



COUNCIL MINUTES

August 3, 2022 – 9:00 AM

Council Present: Mayor Horner, Deputy Mayor Hawkins, Councillor Boxem, Councillor Clark, Councillor Cunningham

Staff Present: Tracey Atkinson – CAO/Clerk/Planner, Heather Boston - Treasurer, Roseann Knechtel - Deputy Clerk

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2.0 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting upon the traditional Indigenous lands of the Tionontati (Petun) and Treaty 18 territory of the Anishinaabe peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place and we also recognize the contributions Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening our community, province and country as a whole.

2.1 OATH OF OFFICE – ANDREW CUNNINGHAM

Andrew Cunningham undertook the Oath of Office and assumed the seat of Councillor.

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council approve the agenda.

CARRIED.

4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Boxem

THAT the Minutes of July 6, 2022 are approved.

CARRIED.

5.0 DISCUSSION ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

6.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - NONE

7.0 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

A compliment was received on the good rapport of Council and amount of interest received in representing the public.

A question was received regarding the report on the NDCC and the use of other Township reserves.

Heather Boston, Treasurer highlighted the Township's reserve accounts and confirmed they would not be depleted.

A question was received on whether the Township receives reports from Niagara Escarpment Commission meeting minutes on decisions and conditions of NEC permits and construction of entrances.

Tracey Atkinson, COA/Clerk/Planner confirmed the Township is circulated on applications and decisions, but is not involved in permit conditions.

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator clarified Township involvement on entrance permits on the Township roadway and the construction of a driveway on private property.

8.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS - NONE

9.0 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Mulmur's Best Burger Competition

Mayor Horner announced Burger Bus as the winner of the Mulmur's Best Burger Competition and presented Brenda Beattie Gray and Albert Luce with a certificate. Shannon Wright's name was drawn as the winner of a \$100.00 gift certificate. The Mayor thanked the participating establishments and all of those who participated in voting.

9.2 Rob Russell: Bremont Homes and Perfect Communities – 9:15 am

Rob Russell of Bremont Homes and Perfect Communities presented to Council requesting Council direct staff to commence discussions on completing a secondary recreation plan for the Mansfield North Recreation Arena as outlined in the Township's Official Plan.

Gary Breda of Perfect Communities highlighted the off-site construction of homes, and pre-cast foundations to limit disruption to the surrounding communities.

Council discussion ensued on how Bremont Homes and Perfect Communities could assist. Russell and Breda confirmed the support would be financial in nature to assist in completion the recreational studies as outlined in the Official Plan. It was also clarified that the studies would be commissioned and overseen by the Township opposed to the financier.

Council discussed the completion of the Official Plan and the requirement for pre-consultation.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT Council receive the presentation of Rob Russell, Bremont Homes and Perfect Communities, regarding the Mansfield North Recreational Area;

AND THAT Council request pre-consultation with staff and applicable third-party agencies to be completed and presented to Council for consideration.

CARRIED.

9.3 Gord Feniak: Mansfield Water System – 9:30 am

Gord Feniak of RJ Burnsides presented the impacts of future growth in Mansfield on the existing water system. Feniak explained the environmental assessment process for a larger storage reservoir and new well to examine natural, social and economic impacts.

Feniak recommended moving forward with the Class EA and drilling a test well as it will be an inevitable requirement of growth and costs should be shared equally by all new development.

Council discussion ensued regarding options to accommodate all anticipated growth, current reservoir capacity, and the costs to current users.

Feniak confirmed that developers should pay the costs of capital, preferably through development charges.

Moved by Boxem and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receive the report of Gord Feniak, R.J. Burnsides, Mansfield Water System;

AND THAT Council direct staff to explore developer contribution options.

CARRIED.

Council recessed at 10:25 a.m. and returned at 10:36 a.m.

9.3 Mai Abdou, PSD Citywide Inc.: Asset Management Plan - 10:15 am

Mai Abdou of Public Sector Digest Citywide Inc. presented the legislated timeline for the Township to establish a 10-year Asset Management forecast. Abdou highlighted the Township's \$75M worth of assets, with 76% being in fair or better condition.

Abdou confirmed a \$2.3M annual reserve requirement by the Township to be financially capable of covering peak replacements and rehabilitations. Abdou recommended a 1.3% annual tax rate change for the next 15 years to fund tax-funded assets and a 2.3% increase in water rates for the next 20 years to fund the water assets. Abdou also recommended the Township assess the resources capacity of staff in managing the asset management program to ensure data is kept up to date.

Council discussion ensued on the costs per household, inflation, and next steps. Council congratulated staff for their hard work in completing this stage of the Asset Management plan.

Moved by Boxem and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council approve the Asset Management Plan as presented.

CARRIED.

10.0 PUBLIC WORKS - NONE

11.0 RECREATION

11.1 NDCC Grant

Heather Boston, Treasurer presented renovation options at the North Dufferin Community Centre for future grant opportunities, highlighting a revised budget of \$7.3M. Financial implications of borrowing from existing reserves, fundraising, stacking grants and short-term loans were highlighted.

Council discussion ensued on the depletion of reserves, costs to rate payers and what the Township can afford on its own. Members discussed what components would be included in the new conceptual design.

Direction was given to staff to get more information on why we were not successful in the Infrastructure Canada grant.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council receive the report of Heather Boston, Treasurer, NDCC Grant;

AND THAT Council direct staff to bring forward more information on a conceptual design, new budget, scope of work and financial implications for Council consideration.

CARRIED.

12.0 TREASURY

12.1 Township Procurement Policy

Heather Boston, Treasurer presented the need to rewrite the Township's Procurement Policy to meet trade agreement requirements. Boston outlined changes in code of conduct, procedures, increase in spending limits, and annual reporting requirements.

Moved by Boxem and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receive the report of Heather Boston, Treasurer, Procurement Policy Update.

CARRIED.

12.2 Council Remuneration

Heather Boston, Treasurer presented proposed changes to Council's remuneration recommending Mulmur be in line with the average of the comparable municipalities.

Council sought clarification on medical and non-medical benefit options.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council receive the report of Heather Boston, Treasurer, Council Remuneration Review.

CARRIED.

13.0 ADMINISTRATION

13.1 Canine Control Agreement

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk presented the proposed changes to Council's By-law appointing Municipal Law Enforcement Officers.

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Canine Control.

CARRIED.

13.2 Election Signs

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk presented a proposed revisions to the Township's Sign By-law restricting the erection of elections signs.

Council discussion ensued on the time frame for restrictions, agreeing on 28 days prior to election.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Election Sign Placement.

CARRIED.

13.3 Next Generation 9-1-1 Agreement

Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk presented the agreement with the County of Dufferin for the provision of NG911 Services.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Boxem

THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk/Planner, Next Generation 9-1-1 Agreement.

CARRIED.

14.0 PLANNING – NONE

15.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

15.1 Dufferin County Council Minutes: June 9, 2022

15.2 Dufferin County Council Minutes: July 14, 2022

15.3 North Dufferin Community Centre Board Minutes: July 7, 2022

15.4 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Minutes: July 12 2022

15.5 Rosemont Fire Board Minutes: May 10, 2022

15.6 Police Service Board Minutes: July 2, 2022

Moved by Boxem and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receives the Committee Minutes and Reports as copied and circulated.

CARRIED.

16.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 16.1 RAW Materials Company**
- 16.2 Shelburne & District Fire Department 2021 Annual Report**
- 16.3 Rosemont & District Fire Department 2021 Annual Report**
- 16.4 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department 2021 Annual Report**
- 16.5 Ministry of the Solicitor General: Pet Safety**
- 16.6 2022 2nd Quarter Financial Report**
- 16.7 Dufferin County Climate Change Adaptation Planning Project**
- 16.8 Dufferin County Development Charges Notice of Passing**
- 16.9 Dufferin County Climate Caucus Motion**
- 16.10 Town of Thessalon: Climate Emergency Endorsement**
- 16.11 Request to Post Meeting Recording**
- 16.12 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority 2021 Annual Report**
- 16.13 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2021, Annual Report**

Discussion ensued on items 16.7 and 16.11.

Direction was given to staff to bring back further information on posting Council meetings online.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Boxem

THAT Council receives the information items as copied and circulated.

CARRIED.

- 16.14 City of Owen Sound Resolution: Removal of Municipal Councillors**
- 16.15 City of Cambridge Resolution: Build it Right the First Time**
- 16.16 Municipality of Tweed Resolution: Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program**

Moved by Boxem and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT the following items be endorsed: 16.14, 16.15, 16.16

CARRIED.

17.0 CLOSED SESSION - NONE

18.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 18.1 Town of Orangeville Towing By-law**
- 18.2 Gravel Pit Reserves**

19.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

- 19.1 Councillor Clark Notice of Motion**

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Boxem

WHEREAS Section 121 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipality may prohibit and regulate the sale of fireworks and the setting off of fireworks; and

WHEREAS the current Noise Bylaw in Mulmur (28-2020) permits fireworks on Victoria Day and Canada Day; and

WHEREAS Mulmur is a rural township with significant wildlife, many farms housing livestock, families with pets, and possible residents suffering from PTSD; and

WHEREAS the research unquestionably supports the significant risk of harm to animals and humans from both the sound associated with the fireworks and the toxic debris left behind; and

WHEREAS even though low-noise pyrotechnics may be an option to prevent the fear and anxiety associated with the noise, it still leaves the toxic debris which will poison any animal when ingested; and

WHEREAS Mulmur values the health and well being of our residents, livestock, and wildlife over the enjoyment of recreational fireworks;

BE IT MOVED THAT Council direct staff to draft a new by-law for consideration at the September Council Meeting, to permanently prohibit year-round, the sale and setting off of fireworks in the Township of Mulmur and include the rationale as noted in the background of this report.

20.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS

20.1 Amending By-law Appointing By-law Enforcement Officers

20.2 Amending By-law for Signs and other Advertising Devices

20.3 By-law to Enter into an Agreement for Next Generation 9-1-1 Services

20.4 Procurement of Goods and Service By-law

20.5 Council Remuneration By-law

20.6 Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT By-Laws 20.1, 20.3, 20.4, 20.5 and 20.6 be approved;

AND THAT By-Law 20.2 be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

20.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council adjourns the meeting at 12:22 p.m. to meet again on September 7, 2022, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

Janet Horner

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Janet Horner, Mayor

Tracey Atkinson

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Tracey Atkinson, Clerk