

## **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 May, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor James McLean, Councillor Ralph Moore, Councillor Bill Neilson and Councillor Ruth Plowright were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, and Kaitlin Dinnick, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator, 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 there is Euchre at the Hall tonight and the Committee is working on the Melancthon Day festivities that will take place in Corbetton (Friday Night), Horning's Mills (Saturday) and Riverview (Sunday).

Councillor Neilson advised that himself, Councillor Moore and Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk had the opportunity to tour the new Brightshores Markdale Hospital on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **Additions**

Denise Holmes – Gravel Pit Appeals (on behalf of Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer)

### **Deletions**

None.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by McLean, 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 McLean**, that Council approve the minutes of the May 1, 2025 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

None.

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

None.

### **Public Question Period**

Linda Polonsky asked Council if the tour of a quarry that Strada Aggregate said they would set up for Council at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting had taken place or been scheduled.

## **Public Works**

### Other

Nothing for this matter.

## **Planning**

### Applications to Permit

There were no questions or concerns with the applications on the spreadsheet.

### Other

Nothing for this matter.

## **Climate Change Initiatives**

Nothing for this matter.

## **Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur**

Nothing for this matter.

## **County Council Update**

Mayor White advised that he brought forward Melancthon Council's concerns about the Climate Action Program delegation.

Deputy Mayor McLean advised that the Homelessness Task Force had met two times and they are hoping to have a timeline and recommendations of actions to put forward in the fall in time for the 2026 budget discussions.

## **Correspondence**

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

1. Infrastructure & Emergency Management Committee – January 15, 2025
2. Parks & Recreation Committee – April 7, 2025

**Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean**, that the Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes – Items 1 and 2 be received as information. Carried.

## **Items for Information Purposes**

1. Town of Mono – Resolution regarding the Shelburne Public Library Cost Sharing Formula
2. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Media Release – NVCA Reports Strong Financial Management and Ongoing Service Improvements
3. Upper Grand District School Board Letter Regarding Community Planning & Facilities Partnership
4. MPAC 2024 Annual Report
5. Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan Resolution Regarding the Proposal to End Daylight Savings Time in Ontario
6. Township of Champlain Resolution Surveillance and Monitoring of Heavy Vehicles in Ontario
7. Grand River Conservation Authority Summary of the General Membership Meeting – April 25, 2025

8. Municipality of Grey Highlands Resolution Regarding the Opposition to BVCA & LSRCA Amalgamation

**Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright**, that correspondence items 1-8, for information purposes, be received as information, except for item 5, pulled for further discussion. Carried.

Councillor Plowright spoke to Item 5 and would like to support the resolution of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding the Proposal to End Daylight Savings Time in Ontario.

**Moved by Plowright, Seconded by White** that Council support the motion from the Township of Otonabee-South-Monaghan regarding "Proposal to End Daylight Savings Time in Ontario" and we send this motion to the Municipalities in Dufferin County, and the Premier of Ontario." Carried.

### **Items for Council Action**

1. RJ Burnside & Associates – Bridge 7 Rehabilitation – Engineering Proposal

**Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore**, that Council accept the quote from RJ Burnside and Associates in the amount of \$35,000.00, plus HST to provide the required engineering services to complete the detailed design for the rehabilitation of Bridge 7 located on the 7<sup>th</sup> Line SW. Carried.

Discussion surrounding the quote ensued and Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk was directed to review the current agreement in place with RJ Burnside & Associates and bring back a report, regarding going out for RFP at the beginning of each term of Council for Engineering services, in the fall.

2. 2025 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference Delegation Request

Deputy Mayor McLean would like to discuss aggregate resources with the Minister of Natural Resources and Councillor Moore would like to talk about the Infrastructure Fund.

Following the Delegation from Kim Delahunt, President and CEO of Headwaters Health Care Centre, the CAO/Clerk was directed to reach out to Michelle Dunne, Clerk, County of Dufferin regarding the County requesting a delegation with the Minister of Health at AMO to discuss funding for the expansion to Headwaters Health Care Centre.

### **General Business**

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

By-law to Authorize the Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon for Shared Land Use Planning Services

**Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson**, that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon for Shared Land Use Planning Services and to repeal By-law 11-2024 and it now be read a first and second time and numbered 21-2025. Carried.

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

Report from Denise B. Holmes, AMCT, CAO/Clerk Regarding the Proposed Amendment to the Procedural By-law

**Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean,** that Council receive the Report of Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and direct Staff to prepare an amendment to the Township's Procedural By-law to require all delegations to appear in person before Council, with the exceptions permitted under specific circumstances. Carried.

Report from Denise B. Holmes, AMCT, CAO/Clerk Regarding Delegating to Other Municipalities Regarding the Proposed Strada Quarry

Following the Closed Session Meeting with David Germain the following dates were picked for the Delegations, and Council will review the PowerPoint Presentation at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

County of Dufferin – June 26<sup>th</sup>  
County of Simcoe – Unknown  
Town of Mono – June 24<sup>th</sup>  
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio – July 9<sup>th</sup>  
Township of Mulmur – July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Town of New Tecumseth – June 30<sup>th</sup>  
Town of Shelburne – June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Township of Clearview – July 14<sup>th</sup>

Report from Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer Regarding "Buy Canadian" Policy

**Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean,** that **WHEREAS**, the Government of the United States has imposed tariffs on certain Canadian goods and services, impacting the economic well-being of Canadian producers, industries, and municipalities; and **WHEREAS**, the Municipality of the Township of Melancthon believes in supporting the local and national economy, safeguarding Canadian jobs, and promoting sustainable economic development as much as possible; and **WHEREAS**, Canadian businesses provide high-quality goods and services that meet the needs of municipal operations and public projects; and **WHEREAS**, municipalities have the ability and responsibility to influence procurement policies in a manner that reflects the values and interests of their residents; and **WHEREAS**, strengthening domestic purchasing practices will help mitigate the negative effects of foreign tariffs and reinforce economic resilience within Canada; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon hereby commits to adopting a "Buy Canadian" policy wherever feasible and legally permissible, giving preference to Canadian-made goods and services in its procurement processes. Carried.

**Gravel Pit Appeals (on behalf of Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer)**

The CAO/Clerk advised the Committee that Sarah has been working on the Gravel Pit Assessment Appeals and as we received the new assessments for the Gravel Pits it is being recommended that we drop the 2024 and 2025 appeal but keep pursuing the 2023 appeal. Council agreed and Staff was directed to keep pursuing the 2023 appeal.

**Unfinished Business**

Nothing for this matter.

**Reports/Updates from Members of Council & Administrative Staff**

#### Administrative Update - Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk

The CAO/Clerk provided updates to Council on the NDCC Agreement, Ice Storm Debrief, Branch Collection, 2026 Tree Program and the Brightshores Markdale Hospital Tour.

#### **Delegations**

##### **5:30 p.m. – Kim Delahunt, Headwaters Health Care Centre, President and CEO – to provide an update about the Hospital**

Kim Delahunt, President and CEO and Stephanie Mackenzie-Smith, Director, Communications and Community Relations – presented to Council and provided an update about the hospital.

##### **5:45 p.m. – Bruce McCall-Richmond – To provide Council with an update on the efforts to revitalize the existing Chipwoods Park Community located at 476420 3<sup>rd</sup> Line.**

Bruce McCall-Richmond, Agent for the Owners, provided Council with an update on the revitalization efforts at 476420 3<sup>rd</sup> Line.

#### **Committee of Adjustment**

**Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore,** that Council adjourn this meeting at 6:15 p.m. to move into Committee of Adjustment and then reconvene to Council. Carried.

6:23 p.m. – Council reconvened.

#### **Closed Session**

**Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean,** that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 6:33 p.m. pursuant Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason: (f) – Strada Aggregates Applications and (b) Nomination for the Council Award for Community Leadership. Carried.

#### Rise With or Without Report from Closed Session

**Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright,** that Council rise at 8:22 p.m. with Report. Carried.

#### **Report:**

That Staff be directed as per the discussions in Closed Session.

#### **Third Reading of By-laws**

**Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright ,** that By-law 21-2025 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 motions.

#### **Confirmation By-law**

**Moved by Moore, 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 15, 2025 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 22-2025. Carried.

**Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting**

**Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean,** that Council adjourn this meeting at 8:28 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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MAYOR

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CLERK