

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Heritage Advisory Committee held an electronic meeting September 29th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. The following members were present: Chair Margaret Mercer, Councillor James McLean, Tracy Webber and Todd McIntosh, Also present were: Kaitlin Chessell, Heritage Advisory Committee Secretary. Vice Chair Fawcett was absent. Chair Mercer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair Mercer shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

Moved by McLean, Seconded by McIntosh that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

Approval of Draft Minutes

Moved by McIntosh, Seconded by Webber that the minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee held on June 16th, 2021 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

A comment was made that the Joint Heritage Meeting with the Town of Shelburne was very productive.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

No declaration declared at this time.

General Business

1. Discussion about Changing the Monthly Meeting Date and Time

Discussion ensued about when a better date to meet each month would be. It was agreed that we would try and meet the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm.

2. Minutes from Shelburne and Melancthon Joint Heritage Meeting

It was discussed that the Town of Shelburne's mandate is like our terms of reference.

3. Notes from Shelburne and Melancthon Joint Heritage Meeting

This item was received as information.

4. Review Shelburne's Initiatives and determine which of these we'd like to pursue in Melancthon

It was discussed that we should pick 2-3 items to accomplish each year that are feasible and get costing and put together a budget proposal for Council. We need to decide what we want to accomplish by the end of 2022 and then evaluate each year what is working and what's worth continuing.

5. Melancthon Heritage Planning Process

Discussed under general business item 4

6. Budget and Funding

Discussed under general business item 4

7. Other/Addition

None.

8. Unfinished Business

1) Heritage Plaques

Deferred to next meeting as Vice Chair Fawcett was not present to discuss.

Delegations

None.

Idea Roundtable

The Committee discussed they would like to pursue doing plaques throughout the Township, maybe in the different settlement areas and hamlets, this would require us to do research through the Museum of Dufferin and would give the Township a sense of identity. It was mentioned that we could create a brochure to go with the signs that would have a driving tour in it for people to travel the Township to look at the signs. It was discussed that we could look into doing a plaque program like the Town of Shelburne to label houses that have a heritage background but because Melancthon is mainly rural most signs would not be readable from the roadside and may not have as much impact. Discussion ensued that we could probably accomplish 3-5 plaques a year for the project depending on the costing. The Committee talked about maybe doing something for Heritage month which is February and how we could maybe get involved with the Horning's Mills Park when they get back to doing fireworks in the park and promote heritage at their event and if we wanted to do something in the winter we could partner with the Horning's Mills Hall to put an event on. The rural economic fund for local community revitalization was discussed and how we could potentially apply for funding to have a mural painted in the community by a local artist. Chair Mercer is going to send out an email with items to delegate for the members to look into and come back at the next meeting with information.

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

6:15 p.m. - Moved by McIntosh, Seconded by Webber that we adjourn this Heritage Advisory Committee meeting to meet again on October 13th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY