



COUNCIL MINUTES April 3, 2024 – 9:00 AM

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

Staff Present: Tracey Atkinson, Heather Boston, Roseann Knechtel, Chris Wolnik

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:02 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 Lyon

THAT Council approve the agenda.

CARRIED.

4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Clark

THAT the minutes of March 6, 2024 are approved.

CARRIED.

5.0 DISCUSSION ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

6.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - NONE

7.0 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Cheryl Russel commended staff for identifying environmental impacts in the 2024 Paving Plan report.

Ross Bailie spoke about the efficiencies and savings associated with heat pumps.

8.0 REPORTS FOR DECISION

8.1 2024 Paving Plan

Council discussed the proposed paving locations, timing of construction and resident input.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council approve the 2024 annual paving plan.

CARRIED.

8.2 NDCC Capital Project / Survey Results

Staff presented the results of the NDCC survey, financial options for funding the repairs and the scope of work.

Public comments were received regarding the survey, reserve balances, the scope of repairs.

Council discussion ensued on survey messaging, remaining useful life of assets, transfers and repayment of reserves and the Norduff roof repairs.

A recorded vote was requested by Deputy Mayor Hawkins.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council amend the 2024 capital budget to include all costs associated with replacing the ice pad and roof at the North Dufferin Community Centre (NDCC) to a maximum cost of \$1,630,000 to be funded through reserves and offset by any contributions received;

AND THAT staff be directed to develop a strategy for the collection of donations and continue to explore fundraising opportunities and associated costs;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to forward the NDCC staff reports to surrounding municipalities.

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Horner	Y	
Deputy Mayor Hawkins	Y	
Councillor Clark		N
Councillor Cunningham	Y	
Councillor Lyon	Y	

CARRIED.

Council recessed 11:12 a.m. and returned at 11:23 a.m.

8.3 Draft #1 – Mulmur’s Strategic Plan

CAO Tracey Atkinson presented the first draft of the new strategic plan.

Council provided comments on the mission statement, vision statement and three focus areas.

Direction was given to provide a final report on the progress and achievements of the last strategic plan.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council receive the first draft of Mulmur’s Strategic Plan and direct staff to proceed with a public presentation of the Draft Strategic Plan as presented and amended at the Spring Townhall Meeting.

CARRIED.

9.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

9.1 Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting Notes: February 2024

9.2 Shelburne & District Fire Board Minutes: February 6, 2024

9.3 Shelburne Public Library Board Minutes: February 20, 2024

9.4 Economic Development Committee Minutes: March 21, 2024

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council receives the committee minutes as copied.

CARRIED.

Council recessed at 12:32 p.m. and returned at 1:17 p.m.

10.0 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Resident Letter (Don MacFarlane)

10.2 Development Charges and Zoning By-law Public Meeting Notice

10.3 Armstrong Subdivision Public Meeting Notice

10.4 Draft Zoning Housekeeping Bylaw

10.5 User Fee By-law Changes

Direction was given to amend the user fee schedule to include inflationary increases for ball diamond rental rates.

10.6 Association of Ontario Road Supervisors: Municipal Equipment Operators Course

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

AND WHEREAS if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

AND WHEREAS municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortage, which will only be exasperated over the next three to five years, which will cause levels of service municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

AND WHEREAS there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Township of Mulmur supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

AND THAT the Township of Mulmur calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades David Piccinni, Mulmur's Member of Provincial Parliament Sylvia Jones and the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors.

CARRIED.

10.7 NVCA Legislative and Regulatory Changes

10.8 National Volunteer Week: Proclamation Request

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

WHEREAS 24 million Canadians give their time through formal or informal types of volunteering, and locally 2723 individuals, and 179 member organizations are registered with VolunteerDufferin.ca;

AND WHEREAS volunteers in Mulmur mentor our children, support those feeling isolated, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations;

AND WHEREAS the theme for the celebration of National Volunteer Week 2024 is "Every Moment Matters," volunteers in Mulmur share their time, skills, empathy

and creativity with each and every contribution they make, at a moment when we need support more than ever before;

AND WHEREAS volunteers are vital to making a collective impact on the strength, inclusivity, quality of life and well-being of our communities;

AND WHEREAS Mulmur's volunteers are individuals, families, workers, retirees, community members of all ages and backgrounds;

AND WHEREAS the collective result of the work done by our town's volunteers is that Mulmur is a more desirable place to live;

AND WHEREAS volunteers serve on Boards, help host community festivals, stock shelves at food banks, deliver meals to seniors, help in schools, plant community gardens;

AND WHEREAS organizations in Mulmur that rely on volunteers are the fundamental backbone of what helps to make our community thrive;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Mulmur, do hereby proclaim April 14 - 20, 2024, as National Volunteer Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

CARRIED.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receives the information items as copied.

CARRIED.

11.0 ENDORSEABLE MOTIONS

11.1 County of Renfrew: Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

11.2 Town of Bracebridge: New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

11.3 Township of Amaranth: Resolution on Highway 413

11.4 Township of Amaranth: Operational Budget Funding

11.5 Municipality of Brighton: Ride Shares

11.6 Township of Loyalist: Financial Infrastructure Pressures

11.7 Town of Lincoln: Public Libraries and Community Museum Funding

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT the following items be endorsed: 11.1 to 11.7

CARRIED.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 12.1 **Broadband Negotiations**
- 12.2 **Senior of the Year**

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council adjourn to closed session at 1:52 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for one (1) matter relating to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employee and one (1) matter related to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose under section 239(2)(b)(f).

CARRIED.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council do rise out of closed session and into open session at 2:15 p.m. with the following motions/directions:

THAT Council support the nomination of Thomas Long as the 2024 Senior of the Year and direct staff to forward said nomination to the Province for consideration;

AND THAT staff be directed to proceed with broadband negotiations as discussed.

CARRIED.

13.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 13.1 **Public Meeting: Armstrong Subdivision (May 2024)**
- 13.2 **Public Meeting: Development Charges & Zoning By-law (May 2024)**
- 13.3 **Fire Department Simucast Radio System Funding (May 2024)**
- 13.4 **Arena Funding Formula and User Fees (June 2024)**
- 13.5 **Mono-Mulmur Townline Parking (June 2024)**
- 13.6 **Council Meeting Recordings Pilot Program Results (June 2024)**
- 13.7 **Fire Department Analysis (June 2024)**
- 13.8 **Recreational Trailers and Property By-law Infractions (June 2024)**
- 13.9 **Community Grant Application Form (July 2024)**

14.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS

- 14.1 **User Fee By-law**
- 14.2 **Confirmatory By-Law**

Item 14.1 was deferred.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Lyon

THAT By-Law 14.2 be approved.

CARRIED.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council adjourns the meeting at 2:20 p.m. to meet again on May 1, 2024 or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

Janet Horner

MAYOR

Roseann Knechtel

CLERK