

**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, March 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to receive comments from the Township's Solicitor regarding the Township's Site Alteration By-law. Mayor D. White, Deputy Mayor J. Elliott, Councillor D. Besley, Councillor W. Hannon and Councillor J. Webster were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk were also present. Deputy Mayor Elliott presided as Chair and called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Moved by Besley, Seconded by Webster that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 5, 2015 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

General Business

Comments from the Township Solicitor on Site Alteration By-law

At the Committee of the Whole meeting on November 5, 2015, Staff were directed to contact the Township's Solicitor to review our Site Alteration By-law and also the Township of Amaranth's Fill By-law to see if there is anything in Amaranth's that should be in ours to make it complete enough (Amaranth's By-law has already had a Court challenge). Council would also like the Solicitor to give an opinion on how to enforce the By-law and re-coup our By-law Enforcement costs. Comments were received from Mr. Steve Christie and reviewed. Other than a few minor amendments, there is no need to re-write the by-law as it is consistent with the provisions of the Municipal Act. He did note concerns with the requirement that the fill only come from within Dufferin County. He commented that he was not sure how the Township could justify this condition. Discussion ensued and thoughts were passed around. If we remove this condition, then we should be adding a condition to the By-law that would require a soil analysis before the fill could be dumped. Staff raised a question as to who would review this analysis to ensure that it was ok to approve and who would be responsible for taking the sample? A suggestion was made about the applicant paying a deposit with the application that would have our Engineer take and test the sample. Staff were directed to contact Bluewater Geoscience regarding the costs for sampling/testing. Staff were also directed to go back to the Township Solicitor to have a new clause drafted pertaining to the above. Council simply wants to protect the quality of the soil/fill being received in this Township and how do we do this? Also, to inquire if there is a way to come down hard on offenders and make the penalty substantial if something goes wrong.

Adjournment

The Committee did not set another meeting as one would be called by the Chair once comments were received from the Solicitor and the following motion was passed at 6:45 p.m.: Moved by Besley, Seconded by Hannon that we adjourn Committee of the Whole to meet again at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

CLERK