

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 February, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor James McLean, Councillor Bill Neilson and Councillor Ruth Plowright were present. Denise Holmes, and Kaitlin Dinnick, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator, were also present. Councillor Ralph Moore was absent with prior notice given. 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 Neilson advised that the Shelburne Foodbank has purchased and received their new van which will help with deliveries and pickups. The unveiling of the van took place on February 13th, 2025 which Councillor Neilson attended on behalf of Melancthon Township.

Additions

Email from Larry Taman regarding NDACT – Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk

Parking in the Township – Deputy Mayor McLean

Deletions

None.

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 McLean, Seconded by Plowright, that Council approve the minutes of the February 6th, 2025 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

Harvey Lyon asked about the meeting that took place with Transalta regarding the expiry of the first phase and wanted to know if they will be continuing with the agreement funding. Mayor White advised that the meeting was a meet and greet with new leadership and the agreement will need to be part of future discussions.

Public Works

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Planning

Niagara Escarpment Commission – Request for Comments for Development Permit – Lot 13, Concession 2 OS, Part 1 & 2 on 7R-7600 – 537086 Main Street

Liam Morgan, Development Planner for the Township was present for this discussion. He advised Council that unless they had comments they wanted him to bring to the NEC, he felt that they could address any issues the Township has during the Sub-division Agreement. Council advised that they would like to comment on the NEC permit so that their opinions can be documented at both stages of the application. Council feels from the public that 26 homes are too many and need to be reduced to better reflect the existing community and would like to see about an entrance off of County Road 124 instead of Main Street.

During this time, Mayor White took a question from a member of the Public as this is a big issue for the Community.

Bette Ross (resident) asked about the impact the 26 additional wells will have on the community especially with the proposed Strada Aggregates Quarry.

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this matter.

Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur

Mayor White advised that there is meeting next week on February 27th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

County Council Update

Mayor White advised that the County Budget has been passed and nothing was changed.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Shelburne Public Library Board – December 17th, 2024
2. Shelburne & District Fire Board – January 7th, 2025
3. Heritage Advisory Committee – January 13th, 2025

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean, that the Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes Items 1-3, be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – Letter from the 2025 Chair Jonathan Scott
2. Town of Shelburne – Resolution regarding Threat of Tariffs Imposed by the United States
3. Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus – Resolution regarding EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments’ Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs
4. Township of Clearview – New Official Plan Appeals – Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) Case Management Conference March 21st, 2025
5. Town of Shelburne – Draft Plan of Subdivision 20/2 and Zoning By-law Amendment 20/2 4th Submission
6. Township of Oro-Medonte – Resolution recommending that Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (the LSRCA) and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (the NVCA) Amalgamate
7. 2024 Council & Committee Remuneration Report
8. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – 2024 Board Member’s Per Diem and Expenses

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright, that correspondence items 1-8, for information purposes, be received as Information except for Item 2 pulled for further discussion . Carried.

Councillor Neilson spoke to item 2 and would like Council to support Shelburne’s motion regarding the US tariffs.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright, that the Council for the Township of Melancthon supports the motion from the Town of Shelburne regarding the threat of tariffs imposed by the United States, in its entirety, and that a copy of this motion be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs; The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Sylvia Jones, MPP; Kyle Seeback, MP; the County of Dufferin, the Dufferin Board of Trade and Municipalities in Dufferin County. Carried.

General Business

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

By-law to Appoint a Municipal Service Board for the Township of Melancthon Parks and Recreation Board

Deferred to after Closed Session.

New/Other Business/Additions

Kennel License Exemption – K-9 County Inn Service Dogs

Staff explained the situation to Council and Staff was directed to issue an exemption.

Township of Melancthon’s James Beachell Award (through the Heritage Advisory Committee) – Deputy Mayor McLean

Deputy Mayor McLean shared with Council that the topic for this years James Beachell Award will be an essay on a Veteran that was either born in Melancthon or lived in Melancthon. All submissions will be on display at the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day Proclamation – February 22nd, 2025

Mayor White read the Proclamation:

Whereas, the Rotary Club of Orangeville and Compass Community Church formed a volunteer-driven group called CRYNoT (Compass Rotary Youth No Trafficking) to raise awareness and promote education about the threat of human trafficking in our area; and **Whereas**, the mission of CRYNoT is to reduce and eliminate human trafficking by raising awareness, fostering collaboration among like groups and organizations, education, and equipping responsible adults with connections and resources available to defeat the Human Trafficking threat; **Now Therefore**, I, Mayor Darren White, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2025, as "Human Trafficking Prevention Awareness Day" in the Township of Melancthon.

Addition(s)/Other

Parking in the Township – Deputy Mayor McLean

Deputy Mayor McLean advised that there have been a number of incidents with overnight parking interfering with snowplows or school buses and on hills where visibility is limited. Staff was directed to look into a Parking By-Law and how it will be enforced. It was discussed that the new By-law will need to have specific enforceable areas.

Reports/Updates from Members of Council & Administrative Staff

Nothing for this matter.

Addendum

Letter from Larry Taman regarding NDACT – Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk

Mayor White spoke to the letter received by Council from Larry Taman regarding NDACT.

Delegations

During the meeting, Council heard from the following Delegations:

4:30 p.m. – Alex Hector, Executive Director; Larry Mann, Chairperson & John Woodbury, Treasurer – South East Grey Community Health Centre – Update on CHC Programs and Activities

Alex Hector, Executive Director and John Woodbury, Treasurer from South East Grey Community Health Centre provided Council with an update on programing and activities and funding updates.

4:45 p.m. – Carl Cosack, NDACT – To provide an update on the NDACT/Strada Community Engagement process

Carl Cosack, NDACT provided Council with an update on the NDACT/Strada Community Engagement Process in light of the recent Strada ARA filing.

Closed Session

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson, that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 5:48 p.m. pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reasons: (b) – Applications for the Parks and Recreation Board, By-law Complaint Matter - Request to cancel Administrative Penalty Invoice under By-law 27-2019 and By-law Enforcement Updates Report – Q1 – 2025 and (k) – Draft Agreement between Mulmur and Melancthon Township regarding the North Dufferin Community Centre. Carried.

Rise With or Without Report from Closed Session

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean, that Council rise from Closed Session at 6:43 p.m. with Report. Carried.

Report:

That Staff be directed to proceed with the direction given in Closed Session.

- and –

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson, that leave be given to introduce a By-law to Appoint a Municipal Service Board for the Township of Melancthon Parks and Recreation Board and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 8-2025.

Mayor White announced the appointments to the board as follows: Mayor White, Councillor Neilson, Councillor Plowright, David Thwaites, Douglas Read, Jessica Plowright and Lynn Hodgson.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by McLean, that By-law 8-2025 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 Neilson, Seconded by McLean, 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 February 20, 2025 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 9-2025. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson, that Council adjourn this meeting at 6:46 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Mayor White advised that the meeting would be held at the Horning's Mills Hall.

MAYOR

CLERK