

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 17th day of February, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mayor B. Hill, Deputy Mayor D. White, Councillor J. Crowe, Councillor J. Elliott and Councillor N. Malek were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer was also present. Mayor Hill presided.

Additions

- Mayor Hill - update on Administration Staffing
- Applications to Permit

Deletions

- None

Approval

S Show of hands

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Nothing at this time.

Minutes

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that the minutes of the February 3, 2011 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

Mayor Hill - Solar Energy Proposal - he has started the process and filled out the Form A. It will be sent off to the Ministry to see if it will be approved and hope to hear something back by March 3rd. If we are approved, there is no obligation and we have three years to complete the project.

Rail Line Issue - The rail line subcommittee met on February 7, 2011 and there was a recommendation put forward which was not unanimous for the Warden and Chair of General Government Services to meet with the Highland Group as well as a representative from Shelburne to see if they would be interested in a lease of the rail line. The Warden made assurances that there will be a public meeting. The Sub-Committee will meet and lay out the criteria and there will be notice of that meeting. At County this came up under General Government Services. The criteria got changed to allow open discussion, not just lease. The motion at County Council was a recorded vote with Allan Taylor, Darren White and Bill Hill not supporting the County motion.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Correspondence

*** Items for Information Purposes**

1. Resolution from the Town of Collingwood regarding the NVCA Draft 2011 Budget Notice
2. Request from the NVCA for a deputation to present the NVCA Draft 2011 Budget

3. News Release from NVCA - NVCA is Pleased to Announce New Funding for Local Stewardship Projects that Help Protect Municipal Drinking Water
4. Backgrounder from the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region regarding the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP)
5. Copy of a letter that the Town of Mono sent to the Ministry of Energy regarding Municipal Consultation Whittington Wind Project and Farm Owned Power (Melancthon) Wind Farm

Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that Correspondence Items 1 - 5 under Items for Information Purposes be received as information. Carried.

*** Items for Council Action**

1. Resolution from the Township of East Garafraxa regarding the Municipal Representative Appointment to the GRCA
2. Letter and attachments from Farshad Davoodian regarding his health issues and the wind turbines

Item No. 1 - Appointment of a Representative to the GRCA will be deferred until the March 24, 2011 meeting.

Item No. 2 - the CAO to send Mr. Davoodian's letter to TransAlta and a letter to be sent to Mr. Davoodian inviting him to a future Council meeting to discuss his concerns.

Correspondence on File at the Clerk's Office

1. Deputation of Rhonda Campbell-Moon at the January 12, 2011 Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board Meeting.
2. News Release - Headwaters Health Care Centre and County of Dufferin Officials Meet to Discuss the Future of the Shelburne Hospital Site
3. News Release - Headwaters Health Care Centre Approves New Medical Clinic
4. Email from Marni Walsh with a link to the Sussex Report - Renewable Energy Matters - Campaign Outline
5. Minutes of the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board Meeting - January 12, 2011
6. AMO Watch File - February 10, 2011

General Business

By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as Representative by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and to Repeal By-law 31-2010

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in the right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and it now be read a first and second time. By-law No. 31-2010 is hereby repealed. Carried.

Township of Southgate Draft Fire Agreement

The Draft Fire Agreement as drafted by the Township of Southgate was presented and reviewed and discussion ensued regarding the costing of the Agreement vs the past average over the past five years.

Moved by Crowe, Seconded by White that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon has reviewed a draft proposed fire agreement with Dundalk Fire Department and we hereby direct Mayor Bill Hill and Councillor Janice Elliott to meet

with Southgate officials to clarify and make further recommendations to this Council. The Melancthon Township CAO Denise Holmes will also be engaged in the necessary meeting(s). Carried.

Development Charge Summary as at December 31, 2010 (unaudited)

The Development Charge Summary was presented and reviewed. The CAO advised that pursuant to Section 43(3) of the Development Charges Act, the statement would be forwarded to the Ministry of Finance.

Delegation/Public Meeting

6:00 p.m. - A public meeting had been called to deal with the Draft 2011 Operating and Capital Budgets. The Treasurer Denise Holmes reviewed the changes made to the budget from the last meeting with Council and discussed the impact of the current draft as per the memo that was attached to the budget. The Roads Budget was discussed. Allen Braiden, Road Superintendent, was not in attendance for the budget meeting but left information with the Treasurer on the road priorities for 2011. There is approximately \$95,000 worth of priority work that needs to be done and some of this money can be taken from gas tax reserves. The Treasurer was asked to put in approximately \$40,000 for an additional staff person. Mayor Hill advised that the CAO and himself have worked out a job description for this additional staff person and more information would be relayed at a later date. The Treasurer also advised that TransAlta (formerly Canadian Hydro) would be filing the consent applications for phase II and this would bring in another \$32,000.00. The Treasurer to make the changes to the budget and bring back to the Budget Sub-Committee for further discussion. Mayor Hill opened the floor to questions from those present in the gallery. A question was raised as to whether or not Council has considered a roads needs study for this budget and another resident in attendance advised he would support this. The Treasurer to find out if a roads needs study can be funded through the Development Charges. As there were no further questions, the meeting finished at 6:30 p.m.

New/Other Business

Addition - Applications to Permit

Mayor Hill signed the following application to permit:

- a concrete wall around an existing cattle yard on Part Lot 221-222, Concession 2 NE and Part Lot 222, Concession 1 NE (E. Martin)

(Addition)Additional Staffing

Already discussed earlier during the draft budget.

Councillor Elliott - Wind Turbine Committee (Arran Elderslie)

Councillor Elliott advised that she needs someone to go with her to these meetings as they are so far away. Debbie Fawcett was the alternate so another alternate needs to be appointed. There was further discussion as to whether Melancthon was going to continue to go to these meetings. This item was deferred to the next meeting for further discussion.

Unfinished Business

Draft Township Newsletter

The newsletter was reviewed as presented and there was only one change and that was that Councillor Malek asked that her email address be added to the Heritage Day section

for further information.

Draft Fire Policy

Deferred.

Sherk Rezoning Amendment - Part of Lot 32, Concession 3 & 4 NE

Discussion ensued about whether there was a need to hold another public meeting because of the changes to the site plan. A letter from Wayne Hannon was received on February 16, 2011 and this letter came in well after the public meeting process.

Moved by Crowe, Seconded by Elliott that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon has a notice of receipt of a complete application for a zoning by-law amendment for applicant Sherk/Hoover which has been through public meeting and on site process. Due to requests and consultations by Council with the applicant, an amended site plan was submitted. This site plan is considerably more restrictive on the applicant and Council has decided under Section 34(17) of the Planning Act that no further public meeting is required and the Clerk is hereby directed to prepare the necessary amended revisions to the appropriate by-law. Carried.

Headwater's Communities in Action - Trails Working Group - Grant Application

Mayor Hill advised that Sylvia Cheuy, Project Coordinator went directly to the County and they agreed to support the grant application. Mayor Hill also advised that the Group has also obtained "in-kind" contributions.

Third Reading By-law 11-2011

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Malek that By-law No. 11-2011 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

6:48 p.m. - Council took a break and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

A public question period was held and some of the questions/issues/concerns during this time were: the wind turbines (residents of Amaranth and Grey Highlands in attendance), on site meeting reports, status of specialty crop amendment, abandoned wells, solar project update, TransAlta Emergency Plan and Ontario Environmental Farm (about obtaining a booklet).

Closed Session

7:35 p.m. - Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that Council move into a closed session meeting pursuant to section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason(s): personal matters about an identifiable individual regarding the GW Jordan In-House Planning Report of February 9, 2011 and labour relations or employee negotiations regarding the Report of the CAO on Seasonal Road Employee wages. Carried.

7:43 p.m. - Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that we rise from Closed Session with report. Carried.

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Malek that the report of Denise Holmes, CAO be received and the recommended wage increases for Doug Smith and Jeff Coyle be approved and the seasonal starting rate for Steve Perry be approved. Carried.

Confirmation By-law

Mayor Hill advised that a confirmation by-law has been passed at the end of the year and at the term of Council but we are now going to be passing one at the end of every meeting.

Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon at its meetings held on December 2, 2010, December 16, 2010, January 6, 2011, January 20, 2011, February 3, 2011 and February 17, 2011 and it be numbered and given the required number of readings. By-law numbered 12-2011 and read a first, second and third time.

Adjournment

7:49 p.m. - Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that we adjourn Council to meet again on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK