

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Environmental Sustainability Committee held a meeting on February 12, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. electronically through ZOOM. The following members were present: Chair; Margaret Mercer, Wayne Hannon and Darren White. Also present were: Donna Funston, Environmental Sustainability Committee Secretary.

1. Chair Mercer called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m

2. Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

Motion - Moved by White, Seconded by Hannon, that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

None.

4. Approval of Draft Minutes - January 8, 2021

Motion - Moved by Hannon, Seconded by White, the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee held on January 8, 2021 be approved as circulated. Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

6. General Business

Member Hannon requests a zoom link be sent to him going forward instead of using the link on the Agenda page.

1. Inventory of Environmental Issues – Chair Mercer to provide as Draft

Discussion around the inventory list of invasive species that was supplied to the committee. Some of the list is quite new and some of the list could be deleted. First steps would be to speak with the Conservation Authorities to determine what is in our area and create an inventory list of our concerns. There is an invasive species website that could also help narrow down to our area.

The County is building a plan to deal with things they believe will be coming to our area and will plan for different scenarios. It was noted that it seems to be a 10 year cycle, numbers climb then they peak and then the numbers come down and this repeats every 10 years. A reactive approach can be expensive but education and assistance to

the taxpayers can be a cheaper option. There is a Phragmites group on Facebook called Phrag Fighters Dufferin County, this is a volunteer group trying to educate people with great resources.

Discussion about illegal dumping, sustainable buildings and scrap yards and effects they have on the environment. Also discussed building and bringing in fill. This committee will make recommendations to Council with issues brought forward on all environmental topics, everything is worth considering.

Recommendation for February 18 Council meeting to include a closed session item regarding Northern Iron and Metal concerns.

Would like to have a delegation attend the next meeting in March. Request was for Caroline Mach, County Forest Manager and a member of the NVCA to discuss Melancthon area issues.

2. Other/Addition(s)

None.

7. Delegations

8. Confirmation of Meeting

Motion - Moved by Hannon, Seconded by White, that all actions of the Members and Officers of the Environmental Sustainability Committee with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Committee on the above date be hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; and each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Committee Members and Officers at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. Carried.

9. Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Motion - Moved by White, Seconded by Hannon, that we adjourn the Environmental Sustainability Committee at 11:16 a.m. to meet again on Friday March 12, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY