



COUNCIL MINUTES **January 11, 2023 – 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 9:01 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 Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

THAT the minutes of December 14, 2022 are approved.

CARRIED.

5.0 DISCUSSION ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Councillor Cunningham provided a verbal update on the Primrose Elementary School. An update from Upper Grand District School Board on January 9, 2023 advised the construction of a new well was complete with final flushing and water sampling pending. UGDSB has decommissioned the old well. There remains a concern surrounding lead levels in drinking water.

6.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS – NONE

7.0 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - NONE

8.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS - NONE

9.0 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Gravel Pit Reserves – Bill Fitzgerald, Geological Investigations (11:15 am)

Bill Fitzgerald, Geological Investigations, presented the findings of the sand and gravel resources at the Township's gravel pit.

Fitzgerald approximated that the amount of gravel and sand remaining in the pit could sustain the Township for approximately 25 years.

Discussion ensued on permit applications and setbacks.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT Council receives the presentation of Bill Fitzgerald, Geological Investigations, Gravel Pit Reserves.

CARRIED.

10.0 PUBLIC WORKS

10.1 Emergency Management Winter Storm Verbal Update

John Willmetts, Director of Public Works provided a verbal update on the December 2022 winter storm. Willmetts noted blowing snow and poor visibility, with the west half of the Township being hardest hit. The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) closed all roads in Dufferin on December 23rd with Mulmur Township declaring a significant weather event shortly thereafter. All roads in Mulmur were reopened again on December 26th. Council gave thanks to the Public Works Department.

Tracey Atkinson, CAO, provided a verbal update on behalf of the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department who took the lead on operating a warming station out of the fire hall. There were a total of 7 people and a dog who utilized the warming station. Atkinson noted further discussion is required regarding warming station locations and food supply.

Discussion ensued on the breakdown of communication between the County of Dufferin and Township of Mulmur, the capacity of volunteer fire fighters and operators responding to work.

Direction was given to staff to send a letter of concern on behalf of Council to Dufferin County Emergency Management expressing disappointment surrounding breakdown of communication and need to provide greater information to residents.

11.0 RECREATION

11.1 NDCC Joint Recreation Agreement

Tracey Atkinson, CAO, presented the Township of Melancthon's motion of withdrawal from the Joint Recreation Agreement at the North Dufferin Community Centre (NDCC). Atkinson noted greater information is required in order to make an informed decisions surrounding the NDCC.

Discussion ensued on the financial contributions of each municipality, age demographics, capital reserves, infrastructure repairs and sponsorship opportunities.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk regarding the NDCC Joint Recreation Agreement;

AND THAT Council direct staff to schedule a joint Council meeting with the Council of the Township of Melancthon as soon as possible.

CARRIED.

Council recessed at 10:08 am and returned at 10:15 am

12.0 TREASURY

12.1 2023 Budget: Draft #2

Heather Boston, Treasurer, presented the second draft of the 2023 Budget with a proposed increase of 4.79%.

Discussion ensued on roof replacement at the Township offices, OPP paid duty, bridge replacements and transfers to reserves.

Direction was given to amend the budget to include a metal roof at the Township offices as well as the Shelburne District Fire Board Budget.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council receive the presentation of Heather Boston, Treasurer, the 2nd Draft of the 2023 Budget.

CARRIED.

12.2 Rosemont District Fire Board 2023 Budget

Heather Boston, Treasurer, presented the approved 2023 Rosemont District Fire Board budget.

Discussion ensued on training costs.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council approve the Rosemont District Fire Board 2023 operating budget in the amount of \$341,471 and capital budget of \$752,500

CARRIED.

13.0 ADMINISTRATION - NONE

14.0 PLANNING - NONE

15.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

15.1 Shelburne District Fire Board Minutes, November 1, 2022

15.2 Shelburne District Fire Board Minutes, November 9, 2022

15.3 Dufferin County Council Minutes: December 8, 2022

15.4 Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board Minutes: December 20, 2022

Discussion ensued on item 15.3.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

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

CARRIED.

16.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

16.1 Correspondence: Leah Pressey

16.2 International Plowing Match

16.3 MMAH: Greenbelt Amendments and Revocation of the Central Pickering Development Plan and O. Reg. 154/03

16.4 MNR Legislative Update: Conservation Authorities

16.5 MMAH Legislative Update: Bill 109

16.6 MMAH More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

- 16.7 Notice of Public Information Centre: Phase 2 Official Plan Amendment**
- 16.8 Notice of OLT Hearing Re: Centre Road Parking Lot**

Discussion ensued on item 16.1. Direction was given to send a letter of response.

Discussion ensued on item 16.2.

Moved by Cunningham Seconded by Hawkins

THAT Council receive the letter from the International Plowing Match (IPM);

AND THAT Council provide a one time grant of \$1,000 from the Township's Community Grant budget to support the 2023 IPM in Amaranth Township.

AND THAT the IPM be encouraged to contact the County of Dufferin to obtain further funding.

AND FURTHER THAT Council commits to advertising for volunteers and attendance through the Township social media channels.

CARRIED.

Discussion ensued on items 16.4, 16.5, 16.6, and 16.8.

Moved by Lyon Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receives the information items as copied and circulated.

CARRIED.

17.0 CLOSED SESSION - NONE

18.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

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

19.0 NOTICE OF MOTION - NONE

20.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS

- 20.1 2023 Borrowing By-law**
- 20.2 Confirmatory By-law**

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT By-Laws 20.1 and 20.2 be approved.

CARRIED.

21.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council adjourns the meeting at 12:27 p.m. to meet again on February 1, 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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