



## COUNCIL MINUTES MAY 6, 2020 9:00AM

Present: Mayor Horner, Deputy Mayor Hawkins, Councillors Boxem, Clark and Cufaro (all through video conferencing)

Staff Present: Tracey Atkinson – CAO, Heather Boston – Treasurer, John Willmetts – Public Works (all through video conferencing)

### 1.1 Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04am by Mayor Horner. The meeting was held using electronic "Zoom" application. The session was held with the capacity of up to 100 users by video and/or audio. Approximately 4 users were present.

### 1.2 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Clark and seconded by Hawkins:  
THAT Council approve the addendum agenda and agenda as amended by moving item 1.6 following the closed session. Carried.

### 1.3 Passing of the previous meeting minutes

Moved by Boxem seconded by Clark:  
THAT the Minutes of March 4, 2020 are approved. Carried.

### 1.4 Declaration of pecuniary interest

No pecuniary interests were declared at this time.

### 1.5 Question period - None

### 2.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS - none

### 3.0 DEPUTATIONS AND INVITATIONS - none

### 4.0 PUBLIC WORKS

#### 4.1 2020 Pit Report

Moved by Hawkins and seconded by Cufaro:  
THAT Council approve a transfer from Road Reserves to the 2020 aggregate operating budget to cover the cost of stripping topsoil at the Township gravel pit. Carried.

#### 4.2 Mansfield Water Rates Report

This item was deferred following a discussion on various flat rates and implications that changing the rates would have on other uses and the reserves.

### 5.0 TREASURY

#### 5.1 Website Update

Moved by Boxem and Seconded by Clark;  
THAT Council approve the update to the website with our current website provider. Carried.

Moved by Cufaro and Seconded by Clark;  
THAT Staff be directed to advertise for a Communication Committee, composed of one council member and up to four members of the public, and that Shirley Boxem be appointed as the Council Member. Carried.

#### **5.2 Zoom Conferencing and Website Capabilities**

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Boxem;  
THAT Staff make the necessary changes to our website to allow Council meetings to be recorded and posted on our website. Defeated.

#### **5.3 North Dufferin Community Center 2020 Budget**

Council discussed the implications of Covid-1 on the budget, specifically the impacts of the Strawberry Supper and Beef BBQ may have on revenue.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cufaro;  
WHEREAS Covid-19 has had significant implications on the budget process for N.D.C.C.  
NOW THEREFORE, Mulmur Council return the N.D.C.C. 2020 Budget to the Board for reconsideration. Carried.

### **6.0 ADMINISTRATION**

#### **6.1 COVID-19 Report**

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Clark;  
THAT Council approve a by-law to amend the 2020 Tax By-law; and  
AND THAT As per Section 311 (15) of the Municipal Act, the Township of Mulmur supports the amended County of Dufferin 2020 Property Tax Payments schedule to coincide with the education payment dates, deferring the June and September payments by 90 days.

AND THAT Staff continue to process planning application and utilize electronic conferencing to fulfill the public meeting requirements of the Planning Act. Carried.

Moved by Boxem and Seconded by Clark:  
WHEREAS this is an unprecedented time in the History of Mulmur;  
AND WHEREAS in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Township and Emergency Services has radically restructured the way that it operates and continues to provide services and function effectively;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IN RESOLEVED THAT Council acknowledges and appreciates the increased personal risk and personal stress that has been taken on by Health Care providers, Emergency services and staff.

*In passing this Motion, the Council of the Township of Mulmur is showing its thanks and appreciation to Health Care Providers, Emergency Service Providers, Front-Line Workers, Farmers, Essential Service Providers, Volunteers, Mulmur Public Works and the Administrative Office for their commitment to keeping our Township alive and well.  
Carried.*

#### **6.2 Voluntary Ban of Plastics (Verbal update)**

Councillor Boxem provided a summary of the plastic issues.

Moved by Boxem and seconded by Clark;

WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced plans to ban single-use plastics as early as 2021, and the Province of Ontario is considering ways to reduce plastic waste (Ministry of the Environment, Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities: Discussion Paper, March 2019),

AND WHEREAS some local grass roots residents and local retailers and food service operators in Mulmur are promoting the use of alternatives to single-use plastics;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that some single-use plastics may continue to be permitted upon request for specific reasons such as accommodating special or health needs, and for food safety,

AND WHEREAS the Township has already voluntarily curbed the use of plastic water bottles, at our municipal facilities and events;

AND WHEREAS Council supports the protection of the environment through the reduction and future elimination of single-use plastic shopping bags, plastic water bottles, plastic containers, plastic cutlery, straws and stir sticks, and encourages all businesses, community members and visitors to avoid the use of these products whenever possible.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council adopt, support and encourage an interim voluntary ban on the use of single-use plastics in Mulmur Township effective May 6, 2020, and that Council direct staff to promote a voluntary ban on single-use plastic shopping bags, plastic water bottles, plastic containers, plastic cutlery, straws and stir sticks by publishing messaging in the tax bill mailing and on the Township's website. Carried.

**6.3 Draft Cemetery By-law and Cemetery Price List (Draft By-law 20-2020)**

Staff provided an update regarding the status of the Cemetery By-law approval process. Upon completion of the required circulation, the package will be sent to the Ministry for approval. A few changes were made to the draft by-law as a result of this review.

**7.0 PLANNING -none**

**8.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**8.1 Dufferin County Council (YouTube videos available on County Website)**

**8.2 Road Committee DRAFT Minutes, March 9, 2020**

**9.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**9.1 Mulmur Township, Quarterly Financials**

**9.2 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Chiefs Report**

**9.3 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority April 24 Highlights**

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cufaro:

THAT Council receives the information items as copied and circulated and amended. Carried.

**10.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The following items were requested to be added to a future meeting: Energy Plan, Phragmites, Communication Committee, Water Report, NDCC Budget, Recreational Study

**11.0 NOTICES OF MOTION (if any) - none**

## **12.0 CLOSED SESSION**

Section 239 (2) (b) and (f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, re (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and approving the previous closed session meeting minutes.

Moved by Clark and second by Hawkins:

THAT Council adjourn at 11:30 to discuss the following matters:

Section 239 (2) (b) and (f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, re (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and approving the previous closed session meeting minutes. Carried.

Moved by Clark and seconded by Cufaro:

THAT Council do rise out of closed session in open session at 12:31. Carried.

Closed session matters included Committee of Adjustment appointments, Senior of the Year and the hiring of a Clerk-Deputy Treasurer. A resolution and by-law were considered later in the meeting.

## **1.6 Senior of the Year**

Moved by Boxem and Seconded by Cufaro;

THAT Council recognize the following Senior of the Year for contributions to Mulmur: Beth Brown. Carried.

## **13.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS**

Passing the following by-laws:

- 1) Amendment to the 2020 Tax Rate By-law**
- 2) Committee of Adjustment Establishment and Member Appointment By-law**
- 3) Confirmatory By-Law**

Moved by Hawkins and seconded by Cufaro: THAT By-Laws 1-3 be approved. Carried.

## **14.0 MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Clark and seconded by Hawkins: THAT Council adjourns the meeting at 12:36 to meet again on Wednesday June 3, 2020 electronically or in chambers or at the call of the Chair. Carried.