

**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, November 5, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers to begin the review of By-laws. Mayor D. White, Deputy Mayor J. Elliott, Councillor D. Besley, Councillor W. Hannon (3:35 p.m.) and Councillor J. Webster were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and Chris Jones, Township Planner 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 October 29, 2015 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

General Business

Review of By-laws

The Committee started the review with the Site Alteration By-law as this has the potential to be a serious issue in the Township due to the issue that is going on right now in the Town of Mono.

Discussion ensued on how to make this process as productive as possible and the Committee questioned whether it was out of its element trying to review the By-laws. The number one concern is how to deal with the enforcement of the by-laws (and if they can be enforced) and how to re-coup dollars spent on enforcement. Staff advised the Committee that this would be best dealt with by the Township Solicitor.

Discussion ensued as to whether Council and Staff could be a complaining authority but it was felt that this is not Council or Staff's job. Complaints need to come in the form of a written complaint.

Staff were directed to forward the Township of Amaranth's Fill By-law to the Solicitor to see if there is anything in that by-law that should be in ours to make it complete enough (Amaranth's By-law has already had a Court challenge). We also need the Solicitor to give an opinion on how to enforce the By-law and re-coup our By-law Enforcement costs.

It was decided that the Committee would not set another meeting until the information was received from the Solicitor and the following motion was passed at 4:25 p.m.: Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that we adjourn Committee of the Whole to meet again at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

CLERK