



COUNCIL MINUTES October 4, 2023 – 9:00 AM

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

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 9:03 a.m.

2.0 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council began the meeting with a moment of silence to further their commitment to commemorating the legacy of residential schools and honouring residential school survivors.

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 Lyon

THAT Council approve the agenda.

CARRIED.

4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT the minutes of September 6, 2023 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 land needs reports and the current cost to buy land. Tracey Atkinson confirmed that land may be provided as part of parkland dedication or negotiated through a plan of subdivision.

A question was received on the cost to remove the fuel tank at the NDCC. Heather Boston confirmed it was approximately \$60,000 and will create a deficit for the NDCC.

8.0 REPORTS FOR DECISION

8.1 Traffic Calming Measures – Terra Nova & River Road

Discussion ensued on the various traffic measures, noise impacts, cost and community input.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, and Bruce Crawford, Roads Supervisor, Traffic Calming Measures - Terra Nova & River Road;

AND THAT Council approve the phased approach to traffic/noise management in Terra Nova & River Road with phase one being implemented as part of the 2024 budget.

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to circulate a questionnaire to Terra Nova and River Road residents on additional traffic control measures.

CARRIED.

Council recessed at 10:17 a.m. and returned at 10:30 a.m.

8.2 2024 Budget and Fiscal Policy

Discussion ensued on maintaining the fiscal philosophy and 2024 budget requests for inclusion in the first presentation. Council requested the following items be considered as part of the 2024 budget:

- Money to reserves for land/community hub construction in Mansfield
- Hot water system for ice rink in Thomson Trail
- Bunker for Honeywood Diamond
- Basketball nets at Honeywood
- NDCC Sign
- Stairs to Norduff Room

- Signage within the NDCC “Home of the Honeywood Hurricanes” and “Home and Visitor”
- Community Boards at the super boxes
- Shepherd’s Cupboard food bank donation of \$3600
- Automated recreational booking system
- Money in reserves for NDCC renovations
- Pavilion at Thomson Trail Park
- Primrose Industrial Park Development

Request from the public included:

- Swimming pool
- Food bank donation
- OPP paid duty

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receive the report of Heather Boston, Treasurer, 2024 Budget and Fiscal Policy;

AND THAT Council rescind the Fiscal Policy and direct staff to develop an internal staff procedure for the Township’s annual budget and fiscal philosophy.

CARRIED.

8.3 Growth Related Services Land Needs

Discussion ensued on locations, acreage, land uses and cash-in-lieu options.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson CAO/Clerk/Planner; Growth Related Services and Land Needs;

AND THAT Council support the intention to acquire approximately 3-4 acres of land to accommodate growth related buildings/services in addition to the parkland dedication for future development lands in Mansfield.

CARRIED.

8.4 Recreational Master Plan Land Needs

Discussion ensued on park locations, parking lot and pickleball/tennis court construction at Thomson Trail and community engagement.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk/Planner; Land Needs to Implement Recreational Master Plan;

AND THAT Council support the intention to acquire parkland in accordance with the Planning Act to support the Township's Recreational Master Plan and a Multi-Use Community Hub, in addition to the lands for growth related buildings/services.

CARRIED.

9.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

- 9.1 Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Steering Minutes: July 13 2023**
- 9.2 Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee Minutes: August 30, 2023**
- 9.3 Rosemont District Fire Board Minutes: September 8, 2023**
- 9.4 Economic Development Committee Minutes: September 12, 2023**
- 9.5 Dufferin County Council Minutes: September 14, 2023**
- 9.6 Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Steering Minutes: August 10, 2023**
- 9.7 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Minutes: September 19, 2023**
- 9.8 Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting Notes: September 2023**

Discussion ensued on items 9.5 and 9.8. Mayor Horner provided an update on Mulmur's motion with respect to County road reclassification, advising that the County of Dufferin has a policy in place to compensate residents for address changes.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

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

CARRIED.

10.0 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Comco Tank Removal and Decommissioning Report**
- 10.2 Ministry of the Solicitor General: Dufferin Police Service Board Composition**
- 10.3 2024 OPP Annual Billing Statement**
- 10.4 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks: Streamlining Permissions for Water Takings for Construction Site Dewatering Activities and Foundation Drains**
- 10.5 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Affordable Residential Unit Definition**
- 10.6 Community Conversations Meeting Dates**
- 10.7 NVCA Board Highlights September 2023**
- 10.8 2024 NVCA Draft Budget**
- 10.9 NVCA Correspondence**
- 10.10 Primrose Elementary School: 2023 Community Grant Update**

Item 10.1 - Direction was given to staff to follow-up on COMCO's report of the sites identified on the certificates of analysis.

Item 10.4 and 10.5 - Direction was given to staff to submit comments as discussed and identified collectively between staff and Township Engineers as well as respond to Lisa Swinton.

Item 10.9 - Direction was given to staff to bring back greater information, including other municipal MOU status; metric for processing time/staffing; and whether an MOU is required for category one services.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council receives the information items as copied and circulated;

AND THAT Council direct staff to submit comments as discussed for items 10.4, 10.5 and supporting ERO's 019-6951, 019-6928, and 019-6963.

CARRIED.

11.0 ENDORSEABLE MOTIONS

11.1 Township of Melancthon: Bill C-310 Act to Amend the Income Tax Act

11.2 Town of Grimsby: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

11.3 Town of Midland: Catch and Release Justice in Ontario

11.4 Catherine Fife, MPP Waterloo: Till Death Do Us Part

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council endorse the following resolution 11.1;

AND THAT staff be directed to forward items 11.2 and 11.4 to the County of Dufferin.

CARRIED.

12.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

12.1 Strawberry Festival Report (November 2023)

12.2 5-year NDCC Capital Cost Projections (November 2023)

12.3 Fireworks Education Results (November 2023)

12.4 Procedural By-law: Council Meeting Dates (November 2023)

12.5 Council Meeting Recordings (November 2023)

12.6 Mobile Homes (November/December 2023)

12.7 NVCA Mandate (November/December 2023)

12.8 Strategic Plan (December 2023)

- 12.9 Mulmur Recreation Plan Tracking Table (December 2023)
- 12.10 Township Energy Plan Recommendations (December 2023)
- 12.11 Arena Funding Formula and User Fees (Spring 2024)
- 12.12 Mono-Mulmur Townline Parking (Spring 2024)

13.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS

13.1 Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT By-law 13.1 be approved.

CARRIED.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT Council adjourns the meeting at 12:54 p.m. to meet again on November 1, 2023, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

MAYOR

CLERK