

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a virtual meeting on the 3rd day of April, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor James McLean, Councillor Ralph Moore, Councillor Bill Neilson and Councillor Ruth Plowright were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, and Kaitlin Dinnick, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator, were also present. Mayor White presided and called the meeting to order.

Mayor White advised that the meeting was being recorded and would be posted to the Township's website under Council Agendas and Minutes.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor White shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Announcements

Mayor White thanked those that have helped support Melancthon residents in any way through this challenging time. He thanked Deputy Mayor McLean and Councillor Plowright for opening the Horning's Mills Hall as a warming centre. He also thanked Craig and his team for their help with clearing roadsides and keeping people safe and to the Hydro Workers who have been working around the clock.

Councillor Plowright thanked those that came out to help at the Horning's Mills Hall Warming Centre and reminded people about Kraft Hockeyville this weekend April 4th and 5th and challenged everyone to vote 100 times.

Deputy Mayor McLean thanked all those that have been providing kindness to those in need.

Additions

CAO/Clerk - Options for the disposal of fallen branches due to the ice storm and letter from Lynn Hodgson regarding ice storm cleanup

Deletions

CAO/Clerk - Delegation at 6:00 p.m. under Section 18.3 (will be rescheduled) and Unfinished Business – Motion Requesting Sylvia Jones, MPP attend Council – Section 17.4.2 (MPP Jones is scheduled to attend the May 1st Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.)

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore, that Council approve the Agenda as amended. Carried.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Mayor White advised that disclosure of pecuniary interest can be declared at this time or anytime throughout the meeting by giving the general nature thereof and that declarations must be submitted to the Clerk in writing.

Minutes

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright, that Council approve the minutes of the March 20th, 2025 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

None.

Public Works

Accounts

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright, that Council receive the Public Works accounts as presented. Carried

Motion to Release 2024 Gravel Tender Cheque to Flesherton Concrete Products

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore, that Council approves the release of the tender security deposit cheque in the amount of \$51,840.00 received from Flesherton Concrete Products Inc. regarding the 2024 Gravel Tender. Carried.

Other

Options for the disposal of fallen branches due to the ice storm

Discussion ensued regarding this, and it was decided we would offer one day of curbside pickup in the Hamlets for brush with the chipper. Residents in the Rural areas will need to contact the Township Office to request chipping. Township Staff will work on the criteria tomorrow and get it out to the Public.

Letter from Lynn Hodgson regarding ice storm cleanup

The letter from Lynn Hodgson regarding ice storm clean up was deferred to the Infrastructure and Emergency Management Committee Meeting scheduled for April 15th, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Planning

Applications to Permit

There were no questions or concerns with the applications on the spreadsheet.

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Strategic Plan

Nothing for this matter.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this matter.

Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur

Nothing for this matter.

Committee/ Board Reports & Recommendations

Councillor Neilson provided Council with updates on the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board Meeting on March 25th, 2025 and Shelburne and District Fire Board Meeting on April 1st, 2025.

Deputy Mayor McLean provided Council with an update on the Shelburne and District Fire Board Meeting on April 1st, 2025.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Shelburne Public Library Board – January 21, 2025

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson, that the Shelburne Public Library Board minutes of January 21, 2025 be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Letter from Amy Martin, Chair of the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus
2. County of Dufferin Resolution regarding the Immediate Recalibration of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System (CWELCC) Formula
3. County of Dufferin Correspondence Regarding Melancthon's Resolution for Additional Resources for County Roads
4. County of Dufferin Correspondence Regarding Melancthon's Resolution Requesting Temporary Traffic Calming Measures on County Road 17
5. Township of Amaranth Resolution Regarding Planning Authority
6. County of Dufferin Resolution Requesting an Advanced Left Turn at the Intersection of Highway 10 and Dufferin Road 7(Hockley Road)/Dufferin Road 16
7. Hunter and Associates – Press Release NDACT Eases the Way Forward Towards Approval of the Deepest Below the Water Table Quarry in the Ontario Niagara Escarpment Geological Area
8. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – Media Release NVCA's Draft Regulations Mapping Open for Public Consultation
9. Bruce County Resolution on Supporting Municipal Response to Tariffs
10. Lanark County Motion Regarding the United States Tariffs on Canadian Goods and the Immediate Implementation of a "Buy Canadian" Approach

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by McLean, that correspondence items 1-10, for information purposes, be received as information, except for items 5 & 7, pulled for further discussion. Carried.

Deputy Mayor McLean spoke to Item 5 and would like Council to support the Township of Amaranth's resolution regarding planning authority.

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright, that Council for the Township of Melancthon support the motion from the Township of Amaranth regarding Planning Authority, in its entirety. Carried.

Councillor Plowright spoke to Item 7 and advised she is meeting with Garry Hunter to discuss his peer review.

General Business

Accounts

Accounts Ending December 31, 2024 & Accounts March 2025

Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean, that Council receive the General Accounts – Accounts Ending December 31, 2024 and the March 2025 Accounts as presented. Carried.

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

Nothing for this matter.

New/Other Business/Additions

Nothing for this matter.

Unfinished Business

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – NVCA Board of Directors Resolution Regarding Oro-Medonte’s Resolution Proposing the Amalgamation of the NVCA and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA)

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean, that the Council of the Township of Melancthon receive and endorse the correspondence from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority opposing an amalgamation with Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority given no expert analysis has been presented to support such a proposal to move away from watershed-based Conservation Authorities; And that the Council for the Township of Melancthon appoints Mayor Darren White to vote at a forthcoming meeting called to consider the amalgamation proposal; And that this motion be sent to the NVCA, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the municipalities located in the NVCA Watershed. Carried.

Reports/Updates from Members of Council & Administrative Staff

Town of Caledon – Process on Impacts of Aggregates and Quarries – Deputy Mayor McLean

Deputy Mayor McLean advised that Councillor Plowright and himself met with the Mayor of the Town of Caledon to discuss aggregate and to educate themselves on the process.

Delegations

The following Public Meeting and Delegation took place during the Council Meeting:

5:30 p.m. – A Public Meeting was called to consider a proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment on Part Lot 241, Concession 1 NE (Old Order Mennonite Church). The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment would implement a site-specific zoning provision on the subject lands to permit the establishment of a meeting house and cemetery in the General Agricultural (A1) zone. The permitting of a cemetery on the subject lands will also be in accordance with Section 84(1) of the *Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2022 (FBSCA)*.

Gillian Smith, MHBC (Old Order Mennonite Church Planning Consultant), and Liam Morgan, Township Development Planner were in attendance for the Public Meeting. Gillian Smith spoke on behalf of the Owner and explained the purpose of the application. Liam Morgan then spoke to this Report which recommends approval of the Zoning By-law Amendment. There were no concerns from Council or members of the public.

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson, that leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend By-law No. 12-1979, as amended, for property described as Part of Lot

241, Concession 1 NE and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 16-2025. Carried.

5:45 p.m. - Oscar Urbina, EOLECTRIC attended Council (at the invitation of Council) and presented information on a proposed Wind Farm Opportunity in Melancthon Township.

Closed Session

Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean, That Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 6:05 p.m. pursuant Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason: (f) – Strada Aggregates Applications. Carried.

Rise With or Without Report from Closed Session

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore, that Council rise from Closed Session at 7:01 p.m. with report. Carried.

Report:

That Staff be directed as per the discussions in Closed Session.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean, that By-law 16-2025 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

Notice of Motion

Nothing for this matter.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright, that leave be given to introduce a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon at its Council meeting held on April 3, 2025 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 17-2025. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson, that Council adjourn this meeting at 7:02 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK