



COUNCIL MINUTES November 1, 2023 – 9:00 AM

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

Staff Present: Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk/Planner, Heather Boston, Treasurer Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk and Bruce Crawford, Working Foreman

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:05 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 Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT Council approve the agenda.

CARRIED.

4.0 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

THAT the minutes of October 4, 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 - NONE**

8.0 **PUBLIC MEETING**

8.1 2024 Draft Budget

Heather Boston, Treasurer presented the first draft of the 2024 budget with a proposed tax levy increase of 10.34% or \$51.86 for every \$100K of assessment.

Council discussed the transfers to reserves, funding opportunities and potential ways to lower the tax levy increase. The following directions were given to staff as part of the budget deliberations:

1. Bring back renovation options for the NDCC stairs in 2024 once a decision on grants/funding has been received.
2. Installation of a Honeywood Hurricane Sign at NDCC is to be included as part of the 2023 budget.
3. The budget be increased by \$1,000 to reflect Mulmur's Post-Secondary School Grant Program for 2024 and each year moving forward.
4. Staff are to invite the Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank to apply for the 2024 Community Grant and any amount exceeding the approved Community Grant Policy will be considered at the time of application.
5. Reduce Council's professional development budget to \$5,000.

Public comments were received from resident Gary Tibbo on the costs of gravel and re-crushed cement, farm stone, solar panels on streetlights, automated speed enforcement signs and waste management costs.

Resident Ross Bailey questioned the feasibility of repurposing farm stone for municipal roadways.

Resident Jen Beaudet asked what the NDCC canteen budget is for 2024 and suggested opportunities for increased revenue including ball hockey and rollerblading.

Melancthon resident Erin Downey expressed disappointment with the NDCC food booth tendering and requested the installation of change stations at the NDCC.

Resident Cheryl Russel spoke to paid duty and the Township's ability to afford operating the arena long term.

Council recessed at 11:15 a.m. and returned at 11:25 a.m.

9.0 REPORTS FOR DECISION

9.1 Rosemont & District Fire Board 2024 Budget

Discussion ensued on equipment replacement, benefit opportunities and maintaining consistency across all fire boards.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council approve the Rosemont and District Fire Board 2024 Operating Budget in the amount of \$357,584 and Capital Budget of \$762,500 as presented.

CARRIED.

Moved by Clark Seconded by Hawkins

THAT the Council of the Township of Mulmur request the fire chiefs work together to discuss benefits, fire equipment purchases and other new initiatives to ensure consistency throughout all fire boards.

CARRIED.

9.2 5 Year NDCC Capital Cost Projections

Discussion ensued on the Township of Melancthon's contributions to capital.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council direct staff to forward a copy of this report to the Township of Melancthon for consideration;

AND THAT Council request financial assistance from the Township of Melancthon to support capital costs at the NDCC over the next 5 years.

CARRIED.

9.3 Winter Operations Plan 2023-2024

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council adopt the 2023-2024 Winter Operations Plan for the Township of Mulmur, substantially in the form presented.

CARRIED.

9.4 Council Meeting Recordings

Discussion ensued on the sound and clarity of the videos, where the videos are to be posted and the length of a trial period.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council direct staff to post Council meeting recordings commencing on December 1, 2023 for a trial period of 6 months.

CARRIED.

A recorded vote was requested by Deputy Mayor Hawkins.

| | <u>YAY</u> | <u>NAY</u> |
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| Councillor Clark | Y | |
| Councillor Cunningham | Y | |
| Councillor Lyon | | N |
| Deputy Mayor Hawkins | | N |
| Mayor Horner | Y | |

CARRIED.

Council recessed at 12:37 p.m. and returned at 1:35 p.m.

9.5 Procedural By-law: Council Meeting Dates

Discussion ensued on summer meeting dates.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT Council direct staff to draft an amendment to the Procedural By-law in support of the adjustment to the December meeting date in 2024.

CARRIED.

9.6 August Office Hours

Discussion ensued on the optics of closing the office while offering resident services and alternative options.

9.7 Non-Residential and Recreational Trailer Habitation

Discussion ensued on reactive enforcement of by-laws and proactive approaches to enforcement. Direction was given to staff to educate residents on the top enforcement infractions in 2024.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council direct staff to investigate the possible solutions and the feasibility of licensing seasonal and temporary housing units and other common property by-law enforcement infractions.

CARRIED.

10.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

- 10.1 Shelburne Public Library Board: June 20, 2023
- 10.2 Shelburne District Fire Board Minutes: July 4, 2023
- 10.3 Shelburne District Fire Board Minutes: September 5, 2023
- 10.4 Mulmur Police Services Board Minutes: October 10, 2023
- 10.5 County Council Minutes: October 12, 2023
- 10.6 Rosemont & District Fire Board Minutes: October 10, 2023
- 10.7 OCC Meeting Notes: October 18, 2023

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council receives the committee minutes as copied and circulated.

CARRIED.

11.0 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- 11.1 Fireworks Education Information Report
- 11.2 Fire Department Tariff of Fees Information Report
- 11.3 Strawberry Festival Report - Verbal
- 11.4 3rd QTR Planning Report
- 11.5 Primrose Elementary School Boundary Review
- 11.6 Watson & Associates: Assessment of Bill 134
- 11.7 ERO Response Letter – Environmental
- 11.8 Dufferin County: Fire Protection and Prevention Services Study
- 11.9 Correspondence: Devlin McKinley - County Road 21 and Airport Road
- 11.10 Correspondence: Leah Pressey – OPA#5 Environmental Amendments
- 11.11 Dufferin Board of Trade: Dream Career
- 11.12 Bill 139 ERO: Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act
- 11.13 iRadios Public Meeting Notice
- 11.14 Correspondence: Family Transition Place – Wrapped in Courage

Direction was given to staff to provide comments on item 11.12 as discussed.

Fireworks Notice of Motion: Moved by Clark Seconded by Lyon

WHEREAS an educational campaign with Mulmur residents, which focused on the risks associated with the use of fireworks, is now complete;

AND WHEREAS it is important to determine the impact of any marketing or education campaigns;

NOW THEREFORE a follow up survey containing questions regarding fireworks and other questions of concern should be conducted with Mulmur residents, and mailed out in the January 2024 tax bill, and also be available on-line;

AND THAT a draft survey is included in the December 2023 Council Meeting package for approval by Council;

AND FURTHER THAT the results of the follow up survey be included in the March 2024 Council meeting package for review by Council to determine if any restrictions should be considered with respect to the use of fireworks in Mulmur Township.

CARRIED.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS in recent years there has been an increased in motor vehicle collisions (MVC's) at intersection of County Road 18 and County Road 21 in Mulmur;

AND WHEREAS rumble strips were installed in 2019 by the County of Dufferin on County Road 21 as an attempt to address safety concerns at the intersection;

AND WHEREAS MVC's continue to occur at this intersection causing injury and damage to both public and private property;

NOWHEREFORE the Council of the Township of Mulmur request Dufferin County investigate the use of roadside barriers such as guardrail as a way to protect private and public property and address safety concerns at the intersection of County Road 18 and County Road 21 in Mulmur.

CARRIED.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

WHEREAS violence continues to be the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals; and

WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS November 25th the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and

WHEREAS Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 46 femicides in Ontario since November 26th, 2022; and

WHEREAS Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian and South East Asian women and girls continue to experience high rates of violence, including femicide and were

overrepresented within the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses' 2021-2022 Annual Femicide List; and

WHEREAS last year in Ontario, on average every 7 days a woman or child lost their lives due to femicide; and

WHEREAS this month and throughout the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, we acknowledge our community's support of the Wrapped in Courage campaign and commitment to ending gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for greater investment and action to end gender-based violence in our community and throughout Ontario; and

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Mulmur proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2023 shall be known as "**The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**" and urge all citizens to recognize this day by taking action to support survivors of gender-based violence and becoming part of Ontario wide efforts to end gender-based violence.

CARRIED.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receives the information items as copied and circulated.

CARRIED.

12.0 ENDORSEABLE MOTIONS

- 12.1 Town of Cobourg: Illegal Land Use Enforcement**
- 12.2 Municipality of Bluewater: Childcare Availability**
- 12.3 Town of Parry Sound: Automated Enforcement Systems**
- 12.4 Town of Wasaga Beach: Illegal Car Rally Provincial Task Force**
- 12.5 Township of West Lincoln: Small Developers in Ontario Communities**
- 12.6 Town of Halton Hills: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs**
- 12.7 Town of Rainy River: Water Treatment Training**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council endorse the following resolutions 12.1, 12.3 and 12.6.

CARRIED.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 13.1 Township Staffing**

- 13.2 Fire Area Boundaries
- 13.3 Honeywood Cemetery
- 13.4 Spring Water Lakes
- 13.5 By-law Enforcement

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council adjourn to closed session at 3:19 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for two (2) matter relating to litigation or potential litigation, two (2) matters relating to personal matters about an identifiable individual and one (1) matter related to a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations on behalf of the municipality under section 239(2)(b)(e)(k).

CARRIED.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council do rise out of closed session and into open session at 5:00 p.m. with the following motions/directions:

THAT staff proceed as directed in closed session;

AND THAT Council rescind Motion #304-05, being a motion to add Springwater Lakes' independent contractor to the Township's insurance for snow removal;

AND FURTHER THAT staff schedule a meeting with the SWL Association.

CARRIED.

14.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 14.1 NVCA Mandate (December 2023)
- 14.2 Strategic Plan, Recreational Plan and Energy Plan (December 2023)
- 14.3 Records Management and Retention (December 2023)
- 14.4 Arena Funding Formula and User Fees (Spring 2024)
- 14.5 Mono-Mulmur Townline Parking (Spring 2024)
- 14.6 NDCC Renovation Strategy (February 2024)
- 14.7 Recreational Trailers and Property By-law Infractions (2024)

15.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS

- 15.1 Fire Tariff of Fees By-law
- 15.2 Confirmatory By-law

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT By-Laws 15.1 to 15.2 be approved.

CARRIED.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council adjourns the meeting at 5:02 p.m. to meet again on November 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

MAYOR

CLERK

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