

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 3rd day of February, 2011 at 9:00 a.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

- CAO - Draft Fire Prevention Policy - not listed on the Agenda but was in the Council packages
- Closed Session item - Solicitor/Client Privilege Information - about a concern raised at the meeting on January 20, 2011 about snow being dumped on private property in the Township
- Deputy Mayor White - New Business - Report on the Question Policy
- Mayor Hill - Rail Line Sub Committee Update, Letter received from Farshad Davoodian, Budget Process and March meeting change

Deletions

- Yvonne Hurst, Municipal Advisor, MMAH

Approval

Verbal - Moved by Crowe, Seconded by Elliott that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Nothing at this time.

Minutes

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by White that the minutes of the January 20, 2011 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

Southgate Recreation Advisory Subcommittee - the CAO is going to follow up to see when the meetings will start.

ATV Club Delegation - the CAO advised that the information was sent to the Township's Insurance Company and it is recommended (by the Township's insurer) that the ATV Club add Melancthon Township as an additional insured to its policy. As well, the insurance company advised that the request is valid but cautioned to make sure Council was only approving trails on municipal property and it should be made clear that approval does not apply should the trail exit municipal property. The Agreement has been changed to reflect this. It was also advised that the Agreement has not been signed until the ATV Club provides proof that Melancthon has been added to the Club's insurance policy.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

County Council Update - The Update dated January 13, 2011 was reviewed.

Committee Reports

The following members reported on the meetings they had attended and the written reports are kept on file:

Mayor Hill - Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex, Shelburne Library and Centre Dufferin Medical Recruitment Committee
Councillor Elliott - Horning's Mills Hall Board and Shelburne Fire Board
Councillor Malek - Horning's Mills Hall Board

Correspondence

*** Items for Information Purposes**

1. Letter from Premier Dalton McGuinty regarding the Township's letter of December 23, 2010 regarding the removal of the PST portion from the HST, hydro rates and energy policies relating to turbines
2. Letter from Wm. E. Arnold opposing the rezoning of property to a Specialty Classification
3. Letter from Tom Pridham, Drainage Superintendent, RJ Burnside and Associates regarding Drainage Superintendent Services from July 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010
4. Letter from the Ministry of Environment - Update on Clean Water Act, 2006 – Completion of Assessment Reports
5. Letter from Douglas Maxwell regarding the St. Paul's Cemetery Board
6. Copy of a letter that the Town of Mono sent to Premier Dalton McGuinty regarding Municipal Property Tax
7. Copy of a letter that Mayor Bill Hill sent to the Township of Mulmur regarding Rhonda Campbell-Moon's Written and Public Delegation to the January 12, 2011 Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board Meeting.
8. Copy of a letter that Chris Barnett, Davis LLP sent to Andrew Doersam, Planner - MMAH regarding the letter dated December 28, 2010 from Jim Dymont of Meridian Planning regarding the Application for an Official Plan Amendment of NDACT for a Special Crop Area

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that Correspondence Items 1 - 8 be received as information. The CAO be directed to obtain the specified reports contained in correspondence item # 4. The CAO be directed to send a letter to Douglas Maxwell (Item # 5) thanking him for his past service on the St. Paul's Cemetery Board and for his future service and to apologize for the misunderstanding. Carried.

*** Items for Council Action**

1. Several questions from Marni Walsh regarding the Strada Official Plan Amendment
2. Financial request from the Southgate Ruth Hargrave Memorial Library Board
3. Letter from ROGERS regarding the placement of a proposed Wireless Communications Structure on the East Part of the West Part of Lot 16, Concession 2 OS
4. An Application to Amend the Official Plan of the Township of Melancthon from the Citizen's Alliance United for a Sustainable Environment (CAUSE) and copy of Draft Amendment **NOTE: Appendix to the Application consisting of the James Dick Construction Limited Decision for the Rockfort Quarry not included in Agenda Package**

5. Request from Headwaters Communities in Action to Partnership on HCIA's Healthy Communities Grant Application

Item # 1 - staff to respond to Ms. Walsh

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon donate \$5,000.00 to the Southgate Ruth Hargrave Memorial Library for necessary furnishings for the new building and that these monies be taken from the Development Charge Account - Library Category. Carried.

During the discussion of # 3, the following question from Karren Wallace was discussed: *Having just reviewed the Rogers proposal for a 90 metre communications tower to be located on the west half of Lot 16, Concession 2 OS, please confirm in writing, that a rezoning and OPA will be completed prior to any installation of a communications tower as this is clearly a change of use of the land. To install something like this without notification of impacted landowners through the OPA/ZBA process would be unthinkable and clearly not in keeping with the principles of land use planning.* The CAO advised that these facilities are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government with Industry Canada being the principal regulatory agency and Municipalities have no planning or regulatory jurisdiction over these facilities. Industry Canada has a protocol which the applicants must follow and that includes consultation with the host municipality and others.

Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that the Application for a Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility on the West Part of Lot 16, Concession 2 OS from ROGERS (Action Correspondence # 3) be referred back to the Township Planner and CAO for further processing. In addition, that the CAO be directed to respond to the question from Karren Wallace regarding this application. That question was dated February 1, 2011. Carried.

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that the Application for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment from the Citizens' Alliance United for a Sustainable Environment (CAUSE) (Action Correspondence # 4) be referred back to the Township Planner for further processing. Carried.

Item # 5 - deferred to the next meeting. Mayor Hill advised that he spoke with Sylvia Cheuy, Project Coordinator and advised that she should approach the County about this. Melancthon has no problem supporting the application in principle.

Correspondence on File at the Clerk's Office

1. Shelburne Library Board Minutes - December 21, 2010
2. AMO Watch File - January 27, 2011
3. Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department - Chief's Year End Report
4. Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board Minutes - January 12, 2011
5. LESPR - Committee Minutes - November 4, 2010
6. Toronto Star Article from Marni Walsh - "How McGuinty's Windmill Dreams Became a Nightmare" - link: <http://www.thestar.com/columnists/article/922197--walkom-how-mcguinty-s-windmill-dreams-became-a-nightmare>
7. Email from Joan Lever regarding Melancthon Official Plan Amendment No. 17

Delegation

9:45 a.m. - Rick Riddall, Landfill Supervisor, attended Council and presented his monthly report (on file).

Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that the Township of Melancthon form a sub-committee to discuss the possibility of changing the way our municipal solid waste is handled and to submit ideas to council on new initiatives. Further that this committee be made up of Rick Riddall, Councillor John Crowe and Deputy Mayor Darren White. Carried.

9:57 a.m. - Council took a break and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - Clare Lewis, Seniors at Risk - Elder Abuse Program attended Council and advised Council of the Program, She spoke on the different kinds of elder abuse and presented information to Council about the organization.

10:15 a.m. - Katherine Johnson, Telecheck Coordinator attended Council and spoke on the Community Torchlight Program which consists of several services such as Distress, Crisis, TeleCheck Dufferin (for Seniors), Youth Support and Emergency Shelter Resources. All of these areas have designated phone numbers that can be called 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Mayor Hill thanked both ladies for their presentations and welcomed them back in the Spring to put on an information session at the Horning's Mills Hall.

10:30 a.m. - PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

A public question period was held and some of the questions/issues/concerns during this time were: structures placed on road sides as well as a garbage bin on road allowance in the Shrigley area (the concern was what was in the garbage bin), MDS calculations, Wellington County's solid waste program and the onsite to the power room that Council was going on during the noon hour.

General Business

Accounts

Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that the general accounts in the amount of \$79,149.75 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Draft 2011 Interim Taxes By-law

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that leave be given to introduce a By-law to provide for the levy and collection of rates or levies required for the Interim Levy for 2011 and it now be read a first and second time. Carried. By-law read a first and second time and numbered 10-2011.

GRCA 2011 Budget

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Malek that the Township of Melancthon request the GRCA review its preliminary 2011 budget dated Jan. 13, 2011 to achieve an increase reflective of the 2010 year end cost of living rate of 1.8%. Carried.

Township Draft Newsletter

The draft newsletter was reviewed. The CAO was asked to include information about Hogweed in the newsletter as well as information regarding the Community Torchlight Program.

Applications to Permit

The following applications from George Martin - Part of Lot 27, Concession 10 NE were approved:

- a woodworking shop - furniture
- power room
- alteration - move wall 6' out where existing roof overhang is
- house addition

Housing Committee - Update

No applications were received for the Housing Committee. As Councillor Malek expressed interest, as well as Deputy Mayor White, to sit on this Committee, Councillor Malek would like to carry on with this. Council agreed.

New/Other Business

Solar Energy (Mayor Hill) - Mayor Hill advised the members that he would like to obtain further information on the FIT program for the placement of solar panels on the Works Department Roof and Sand Shed. He would have someone come and give a presentation to Council on this.

Moved by Crowe, Seconded by White that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon hereby directs Mayor Bill Hill to further explore our options regarding the placement of solar panels on our Township Works Building and Sand Dome. Carried.

Additions

Mayor Hill

Budget Process - Mayor Hill spoke on the budget process and said a preliminary budget would be discussed later in the meeting. Changes to the draft budget will be referred back to the Budget Sub-committee. The next Council meeting would be a Committee of the Whole Budget meeting (evening meeting). This will start at 6:00 p.m. for a maximum of an hour and would allow public input. From there, any changes would be referred back to the Budget Sub-Committee and the budget would come back to the day meeting on March 7th and subsequently come back to the next evening meeting in March for the 2nd public meeting. It is hoped that the final budget will be ready for passage at the April 7th Council meeting. The draft budget to be posted on the website for public comment.

March 17th Meeting - it was decided that because this meeting falls during the week of March Break, it would be changed to March 24th. This meeting, as well as the February 17th meeting, to start at 5:30 p.m. so that the budget meeting for public input can be set at 6:00 p.m.

Rail line Sub-committee - A meeting will be held next Monday night (Feb. 7th) and will be a Closed Session meeting to establish criteria for a Public Meeting.

Letter from Farshad Davoodian - Mayor Hill read the letter he received regarding health concerns relating to the turbines. The CAO was directed to put this on the Agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

Deputy Mayor White

Report on the Question Policy - Deputy Mayor White read aloud a report he prepared regarding an accusation that Council breached section of the Municipal Act with regards to the creation of a policy document. The CAO was directed to post the report on the website.

CAO

Draft Fire Prevention Policy - this item was reviewed and the CAO was directed to defer the item to the next meeting which would allow time for Councillor Elliott and the CAO to determine if all the information contained in the Public Fire Safety Guidelines was in the Policy.

Unfinished Business

Sherk Rezoning Amendment - A revised site plan was received. Council will be going for an on-site later today to visit a property at 238480 4th Line NE to listen to a generator. This item deferred to the February 17th meeting.

General Business - Cont.

2011 Draft Operating/Capital Budget

The draft budget for the Township was reviewed with Council. The reserve funds and development charges were also reviewed. Some changes were requested in the budget. These to be made and the budget brought back to the budget sub-committee and then to Council for public input on February 17.

Road Business

Allen Braiden, Road Superintendent presented the road accounts. Moved by Malek and Elliott that the road accounts in the amount of \$75,210.50 be approved as circulated. Carried.

At 12:46 p.m. - Council adjourned for lunch and the onsite visit.

2:20 p.m. - Council reconvened.

Third Reading of By-law

Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that By-law No. 10-2011 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

Closed Session

2:24 p.m. - Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Malek that be it resolved that Council move into a closed session meeting pursuant to section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reasons: personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees - regarding GW Jordan's In House Planning Report of January 26, 2011 and Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board and the receiving of advice that is subject to Solicitor/Client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose - regarding an email and information received from a ratepayer and advise pertaining to a concern raised by a ratepayer at the Council meeting held on January 20, 2011 regarding the dumping of snow on private lands in the Township. Carried.

3:05 p.m. - Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that we rise from Closed Session with Report. Carried.

The CAO was directed to put the correspondence received from a ratepayer on the next Agenda under "Correspondence on File at the Clerk's Office".

Mayor Hill gave his report on the dumping of snow on the West Part of Lot 13, Concession 4 OS.

Adjournment

3:07 p.m. - Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that we adjourn Council to meet again on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK