

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 20th day of June, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor James McLean (virtual), 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 they are ready for the Corbetton Park BBQ at 5:30 p.m. for Melancthon Day festivities and for Melancthon Day Celebrations on Saturday they are ready for Plan A and Plan B.

Deputy Mayor McLean – provided start times on the festivities at Horning's Mills for Melancthon Day and noted to the public, in the event of inclement weather they will move some of the festivities to the Hall.

Additions

No additions.

Deletions

Item 16.2.4 – Community Risk Assessment prepared by Emergency Management

Mayor White recommended that items under Unfinished Business #3.3, 3,4 and 3.5 continue to be tabled.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Neilson and Seconded by Moore

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 and Seconded by McLean

That Council approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

Staff advised that comments were received from Liam Morgan, Development Planner regarding NEC Development Permit Application for 517403 County Road 124. It was noted that the Planner had no concerns with the proposed Development and Staff were directed to forward the comments to the NEC.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

Harvey Lyon asked if there would be further discussion on Development Charges and it was advised it would be discussed later in the meeting.

Public Works

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent was in attendance. He didn't have anything to report for tonight's meeting. Deputy Mayor McLean advised he is receiving a lot of positive feedback regarding the parks and cemetery and thanked Craig and his team for this and asked him to pass on the feedback to his Staff. Deputy Mayor McLean inquired about the switching out of the speed signs and Craig advised that this would be starting next week.

During this time, Mayor White, on behalf of Council, presented Craig with a Plaque for his 20 years of full-time employment with the Township, and thanked him for his outstanding dedication and service to the Township.

Planning

Applications to Permit

There were no questions or concerns.

Other

There was nothing for this.

Climate Change Initiatives

There was nothing for this.

Police Services Board

Alan Blundell, Melancthon Rep asked about new Detachment Board having a meeting. Staff advised that the Clerk's of the municipalities would be getting together to select a date.

Mr. Blundell spoke on the new paid duty initiative for this year and advised of the number of charges that have been laid since it started.

County Council Update

Mayor White and Deputy Mayor McLean provided updates on the June 13, 2024 meeting.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board – January 16, 2024
2. Roads Sub-Committee – May 6, 2024
3. Heritage Advisory Committee – May 27th, 2024
4. Horning's Mills Community Hall – April 9, 2024
5. Horning's Mills Community Hall – May 14, 2024

Moved by Plowright and Seconded by Neilson

That the Board, Committee and Working Group Minutes Items 1-5 be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Township of Southgate – Memorandum from Lindsey Green, Clerk regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Application C5-24
2. Township of Clearview – Zoning By-law Amendment Notice of Public Meeting June 26th, 2024
3. Township of Clearview – Official Plan Amendment & Zoning By-law Amendment Notice of Complete Application & Public Meeting – June 26th, 2024
4. Township of Clearview – Notice of Adoption of New Official Plan
5. Mulmur-Melancthon Volunteer Fire Department Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2023
6. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – May 2024 Board Meeting Highlights

Moved by Plowright and Seconded by Moore

That Correspondence Items 1-6, for information purposes, be received as information. Carried.

Items for Council Action

1. Dundalk Fall Fair Request for 2024 Sponsorship

Moved by Plowright and Seconded by Neilson

That Council donate \$750.00 to The Dundalk Agricultural Society for the 2024 Fall Fair taking place on September 6-8, 2024. Carried.

General Business

New/Other Business/Additions

Report from Kaitlin Dinnick, Administration and Finance Assistant regarding 2024 Fall/Winter Newsletter & 2024 Draft Fall/Winter Newsletter

No changes.

Report from Denise B. Holmes, CAO/Clerk regarding Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2024-2029

Moved by Moore and Seconded by Neilson

That the Township of Melancthon Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2024-2029 be received and approved and that it be used as a basis for the required Province of Ontario reporting in response to the *Electricity Act*, Ontario Regulation 507/18. And further that it be used for future energy conservation measures and sustainability initiatives as identified therein being undertaken subject to the annual approval of capital and operating budgets. Carried.

Memo from Denise B. Holmes, CAO/Clerk regarding the Strategic Planning Progress Report 2024 prepared by Town Hall Consulting

Discussion ensued on the Strategic Planning Process Report 2024 and Staff were directed to post the Report 2024 on the Website, Facebook and to send it directly to participants of the Open House who provided their contact information.

Community Risk Assessment prepared by Emergency Management

This item was deleted by Staff at the beginning of the meeting.

Township of Melancthon Heritage Committee

Staff advised that there were no applications received for the vacancy on the Board. It was decided that we will continue on as status quo and maybe open it up later for applications.

Unfinished Business

Development Charges Background Study and By-law

This item was brought forward for further discussion before the By-law is presented for adoption at the July 18th meeting. Staff advised that with regards to the discussion at the last meeting regarding using D.C.s for gravel maintenance, she had Staff pull the numbers from 2019 to 2024 and the Township is putting less tonnes of gravel on its roads, so therefore we cannot justify this as growth related cost to use the funds. Deputy Mayor McLean would like to have a further conversation about discontinuing the collection of D.C.s at the next meeting. Staff advised that because our current By-law is expiring in August, we are required to pass a new By-law at the July 18th meeting, in order to meet the requirements in the Act. There was further discussion and Staff were directed to put this item on the next Agenda for further discussion and bring the By-law forward to be adopted. It was noted that Council has the option to rescind the By-law if they choose to opt out of the collection of Development Charges.

GRCA Levy – 1st Installment - Direction to Staff for payment

Mayor White spoke to this matter and advised that he is not happy with their response from the June 6, 2024 Council meeting. He advised that the lack of communication between the GRCA and the Township is not the problem, and the problem is the GRCA not doing their job and until someone from the GRCA can come and give them a proper explanation, his opinion is not to pay the levy. Further discussion ensued and the direction to Staff is to not pay the bill. The CAO's (GRCA and Melancthon) are to have a further meeting and when they do and that comes back to Council, there will be a further discussion.

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

Defer.

NDCC Funding Request

Deferred meeting on Monday.

NDACT/Strada Well Registration on Township Landfill Site

Deferred.

Delegations/Public Meetings

During the meeting, the following Public Meetings took place:

5:20 p.m. – A public meeting had been called to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment on the East Part of Lot 22, Concession 3 OS – Gordon and Amy Hicks. The proposed amendment is to incorporate a site-specific amendment under Zoning By-law 12-1979, as amended, to allow for the construction of an accessory apartment adjacent to a newly constructed attached garage. Natasha Jonker, Authorized Agent for the owners, Amy Hicks, Marion Black, Liam Morgan, Development Planner and Silva Yousif, Senior Planner were in attendance for the public meeting. Ms. Jonker spoke to the proposed zoning amendment and outlined the reasons that the Hicks' were requesting the amendment. Liam Morgan, Development Planner reviewed his Report with Council.

The Clerk advised that comments were received from NVCA and Enbridge. Mayor White asked if anyone on Council had any questions or concerns regarding the proposed amendment. There were none. Mayor White asked if any member in the gallery had any questions or concerns on the amendment. There were none. The public meeting then concluded.

Moved by Plowright and Seconded by Neilson

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend By-law No. 12-1979, as amended, as it affects property legally described as the East Part of Lot 22, Concession 3 OS and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 25-2024. Carried.

5:30 p.m. – A public meeting had been called to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment, Part of Lot 241, Concession 1 NE – Trustees The Old Order Mennonite Church. The purpose of the proposed Amendment is to expand Non-Agricultural Uses on the subject lands by form of site-specific provisions that will permit the construction of a meeting house and cemetery on the subject lands. Pierre Chauvin, MHBC Planning, Agent for the Owners; David Martin; Trustee, as well as several members of the Mennonite Community; Liam Morgan, Development Planner and Silva Yousif, Senior Planner were in attendance for the public meeting. Mr. Chauvin provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the Amendment. Silva Yousif, Senior Planner reviewed her Report with Council. There was discussion that at the next meeting of Council, a motion will be required to approve the Cemetery – a requirement through the Bereavement Association of Ontario. The Clerk advised that comments were received from the GRCA and Enbridge. Mayor White asked if anyone on Council had any questions or concerns regarding the proposed amendment. There were none. Mayor White asked if any member in the gallery had any questions or concerns on the amendment. Harvey Lyon was in attendance and advised that Mr. Sherk made him aware of this more than a year and a half ago. He supported it then and he supports it now, fully. He said the biggest problem for Council will be the issue of widening the shoulders on 240 Sideroad between the 2nd Line NE and Highway 10, as there will be a large number of buggies when leaving the meeting house. He also spoke on the need for creative signage to get people’s attention that there is a meeting house on 240 Sideroad. Silva advised that the next step in the process is a Zoning By-law Amendment, followed by the Site Plan application. The public meeting then concluded.

Moved by Plowright and Seconded by Neilson

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to adopt an Official Plan Amendment 4 (OPA 4) to the Township of Melancthon Official Plan with respect to lands legally known as Part of Lot 241, Concession 1 NE and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 26-2024. Carried.

Closed Session

Moved by Moore and Seconded by McLean

That Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 5:58 p.m. pursuant to Section 239(2) for the following reasons: b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual – Election for Municipal Member Replacement on the NVCA Source Protection Committee & f) – Advice that is subject to Solicitor/Client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Chipwoods Park). Carried.

Rise With or Without Report from Closed Session

Moved by Plowright and Seconded by Neilson

That Council rise from Closed Session at 6:14 p.m. with Report. Carried.

The Report being that Staff proceed as directed in Closed Session.

-and-

Moved by Plowright and Seconded by McLean

That Council appoint Fred Nix to the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee. Carried.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Moore and Seconded by McLean

That By-laws 25-2024 and 26-2024 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

Notice of Motion

None.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Neilson and 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 June 20, 2024 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 27-2024. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Moore and Seconded by Plowright

That Council adjourn this meeting at 6:15 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK