

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon was held on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers to continue discussions regarding the Site Alteration By-law and Strategic Planning for the Township. Mayor D. White (4:00 p.m.), Deputy Mayor J. Elliott, Councillor D. Besley, Councillor W. Hannon and Councillor J. Webster were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk was also present. Deputy Mayor Elliott presided as Chair and called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 7, 2016 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes - None.

General Business

Continue review of the Site Alteration By-law - Review information from the Township's Solicitor and Township's Hydrogeologist

The information in the Agenda package was reviewed and discussed and the consensus of the Committee is that if the By-law is not broken, don't fix it. There have been no formal complaints and no applications in 2016. Discussion ensued about peat extraction and Staff advised that there is a Section in the new Official Plan (3.14) that states that Peat Extraction is not a permitted use in the Township and an amendment to the Official Plan would be required to permit such a use. If an Application for an Official Plan Amendment is submitted, there are various studies that would need to accompany the application.

Continue Discussions on Strategic Planning

Chair Elliott advised that the Sub-Committee met on July 18th to continue on with the framework for the Strategic Plan. Ms. Boxem was once again in attendance and outlined some steps that are involved and Chair Elliott spoke to those steps. She advised that Council will need to put some monies in the budget in the range of \$10,000.00 for next year. This would go towards the hiring of a facilitator and the creation of the Strategic Plan. The sub-committee would like to see the Strategic Plan in place by the fall of 2017 so that it will be in place for at least a year before the next election. Staff were asked to have the OMAFRA Rep come to the next meeting. It was advised that the OMAFRA Rep cannot oversee the planning of the strategic plan, nor chair the public consultations but he can provide advice and facilitate some decision making processes. The sub-committee would like to see an action-oriented Strategic Plan.

Continue Discussion - Slogan

Member Webster provided the Committee with the submission that will go in with the final tax bills for the slogan contest and information to sign up for the email list. The Committee would also like to see a monthly Council update sent out to people who have subscribed to the list.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

The Committee will start on the review of the Property Standards By-law at the next meeting as well as continue discussions on the Strategic Plan.

4:35 p.m. - Moved by Webster, Seconded by Besley that we adjourn Committee of the Whole to meet again on Thursday, August 11, 2016, at time to be determined or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

CLERK