

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Heritage Advisory Committee held an electronic meeting May 19, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. The following members were present: Councillor Margaret Mercer, Debbie Fawcett, Councillor James McLean, Tracy Webber and Todd McIntosh. Also present were: Kaitlin Chessell, Heritage Advisory Committee Secretary. Kaitlin called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Fawcett that Councillor Mercer be appointed as the Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee of the Township of Melancthon.

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McIntosh that Debbie Fawcett be appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee of the Township of Melancthon.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

Addition:

Flower Baskets in Horning's Mills – Vice Chair Fawcett

Moved by McIntosh, Seconded by Fawcett that the agenda be approved as amended.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

No declaration declared at this time.

General Business

1. Discussion – Terms of Reference – Mandate of the Committee and Objectives and Goals moving Forward

Chair Mercer asked the Members to give a brief background on their interests in Heritage and discussion ensued.

Chair Mercer brought to the Committees attention that they will not be able to designate buildings or houses as heritage properties but can approach property owners and ask permission to recognize as heritage properties. It was discussed that the goals of the Committee will be to set out a Budget for 2022 and wanting to educate on heritage and have Delegations. The Committee discussed that it wants to engage the members of the community and cultural institutions such as The Museum of Dufferin and implement a work plan.

2. Discussion – What other Communities are doing for Heritage (outside of designating Properties)

Chair Mercer advised that the Town of Shelburne is a bit of a role model for us as they have a very strong Heritage Committee, and she is hoping to invite them to give a Delegation on how they got started and what the Committee is all about. Vice-Chair Fawcett mentioned that the Town of Fergus has plaques around Town telling visitors what different buildings and houses use to be used for and giving a little bit of history on the buildings. The Committee thinks this is a great way to get people interested and encourages tourism. It was discussed that the Township of Mulmur also has plaques in each of its Hamlets with background information about the Hamlets.

3. Other/Addition – Flower Baskets in Horning’s Mills – Vice Chair Fawcett

Vice Chair Fawcett brought to the Committee’s attention that the Township’s Public Works Department had placed the flower baskets around Horning’s Mills this week which she has been planting for over fifteen years.

Member Webber mentioned that she had looked into a web application called the Provincial Heritage Tool Kit which gives a breakdown of what other communities are doing to embrace Heritage, what to request in Heritage Committee budgets and how to engage the community. Member McLean advised that he believes that social media is very important in engaging people that are not local but are still interested in the community and its heritage.

Delegations

None.

Recommendations to Council

None.

Public Question Period

None.

Confirmation Motion

Moved by McIntosh, Seconded by McLean that all actions of the Members and Officers of the Heritage Advisory Committee with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Board on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; and each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Board Members at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. Carried.

Adjournment

5:03 p.m. - Moved by McIntosh, Seconded by McLean that we adjourn this Heritage Advisory Committee meeting to meet again on Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY