NVCA Board of Directors Advocates to Province to Maintain Free Testing for Private Wells

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Moore that Correspondence Items 1-11, for information purposes, be received as information, except items 1 & 11, pulled for further discussion. Carried.

Councillor Neilson pulled both items and spoke to them. With regards to the NVCA correspondence, Staff were directed to get more information on this matter and report back at a future meeting.

Items for Council Action

1. Email from Wayne Hannon on behalf of the Shelburne and District Horticultural Society seeking donations towards the Community Foodbank Garden

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson that Council donate \$100.00 to the Shelburne and District Horticultural Society for the Shelburne Foodbank Garden initiative. Carried.

2. 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Delegation Form for Annual Conference

Discussion ensued and there were no issues at this time to request a Delegation for.

3. Invitation to Host an Economic Development Workshop with Dufferin County

Discussion ensued and Council are interested in a workshop provided the County hosts the workshop. Staff were directed to reach out to the County and get some potential dates. The workshop to be held at the Horning's Mills Community Hall.

General Business

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

By-law to Authorize the Signing of a Dump Site License Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon and Synapse Communications

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the signing of a Dump Site Licence Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon and Synapse Communications Inc. and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 22-2024. Carried.

Third Reading of By-law 19-2024 – By-law to Prescribe Lower Rates of Speed

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright that By-law 19-2024 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

By-law to Assume Certain Lands within the Township of Melancthon – 300 Sideroad from Concession Road 2nd Line SW to Concession Road 4th Line SW

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that leave be given to introduce a By-law to Assume Certain Lands within the Township of Melancthon and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 23-2024. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

Request for Township to Reimburse Hall Board Account for Internet and Incidentals prior to May 2nd, 2024 (Councillor Plowright)

There was discussion on reimbursement of expenditures that had been paid out of the Hall Board account for internet and toiletries dating back to August 2023. The total expenditures were \$1,278.90. As the audit has already been completed for 2023 and the year closed off, a compromise was suggested of paying the 2024 amounts. The following motion was introduced and passed:

Moved by White, Seconded by Plowright that the Township cover the costs of the internet and toiletries at the Hall from January 1, 2024 forward in accordance with the MOU. Carried.

Addition – Councillor Moore – Resignation from the Heritage Advisory Committee

Councillor Moore advised that due to new work commitments he is unable to fulfill his role on this Committee. There was discussion about putting another Council member on as the Terms of Reference calls for two members of Council. As the members are already quite busy with their other Committees, Staff were directed to amend the Terms of Reference with wording that the Committee can have "up to" two members of Council and bring it back to the next meeting. As there will not be a member of Council appointed, Staff were directed to put a call out for another public member to sit on the Committee. This section will also have to be amended in the TOR.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that we accept Councillor Ralph Moore's resignation from the Township of Melancthon Heritage Advisory Committee. Carried.

Addition – Request from Althea Alli, DCMF – To raise the Multicultural Flag for the month of June.

Discussion ensued regarding the flying of Flags for the month of June as the Flag Policy indicates that the Pride Flag is to be flown for the month of June and the Multi-cultural Flag is to be flown on June 27th for one week. Staff were directed to reach out to Ms. Alli to find out when other Flag raisings were going to occur in Dufferin County.

Addition – Melancthon Township Paid Duty Traffic Enforcement

Deputy Mayor McLean spoke to this matter and discussion ensued on a proposal submitted by the Dufferin OPP for traffic enforcement paid duties and the areas of focus that have been recommended by the OPP. There was a suggestion that Horning's Mills, Corbetton and Riverview, be top of the list. Al Blundell was in attendance and will take the information discussed back to the OPP.

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

This matter was deferred as there hasn't been a Joint Park Board Meeting held yet.

NDCC Funding Request

This matter was deferred. It was advised that a meeting will be held in June with the Mayors, Deputy Mayors and CAOs of Mulmur and Melancthon regarding the NDCC Agreement and Funding.

NDACT/Strada Well Registration on Township Owned Lands

Staff advised that they have not heard back yet from the Hydrogeologist regarding this matter and the testing of wells at the Landfill Site. The matter was deferred.

Delegations

There were no Delegations for this meeting.

Adjourn to Committee of Adjustment

At 6:00 p.m. it was moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that we adjourn Council to move into Committee of Adjustment and reconvene as Council. Carried.

6:31 p.m. – Council reconvened.

Closed Session

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 6:32 p.m. pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason: (b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees - Nomination for the Melancthon Council Award for Community Leadership and Application for the vacancy on the Heritage Committee. Carried.

Rise With or Without Report from Closed Session

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council rise from Closed Session at 6:44 p.m. with report. Carried.

The Report:

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by McLean that Council appoint David Thwaites to the Heritage Advisory Committee effective May 16, 2024 until November 14, 2026. Carried.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright that By-laws 22-2024 and 23-2024 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 brought forward.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright 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 May 16, 2024 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 24-2024. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council adjourn this meeting at 6:46 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, June 6th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK