



COUNCIL MINUTES December 14, 2022 – 9:00 AM

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

Staff Present: Tracey Atkinson – CAO/Clerk/Planner, Heather Boston - Treasurer, John Willmetts, Director of Public Works, Roseann Knechtel - Deputy Clerk

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:04 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.

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council approve the agenda.

CARRIED.

4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT the minutes of November 2, 2022 and November 30, 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 question was received regarding the removal of Paid Duty from the 1st draft of the 2023 Budget. Mayor Horner confirmed that would be addressed during the presentation of the budget later in the meeting.

A comments was received praising the hard work of the Roads Department on the maintenance of the roads throughout the winter.

8.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS

8.1 Z07-2022 WALLACE Zoning Amendment (9:05 am)

Moved by Cunningham Seconded by Hawkins

THAT Council recess the regular meeting at 9:09 a.m. to hold a public meeting in accordance with the procedural by-law and pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, to consider and allow public and agency input on Z07-2022 Wallace Zoning Amendment.

CARRIED.

Mayor Horner welcomed the public. Roseann Knechtel, Planning Coordinator, confirmed notice was given in accordance with the Planning Act and presented the application for zoning amendment to rezone the subject lands from Rural Residential to Countryside Area to satisfy a condition of consent.

The applicant was not present. No comments were received from the public.

Council sought clarification on the new lot lines. Mayor Horner thanked everyone for their input.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council adjourns the public meeting and returns to the regular meeting at 9:14 a.m.

CARRIED.

9.0 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

9.1 iRadios Inc. – Johny Mikhael (9:15am)

Betty Melo, from iRadios Inc., presented the logistics of a proposed 2023 music festival on the Mulmur-Melancthon Townline over the 2023 Canada Day long weekend.

Melo confirmed the festival would be open to ages 19+ and showcase approximately 40 artists over the span of three day and feature both a main stage

and two small unplugged stages. Tickets would be required in advance of the event and attendance was projected between 10-25,000 people.

Proposed activities at the festival include yoga, meditation, hula hooping, rock climbing, art workshops, and an anchored hot air balloon.

iRadios proposed to provide camping with 24 hour security, food vendors, free water, washrooms, handwashing, showers and a small corner store.

Melo spoke to concerns of noise, impacts on neighbours, traffic control, security and environmental impacts.

Council discussion ensued including iRadios past experience, fencing, impacts of neighbours, road infrastructure and farmland, Highway 89 access, fire, camping and potential recurrence of the event.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receives the presentation of iRadios Inc., 2023 Music Festival.

CARRIED.

9.2 Abundant Solar Battery Storage

John Kozak, Matt McGregor, and Tracy Zheng presented on behalf of Abundant Solar, who asked for Council support in the attempts to secure a contract from IESO.

Abundant Solar proposed a 22 year contract for a 1MW battery unit with an area of approximately 0.1 acres, and confirmed that if successful all permits, zoning and planning requirements would be met.

Council discussion ensued on noise impacts, fire suppression, decommissioning and public notification.

Direction was given to staff to include information in the next newsletter.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council receives the presentation of Abundant Solar Energy, Battery Store Unit at 938504 Airport Road.

CARRIED.

Council recessed at 10:50 am and returned at 10:59 am

10.0 PUBLIC WORKS

10.1 2022-2023 Winter Operations Plan

John Willmetts, Director of Public Works presented the 2022-2023 winter operations plan.

Council discussion ensued on County and Municipal service levels, Townline maintenance, population density and timing of plow routes.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council receive the report of John Willmetts, Director of Public Works, Winter Operations Plan;

AND THAT Council adopts the 2022-2023 Winter Operations Plan for the Township of Mulmur.

CARRIED.

11.0 RECREATION - NONE

12.0 TREASURY

12.1 Introduction to the Treasury Department

Heather Boston, Treasurer, provided Council with an overview of the Treasury Department.

12.2 2023 Budget: Draft #1

Heather Boston, Treasurer, presented the first draft of the 2023 Budget, proposing a 4.58% tax levy increase being \$13.34 for every 100,000 of assessment.

Council discussion ensued on ways to reduce the proposed tax levy increase.

Council recessed at 12:34 pm and returned at 12:59 pm

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council receive the presentation of Heather Boston, Treasurer, the 1st Draft of the 2023 Budget.

CARRIED.

12.3 Year End Motions

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT Council authorize the Treasurer to:

1. Transfer any unspent COVID-19 Recovery Funding into the COVID Reserve;

2. Transfer any unspent By-law Enforcement expense into the By-law Enforcement Reserve;
3. Transfer \$20,000 of unspent funds from Aggregates Miscellaneous expense to the Aggregates Reserve;
4. Transfer any unspent Events expenses into the Events Reserve;
5. Transfer \$33,758.88 from Planning Expense to Planning Reserves;
6. Transfer any unspent Economic Development expenses into the Economic Development Reserve;
7. Transfer \$5,043.55 from Economic Development Reserves to Park Capital to cover Bike Station Capital costs;
8. Transfer any unspent Cemetery Rehab/Repair expenses into the Cemetery Reserve;
9. Transfer \$12,000 from the Election Reserve to cover 2022 election expenses;
10. Transfer any unbudgeted Water Capital expenses out of Water Capital Reserve; and
11. Transfer any water surplus into the Water Capital Reserve.

CARRIED.

13.0 ADMINISTRATION

13.1 Delegation of Powers and Duties

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk presented the proposed Delegation of Powers and Duties Policy.

Council discussion ensued with the direction to amend the power to make account adjustments specific to MPAC assessment.

Moved by Clark Seconded by Cunning

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Delegation of Powers and Duties Policy.

CARRIED.

Council recessed at 2:40 pm and returned at 2:45 pm

13.2 iRadios 2023 Music Festival - NONE

13.3 Spring Townhall Meeting

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, presented the proposed date and agenda for a Spring Townhall Meeting.

Council discussion ensued on date and topic areas. Direction was given to staff to survey residents, include recreation and remove first aid. The townhall is to commence with refreshments at 9:30 am with the meeting portion from 10-11am.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Spring Townhall Meeting;

AND THAT Council direct staff to organize a Spring Townhall Meeting on April 15, 2023 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am.

CARRIED.

14.0 PLANNING

14.1 Abundant Solar Battery Storage

Roseann Knechtel, Planning Coordinator, presented the historical development of solar on the subject lands and planning requirements to permit solar battery storage units. Planning requirement include but are not limited to rezoning and site plan approval.

Council discussion ensued on endorsement of the motion prior to meeting zoning and site plan requirements.

A recorded vote requested by Deputy Mayor Hawkins.

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council receives the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk / Planning Coordinator, Abundant Solar Battery Storage;

AND THAT Council endorse the project proposed by Abundant Solar Energy to construct one MW battery storage unit

AND THAT Abundant Solar Energy be required to meet all zoning and site plan requirements.

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Horner	Y	
Deputy Mayor Hawkins	Y	
Councillor Clark	Y	
Councillor Cunningham	Y	
Councillor Lyon	Y	

CARRIED.

15.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

- 15.1 Shelburne District Fire Board Minutes: Sept 6, 2022**
- 15.2 Committee of Adjustment: Nov 30 2022**
- 15.3 Rosemont Fire Board Minutes: Nov 30 2022**

Council discussed items 15.1 and 15.3

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

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

CARRIED.

16.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 16.1 2023 Council Meeting Dates**
- 16.2 Development Charge Index**
- 16.3 Bruce Trail Parking Lot: B05-2022**
- 16.4 NVCA Highlights: November 2022**
- 16.5 NVCA Fee Policy**
- 16.6 OPP 3rd Quarter Report**
- 16.7 Rogers Communications: 2023 Fiber to the Home Project**
- 16.8 Endorsement of Mulmur's Primrose School Resolution**
- 16.9 Bill 23 Timelines**
- 16.10 Bill 23: Implications on Mulmur's Register of Cultural Heritage Properties**
- 16.11 Bill 46, Less Red Tape, Stronger Ontario Act, 2022**

Discussion ensued on items 16.1, 16.8, 16.7, 16.10, 16.11

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Clark

THAT Council receives the information items as copied and circulated.

CARRIED.

17.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 17.1 Noise By-law: Snow Making Equipment**
- 17.2 Solicitor Advice: Litigation or Potential Litigation**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council adjourn to closed session at 12:59 pm pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for two (2) matters relating to litigation or

potential litigation, and advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege, 239(2)(e)(f)].

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT Council do rise out of closed session and into open session at 1:50 pm with the following motion:

THAT Council direct Staff to invite Mansfield Ski Club to the next Council meeting to discuss noise from snow making equipment;

AND THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson entitled iRadios Festival;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct the applicant to pre-consult with Mulmur Township utilizing the Planning Act Pre-Consultation Form and Special Event By-law requirements, with a fee of \$500 and a security deposit as determined by staff.

CARRIED.

18.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 18.1 Gravel Pit Reserves**
- 18.2 Speed Results: 15 Sideroad**
- 18.3 Recreation Strategy**
- 18.4 Mansfield Ski Club Delegation**
- 18.5 Election Signage**
- 18.6 Fireworks Survey Results**

19.0 NOTICE OF MOTION - NONE

20.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS

- 20.1 Delegation of Powers and Duties By-law**
- 20.2 2023 Interim Tax Levy**
- 20.3 Zoning By-law Amendment (Wallace)**
- 20.4 Confirmatory By-law**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT By-Laws 20.1 and 20.4 be approved.

CARRIED.

21.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council adjourns the meeting at 3:24 p.m. to meet again on January 11, 2023, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

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Janet Horner, Mayor

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Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk

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