

## **CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON**

The Township of Melancthon Environmental Sustainability Committee held a meeting on December 3, 2021 at 10:00 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, Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

### **1. Chair Mercer called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m**

### **2. Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Chair Mercer read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

### **3. Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda**

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

### **4. Delegations**

#### **1. 10:00 a.m. – Rick Grillmayer, NVCA regarding Living Snow Fence**

Presentation attached to these minutes.

It was discussed that the land owner must want the wind break and willing to participate in the program. With large machinery snow fences can be a problem and there have been owner/tenant issues in the past. It was noted that seedlings do better than transplanting trees, transplanting has a low survival rate. Tall trees need a large root ball to have a chance at surviving, Rick explained how Nurseries start with seedling in pots and keep the root ball together to allow for transplanting. The County has identified County Road 124 and County Road 21 in Melancthon as the problem areas.

### **5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest**

None.

### **6. Approval of Draft Minutes – November 5, 2021**

- Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Mercer, the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee held on November 5, 2021 be approved as circulated. Carried.

### **7. Business Arising from the Minutes**

### **8. General Business**

#### **1. Tree Removal as a Community Friendly Venture**

2. Cedar Tree Fundraising

Items 1 and 2 were discussed under the delegation.

3. Planning, Budget, Grant/Funding

Chair Mercer presented a slide show regarding previously discussed items and focused on areas. More discussion around the slide show will take place at the January meeting. Chair Mercer will take a plan to the January Melancthon Council meeting and request \$5,000 be put in the budget for the Environmental Sustainability Committee for 2022. Some areas of discussion included retro fitting the Municipal office and Horning's Mills Hall with LED lighting, solar projects on the new building or the sand dome and micro wind projects on the land around the Municipal office.

4. Other/Addition(s)

**9. Confirmation of Meeting**

- 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**

- Moved by White, Seconded by Hannon, that we adjourn the Environmental Sustainability Committee at 10:55 a.m. to meet again on Friday January 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY