

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 19th day of March, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor D. Fawcett, Deputy Mayor B. Hill, Councillor J. Crowe, Councillor J. Elliott and Councillor B. Kumprey were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer was also present. Mayor Fawcett presided.

Additions

- Closed Session Item - Personnel

Deletions

- None

Approval

S Show of hands

Minutes

Moved by Hill and Crowe that we approve the minutes of the March 5, 2009 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Letter to the Town of Shelburne Police - contents of letter. Deputy Mayor Hill and Councillor Crowe to meet after the meeting to work on the letter.

Members Privilege

Nothing at this time.

Correspondence

1. Niagara Escarpment Commission Significant Woodlands Policy
2. Heads Up Alert - Ontario's Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Will Take Effect This Spring
3. Bluewater Geoscience Consultant's Inc - Figure 1 from Landfill Base Site Plan
4. Invitation from the Shelburne and District Economic Development Committee of the Annual EDC Spring Breakfast - April 23, 2009
5. Request for Agricultural Grant from the Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association
6. Email from Karren Wallace regarding Staffing at the Municipal Office
7. NVCA Conservation Corner - March 2009
8. AMO Communication Alert - Pesticides Ban
9. Email from Dale Murray providing an Executive Summary of the Terms of Reference for the GRCA Terms of Reference
10. Resolution from the Municipality of Middlesex Centre regarding Department of Fisheries and Oceans Requirements pertaining to Drainage Works and Bridge Construction
11. Correspondence from the Dufferin Landowner's Association regarding problems caused by predatory animals
12. Email from Karren Wallace regarding her Freedom of Information Request
13. Email and resolution from Leo Blydorp, Dufferin County Federation of Agriculture regarding Nuisance Recreational Vehicle Damage to Farmer's Property
14. Request for comments from the NEC - Alice May Visser-Laver, 3 Oldfield Court, Horning's Mills to establish a 2-room Bed and Breakfast use within the upper level of an existing 2 storey single dwelling
15. Request for comments from the NEC - Randy Stavely, West Part of Lot 11,

- Concession 1 OS - to construct a one storey accessory building for storage purposes, on an existing lot
16. Nottawasaga News - February 2009

5 - Moved by Crowe and Hill that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon has reviewed a request for a grant of \$100.00 from the Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association to aid agriculturists in improving their land stewardship skills and sound tillage methods and we hereby approve the request. Carried.

7 - Moved by Hill and Crowe that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon supports the resolution of the Municipality of Middlesex Centre resolution #2009/017 of February 4, 2009 regarding the Department of Fisheries and Oceans requirements pertaining to drainage works and bridge reconstruction

9 - Clerk to meet with Dale Murray regarding the SWP Terms of Reference

11 - Received as information

12 - respond to the request in writing

13 - the Clerk was directed to have Leo Blydorp and representatives from the ATV and Snowmobile Clubs attend a future meeting regarding this issue

14 - forward to the Planner for his comments

#15 - no objection on the application

Correspondence on File at the Clerk's Office

1. Shelburne Public Library Board minutes - January 21, 2009
2. Letter from the Minister Responsible for Seniors advising that the Government of Ontario designates June as Seniors' Month
3. Frank Cowan and Company - News and Views for Winter 2009
4. GRCA - Budget and General Levy
5. Resolution from the Township of Mulmur regarding Internet Filtering Software on Computers
6. Notice of Adoption of Amendment #80 to the County of Grey Official Plan
7. Draft minutes of the Mulmur Recreation Committee meeting held on February 10, 2009

General Business

Bluewater Geoscience Consultants Inc. - Proposal to Provide 2009 Semi Annual Groundwater Monitoring at Township Landfill Site

Moved by Crowe and Hill that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon has reviewed a proposal to provide the 2009 Semi Annual Groundwater monitoring and sampling for the Melancthon Landfill Site from Bluewater Geoscience Consultants Inc., dated March 10, 2009. We hereby accept the proposal and approve the cost of \$21,235.00 including GST. Report to be submitted to the Township by February 28, 2010. Carried.

Township of Southgate Ruth Hargrave Memorial Library 2009 Agreement

Moved by Kumprey and Elliott that we accept the increase of 2% on the 2009 Contract with the Ruth Hargrave Memorial Library which will bring the cost of \$5,610.00 for 2009 and direct the Mayor and Clerk to sign the 2009 Agreement. Carried.

As Dundalk Library provides the list of patrons using the Library, the CAO was directed to pursue obtaining a list of users from the Shelburne Library.

GW Jordan - Draft Submission on the Green Energy Act

The submission was reviewed and the CAO was directed to submit the comments to the Environmental Bill of Registry.

Bluewater Geoscience Consultants Inc. - Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Sampling Report 2008 for the Melancthon Landfill Site

The report was reviewed and no concerns expressed. The CAO was directed to forward the report to the Ministry of the Environment.

Applications to Permit

None.

Delegations

10:00 a.m. - Garry Hunter, Environmental Engineer acting on behalf of the North Dufferin Agricultural Taskforce, Inc. (NDACT); Dale Rutledge, Chair of NDACT and Carl Cosack, NDACT attended Council. A large number of the public were in attendance for this delegation. Mr. Hunter made a presentation to Council on NDACT's proposed submission of a "Specialty Crop (Potatoes) Designation". Mr. Hunter introduced Kelly Ward who works in the Economic Development Department of the Ontario Ministry of Agricultural Food and Rural Affairs. During Mr. Hunter's presentation, he gave Council a map outlining the proposed specialty crop areas and asked Council to consider these areas when doing its draft official plan. An excerpt from the Provincial Policy Statement was also handed out which dealt with Section 2.3.2 and that "Planning authorities shall designate specialty crop areas in accordance with evaluation procedures established by the Province". Unfortunately no one seems to know about these "evaluation procedures" and Mr. Hunter requested Council to send a letter to OMAFRA requesting a copy of same. Mr. Hunter advised that the proposed specialty crop designation document had been sent to OMAFRA and also requested that Council ask for their comments on the proposal. Council agreed to send the letter. Also, while in attendance, Mr. Hunter spoke on NDACT's concerns regarding the tree cutting that has been taking place on several properties in the Township and the dumping of debris, tree stumps, etc., on several properties, the drilling of wells on several lands and the disappearing streams. The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority has been contacted and will be doing an inspection. During the presentation the following maps were given to Council – Corporate Land Assembly, Corporate Well Locations and Corporate Woodlots. A question and answer period took place after the presentation.

10:30 a.m. - PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Joan Lever asked if Council was going to support Grey Highlands in their rejection of the Green Energy Act? Council was not aware of the municipality's rejection and asked the Clerk to get a copy of it for the next meeting.

Rob Uffen said that in speaking with other neighbours, none of them were aware of any of this (large land acquisition) and wanted to know if the appropriate agencies were fully aware of the land acquisition and said there needs to be better communication.

Joan Lever wanted to know why Council was even considering changing the map in the draft Official Plan and said that it should be left alone. The new map shows extensive gravel areas and no OS2. Council said they would take a look at it.

Karren Wallace asked that if the NDACT presentation was submitted on Friday then why was the Planner not here or the County Forest Manager not here?

Council advised her that the Planner has a copy of the specialty crop proposal and the forestry issue is a County matter.

Ms. Wallace also asked about her FOI request and said there is a room full of people who have no idea what is going on because Council will not release the materials to the Public and she wanted to know if the Committee had come up with a draft Procedural By-law? She was advised that there is a draft procedural by-law and that the lawyer is reviewing it. Ms. Wallace also spoke on Mr. Osyany/Mr. Jordan's letter received at the last meeting and she felt that it was just a report card and wanted to know what it cost the Township? She was advised that it would come out of the Township's retainer. Ms. Wallace also asked what framework was involved in the proposed YMCA and if a certain company would be funding the new YMCA. She was advised that the YMCA has total involvement in this and that they will be funding the 1st study. If there is a green light to go with the 2nd study, The Highland Companies will be funding that study. If there is a further green light after the 2nd study, then the six municipalities will share in the cost of the final study. There will be a lot of fundraising and donations received from the public for the new building (if it proceeds).

11:05 a.m. - Council took a 15 minute break and reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

General Business - Cont.

Unfinished Business

Dundalk and District Community Centre Agreement

The CAO advised that a letter had been sent putting Southgate Township on notice that we wished to amend the Agreement. Discussion ensued regarding a capped amount and the Clerk was asked to bring a copy of the current Agreement to the next meeting.

Bill 138 - Protection of Public Participation Act, 2008

Deferred to next meeting. Deputy Mayor Hill has contacted our MPP and she has not gotten back to him yet regarding this Bill.

Request for Grant from the Shelburne and District Agricultural Society for the 2009 Fall Fair

Moved by Kumprey and Elliott that we donate \$300.00 to the Shelburne and District Agricultural Society towards our continues support of the 2009 Shelburne Fall Fair. Carried.

Request from Crimestoppers - Simcoe, Dufferin, Muskoka for a Financial Grant for 2009

Moved by Hill and Crowe that the Council authorizes the CAO to forward a cheque for \$100.00 to Crimestoppers of Simcoe, Dufferin and Muskoka in support of their program. Carried.

Township of Melancthon Draft Landfill Design and Operations Manual

There were no questions or concerns and the CAO was directed to forward the manual to the Ministry of the Environment.

Road Business

Allen Braiden, Road Superintendent attended Council and spoke on a proposal he received from Jory Yakoubov regarding upgrading the 5th Line. Allen was asked to answer Mr. Yakoubov's questions and the CAO was asked to get a legal opinion on the road and whether or not it becomes a public road once it is upgraded. Council advised that it has no desire or intention of upgrading the road.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of gravel and screenings this year as screenings are about \$2.00/tonne cheaper. Council advised Allen to use his discretion on what he thought he needed.

Discussion ensued about keeping an employee on until the end of June. Allen was advised to post the position internally.

Closed Session (Addition)

11:55 a.m. - Moved by Crowe and Hill that we move into Closed Session in order to discuss a matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. Carried.

12:15 p.m. - Moved by Hill and Crowe that we rise from Closed Session with no report. Carried.

Road Business - Cont.

Discussion regarding half loads and giving exemptions for fuel trucks. It was decided that the Township would not issue exemptions to anyone.

Unfinished Business - Cont.

The 2nd draft of the 2009 Budget was discussed. Deputy Mayor Hill and Councillor Crowe worked on the 2nd draft with the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Road Superintendent and Administrative Assistant. The budget as presented shows an approximate 3% increase. The Horning's Mills reconstruction was left in the budget and that will be "Melancthon's Stimulus Package" for 2009. The Council is hopeful for some funding from the Provincial and Federal Governments so that some other road projects cut from the draft budget can be done. The CAO was asked to reduce the "Special Reserve" to \$12,000.00. The CAO advised that hopefully she would have the audited numbers by the next meeting.

New/Other Business

The issue of putting agenda material on the website was discussed. Deputy Mayor Hill advised that if the Procedural By-law Committee decides that they want to do this, he is fine with it. The draft procedural by-law is in at the lawyer's and the CAO hopes to have a draft for Council at the next meeting. From that meeting, Council will set up a Public Meeting to deal with the draft by-law.

FOI Committee - a response needs to be sent regarding the FOI request mentioned earlier. Councillor Elliott and the CAO to compose the letter. Council will not be releasing the agenda materials under Section 15(b) of the Act but will release the actual agenda in advance of the meeting. A By-law appointing an FOI Committee to be prepared for the next meeting.

The Agenda package that was prepared from the February 5, 2009 meeting is to be sent in the mail to the requester of the package.

Adjournment

1:00 p.m. - Moved by Hill and Crowe that we adjourn the Council meeting to meet again on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK