

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 21st day of May, 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

- Application to Permit
- Deputy Mayor Hill - item for Unfinished Business regarding turbine education taxes

Deletions

- None

Approval

S Show of hands

Minutes

Moved by Crowe and Hill that the minutes of the Council meeting held on May 7, 2009 be approved as amended. Carried.

The wording in Item No. 18 under correspondence to be changed.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Members Privilege

Nothing at this time.

Correspondence

1. Information regarding the County of Dufferin Forest Operating Plan Review
2. Nottawasaga News for May 2009
3. Letter from Homegrown ONTARIO – Support Ontario, Buy Local requesting support for a motion regarding local sustainable procurement practices
4. Resolution from the Township of Centre Wellington regarding Bill 221 Workplace Safety and Insurance Amendment Act 2007 (Presumption for Firefighters)
5. News Release from the County of Dufferin - Emergency Preparedness Week - 72 Hours – Is Your Family Prepared?
6. Request from the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario to proclaim June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month
7. Resolution from the City of Cornwall regarding Provincial Harmonized Sales Tax
8. News Release from the Highland Companies - YMCA agrees to study region as a candidate for 'Y' programs and services
9. UGDSB and WCDSB Education Development Charge Information Session - Wednesday, May 27, 2009
10. Press Release from Leeanna Pendergast, MPP – Ontario Takes Steps To Improve Health Care in Rural and Northern Communities
11. Letter from the Governments of Canada and Ontario regarding the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund and the Building Canada Fund - Communities Component Intake 2
12. Public Invitation from NVCA to Provide Input on the Township of Oro-Medonte's

- Request to Reduce Conservation Authority Jurisdiction
13. Mulmur Township Report to Council regarding the Proposed Specialty Crop Designation
 14. Letter from Upper Grand District School Board regarding Proposal to Dispose of the Melancthon School Site located at Part of Lot 253, Concession 1 SW
 15. AMO Communication Alert - Green Energy Act Regulation Posted on EBR for comment
 16. Request from Wayne Hannon for the maintenance and repair of the McNabb Drain under Section 74 & 79 of the Drainage Act

3 - Moved by Kumprey and Elliott that Whereas the Township of Melancthon supports the practice that contributes to the creation of a new sustainable environment. And Whereas Homegrown Ontario is a brand that allows Ontario consumers to support Ontario farmers by purchasing Ontario produced meat and poultry; And Whereas Ontario farmers adhere to the highest quality standards set forth by the Canadian provincial and federal government regulatory boards; Therefore be it resolved that the procurement practice of purchasing meat and poultry products produced by Ontario farmers be identified as the preferred local sustainable procurement practice. Be it further resolved that the purchase of all Ontario produced meat and poultry sourced locally requires the burning of less fossil fuel than food trucked or even flown in from hundreds, or even thousand of miles away. Carried.

6 - Moved by Crowe and Hill that Whereas the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario serves people with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and their families and Whereas Health Canada has proclaimed June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month; and Whereas there are many people who are not aware of the Association or that it offers support, information and education programs and funds research to find ways to prevent and treat these conditions; and Whereas the Association encourages all Ontarians to learn more about these conditions and to appreciate the challenges faced by individuals affected by them, Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Melancthon hereby proclaims the month of June 2009 to be SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH in the Township of Melancthon and I urge all citizens to give full consideration and attention to the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario for their work on behalf of those with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and their families. Carried.

7 - Moved by Hill and Crowe that Whereas the Provincial Government has recently announced the harmonization of the 5% GST and the 8% PST; and Whereas the Harmonized Sales Tax will negatively impact the registration costs for minor sports by an increase in facility rental fees; and Whereas these increased costs will prevent some youth from participating in sporting activities; and Therefore be it resolved that we Melancthon Council, send an appeal to the Provincial Government to exempt items related to the rental of recreation facilities and registration fees for minor sports to ensure that all youth are able to afford to participate and Be it further resolved that we Melancthon Council, request to have AMO lobby the Provincial Government on our behalf; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all municipalities in Dufferin County requesting their support. Carried.

#13 - Clerk asked to send this item to Garry Hunter and Associates

14 - sign and send back advising no interest in property

15 - find out the EBR number

16 - Clerk was asked to forward this item to the Drainage Engineer

Correspondence on File at Clerk's Office

1. Email from Louise Phillips regarding the Highland Companies and NDACT
2. Township of Mulmur - Resolution regarding Composition of County Council
3. Email from Township of Mulmur advising that Mulmur Council supported Melancthon's Resolution regarding Bill 138
4. Stewardship Ontario - 2008 Annual Report
5. Frank Cowan and Company - News and Views - Spring 2009
6. Resolution from the Town of Shelburne regarding Composition of County Council
7. AMO Communication Alert - Government Announces Bridge Funding for 2010-2011 to Support Ontario's Municipalities and Families in Looming Child Care Crisis
8. Resolution from the Township of Amaranth supporting Melancthon's Resolution regarding Bill 138
9. Invitation to the 34th Annual Review Parade of the 164 Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets to be held Saturday, June 13, 2009
10. Letter from the Minister of Industry announcing the new Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RINC) in Ontario

General Business

DRAFT Salvage Yards By-law

The draft by-law prepared by Andrew Osyany was reviewed. The hours of operation for Saturday were changed from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Clerk was to check on the date for the license. A public meeting was set for Thursday, June 18th at 7:30 p.m. to deal with the draft by-law. The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the By-law to the three wrecking yards in the Township as well as to the three neighbours in the vicinity of Shelburne Iron and Metal.

DRAFT Procedural By-law

The draft by-law was reviewed. The major change was to item 19 - agenda packages and now the packages will be available on the website when the by-law passes. Another section to be put in the by-law for those persons wanting the agenda package but do not have access to a computer. The agenda package in this instance will be available after the meeting. A section regarding the 3rd reading of by-laws to be added. The Clerk to make the required changes and bring back to the next meeting of Council.

10:30 a.m. - PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Karen Wallace was in attendance and inquired about the evening meetings. She was advised that it would be starting on June 18 until November 19 for a six-month trial basis.

Catherine Russell was in attendance and wanted to know what criteria would be used to see if it is successful or not? She was advised that Council hasn't set any criteria yet but that Council will be keeping track of attendance.

Joan Lever was in attendance and commented on the NVCA/Oro-Medonte correspondence. She wanted to know if the NVCA has ever come to Council to talk to us. She was advised that yes they do come to Council – usually at budget time. She also wanted to know why Jerry Jorden removed all the ANSI areas from the OP map? It was suggested that she ask Mr. Jorden that question. She also wanted to know who was looking after our water, animals and wildlife? She was advised that the Conservation Authorities look after this. She wanted to know how many birds have been killed by the wind turbines? She was advised to contact Canadian Hydro Developers, Inc.

Karren Wallace asked who decides what gets put on the correspondence and the correspondence on file at the Clerk's office? She was advised that the CAO makes the decision depending on whether or not the correspondence requires an action or decision.

Karren Wallace asked that when Council requires a study – are these peer reviewed? She was advised that the Strada Groundwater Monitoring reports are peer reviewed and that on any new applications, Council can ask for a peer review and it will be paid for by the applicant. Then Council went on to explain the OMB procedures.

Joan Lever spoke on her experience with the Amaranth OMB Hearing in 2007 and wanted to know what chance does the “little guy” have at an OMB hearing—what right does an ordinary person have in the law? She was advised that under the Green Energy Act, there will be no rights because the municipality will be cut out entirely.

11:05 a.m. - Council took a five minute break and reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

Financial Statements

The 2008 Financial Statements and Management Letter were reviewed. Discussion ensued regarding the contents of the Management Letter and the Clerk commented on the issues in the letter.

Notice of Motion from May 7th meeting by Deputy Mayor Hill regarding posting of material for Council meetings on the website

Deputy Mayor Hill advised that the notice of motion is no longer necessary because the draft procedural by-law deals with the posting of agenda material on the website.

New/Other Business

COMRIF Completion Ceremonies

As the two COMRIF projects have been completed and the Township needs to have a ribbon cutting ceremony – Council was asked to choose some dates. Discussion ensued and the date that the majority of Council are available is June 26, 2009.

Unfinished Business

Mulmur Recreation Budget - 2009

Moved by Elliott and Kumprey that the Council of the Township of Melancthon accept and approve the 2009 revised Arena budget for North Dufferin Recreation Centre in the amount of \$196,059.64 of which the Melancthon portion is \$7,500.00. Carried.

Choose Committee of Council regarding the North Dufferin Recreation Centre (Honeywood Arena)

The Committee to consist of: Mayor Debbie Fawcett, Deputy Mayor Bill Hill and Councillor Janice Elliott.

Highland Child Care Centre - Request for Financial Support

Deputy Mayor Hill still working on. Deferred.

Township of Essa Resolution - Public Salary Disclosures

Deputy Mayor Hill still working on. Deferred.

Addition: Turbine Education Taxes

Deputy Mayor Hill said that we need to think about our request to the Upper Grand District School Board and what we would like to see going to our local schools.

Addition: Applications to Permit

Mayor Fawcett signed an application to permit a garage on the West Part of Lot 7, Concession 2 OS - Parcel 5 - N. Quail.

Closed Session

11:40 a.m. - Moved by Hill and Crowe that we move into Closed Session in order to discuss a matter pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations. Carried.

11:45 a.m. - Moved by Hill and Crowe that we rise from Closed Session with no report. Carried.

Road Business

Allen Braiden, Road Superintendent attended Council. He advised that they started the gravel yesterday. He presented the PSAB report to Council. Allen advised that Glenn Clarke of RJ Burnside needs a cheque for the MOE for the Horning's Mills Reconstruction Project. Moved by Hill and Crowe that we authorize the CAO to forward a cheque for \$1,100.00 payable to the Minister of Finance to pay for the application to the MOE for the redevelopment of Horning's Mills Main Street to Burnside and Associates. Carried. Allen advised that he spoke with Tom Parr of Horning's Mills – Addeson Street and Allen recommends making the radius of the curve by Mr. Parr's property wider to the north. Allen asked if he and his staff could take Fridays off again in August – the same as last year. Council did not have an issue with this. Allen said that he was going to be digging out a portion of 270 Sideroad and adding more gravel and hopefully this will solve the problem with the road next Spring.

New/Other Business - Cont.

Council meeting in August

Moved by Crowe and Hill that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon hereby changes the schedule of meetings for August to one meeting only to be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 13, 2009. This will not preclude the calling of special meetings if necessary. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Hill and Crowe that we adjourn Council to meet again on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK