



COUNCIL MINUTES

September 7, 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 9:01 a.m.

2.0 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council furthered their commitment to commemorating the legacy of residential schools and honouring residential school survivors by recognizing September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Council observed a moment of silence followed by the 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.

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Boxem

THAT Council approve the agenda.

CARRIED.

4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT the Minutes of August 3, 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 - NONE

8.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS

8.1 Official Plan Amendment and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Statutory Public Meeting (9:15am)

Moved by Cunningham Seconded by Boxem

THAT Council recess the regular meeting at 9:13 a.m. to hold a public meeting in accordance with our procedural by-law and pursuant to Section 17, 26 and 34 of the Planning Act, as amended, to present and obtain public input on the Municipality's proposed Official Plan Amendment and Housekeeping Zoning By-law Amendment.

CARRIED.

A question was received from Keith Lowry regarding attracting encouraging and supporting small businesses.

Council recognized the struggles small business face and spoke to the installation of high-speed internet and the positive work of the Economic Development Committee.

Tracey Atkinson, Planner, spoke to the roles of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law with respect to home industry, home occupations, and site plan control.

A comment was received from Jan Benda, which emphasized environmental diversity as the greatest asset of the Township and expressed a desire to encourage environmentally based businesses. Benda sought clarification on Council's strategy to implement the objectives of the Official Plan.

Tracey Atkinson, Planner, confirmed the amendment is the first step of a larger process and that the concept of a garden township will need to be incorporated within the remaining sections of the Official Plan.

Cheryl Russel applauded the work of staff and the AD-Hoc Planning Committee.

Leah Pressey sought clarification regarding the use of the term 'accommodation' and commented on the establishment of a permanent planning committee.

Council confirmed that the establishment of committees will be the task of the new Council.

A question was received from James Godbold on how Council plans to keep people in their homes and attract a younger generation who can afford to live here.

Tracey Atkinson, Planner, referred to policies relating to second dwellings and apartment units for affordable housing as well as multi-unit capacities and dwellings in Mansfield to reach an affordable market.

A question was received from Lisa Swinton regarding development charges on second dwellings and the financial implications for Mulmur with respect an increased demand on services without charges to support it.

Tracey Atkinson, Planner, spoke to changes in the Development Charges Act.

Gili Alder Nevo thanked the Township.

Council discussion ensued regarding the attraction of small business, tax implications, managed forest, the need for improved telecommunications and new developments.

Tracey Atkinson, Planner clarified the difference between on-farm diversified use and home industry and the use of site plan control.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council adjourns the public meeting and returns to the regular meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Council recessed at 10:11 a.m. and returned at 10:27 a.m.

9.0 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

10.0 PUBLIC WORKS - NONE

11.0 RECREATION - NONE

12.0 TREASURY - NONE

13.0 ADMINISTRATION

13.1 2022 Joint Compliance Audit Committee

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk presented the proposed by-law appointing members to sit on the 2022 Joint Compliance Audit Committee.

Moved by Boxem Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Joint Compliance Audit Committee.

CARRIED.

13.2 Council Recordings

Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk/Planner presented a report regarding uploading recordings to a YouTube platform noting increased participating, transparency, the need for staffing, IT support and equipment.

Council discussion ensued on training, cost, accountability and transparency.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Boxem

THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk/Planner entitled Council Recordings;

AND THAT staff be directed to provide training materials on recorded meetings as part of the new term of Council orientation session;

AND FURTHER THAT a decision on posting recordings be deferred to the new term of Council following training.

CARRIED.

13.3 Notice of Motion: Fireworks

Council discussion ensued on the restriction of the sale of fireworks, use of a survey, enforcement and the effects of residents and animals,

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) exempts noise arising from fireworks on Victoria Day and Canada Day from being a contravention; 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 a future Council Meeting, to permanently prohibit year-round the setting off of fireworks, and the sale from outdoor locations in the Township of Mulmur, and include the rationale as noted in the background of this report.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

Moved by Hawkins Second by Boxem

THAT Council direct staff to develop a survey on the potential restriction of fireworks to be brought back to Council for consideration.

CARRIED.

14.0 PLANNING – NONE

15.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

- 15.1 Roads Safety Committee Minutes: August 8, 2022**
- 15.2 Ad-Hoc Planning Advisory Committee Minutes: August 12, 2022**
- 15.3 Community Communications Advisory Committee: August 15, 2022**
- 15.4 Dufferin County Council Minutes: August 18, 2022**
- 15.5 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Minutes: August 25, 2022**
- 15.6 Economic Development Committee Minutes: August 29, 2022**
- 15.7 Economic Development Committee: School Bursary Program**
- 15.8 NDCC Board Minutes: July 7, 2022**

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Boxem

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, EDC Secretary, School Bursary Program;

AND THAT Council approve the Mulmur Post-Secondary School Grant Program substantially in the form thereof, for implementation in 2023.

CARRIED.

16.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

16.1 NVCA 2021 Annual Report Supplement

16.2 NVCA Highlights: August 2022

16.3 Township of Mulmur Climate Emergency Endorsement

16.4 Town of Grand Valley Draven Alert Endorsement

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receives the information items as copied and circulated.

CARRIED.

16.5 Town of South Bruce Peninsula: Physician Shortages in Ontario

16.6 Town of Aylmer: Warming and Cooling Centre Policy

16.7 City of Brantford: Mohawk Institute Residential School

16.8 Town of Wasaga Beach: Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Boxem

THAT the following items be endorsed: 16.5 and 16.7

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

18.3 Strategic Plan Update

19.0 NOTICE OF MOTION - NONE

20.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS

20.1 By-law Appointing Members to the Joint Compliance Audit Committee

20.2 Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Boxem

THAT By-Laws 20.1 and 20.2 be approved.

CARRIED.

20.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Boxem

THAT Council adjourns the meeting at 11:28 a.m. to meet again on October 5, 2022, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

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Janet Horner, Mayor

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Tracey Atkinson, Clerk