



COUNCIL MINUTES December 13, 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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 Clark

THAT Council approve the agenda.

CARRIED.

4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT the minutes of November 1st as amended and November 15th, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED.

5.0 DISCUSSION ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Councillor Clark advised that meeting summaries between the Fire Chief's will be provided in the future.

6.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - NONE

7.0 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Ross Bailie inquired when the Township's public works fleet would be back to full capacity. Tracey Atkinson, CAO confirmed that the Township is utilizing the spare snowplow and is working with the insurance company.

8.0 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Upper Grand District School Board: Primrose Elementary School Boundary Review

Board Chair Ralf Mesenbrink, Manager of Planning Ruchika Angrish and Trustee Lynn Topping presented on behalf of the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB).

Ruchika Angrish provided an update on the Primrose Elementary School boundary review initiated in October 2023 stating UGDSB staff are working to finalize recommendations, with a board decision anticipated in February 2024.

Resident comments were received from Carley Lang, Amy Ouchterlony and Leah Pressey with respect to the longevity of the boundary review, timelines, capital priorities, the 2018 long-term accommodation plan, and secondary school capacities.

Angrish confirmed the boundary review is an interim solution to relieve capacity pressures with the UGDSB looking to secure a new school block as a long-term solution. The process takes approximately 3-5 years with the UGDSB only able to move forward when Provincial funding is received. Angrish noted the long-term accommodation plan has not been finalized due to Provincial legislation changes but confirmed a new school block in Shelburne will be secured as part of the new subdivisions. At this time, long-term projections do not support the development of a new secondary school. Greater information on projected secondary school capacities and attendance numbers will be provided at a later meeting.

Council discussion ensued on:

- Timelines for securing a new school block in Mulmur;
- Commute times for young children;
- Wastewater capacity in the Town of Shelburne and septic bed capacity at the Primrose Elementary School; and
- The need for cooperation between the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council receive the presentation from Trustee Lynn Topping and Manager of Planning Ruchika Angrish of the Upper Grand District School Board;

AND THAT Council request the Upper Grand District School Board initiate the process of selecting a future school site to prepare for future growth and prevent further capacity issues at Primrose Elementary School immediately.

CARRIED.

8.2 Gord Feniak, RJ Burnside & Associates: Nitrate Loading for Armstrong Subdivision

RJ Burnside & Associates Executive Vice President, Gord Feniak, spoke to historical development in Mulmur noting current nitrate levels on the Armstrong subdivision lands are due to agricultural activity. The numbers included in the report are approximate and not precise.

Council discussion ensued on:

- Mitigating factors for septic beds such as building code requirements and mechanical treatment options;
- Protection of surrounding private wells; and
- Annual inspections of mechanical septic systems.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receive the presentation from Gord Feniak, RJ Burnside & Associates, on Risk Assessment, Nitrate Loading for Armstrong Subdivision;

AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed based on the recommendations presented and approximate numbers contained within the letter dated November 10, 2023.

CARRIED.

Council recessed at 10:31 a.m. and returned at 10:44 a.m.

8.3 Rob Fiedler & Mary Lou Tanner, NPG: OPA#5

Rob Fiedler and Mary Lou Tanner of NPG Planning Solutions, presented the final amendments to the Township's Official Plan. Discussion ensued on wind turbines and wildfire risk.

9.0 REPORTS FOR DECISION

9.1 Shelburne & District Fire Department 2024 Budget

Council noted the addition of new radio equipment to be funded from reserves, with the cost being shared between Grand Valley, Shelburne, Mulmur-Melancthon and Orangeville fire departments.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council approve the Shelburne & District Fire Board 2024 operating budget in the amount of \$892,556 and capital budget in the amount of \$392,000.

CARRIED.

9.2 Township of Mulmur's 2024 Budget Draft #2

Direction was given to make the following amendments:

1. Increase the amount transferred from tax rate stabilization by \$50,000;
2. Increase the revenue for planning fees to \$45,000;
3. Decrease the costs of gravel haulage/crushing to be more in line with historical costs; and
4. Defer the additional requests of a Honeywood baseball shed, community boards and the Thomson Trail Park pavilion.

A third draft of the 2024 budget will be presented in January 2024.

9.3 Tangible Capital Asset Management Policy

Direction was given to amend the following sections:

- Thresholds for new facilities;
- Amortization chart (baseball diamond, landfill etc.); and
- Add scheduled fixed inventory processes.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council approve the Tangible Capital Asset Policy as amended to included processes.

CARRIED.

9.4 Asset Retirement Obligation Policy

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council approve the Asset Retirement Obligation Policy as presented.

CARRIED.

Council recessed at 11:51 a.m. and returned at 12:47 p.m.

9.5 Fireworks Survey Questions

Direction was given to amend the survey question to generally read as follows:

On May 3, 2023 Council passed the following motion:

THAT Council support enhanced education measures through the Township communication channels including but not limited to the tax bills and newsletters.

From May - August 2023, the Township underwent an educational campaign on fireworks use, focusing on Safety, Wildlife, Livestock/Pets and Post Traumatic Stress/Noise.

1. Did you receive and read the educational information?
 - Yes
 - No
2. Did this information impact your support or opposition towards fireworks use?
 - Yes
 - No
3. Please elaborate:
 - a) My opinion changed, I now support fireworks use in Mulmur on the following statutory holidays: Victoria Day and Canada Day
 - Yes
 - No
 - b) My opinion changed, I now support fireworks use in Mulmur year-round.
 - Yes
 - No
 - c) My opinion changed, I now support a ban on fireworks use in Mulmur.
 - Yes
 - No
 - d) My opinion hasn't changed, I continue to support fireworks use in Mulmur on the following statutory holidays: Victoria Day and Canada Day.
 - Yes
 - No
 - e) My opinion hasn't changed, I continue to support fireworks use year-round.
 - Yes
 - No

- f) My opinion hasn't changed, I continue to support a ban on fireworks use in Mulmur.
- Yes
 - No

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council approve the fireworks survey questions as amended for inclusion as part of the Township's greater Strategic Plan Survey and promoted as part of the 2024 January tax bill.

CARRIED.

9.6 Shelburne Library Users

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS the Township values the services of the Shelburne Library;

AND WHEREAS the Township has reviewed the qualifying addresses;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur has experienced a significant increase in the budget and Mulmur's proportion of the levy;

NOW THEREFORE Council request that the library staff host a meeting in early 2024 to review the funding formula, 2025 budget projections/caps, campaign, statistics on usage per member and in-person/digital renewals.

CARRIED.

9.7 NVCA Memorandum of Understanding

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council direct staff to draft a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nottawasaga Conservation Authority for a one-year term in support of all three categories.

CARRIED.

10.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

- 10.1 Shelburne District Fire Board Minutes: October 3, 2023**
- 10.2 Economic Development Committee Minutes: November 7, 2023**
- 10.3 Shelburne District Fire Board Minutes: November 7, 2023**
- 10.4 Dufferin County Council Minutes: November 9, 2023**
- 10.5 Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department Minutes: November 21, 2023**
- 10.6 Dufferin County Council Minutes: November 23, 2023**

- 10.7 Rosemont District Fire Board Minutes November 24, 2023**
10.8 Ontario Climate Caucus November Meeting Notes

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receives the committee minutes as copied and circulated.

CARRIED.

11.0 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- 11.1 User Fee By-law Update**
11.2 Records Retention By-law
11.3 Development Charge Indexing
11.4 Parkland Dedication Indexing
11.5 Dufferin County: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income
11.6 Dufferin County: Till Death Do Us Part
11.7 Dufferin County: Municipal Emergency Readiness Initiatives
11.8 Township of Clearview: ATVs on Mulmur-Nottawasaga Townline
11.9 NVCA Highlights October 2023
11.10 OPP Q3 Report

Direction was given to draft the following amendments for consideration as part of the next user fee by-law:

- Include HST into fees
- Increasing baseball diamond fees
- Advertising signage

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receives the information items as copied.

CARRIED.

12.0 ENDORSEABLE MOTIONS

- 12.1 Dufferin County and Town of Orangeville: Ontario Works Resolution**
12.2 Dufferin County: Violence Against Women Resolution
12.3 Township of McKellar: Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act
12.4 County of Prince Edward: Permit by Rule Resolution
12.5 Township of Amaranth: Barriers for Family Physicians
12.6 Municipality of Wawa: Support for Water Training
12.7 Town of Orangeville: Gender Based Violence and Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic
12.8 Municipality of Tweed: Funding Grant Programs

12.9 Municipality of Chatham-Kent: Ontario Works Rate

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT the following items be endorsed: 12.3, 12.4, 12.5 and 12.6

CARRIED.

13.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

13.1 Dufferin County Economic Development Plan (January 2024)

13.2 NDCC Renovation Strategy (February 2024)

13.3 Arena Funding Formula and User Fees (Spring 2024)

13.4 Mono-Mulmur Townline Parking (Spring 2024)

13.5 Recreational Trailers and Property By-law Infractions (2024)

14.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS

14.1 Official Plan Amendment #5

14.2 2024 User Fee By-law

14.3 Procedural By-law Amendment

14.4 Records Retention By-law

14.5 Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT By-Laws 14.1 to 14.5 be approved.

CARRIED.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT Council adjourns the meeting at 3:00 p.m. to meet again at 3:01 p.m. as Committee of the Whole for a strategic planning workshop and again on January 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

Janet Horner

MAYOR

Roseann Knechtel

CLERK