

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

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon was held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to continue on the discussions of the 2015 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets.

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 and Craig Micks, Road Superintendent were also present. Deputy Mayor Elliott presided as Chair and called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole - Budget - Meeting held on March 5, 2015 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Draft Budget 2015 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft

Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft of the 2015 Draft Budget for Operating and Capital which included the changes made from the last meeting. In her report to the Committee, she advised that with the recommended changes from the last meeting, this draft budget represents a 2.8% increase in the tax rate and an increase of 7.44% over all. It was also reported that through contact with the Township's Engineer, Staff discovered that the amount included in the budget for Culvert 2003 was not going to be enough. Staff budgeted \$175,000.00 but turns out the cost of this structure will be closer to \$300,000.00 to complete. The Engineering firm that completed the bridge and culvert structures report in 2012 didn't include any of the Engineering costs in the replacement costs. Discussion ensued about our legal recourse on this. Staff were directed to include this structure in the budget and the whole amount will be financed.

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that C of W direct Staff to bring the final budget to Council and recommend its approval on April 2, 2015. Carried.

4:44 p.m. - Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that we adjourn this Committee of the Whole meeting (Budget). Carried.

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CHAIR

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CLERK