

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

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009 at 9:00 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

- Physician Recruitment
- YMCA
- Closed Session - Personnel - CDRC

### Deletions

- None

### Approval

S Show of hands

### Minutes

Moved by Hill and Crowe that the minutes of the Council meeting held on February 19, 2009 be approved as amended. Carried.

Amendment - Budget Discussions – the \$25,000.00 could come out of the Canadian Hydro Developers Amenities Agreement monies.

### Business Arising from the Minutes

Deputy Mayor Hill spoke to Dan Best, Director of Community Services, County of Dufferin regarding the proposed “special reserve” fund for training, etc. and Mr. Best does not have a problem with this if we decide to go ahead with it and he would gladly work with the Township on it.

### Members Privilege

None.

### County Council Update

The County Council in Brief for the February 12, 2009 meeting was reviewed.

### Committee Reports

#### **Councillor Crowe**

#### Police Services Board - Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> - items discussed:

- Commissioner Fantino's letter regarding the OPP celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year of Policing
- Staff Sgt. Sills gave an update on the new Detachment Building – hoping for occupancy June 2009
- a new Independent Police Review Officer is being formed and to be up and running in 2009 to investigate complaints against the police
- one day Police Services Conference on March 11, 2009
- Staff Sgt. Sills and Sgt. Brodhagen commented on the apparent positive results that the Community Safety Zones are having in the Township
- Sgt. Brodhagen submitted and reviewed the December 2008 and January 2009 Incident's Report

## **Deputy Mayor Hill**

### Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board - items discussed:

- Fire Chief's Report - policies and guidelines - the Chief is 70% finished. Once completed, each municipality will have a copy for its files
- budget was passed

### Chamber of Commerce - items discussed:

- major change in policies is recommended – the recommendation is that local Council members will not have full voting privileges – this is due to the fact that the County of Dufferin provides the funding for the memberships
- this amendment is up for voting on at the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting

## **Mayor Fawcett**

### Centre Dufferin Recreation Board of Management - items discussed:

- finance committee met at 7:00 p.m. and made revisions to the graph
- issue of reciprocal insurance
- Town and Country room is not being utilized
- need new tables and chairs
- pool and roof - no report yet
- ice coming out on March 30<sup>th</sup> (depending on how Muskie's do)
- ice goes back in, in August
- staff attire
- Manager's Report
- Coaches Corner - problems again
- Court ordered Volunteer hours - clarification on Police Checks

### Shelburne and District Fire Board - items discussed:

- delegation of an Amaranth ratepayer concerning a fire call – he was told to put his complaint in writing
- Joint Meeting for March - not enough information for a meeting
- 2009 draft budget - \$30,000 taken from operating and put in capital
- holding off for one year on new truck – putting \$100,000 for reserves
- new truck will fit into Hall but will be tight – have to move shelving
- shortfall of \$300,000 for truck

### Mulmur Recreation Board - items discussed:

- plans underway for the BBQ
- Hockey Mom's Tournament in April
- fundraising ideas for this year
- possibility of ball hockey this summer
- cooler/fridge to be purchased with funds raised and borrow the rest from Mulmur Township
- working beverage cooler has been donated
- operation procedures

### Centre Dufferin Medical Recruitment

- Shawnette Crouse, Town of Shelburne has prepared a checklist of criteria
- funding for our participation needs to be in this year's budget

### YMCA - (addition)

- tour yesterday (March 4<sup>th</sup>) - five other municipalities on the tour
- discussion regarding the feasibility of a YMCA coming to this area
- visited the Wasaga Beach and Collingwood facilities
- variety of models to choose from
- all six municipalities were represented

### OGRA/ROMA Conference

- information on bid rigging
- information on new decking on bridges
- information on new way to reconstruct culverts

## **Councillor Elliott**

### Southgate Recreation Advisory Committee - items discussed:

- public meetings
- special invitations being sent out to groups that use facilities to allow them to address Committee with their ideas, concerns, questions
- “turn-off screens” week - list of activities
- 2009 Report prepared by the Manager - Kevin Green
- purchase of new gas fryer for Arena - Melancthon’s portion under Agreement would be \$400.00
- new fee schedule - look at increasing rates for 2010 and 2011
- minutes of the Committee to be posted on Southgate website
- Woolwich for Hockeyville 2009 - vote for them

## **Councillor Kumprey**

### Shelburne Library Board - items discussed:

- readership is up
- have money available for new books

## **Garry Matthews**

### Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

- budget passed with 3% increase
- he will attend meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> regarding Source Water Protection
- Grist Mill – topic of discussion in closed session
- discussion on bottled water

### Correspondence

1. Letter from the Grand River Conservation Authority regarding the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Position on Compensation
2. Resolution from the Township of Madawaska Valley regarding the four year phased in property assessment
3. Resolution from the Township of Madawaska Valley regarding Homecare in Rural Ontario
4. Letter from the North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce, Inc. introducing the newly formed Committee and advising of its mission statement
5. Annual Report for the Dufferin County Forest, received from Caroline Mach, County Forest Manager
6. Letter from Canadian Hydro Developers, Inc. regarding Phase I’s Community Contribution Payment
7. Request from the Dundalk and District Agricultural Society requesting financial support for the 2009 Fall Fair
8. Comments from GW Jordan - The Proposed Green Energy Act and the New Official Plan
9. Letter from The Highland Companies regarding Funding of YMCA Study Costs
10. AMO Communication Alert - Minister Smitherman on Infrastructure and Green Energy Act
11. Letter from Shepherd, Osyany and King in response to a question raised at the February 19, 2009 Council meeting regarding the “future of the Township”

# 3 - Moved by Kumprey and Elliott that we support the resolution #23-1215-08 from the Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley - re: Homecare in Rural Ontario to assist in the well-being of aging seniors in their primary or secondary residences. Carried.

# 8 - The Clerk to have Jerry Jordan prepare a submission on behalf of Melancthon to the EBR.

# 7 - Moved by Elliott and Kumprey that the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon donate \$300.00 to the Dundalk Agricultural Society to be used for support of and in sponsorship of Dundalk Fall Fair 2009. Carried.

# 9 - The Council supports this initiative of going forward with the studies for the YMCA.

#### Correspondence on File at the Clerk's Office

1. Thank you card from the McLaren and Neilson family for the donations and flowers
2. Minutes of the CDRC Board of Management meeting held on November 26, 2008
3. News Release from the Headwaters Healthcare Centre - "Headwaters Diagnostic Imaging Services Offers Next-Generation Technology for Patients"
4. Township of East Luther Grand Valley - Notice of Passing of New Comprehensive Zoning By-law
5. Copy of a letter that was sent to the Members of Dufferin County Council from The Highland Railway Group - dispelling several myths regarding the discussions toward the acquisition of the County railway right of way
6. Resolution from the Town of Mono regarding the 2009 NVCA Budget and Municipal Levy
7. Resolution from the Town of Mono regarding the 2009 Budget of the Shelburne Public Library
8. Municipal Dataworks News - February 2009
9. Resolution from the Town of Mono regarding Representation at County of Dufferin
10. Minutes of the Shelburne and District Fire Board meeting held on February 3, 2009

#### Delegations

10:00 a.m. - Jamie Zimmerman from the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office attended Council. He presented and reviewed the Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection with Council and spoke on the Fire Protection and Prevention Act. He spoke on the agreements that the Municipality has with each fire department that services Melancthon and said that the Shelburne Agreement need some work. The Township needs to decide on the level of service for its residents and then put agreements in place to provide that service. Councillor Crowe advised that he would work with the CAO on this. The CAO advised that the Dufferin Municipal Officer's Association has set up a Fire Subcommittee and are working on some policies. The CAO to gather everyone's concerns and then contact Mr. Zimmerman to set up a further meeting.

#### 10:30 a.m. - PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Kate Armstrong was in attendance and thought that the idea of a YMCA was good but wondered about offering these same programs in the facilities that already exist. Mayor Fawcett advised that we have thought of that idea and attaching the YMCA to the Shelburne Arena as an option. Mayor Fawcett also advised that after the YMCA has been in operation for five years, the YMCA takes it over. Mayor Fawcett asked Ms. Armstrong that if she has any ideas for the Honeywood Arena for summer programs to let her know.

Ms. Armstrong also advised that McMaster University and the University of Toronto are putting Physician Assistants in place to help with the doctor shortage. Mayor Fawcett suggested that someone should speak to the doctor's in the area to see how they feel about this.

Karren Wallace was in attendance and asked how the procedural by-law was going? Mayor Fawcett advised that there was another draft being considered at

the meeting this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

Harvey Lyon commented that the Township needs to make a very strong pitch against the New Green Energy Act and wondered if AMO would be taking a position on the matter?

Marg McCarthy was in attendance and had several questions about the sale of the rail line and wondered why the County is making the decision when the rail line is in Amaranth and Melancthon? Are there any plans to assist or accommodate the trail that the Snowmobile Club is going to be losing? How did the rail line come to be for sale and if the company offered to buy it then why hasn't it been put out to tender? Has Melancthon thought about buying it? When will public meetings begin?

Deputy Mayor Hill advised that he is the newly appointed member to the rail line Committee and had not been involved in prior discussions. There has been one meeting but nothing was discussed. The Committee is getting an appraisal of the rail line. The Committee is trying to come up with a way to accommodate the trail system on the rail line. This Council has passed a resolution to hold public meetings and if residents have concerns they should go to the Rail Line Committee meetings. Melancthon Township has not thought about buying it.

10:55 a.m. - 5 minute break.

#### PQP - Cont.

A letter was received from Dave Drake, 5<sup>th</sup> Line, requesting permission from the Council to operate a mobile business to issue safety certificates. As Council would like more information, the Clerk was asked to have Mr. Drake come to the next Council meeting.

11:00 a.m. - Karren Wallace was in attendance regarding a Tree Cutting By-law. Under Section 135 of the Municipal Act, a local municipality may prohibit or regulate the destruction or injuring of trees. In the County of Dufferin's Forest Conservation By-law, the Township can delegate the authority to the County for all woodlands under 1 hectare. She gave Council a couple of by-laws dealing with tree cutting in other municipalities and advised that the North Dufferin Agriculture Task Force Committee will be making a submission to Council. Mayor Fawcett advised that she did speak with the County and if we pass a by-law, the County may choose not to enforce it.

11:15 a.m. - Bret Lemieux, Township Hydrogeologist with Bluewater Geoscience attended Council and presented a Landfill Design and Operations Manual which will be submitted to the MOE. He reviewed the drawings in the manual with Council and suggested that an annual resurvey of the landfill should be done in order to make projections on the lifespan of the landfill. Council is to review the manual and if there are any concerns, to let Mr. Lemieux know. If there are none, he will submit to MOE.

#### General Business

##### Accounts

Moved by Hill and Crowe that the general accounts in the amount of \$72,690.53 be approved as presented. Carried.

##### Shelburne District Fire Department 2009 Adopted Budget

Deferred until after lunch so that the Clerk can pull the 6-year capital plan.

##### NDACT regarding a proposed a proposed specialty crop (potatoes) designation in Melancthon's Official Plan

The proposal was reviewed and the following resolution passed:

Moved by Crowe and Hill that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon hereby receives a submission by Garry T. Hunter, MA Sc., P. Eng. of Hunter and Associates on behalf of the North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce regarding an agricultural specialty crop designation for the Township and that this submission be forwarded to the Township Planner for his comments. As this submission has been forwarded to the Township of Mulmur and the Grey Highlands, any comments from their Planners would also be appreciated. Copies of this motion to go to the Township of Mulmur and to the Municipality of Grey Highlands. Carried.

#### Applications to Permit

Mayor Fawcett signed the following applications to permit:

- a storage on the West Part of Lot 5, Concession 3 OS - J. Revie
- a single family dwelling on Lot 14, Plan 132 (Fieldway Court) - A. Bax - Montgomery Homes

#### New/Other Business

##### Physician Recruitment (addition)

Mayor Fawcett discussed the above matter and requested that \$2,500.00 be put in the 2009 budget to help with expenses incurred for this matter. The monies could be taken from the CHD Amenities Agreement.

#### Unfinished Business

##### 2009 Budget Discussions

Defer until after lunch when the Road Superintendent will be in attendance.

##### Dundalk and District Community Centre Agreement

Councillor Elliott advised that she spoke with the CAO of Southgate and was advised that the Recreation Committee was only an advisory Committee and that Southgate Council makes the decisions with respect to the Dundalk Arena. The CAO also advised that at no time will Melancthon be consulted about capital projects and because of the Agreement would be expected to pay its share (10%). Discussion ensued and the Clerk was directed to send a letter to the Township of Southgate giving them 30 days notice that Melancthon wishes to amend the capital and operating section of the Agreement. Council discussed putting a cap on the expenditures it pays to Southgate.

##### Bill 138 - Protection of Public Participation Act, 2008

Deferred to next meeting.

#### Lunch

12 Noon - Council adjourned for lunch.

12:45 p.m. - Council reconvened.

#### Road Business

Allen Braiden, Road Superintendent attended Council and presented the road accounts. Moved by Kumprey and Elliott that the road accounts in the amount of \$54,988.85 be approved as presented. Carried.

##### Horning's Mills Reconstruction

Allen reported on the sidewalk issue discussed at the last meeting. He spoke to Glenn Clarke of RJ Burnside and Associates and was advised that the sidewalks could be removed and made as a boulevard by paving them right back. Mr. Clarke advised that if sidewalks are put back in that an Agreement be drawn up that the municipality was not responsible for snow removal. The consensus was that we would need public input before the Township goes ahead and does this. Allen said he hopes that the survey crew will be in there next week. It was recommended that a flyer be sent out to the residents before the project begins regarding the sidewalks and holding a public meeting.

While on this topic, the Clerk was directed to contact the Township Lawyer to commence proceedings to dissolve the Police Village of Horning's Mills.

#### OGRA Conference

Mayor Fawcett provided Allen with some information she obtained from the conference.

#### General Business - Cont.

#### Shelburne and District Fire Department 2009 Budget

The budget was reviewed and the following resolution passed:

Moved by Hill and Crowe that in keeping with the Township's position with other Boards and Conservation Authorities, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon requests the Shelburne and District Fire Department reduce the budget increase to the cost of living or maximum of three percent. Carried.

#### Unfinished Business - Cont.

#### 2009 Budget Discussions

The Clerk and Road Superintendent reviewed the draft general and road budget with Council. The Clerk advised that the 2008 numbers were unaudited. Changes were made to the roads portion of the budget and the Clerk was asked to make the changes and bring back a further draft to the next meeting.

The Clerk was also directed to obtain a costing proposal from the Town of Shelburne Police to provide Police Services for the Township.

#### Closed Session

2:00 p.m. - Moved by Kumprey and Elliott that we move into Closed Session to discuss a matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. Carried.

2:25 p.m. - Moved by Crowe and Hill that we rise from Closed Session with report. Carried.

The Clerk to forward the properties that are three years in arrears to the Solicitor to commence Tax Sale proceedings.

#### Adjournment

2:26 p.m. - Moved by Hill and Crowe that we adjourn to meet again March 19, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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MAYOR

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CLERK