

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a meeting on the 3rd day of March, 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 - The Highland Companies Update regarding the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments
- Closed Session - Identifiable Individual regarding ROMA/OGRA Conference
- Deputy Mayor White - Closed Session - Identifiable Individual regarding the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department
- Councillor Crowe - Unfinished Business - update on Salvage By-law

Deletions

- Delegations of Yvonne Hurst, MMAH and Brian Horner, Land and Sky Green Energy

Approval

Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that the agenda be approved as amended.
Carried.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Nothing at this time.

Minutes

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that the minutes of the February 17, 2011 Council meeting be approved as amended. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

County Council Update - nothing to report.

Committee Reports

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

Mayor Hill - absent from Library Board due to another commitment and absent from CDRC due to illness

Councillor Crowe - Police Services Board

Councillor Elliott - InterMunicipal Wind Turbine Working Committee, Shelburne Fire Board, AMO - Day 2 - The Meeting Series in Owen Sound

Councillor Malek - Upper Grand Watershed Committee Report, Horning's Mills Hall Board and AMO - Day 1 - Effective Municipal Training

Correspondence

*** Items for Information Purposes**

1. Letter from Genivar Inc. regarding the Town of Shelburne Fiddler's Glen Sewage Pumping Station, Schedule B Class EA Increasing its Capacity
2. NVCA Highlights for January 28, 2011
3. GW Jordan's Report on the OMB Rockfort Quarry Decision
4. GRCA Minutes - February 2011
5. Annual Report - Dufferin County Forest
6. Resolution from Township of Amaranth recommending the appointment of Don Maclver as Municipal Representative to the GRCA
7. Resolution from Township of East Luther Grand Valley recommending Don Maclver as Municipal Representative to the GRCA
8. Email from Marni Walsh regarding ROMA Conference

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Malek that Correspondence Items 1-8 (Items for Information Purposes) be received as information with the exception of Item # 3 which will be deferred to the next meeting on March 24, 2011. The CAO to send a letter to Townships of Amaranth, East Garafraxa, East Luther Grand Valley and Southgate regarding the appointment of the GRCA Representative Item # 6 & 7. The CAO to respond to Marni Walsh – Item 8 that there will be a full report regarding the ROMA/OGRA Conference at the next meeting. Carried.

*** Items for Council Action**

1. Letter from Roger Oliveira regarding turbines and response from Mayor Hill
2. Email from Vera Lloyd, Dufferin-Grey ATV Club regarding Certificate of Insurance and Draft of the Municipal Trail Verification Document for Council approval
3. Letter from the Ministry of Tourism and Culture regarding Ontario Heritage Week
4. Letter and attached map from Maurice Hickey, Operations Manager, AIM SOP Phase I LP, regarding proposed power line routing and time line challenges for the Plateau III Project
5. Email from Paulette Crawley regarding wind turbines

Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that the CAO and Mayor be directed to sign the agreement between the Township of Melancthon and the Dufferin Grey ATV Club and the Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicles regarding insurance and the use of the area's trails. Carried.

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that correspondence for Action Item # 4 be referred to Gord Feniak, Township Engineer for review and comment.

5 - the CAO to advise Ms. Crawley that there will be a full report regarding the ROMA/OGRA Conference at the next meeting.

Correspondence on File at the Clerk's Office

1. AMO Watch List - February 17, 2011 and February 24, 2011
2. Mulmur Melancthon Volunteer Fire Department Financial Statement for 2009
3. Shelburne Public Library - Minutes - January 18, 2011
4. Email from Paulette Crawley - Article
<http://www.chathamdailynews.ca/PrintArticle.aspx?e=2959622>

Delegations

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

10:00 a.m. - Wayne Wilson, CAO and Walter Benotto, Chair of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority attended Council. They spoke on various topics including governance change, legislation impacts, 2011 budget and planning and regulations. The PowerPoint presentation is on file.

10:28 a.m. - Council took a two minute break and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

A public question period was held from 10:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. and some of the questions/issues/concerns during this time were: Plateau Wind Project, Sherk/Hoover Rezoning, onsite visits to properties, Mennonite Rezonings, and burning in large chimineas.

General Business

Accounts - The Treasurer presented the accounts in the amount of \$121,945.27. Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that the general accounts be approved as presented. Carried.

2009 Financial Statements and Management Letter - this item was deferred to the next meeting of Council for the members to bring back any questions. The CAO to have BDO come to the meeting on April 7, 2011 to present the financial statements.

2011 Shelburne Fire Operating and Capital Budget

Discussion ensued and the following resolutions passed:

Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that the Council of the Township of Melancthon recommends to the Shelburne Fire Board that they review the proposed 2011 operating budget and put forth a budget with an increase at the cost of living of no more than 2.4%. Carried.

Moved by Elliott and Malek that the Township of Melancthon maintain their capital cost sharing commitment to Shelburne and District Fire Department in the amount of \$14,508.00 which is calculated at their rate of 15.6% of \$93,000.00 and further that the Township requests an operational demonstration of the said quint truck or have a representative of the manufacturer attend Melancthon Council as a delegation to address Council concerns and questions. Carried.

Applications to Permit - None

New/Other Business

Arran-Elderslie Meetings - discussion ensued and the consensus was to continue in the capacity that we are and to push to have the date of the meeting changed from the 2nd Thursday of the month to another day so that Mayor Hill can attend. Councillor Malek will go to the next meeting as a public member.

Unfinished Business

Draft Fire Policy - further deferred.

Sherk/Hoover Rezoning Amendment - Part of Lot 32, Concession 3 and 4 NE

A letter was received and reviewed by Harvey Lyon that Council defer the application until the new policy has been completed. It was explained that Council will not be

accepting any new applications until the policy is in place but this application was submitted last year and Council will be making a decision today. Mr. Lyon was advised of the appeal process. The proposed zoning amendment would zone the subject lands to a General Agricultural Exception to permit the use of the zoned lands for a welding shop subject to a maximum gross floor area limit of 6,190 square feet for all building used for a welding shop and accessory uses.

Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that leave be given to introduce a by-law to amend the main governing zoning by-law of the Corporation being 12-1979 as amended and it now be read a first and second time. (Part of Lot 32, Concession 3 & 4 NE - Sherk/Hoover). Carried. By-law read a first and second time – numbered 13-2011.

2011 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets

The 2011 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets were presented and reviewed. The CAO noted the changes to the budget from the last meeting and with this draft, it represents a 7.5% increase but with the growth of 2010 figured in (2.17%), the increase is 5.33%. The CAO advised that monies could be transferred from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve to bring the budget down to a 2.4% cost of living increase. The budget will be brought back to the next meeting on March 24, 2011 for further public participation.

Salvage By-law - Councillor Crowe provided an update on the draft Salvage By-law. There is another draft by-law which takes in all the comments and suggestions made from the Public and Council. Councillor Crowe is seeking direction from Council on this and the consensus was for him to keep working on it and a subcommittee consisting of Councillor Crowe and Councillor Malek was established for that purpose.

Road Business

Allen Braiden, Road Superintendent, attended Council and presented the road accounts in the amount of \$67,863.36. Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that the road accounts be approved as presented. Carried.

Allen advised that Truck # 3 needs to be rebuilt and presented the quote for that. This amount will be worked into the budget.

New/Other Business

Update on Highland Companies - OPA and ZBA Submission - The CAO advised that she had received a phone call from Michael Daniher who is the Representative for the Highland Companies on March 2nd who wanted the Township to hear first from the Company that the ARA application has been commenced and the application has been deemed complete by the Ministry of Natural Resources. One of the requirements under the ARA process deals with public notification process and Mr. Daniher advised that registered letters have been sent out to the property owners in the license area. The Township has been copied on this information. The consultation process will start in the next two weeks with ads being printed in the local papers and signage appearing on the property. It was advised that the other information and reports will be delivered to the Stakeholders, Agencies and Ministries in the next couple days. The Township will also receive a copy of this package and to be included in that package will be the application for the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment. The Horning's Mills Community Hall has been booked for a Public Information Session under the ARA process on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. It has been advised that Mr. Daniher and or the Highlands Companies will be keeping the Township informed as events unfold.

Third Reading - By-law No. 13-2011

Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that By-law No. 13-2011 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

Council took a break and reconvened at 12:49 p.m.

Closed Session

12:49 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 - personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees regarding the GW Jordan In House Planning Report of February 23, 2011 and Administrative Staffing Update and information received at the ROMA/OGRA Conference and Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board issues. Carried.

2:00 p.m. - Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that we rise from Closed Session with Report. Carried.

Report - the CAO be requested to establish a special Council meeting for Wed., March 9, 2011 with the Lawyers and Planner and further make arrangements for a Public meeting to be held either on March 26, 2011 or April 2, 2011 (depending on when Highland Applications are filed). The public will be advised of that meeting by direct mail or other means as necessary.

The CAO also to complete a job description for new part-time employee and report back at next meeting.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by White, Seconded by Crowe that leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Township of Melancthon at its meeting held on March 3, 2011 and it be numbered and given the required number of readings. Carried.

Adjournment

2:05 p.m. - Moved by Malek, Seconded by Elliott that we adjourn Council to meet again on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK