



COUNCIL MINUTES **November 15, 2023 – 7:00 PM**

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

Council Absent: Deputy Mayor Hawkins

Staff Present: Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk/Planner, Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.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 Clark

THAT Council approve the agenda.

CARRIED.

4.0 PUBLIC MEETING

4.1 Johny Mikhael, iRadios: Lit Galaxy Festival

Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk/Planner presented the process required to approve an event of this size through the Planning Act and the Township's Special Event By-law. Pre-consultation was initiated in early 2023 which identified the studies required to submit a complete application for Temporary Use under the Planning Act. The public meeting process has been initiated prior to receiving a complete application due to time constraints.

Council welcomed Johny Mikhael and the iRadios Team. Edward Mak, RPP for iRadios presented the event concept of arts, music and light in celebration of Canada Day.

Mak provided an overview of transportation and emergency access routes. A draft site plan was presented, showing parking and event areas. Mak confirmed that consultation with the OPP indicated a need for an additional 150 paid duty officers.

iRadios noted their appreciation for the natural and forested environment, stating the woodlands would be utilized to mitigate noise with one large and two small stages installed within and around the woodlands.

The following comments were received from agencies and community groups:

Steve Murphy, Dufferin Emergency Management highlighted the amount of emergency planning required and noted the impacts on traffic, health care systems and police services over a holiday weekend. Murphy noted the applicant would be required to submit draft emergency plans for review and approval.

Chief Tom Reid, Dufferin County Paramedic Services expressed concerns with site access, servicing and impacts on the community. Reid noted that the 2023 application did not meet the requirements to receive approval from paramedic services.

Reid also spoke on behalf of Headwaters Healthcare Centre and expressed concerns with staffing on a holiday weekend, stating an event of this size would impact the department's ability to support the rest of the community. Dufferin's healthcare system would not be able to handle the event independently and may not be able to access the resources required to service it.

MTO comments were read by Tracy Atkinson, CAO/Clerk/Planner noting traffic management plans and studies would be required for review.

Darren White, Mayor of the Township of Melancthon stated that at this time, Melancthon Council is not in favour of an event of this magnitude at this location. White expressed concerns with traffic and municipal infrastructure and noted the International Plowing Match had 300 acres set aside for parking.

Elaine Capes, Councillor for the Town of Mono suggested the event be located in a facility with the infrastructure capable to support it, noting that the event does not support the approach of being one with nature.

Chief Ralph Snyder, Shelburne & District Fire Department outlined the Department's current staffing levels, noting that 2 apparatus would be required on scene at all times. Snyder voiced concerns with fire risk, MVC's and the cost to rate payers.

Don McFarlane, Mono-Mulmur Coalition (MC2) highlighted the impacts of light and noise on livestock, stating this event does not meet Mulmur's vision of protecting a rural way of life.

Carl Cosak, North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) used the 2011 Foodstock event as a comparable. This 28,000 person, 8 hour event, required 1 porta potty for every 50 people and over 600 volunteers. Cosak noted the rest of the community would be left without service if approved.

The following comments and concerns were received from the public:

Jennifer Jewell: concerns with impacts on children, animals, protection, fireworks, livestock and wildlife.

Barry Strauss: concerns with spill off into other areas, wandering and exploring into areas that are not serviced, impacts on municipal infrastructure and roads, liability and environment.

Orie Johnson: concerns with costs falling on the taxpayers and impacts on wildlife.

Cheryl & Hugh Russel: concern that 50 acres is not enough land to accommodate the proposed parking and camping and the fire risk from car exhausts.

Faye MacLachlan: questioned the validity of the company.

Karen Scully: concerns with light and impacts on communication infrastructure, liability and the re-creation of the failed Roxodus festival in Clearview Township.

Aileen Gower: concerns with road degradation, 2nd Line West access and impacts on livestock.

Peter Yan: questioned the calculation of cars versus the anticipated attendance, garbage diversion and the countdown on the iRadios website.

Leah Pressey: concerns with environmental impacts, noise pollution, generators and air pollution.

Susan Verdun: questioned if entertainment has been booked and the company's connection to the land.

Louise Armstrong: spoke to land ownership and limiting ticket sales.

Julie Roy: suggested alternative locations such as fairgrounds.

Morley Brown: noted the historical protection of the land as part of the larger Boyne Valley Provincial Park.

Jill Johnson: questioned what similar rural setting events iRadios has run in the past and to what magnitude they were.

Jeanette McFarlane: noted with set up, take down, restoration and clean up the activity in the area could be weeks or months in duration.

Additional comments were received with respect to the impacts of weather on the rural farm field, area capacity, emergency service access on an unmaintained road allowance, alcohol policies and impact to neighbouring property owners.

The iRadios team answered resident comments and concerns where they could speaking to perimeter fencing, established facilities lacking trees, water being trucked in, shuttle buses, a previous event hosted at Young & Steeles and alcohol sales.

Council provided the following comments:

Councillor Lyon stated the event does not fit within the rural community and requested the website be taken down or that reference to Mulmur be removed.

Councillor Clark expressed concern with the timelines for completion of all application studies, review and approval processes.

Councillor Cunningham noted the event does not fit with the community values.

A recorded vote was requested by Mayor Horner.

Moved by Janet Horner and Seconded by Lyon

WHEREAS Mulmur received a Pre-Consultation application form in 2022 from Johny Mikhael of iRadios for a 3 day event including camping;

AND WHEREAS the proponent estimates that the event would be attended by approximately 25,000 people;

AND WHEREAS the scale of the proposed event gives rise to concerns regarding potential impacts that are adverse to the public interest, public health and safety, the protection of persons and property as well as traffic, waste management, impacts to agricultural and environmental lands, nuisance, noise, dust, and emergency management;

AND WHEREAS due to the scale, duration, and potential impacts of the proposed event, the pre-consultation application received on December 19, 2022 for a Temporary Use of lands or buildings under section 39, Temporary Use Provisions

of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13, as amended, identified requirements for a complete application;

AND WHEREAS to date, the applicant has not provided a complete application, and none of the required studies have been submitted to the satisfaction of the Township;

AND WHEREAS Johny Mikhael and iRadios is proposing the same 3 day music and camping event of approximately 25,000 people in 2024, commencing the sale of tickets in December, 2023;

AND WHEREAS the above-mentioned concerns remain unresolved;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council cannot support iRadios' proposed event at this time.

	Yay	Nay
Mayor Horner	Y	
Councillor Clark	Y	
Councillor Cunningham	Y	
Councillor Lyon	Y	

CARRIED.

5.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS

5.1 Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

THAT By-law 5.1 be approved.

CARRIED.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council adjourns the meeting at 8:40 p.m. to meet again on December 13, 2023, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.


MAYOR


CLERK