



**TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON - ELECTRONIC MEETING
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022 - 10:00 A.M.**

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AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement:

We would like to begin by acknowledging that Melancthon Township recognizes the ancestral lands and treaty territories of the Tionontati (Petun/Wyandot(te)), Haudenosaunee (Six Nations), and Anishinaabe Peoples. The Township of Melancthon resides within the lands named under the Haldimand Deed of 1784 and the Lake Simcoe-Nottawasaga Treaty (Treaty 18).

These territories upon which we live and learn, are steeped in rich Indigenous history and traditions. It is with this statement that we declare to honour and respect the past and present connection of Indigenous peoples with this land, its waterways and resources.

3. Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

Motion - Moved by _____, Seconded by _____ that the Agenda be approved/amended. Carried.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

5. Delegations

6. Approval of Draft Minutes – February 4, 2022

Motion - Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee held on February 4, 2022 be approved as circulated. Carried.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

8. General Business

1. AMO Municipal Energy Symposium – Program Release
2. Email from Scott Martin Regarding Phragmites Suggestions and Noxious Weed List
3. Environmental Sustainability Day in June
4. Link for Presentation on Phragmites – Video Content Summary
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQ7mIow3IDg>
5. Other/Addition(s)

9. Confirmation of Meeting

Motion - Moved by _____ Seconded by _____, 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.

10. Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting – Friday April 1, 2022–10:00am

Motion - Moved by _____ Seconded by _____, that we adjourn the Environmental Sustainability Committee at ____:____am to meet again on _____, 2022 at ____:____ or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

Donna Funston

From: Margaret Mercer
Sent: Saturday, March 5, 2022 9:18 AM
To: Donna Funston; Denise Holmes
Subject: Fwd: Municipal Energy Symposium - Program Release

Please add this to our ESC agenda for March 18.

MMercer

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From: AMO Events <events@amo.on.ca>
Date: March 5, 2022 at 7:02:04 AM EST
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March 5, 2022



Municipal Energy Symposium

March 31 - April 1, 2022

Program Released

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Local Authority Services (LAS) are excited to pre only event focused on opportunities for the municipal sector to address climate change and energy cons through innovations in municipal services.

The Symposium will be scheduled over the mornings of March 31 and April 1. The following year's program. For detailed information on panelists and topics, please click [here](#).

Thursday, March 31

9:00am Opening Remarks

9:05am Keynote Speaker on Climate Change: Dr. Sarah Burch, University of Waterloo

9:30am Session 1: Ontario's Energy Transition – The Role of Businesses & Communities

10:15am Session 2: Planning for Climate Change at the Local Level

10:50am Break

11:00am Session 3: Natural Gas DSM and Municipalities

11:30am Session 4: Energy Efficiency in Your Community

12:25pm Closing Remarks

Friday, April 1, 2022

9:00am Opening Remarks

9:05am Session 1: Low Carbon and NETZero Buildings

10:00am Session 2: Meeting Municipal Clean Energy Needs

10:20am Session 3: London Hybrid Heating Pilot Project

10:45am Break

10:55am Session 4: AMO & LAS in Energy [Subject to Change]

11:15am Session 5: WR Community Energy: Investing in Waterloo Region's Energy Future

11:45am Session 6: Energy Transformation – Perspectives in the North

12:25pm Closing Remarks

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Donna Funston

From: Scott Martin <smartin@dufferincounty.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 3:13 PM
To: Donna Funston
Subject: RE: phrag
Attachments: FW: NEW National Phragmites Conference --Save the Date

Hello Donna

I'm not the expert on how a weed gets on the Noxious weed list. This is a good question for our Weed Inspector or Mike Cowbrough.

Mike Cowbrough
Weed Specialist (Field Crops)
Chief Inspector (Weed Control Act)
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
519-820-2336

Phragmites is on the invasive list. Maybe the committee should look at all the invasive on the list and determine a wholistic approach. I recommend starting with finding and mapping all the locations on Municipal land and then determine an approach to deal with phragmites. This is particularly important to control the spread in the road allowance. Once council is on board to treat the road allowance the next issue is private property. This is more difficult. Educating land owners is likely the first step but then someone need to be creative.

At Dufferin we started by mapping all the locations and measuring the length and width of each area. Then we started a spraying program to control the spread. Once the weeds were dead we attempted to cut the Phragmites with a tractor with and long reach mower. The cutting helped with the sight line issues but the reach was not sufficient to cut to the property line. We were very successful in 2020 and majority of the areas were not an issue in 2021. That said we missed some areas and were not able to get a contractor in to spray for 2021. I have been told that it takes 3 years of spraying to control phrag. We had fantastic results with one year of spraying. I was very happy with the results but we did miss some areas when mapping and missed a respray of some areas in 2021. We will get them this year. Planning to re-map this year. Our approach does not get the private property. PW's limit is the property line.

There are good resources and groups that have had success.

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/invasive-phragmites-best-management-practices>

<https://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/where-we-work/ontario/our-work/stewardship/fighting-phragmites.html>

<https://www.lakehuron.ca/brucedale>

Hopefully some of this is helpful. Caroline Mach will likely have some good information and advice.

Regards

Scott Martin

From: Donna Funston <dfunston@melancthontownship.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 11:39 AM
To: Scott Martin <smartin@dufferincounty.ca>
Subject: phrag

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Hi Scott

I am the Secretary of the Environmental Sustainability Committee for Melancthon and the committee is putting together a plan to try to fight Phrag in the Township. I was on the County website and Phrag is not listed as a noxious weed and therefore doesn't fall under the Weed Inspector. Do you have any suggestions for the Committee in dealing with this issue?

Also do you know how a specific weed gets included on the Noxious list?

Thanks,
Donna



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Property owners in Dufferin County are responsible for destroying noxious weeds on their property that may have an impact on agricultural or horticultural land.

The [Weed Control Act of Ontario](#) states that all property owners are responsible for destroying noxious weeds on their property unless the weeds or weed seeds are deemed by the Weed Inspector to be far enough away from any land used for agricultural or horticultural purposes that they do not interfere with that use.

Dufferin County acts on behalf of the municipalities of Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Grand Valley, Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur, and Shelburne in controlling noxious weeds. Residents of the Town of Orangeville should visit the [Town's website](#) for information on their weed control program.

The following are designed as noxious weeds under the Weed Control Act.

- Black Dog-Strangling Vine
- Bull Thistle
- Canada Thistle
- Coltsfoot
- Common Barberry
- Common Crupina
- Cypress Spurge
- Dodder
- Dog-Strangling Vine
- European Buckthorn
- Giant Hogweed
- Jointed Goatgrass
- Knapweed
- Kudzu
- Leafy Spurge
- Poison Hemlock
- Poison Ivy
- Ragweed
- Serrated Tussock
- Smooth Bedstraw
- Sow Thistle
- Tansy Ragweed
- Wild Chervil
- Wild Parsnip
- Woolly Cupgrass

For more information on the Weed Control Act, please visit the [Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs website](#).

If a property owner fails to comply with the Act, the County's Weed Inspector may have the weeds destroyed and charge the costs against the land in taxes.

If you have any questions, or to report a violation of the Weed Control Act, contact Scott Martin at 519.941.2816 ext. 2603 or email smartin@dufferincounty.ca.