

**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, October 20, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to continue discussions on the Strategic Plan. Mayor D. White, Deputy Mayor J. Elliott, Councillor D. Besley, Councillor W. Hannon and Councillor J. Webster were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk and Gerry Horst, OMAFRA were also present. Deputy Mayor Elliott presided as Chair and called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Besley that the Committee of the Whole meeting held on October 6, 2016 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes - None.

Enforcement of By-laws & General Business

There was no discussion during this meeting.

General Business

Strategic Plan

Discussion ensued regarding the creation of a Request for Proposal. Chair Elliott contacted three municipalities – Southgate, Clearview and Grey Highlands regarding the Consultants that helped with their Strategic Plans. She obtained Clearview and really liked how it was put together. Discussion about developing a vision and mission and this should be Council’s role. Mr. Horst advised that the consultant can help facilitate this and lead through the process. Mr. Horst received some RFP’s from the City of Kenora and Municipality of West Grey which he provided copies of to the Committee. We need to determine how much we want a consultant to do. Do we want them to do everything or just facilitate community meetings? There has been a lot done in our Official Plan relating to the vision so might be a little less onerous. There was discussion on our objectives – our OP has 6 - 7 pages of objectives and that is key. It was felt that the Strategic Plan is going to point us back to the OP. Mr. Horst advised that we don’t want to limit the plan to just the objectives we already have – need to take this to the Community for input. It was suggested that the RFP’s be reviewed by the Strategic Plan Sub-Committee with a recommendation back to Council. Mr. Horst will email through some more material related to RFP’s for the Sub-Committee.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

6:30 p.m. - Moved by White, Seconded by Webster that we adjourn Committee of the Whole to meet again on November 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

Next meeting the Committee will be discussing By-law Enforcement and partnering with the Town of Shelburne and the costs.

Also, it was decided that it is time to go ahead with a Fire Services Review. More discussion at the next meeting and Staff direction on information required. It was suggested that while we are doing this, we should be reviewing recreation services. This will be a discussion for another meeting.

CHAIR

CLERK