

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 7th day of November, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor James McLean (virtual), 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

Councillor Plowright – Remembrance Day Service at the Hall and Christmas on November 30th.

Additions

Councillor Plowright – Motion – County Road 17 Temporary Traffic Calming Measures

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Neilson, 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 Plowright

That Council approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

Harvey Lyon advised that the Co-op in Dundalk is closing down the store and feed service in December and terminating all staff. He feels this is a real problem for rural residents and the Mennonites who need to get there by horse and buggy. He requested that Council have a meeting with the West Co-op to reconsider the closing of the store advising of the hardship that it will cause to the farming community. Mayor

White advised that we will reach out to someone at the Co-op and set something up whether it be a meeting or have them come as a Delegation.

Public Works

Accounts

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent presented the accounts in the amount of \$323,442.45.

Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean

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

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Planning

1. Applications to Permit

There were no questions or concerns on the spreadsheet.

2. Report from Silva Yousif, Senior Planner - Amendment to the Mandatory Pre-consultation By-law

There were no questions or concerns regarding the Report. The By-law to rescind is under General Business – Notice of Intent to Pass By-laws.

3. Dufferin County Official Plan Amendment No. 2 and No. 3 – Notice of Decision

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson

That the correspondence regarding the Dufferin County Official Plan Amendment No. 2 & 3, Notice of Decision be received as information and that Staff be directed to begin the process of issuing a Request for Proposal for Planning Consultant Services to update Melancthon's Official Plan to conform with the County Official Plan and to update the Township's Zoning By-law 12-1979. Carried.

4. Other

There was nothing for this matter.

Strategic Plan

1. Strategic Priorities – Community Vitality and Recreation

Discussion ensued regarding this priority in the Strategic Plan. Council has started on this path with the Joint Park Board meeting held the other night. Council has touched on a few of the aspects – i.e. Community engagement and Town Hall meetings. Discussion about expanding Melancthon Day and we would celebrate it in each Hamlet next year – Corbetton, Horning's Mills, Riverview. There was a suggestion to reach out to the County about a charity run along the rail trail. It was noted that the County is interested in partnering with us, we just need to coordinate with them. All of this will be in 2025.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this matter.

Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Melancthon Mono, Mulmur

Al Blundell, Chair was in attendance and advised that there is a meeting at the end of this month. He is still waiting for the last component of the combined Boards to come together before having a Joint Board meeting next year. Mayor White asked that police checks be added to the Agenda for the meeting at the end of the month, for discussion about the process.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Shelburne Public Library Board – September 17, 2024

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Moore

That the Shelburne and Public Library Board Minutes of September 17, 2024 be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority September 2024 Board Meeting Highlights
2. Dufferin County Council Highlights – October 10, 2024
3. Grey County Notice of Public Meeting: OPA 23 Rural Permitted Uses and Development Policies
4. The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command – 12th Annual Military Service Recognition Book
5. RJ Burnside & Associates – Drainage Superintendent Services
6. Grand River Conservation Authority – Summary of the General Membership Meeting- October 25th, 2024
7. Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Community Planning and Partnership 2024 Annual Meeting

Moved by Plowright , Seconded by Neilson

That correspondence items 1-7, for information purposes be received as information, except for item 4, pulled for further discussion. Carried.

Councillor Neilson pulled # 4 and wondered if there was any appetite to make a donation. Council concurred and Staff were directed to purchase a ¼ ad in the Military Service Recognition Book.

Councillor Neilson advised that Shelburne and District Fire Board met on Tuesday night and there was discussion on the budget that has come in at 16 percent. There is \$100,000 placeholder for engineering for a new fire hall, the new radio system is now \$100,000 – was originally \$80,000. He noted that one municipality has backed out, so the rest of the municipalities need to make up the difference for the new radio system. Councillor Neilson advised that the Fire Service Review was not well received, three of the municipalities out of the five do not want to go with a County of Dufferin model. They looked at the North Dufferin model as they don't believe status quo is going to work. The next meeting will be dedicated for further discussion to look at a North Dufferin Fire Department. There was further discussion on this and the consensus of Council is that looking at a North Dufferin Fire Department is premature at this time until we have a conversation at County Council.

Items for Council Action

1. Family Transition Place – Woman Abuse Prevention Month/Wrapped in Courage Campaign Proclamation

That WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month and November 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and WHEREAS violence is the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals. Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and WHEREAS Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 52 femicides in Ontario since November 26th, 2023; and WHEREAS last year in Ontario, on average every 6 days a woman or child lost their lives due to men's violence; and WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian and Southeast Asian women and girls continue to experience high rates of violence, including femicide, on the 2022-2023 Ontario Femicide List; 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 by all three levels of Government; and Now, therefore, I Darren White, on behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancton proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2024, 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.

2. Shelburne Public Library Approved 2025 Draft Budget

Discussion ensued and Melancton's levy is up due to increased number of households. Staff will get this information and send it out to Council. Staff were directed to include the levy in the 2025 Budget.

3. Memo from Becky Cunnington, Heritage Advisory Committee Secretary – Resignation of Heritage Advisory Committee Member Tracy Webber

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore

That Council accept, with regret, the resignation of Tracy Webber from the Township of Melancton Heritage Advisory Committee and thank her for her contributions to the Committee. Carried.

4. 2025 Grand River Conservation Authority Draft Budget for Consultation

As there were no concerns noted, Staff were directed to include the levy in the Draft 2025 Budget.

General Business

Accounts

Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer presented the accounts in the amount of \$1,203,080.29.

Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean

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

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

By-law to Repeal By-law No. 11-2023, requiring pre-consultation prior to the submission of Planning Applications

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to repeal By-law No. 11-2023, a By-law requiring pre-consultation prior to the submission of planning applications and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 42-2024. Carried.

By-law to amend By-law No. 57-2023, a By-law to appoint a Municipal Services Board for the Horning's Mills Community Hall

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Moore

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend By-law No. 57-2023, a By-law to appoint a Municipal Services Board for the Horning’s Mills Community Hall and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 43-2024. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

- 1. Significant Events Notification – SDFD and MMFD

Councillor Neilson spoke to this matter and advised the Fire Chief of the Shelburne and District Fire Department sent out an email to the Fire Board regarding a significant event in Amaranth Township. The email is exactly the information that Council is looking to receive. Staff were asked to reach out to Fire Chief Pratt and ask that the emails also be sent to the CAOs. Staff will also reach out to the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department and Southgate Fire Department requesting that those Fire Chiefs follow the approach taken by Shelburne and to include the CAOs.

- 2. Additions – Councillor Plowright Motion – County Road 17 – Temporary Traffic Calming Measures

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson

Whereas Melancthon Township has experienced a series of tragic motor vehicle collisions at the corner of Highway 10 and County Road 17; and Whereas traffic volume is increasing through Melancthon, making collisions more frequent in the Township; and Whereas the existing two way stop sign is insufficient in addressing the challenge of impatient and distracted motorists; and Whereas the province is responsible for the intersection in question; and Whereas Dufferin County has a moral duty to advance road safety on all of its roads, regardless of whether specific intersections belong to the County or not. Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Melancthon Council requests the County of Dufferin to identify suitable temporary traffic calming measures on County Road 17 to make the road safer; and Further that the County invite a senior representative from the Ministry of Transportation to appear at the Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee to discuss the hazardous intersection in question, including the possibility of erecting a set of traffic lights or building a roundabout.

Councillor Plowright spoke about her motion and the reason why she put it forth. Mayor White made a friendly amendment to the third Whereas and the amendment was to remove the words “belong to” and change it to “are under the control of”. Council also added another paragraph at the end of the motion to ask that the motion be circulated to Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur; Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Orangeville; Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Shelburne; Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Amaranth, Grand Valley, East Garafraxa; All municipalities in Dufferin County; Township of Southgate; Municipality of Grey Highlands; Sylvia Jones, MPP – Dufferin-Caledon.”

The amended motion to read:

Whereas Melancthon Township has experienced a series of tragic motor vehicle collisions at the corner of Highway 10 and County Road 17; and Whereas traffic volume is increasing through Melancthon, making collisions more frequent in the Township; and Whereas the existing two way stop sign is insufficient in addressing the challenge of impatient and distracted motorists; and Whereas the province is responsible for the intersection in question; and Whereas Dufferin County has a moral duty to advance road safety on all of its roads, regardless of whether specific intersections are under the control of the County or not. Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Melancthon Council requests the County of Dufferin to identify suitable temporary traffic calming measures on County Road 17 to make the road safer; and Further that the County invite a senior representative from the Ministry of Transportation to appear at the Infrastructure and

Environmental Services Committee to discuss the hazardous intersection in question, including the possibility of erecting a set of traffic lights or building a roundabout. And further that this motion be sent to the Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur; Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Orangeville; Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Shelburne; Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Amaranth, Grand Valley, East Garafraxa; All municipalities in Dufferin County; Township of Southgate; Municipality of Grey Highlands; Sylvia Jones, MPP – Dufferin-Caledon.

Mayor White called for the vote and the motion was carried.

Tabled Motion from the May 2, 2024 Council Meeting – Dissolving the Horning’s Mills Park Board and the Corbetton Park Board to Establish a Melancthon Park Board

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson

That Council for the Melancthon Township dissolve the Horning's Mills Community Park Board and Corbetton Park Board effective July 15, 2024 ;And further that the Council for Melancthon Township establish a new Melancthon Park Board that will oversee the activities and upgrades at the Horning's Mills Community Park, Corbetton Park and the Township properties in Riverview; And further that a new Terms of Reference be created by the Board, to reflect the new Board; And further that the membership on the new Board will be expanded to include 7 members of the public and 2 members of Council with recruitment of the new Board to begin on July 15, 2024.

Discussion ensued and because the dates have passed in the motion, the motion was amended to change the date in the first paragraph to January 1, 2025 and to delete the last paragraph of the motion entirely.

The amended motion to read:

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson

That Council for the Melancthon Township dissolve the Horning's Mills Community Park Board and Corbetton Park Board effective January 1, 2025; And further that the Council for Melancthon Township establish a new Melancthon Park Board that will oversee the activities and upgrades at the Horning's Mills Community Park, Corbetton Park and the Township properties in Riverview; And further that a new Terms of Reference be created by the Board, to reflect the new Board.

Mayor White called for the vote and the motion was carried.

Delegations/Public Meeting

The following Planning Public Meeting took place during the meeting.

5:20 p.m. – A public meeting had been called for a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment on Part of Lot 14, Concession 5 NE. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to rezone the subject lands that are legally described as Part of Lot 14, Concession 5 NE – RP7R-6896, Part 1 from General Agricultural (A1) and Open Space Conservation (OS2) to Rural Residential – Exception (RR-176) and Open Space Conservation (OS2). The Clerk advised that comments had been received from Enbridge Gas and the Grand River Conservation Authority. Liam Morgan, Development Planner, was in attendance and spoke to his Report that was in the package. Beverly Nicholson, Planner for the applicant was in attendance, as well as Cheri Yap, Applicant. Ms. Nicolson spoke to the application. Harvey Lyon was in attendance and spoke about his concerns about the delay in this process. As there were no other concerns from Council or the public, the meeting was adjourned.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend Zoning By-law 12-1979, as amended for property known legally as Part of Lot 14, Concession 5 NE – RP 7R-6896, Part 1, and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 41-2024. Carried.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Moore , Seconded by Neilson

That By-laws 41-2024, 42-2024 and 43-2024 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 for this meeting.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by McLean, 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 November 7, 2024 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 44-2024. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by McLean

That Council adjourn this meeting at 7:20 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK