



COUNCIL MINUTES February 7, 2024 – 9:00 AM

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

Staff Present: Tracey Atkinson, Heather Boston, Roseann Knechtel

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:00 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.

This February we also recognize Black History Month, an annual celebration designed to highlight and honour the actions, achievements and contributions of Black people around the world. Recognizing February as Black History Month is just one small step in addressing, and ultimately ending racism towards Black people and other marginalized groups in our communities. Mulmur is committed to taking steps towards this goal by standing against racism, eliminating inequities and empowering our community to change attitudes by building awareness.

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council approve the agenda as amended to include item 8.2 Primrose Elementary School.

CARRIED.

4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT the minutes of January 10, 2024 are approved.

CARRIED.

5.0 DISCUSSION ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

6.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Cunningham declared pecuniary interest to item 14.0 Notice of Motion.

7.0 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Cheryl Russel noted displeasure with County Council and sought clarification on the vote surrounding local and upper tier roles and responsibilities. Mayor Horner provided a summary of the County Council meeting proceedings.

Cheryl Russel inquired about the outcome of the County of Dufferin's ROMA delegations. Mayor Horner confirmed the County's delegations and was unable to provide an update.

8.0 PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Hill N Dale Landscaping Business Recognition

Council recognized Hill N Dale Landscaping for 30 years of operation, outstanding achievements with Landscape Ontario, and their continued community involvement.

8.2 Primrose Elementary School

Council recognized Primrose Elementary School and provided a brief presentation on the various levels of government.

9.0 REPORTS FOR DECISION

9.1 Honeywood Minor Hockey: Norduff Room MOU

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council direct staff to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Honeywood Minor Hockey for use of the Norduff Room, substantially in the form attached hereto.

CARRIED.

9.2 Dufferin Board of Trade: Mulmur Bizhub MOU

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council approve the establishment of a Dufferin Board of Trade Satellite Mulmur Bizhub to be located in the Township administration basement;

AND THAT Council direct staff to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Dufferin Board of Trade, substantially in the form attached hereto.

CARRIED.

9.3 Townhall Meeting

Discussion ensued on timing and presentations, including NVCA, OPP and Dufferin County.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council direct staff to organize a Spring Townhall meeting on May 4th, 2024 from 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. as discussed.

CARRIED.

9.4 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Budget

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council approve the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board 2024 Operating Budget in the amount of \$266,703 and Capital Budget of \$734,203 as presented.

CARRIED.

10.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

- 10.1 Dufferin Fire Chief's Minutes: November 28, 2023**
- 10.2 Shelburne Public Library Minutes: December 19, 2023**
- 10.3 Shelburne & District Fire Board Minutes: January 2, 2024**
- 10.4 Dufferin County Council Minutes; January 11, 2024**
- 10.5 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Minutes: January 16, 2024**
- 10.6 Dufferin Fire Chief's Minutes: January 16, 2024**
- 10.7 Economic Development Committee Minutes: January 18, 2024**
- 10.8 Economic Development Committee: 2023 Annual Report**
- 10.9 Dufferin County Council Minutes: January 25, 2024**
- 10.10 Mulmur Police Services Board Minutes: January 31, 2024**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

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

CARRIED.

Council recessed at 10:12 a.m. and returned at 10:27 a.m.

11.0 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

11.1 Streetlight Hydro Usage

11.2 Horning's Mills Hall – Financial Request

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS Mulmur recognizes and applauds the work of the Horning's Mills Hall Board in their programming initiatives and service to the community;

AND WHEREAS the Memorandum of Understanding between the Horning's Mills Community Hall Board and the Township of Melancthon provides for annual funding allocations, cost recovery, shortfalls as well as reserves within a Special Activities Fund;

AND WHEREAS Mulmur Council passed its 2024 operating and capital budgets on January 10, 2024 and did not allocate for funding towards the Horning's Mills Community Hall;

NOW THEREFORE Council offer support to the Horning's Mills Hall Board through promotion of their events and programming on Mulmur's communication channels at this time.

CARRIED.

11.3 River Road Survey Results

11.4 NDCC Renovation Strategy – Status Update

Direction was given to staff to draft a NDCC capital improvement plan for consideration at the March Council meeting.

11.5 2024 ROMA Report

11.6 OPP - 2023 4th Quarter Report

11.7 AMO – Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca).

CARRIED.

11.8 CryNot Human Trafficking Proclamation Request

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

WHEREAS the Rotary Club of Orangeville and Compass Community Church formed a volunteer-driven group called CryNot (Compass Rotary Youth - No Trafficking) to raise awareness and promote education about the threat of human trafficking in our area;

AND WHEREAS the mission of CryNot is to reduce and eliminate human trafficking by raising awareness, fostering collaboration among like groups and organizations, education, and equipping responsible adults with connections and resources available to defeat the Human Trafficking threat;

NOW THEREFORE Council do hereby proclaim February 22, 2024, as "Human Trafficking Prevention Awareness Day" in the Township of Mulmur.

CARRIED.

11.9 Nonprofit Appreciation Week Proclamation Request

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

WHEREAS Nonprofit Appreciation Week is an opportunity to say thank you to a sector that goes above and beyond in supporting vulnerable people and strengthening communities;

AND WHEREAS the diversity of nonprofit programs – including food security, housing, mental health, support for seniors, child and youth development, sports and recreation, faith, the environment, and arts and culture – immeasurably enhances our quality of life;

AND WHEREAS there are more than 150 charities and nonprofit organizations serving families and individuals throughout Dufferin County;

AND WHEREAS the people who work at nonprofits are mission-driven and known for their dedication, compassion and leadership;

NOW THEREFORE Council, do hereby proclaim February 12th-18th to be Nonprofit Appreciation Week in Mulmur and encourage all residents to show their appreciation to the people who work in our community's nonprofit sector.

CARRIED.

11.10 NVCA Board Highlights: January 2024

11.11 Z01-2024 Public Meeting Notice (Reid)

11.12 Z02-2024 Public Meeting Notice (Vartija)

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT Council receives the information items as copied.

CARRIED.

12.0 ENDORSEABLE MOTIONS

12.1 County of Prince Edward: Fire Department Apparatus Lifespans

12.2 Town of Mono: Road Safety Emergency

12.3 Township of Melancthon: Fire Department Radio System Project

12.4 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Resolution: Radio Project

12.5 Municipality of Calvin: Provincial & National Fire Fighting Strategy

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT the following items be endorsed: 12.1 to 12.5.

CARRIED.

Council recessed at 11:34 am and returned at 11:39 a.m.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

13.1 By-law Enforcement

13.2 Broadband Negotiations

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council adjourn to closed session at 11:39 a.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for two (2) matter relating to litigation or potential litigation 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)(e)(k).

CARRIED.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council do rise out of closed session and into open session at 12:14 p.m. with the following motions/directions:

THAT staff be directed to proceed with enforcement and user fees as discussed in closed sessions.

CARRIED.

14.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Cunningham declared pecuniary interest and left the Council Chambers.

Moved by Horner Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS Council passed a motion on November 1, 2023 requesting Fire Chiefs work together to discuss benefits, fire equipment purchases and other new initiatives to ensure consistency throughout all fire boards;

AND WHEREAS the County of Dufferin passed a motion on January 5, 2024 related to the study of efficiencies of service delivery and governance;

NOW THEREFORE Council direct staff to gather detailed information in advance of the County's service delivery study for the three fire boards in Mulmur's jurisdiction with respect to compensation, including but not limited to: duty pay,

time sheets, issued equipment, inspections, cost of living, reporting, training per diems and probation periods.

CARRIED.

Councillor Cunningham returned to the Council Chambers.

15.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 15.1 Fireworks Survey Results (March 2024)**
- 15.2 Arena Funding Formula and User Fees (May 2024)**
- 15.3 Mono-Mulmur Townline Parking (May 2024)**
- 15.4 Council Meeting Recordings Pilot Program Results (June 2024)**
- 15.5 Fire Department Analysis (June 2024)**
- 15.6 Recreational Trailers and Property By-law Infractions (2024)**

16.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS

- 16.1 2024 Interim Tax By-law**
- 16.2 NVCA Memorandum of Understanding By-law**
- 16.3 Confirmatory By-law**

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT By-laws 16.1 to 16.3 be approved.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council adjourns the meeting at 12:28 p.m. to meet again on March 6, 2024 or at the call of the Chair.

MAYOR

CLERK