

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

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Councillor Ralph Moore (virtual), and Councillor Bill Neilson were present. Deputy Mayor James McLean and Councillor Ruth Plowright was absent with prior notice given. 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**

The CAO advised that Duivenvoorden Haulage Inc. has scheduled an Open House for their aggregate expansion applications for Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 p.m. at Horning's Mills Community Hall. The Township will advertise the Open House on Facebook and Website.

### **Additions**

None.

### **Deletions**

None.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

#### **Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson**

That Council approve the Agenda as circulated. 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 Moore**

That Council approve the minutes of the July 18, 2024 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

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

None.

### **Public Question Period**

Harvey Lyon asked what Agreement the Township has with Rogers for the installation of fibre boxes in the roadside ditches. It was advised that they have to apply for road occupancy permits which are approved through the Public Works Department.

Jack Polonsky inquired about the Stewart Drainage Works and what do they do with the dirt from the clean out of the drain. It was advised that most times, it is left beside the drain.

## **Public Works**

### Accounts

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent was in attendance and presented the accounts in the amount of \$695,514.23.

### **Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore**

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

### Staff Recommendation for Plow Truck to be Delivered in 2025

### **Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore**

That Council hereby suspends the Tender Purchases (RFT) Section of Procurement By-law 3-2024 and accepts the quote from Viking Cives Ltd. for the purchase of a 2025 Tandem Axle Freightliner 114SD+ Plow Truck to be delivered in 2025 in the amount of \$371,455.00 plus HST. Further that extended warranty also be purchased for this truck in the amount of \$11,417.41 plus HST. Carried.

### Other

There was nothing for this matter.

## **Planning**

### Applications to Permit

There was a question regarding the failed application on the spreadsheet for an accessory dwelling unit. It was advised it was failed because it did not meet the size requirement in the Accessory Dwelling Unit By-law.

### Letter from Harvey Lyon regarding Letter to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Dufferin County OPA No. 4

Liam Morgan, Development Planner was in attendance and advised that the OPA 4 is with the Ministry still and that Silva Yousif, Senior Planner should speak to this. The matter was deferred to the next Agenda.

### **Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore**

That Council receive the correspondence from Harvey Lyon regarding Dufferin County OPA 4, as information. Carried.

### Other

There was nothing for this matter.

## **Strategic Plan**

The new Strategic Plan will be presented later in the meeting.

## **Climate Change Initiatives**

There was nothing for this matter.

## **Police Services Board**

Alan Blundell, (Mulmur, Melancthon, Mono Detachment Board Member) was in

attendance and provided some statistical information to Council on charges laid during the Township's paid duty initiative.

## **Committee/Board Reports & Recommendations**

### **Correspondence**

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

1. Shelburne and District Fire Board – April 2, 2024

#### **Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore**

That Council receive the Shelburne and District Fire Board minutes of April 2, 2024 as information. Carried.

#### **Items for Information Purposes**

1. RJ Burnside & Associates – Drainage Superintendent Services March – June 2024
2. Request for Proclamation and Participation in Light it Up! For National Disability Employment Awareness Month from Life Directions
3. OPP Letter to the Municipality on OPPA Agreement
4. Groundwater Assessment Spring 2024 – Holmes Agro
5. Township of East Garafraxa Resolution regarding Wind Turbine Projects
6. Township of Southgate Notice of Virtual Meeting Concerning a Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment – August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024
7. Dufferin County Council Resolution to the Ministry of Transportation to advocate for safety features at the intersection of Highway 10 and County Road 17
8. Integrating Monitoring Plan for Melancthon Pit #2 and the Bonnefield Property Pit Summary of 2023 Biological Survey Results prepared for Strada Aggregates Inc.
9. Ministry of Natural Resources – Proposal Regarding Developing a Commercial-Scale Framework for Geological Carbon Storage
10. Shelburne & District Fire Department 2023 Annual Report – May 2024

#### **Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson**

That Correspondence Items 1-10, for information purposes, be received as information, except item 7 pulled for further discussion. Carried.

Councillor Neilson spoke to Item 7 and thanked the County for acting quite quickly on this.

### **General Business**

#### **Accounts**

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer presented the accounts in the amount of \$189,550.63.

#### **Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson**

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

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

No By-laws for this meeting.

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

1. Letter from TransAlta Corporation regarding the discolouration of Turbine 146 in Melancthon (**Mayor White**)

Mayor White spoke to this item as he had asked Staff to reach out to TransAlta about the appearance of this turbine. He advised that the turbine has lost its gear oil and looks like an old rusted out turbine. TransAlta responded by way of the letter in the package and said they would review Turbine 146 when carrying out their annual

inspection in the Fall but indicated that it is a complex process to replace the entire blade bearing assembly on this turbine. It was noted during the meeting, that the Agreement that the Township entered with Canadian Hydro Developers Inc. (now TransAlta), stipulates that the company has an obligation to keep their works and services in good working order and that includes keeping the towers and equipment painted. Staff were directed to send a letter to TransAlta requesting that they re-evaluate their decision for this particular turbine.

2. 2024 Budget Update Report from the Treasurer

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer advised that she has no real concerns right now with the Interim Budget and if there are any questions or concerns, to reach out to her.

**Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore**

That Council receive the 2024 Budget Update Report from the Treasurer as information. Carried.

3. County of Dufferin Explore Dufferin Investors Tour September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Staff were directed to respectively decline the invitation to attend as the Township does not have any marketing materials to provide or any investment opportunities.

4. Other/Additions

There was nothing for this matter.

**Unfinished Business**

County of Dufferin Economic Development Strategy Questions for Council

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

NDCC Agreement Renewal – Request from Mulmur for a Capital Contribution towards the Ice Floor Replacement

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

NDACT/Strada Well Registration at Township Landfill Site

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**Delegations**

During the meeting, Council heard from the following Delegations.

5:30 p.m. – Rob Adams, Town Hall Consulting attended Council and presented and reviewed the 2024-2029 Township of Melancthon Strategic Plan. Staff were directed to put this item on the next Agenda in case there are any changes to be made before adopting the Plan.

6:30 p.m. – Rob Brown, Stutz, Brown and Self attended Council regarding a request from a resident to purchase road allowance. Council moved into Closed Session for this Delegation.

**Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson**

That Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 6:23 p.m. pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason (f) advice that is subject to Solicitor/Client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – request to purchase road allowance. Carried.

Rise With or Without Report from Closed Session

**Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore**

That Council rise from Closed Session at 6:37 p.m. with report. Carried.

Report

**Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore**

That Staff proceed as directed in Closed Session. Carried.

**Closed Session**

There was nothing further for Closed Session.

**Third Reading of By-laws**

There were no By-laws for this meeting.

**Notice of Motion**

None.

**Confirmation By-law**

**Moved by Neilson, 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 August 15, 2024 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 34-2024. Carried.

**Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting**

**Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson**

That Council adjourn this meeting at 6:38 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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MAYOR

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CLERK