

**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, December 1, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers for the continuation of the Fire Services Review. Mayor D. White (4:07 p.m.), Deputy Mayor J. Elliott, Councillor Besley, Councillor W. Hannon and Councillor J. Webster were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, Wendy Atkinson and Treasurer/Deputy Clerk were 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 November 17, 2016 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes - The Request for Proposals for the Strategic Plan has been posted and there have been some questions from Consultants regarding the budget for the Strategic Plan. The response has been that there is budget set and that the budget will be based on the tender accepted.

Enforcement of By-laws & General Business

Council has asked that \$25,000 be put in next year's budget for By-law Enforcement. We have not received anything yet from the Town. Council is requesting a proposal on Enforcement for one day per week and two days per week. Discussion ensued about the development of a database of complaints, pictures, reports, etc. and we want to make sure that the Township has all of the information. It was suggested that this be wrote into the contract.

Review of Fire Services - Continued

The Agreements for both the Shelburne and District Fire Department and Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department were in the Agenda package. The Treasurer provided a breakdown of costs for each fire department per household. A lengthy discussion ensued and there was a suggestion about the development of a County wide Fire Service. Concerns were raised about the growth in Shelburne but that the supplementary assessments have not been worked into the calculation for Shelburne' levy. The two Fire Reps will bring this forward at the next meeting. Discussion regarding fire inspections that will be done in our municipality by the Shelburne Fire Chief – this to be a topic at the next Fire Board meeting. The CAO/Clerk was asked to contact the Southgate Fire Chief to see if they have a Fire Prevention Officer.

After the discussion, the consensus was to leave things status quo but mentioned that this was a good exercise and this should be done annually prior to budget.

Adjournment

It was decided that the Committee would not meet on December 15, 2016 and that future Committee of the Whole meetings would be set at 7:00 p.m. It was also mentioned that the Committee of the Whole may just meet once per month.

4:48 p.m. - Moved by Webster, Seconded by White that we adjourn Committee of the whole to meet again at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

CLERK