

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Heritage Advisory Committee held an electronic meeting December 8th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. The following members were present: Chair Margaret Mercer, Vice-Chair Debbie Fawcett, Councillor James McLean, and Todd McIntosh, also present was Kaitlin Chessell, Heritage Advisory Committee Secretary. Member Webber was absent. Chair Mercer called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair Mercer shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Draft Minutes

Moved by McIntosh, Seconded by Mercer that the minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee held on November 10th, 2021 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

No declaration declared at this time.

General Business

1. Update on Research of Agriculture and Natural Heritage in Melancthon (Member McIntosh)

Member McIntosh advised the Committee that he had been reading some books on Agricultural Heritage in Melancthon and is going to do a source list for the Committee so that they can look at the books as well.

2. Update on Research of Settlement History (Cemeteries, Churches, Hamlets, and Villages) and Heritage Homes in Melancthon (Member Webber)

This item was deferred as Member Webber was not present to discuss.

3. Update on Research of Indigenous and Language History in Melancthon (Member McLean)

Member McLean advised the Committee that the Museum of Dufferin has information on Land Treaties and Settlement Areas. Member McLean mentioned that Dufferin County has a Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle which is a not-for-profit organization which is an Indigenous-led Community whose mandate is to create a safe space for the restoration and revival of traditional Indigenous Culture in the Dufferin County area. Member McLean thought that we could reach out to them and work together on promoting indigenous history in Melancthon.

4. Update on Research of Women's History and Black History in Melancthon (Chair Mercer)

Chair Mercer advised the group that there is not a lot of Women's History in Melancthon (as in a lot of documentation); the only reference to women was as the wife of someone. Chair Mercer is going to provide the Committee with a source list for her research. Chair Mercer discussed that the Women's Institute was established in 1902 and they built the Horning's Mills Hall. Research was completed on the first black family to settle in Melancthon and the Committee is interested in continuing the research.

5. Heritage Plan

Chair Mercer advised that she would send out the Draft Heritage Plan that she has typed up for review by the members and everyone can bring back comments and ideas for our meeting in January.

6. Other/Addition

None.

7. Unfinished Business

1) Heritage Plaques

The Committee discussed that they need to determine sites for these.

2) Update on the Town of Shelburne's application form used by residents to apply for a plaque for Melancthon suitability (Member McLean)

Member McLean advised that we can just replicate the Town of Shelburne's plaque application form as we are looking to create a similar program and just change different restrictions that we do not think will suit Melancthon.

3) Update on information on plaques for Ontario Heritage Designation including source, costs, and availability criteria (Vice-Chair Fawcett)

This was discussed under General Business item #5 Heritage Plan; discussion ensued about reaching out to the Ontario Heritage Act for funding opportunities.

Delegations

None.

Idea Roundtable

None.

Recommendations to Council

None.

Public Question Period

None.

Confirmation Motion

Moved by McLean, Seconded by McIntosh 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

6:42 p.m. - Moved by McIntosh, Seconded by Fawcett that we adjourn this Heritage Advisory Committee meeting to meet again on January 12th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY