

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

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a Special electronic meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. to receive advice that is subject to Solicitor/Client Privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose regarding a Notices of Libel served on the Township. Deputy Mayor Dave Besley, Councillor Margaret Mercer, Councillor James McLean and Councillor Bill Neilson were present. Mayor Darren White was absent with prior notice. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, and Grant Ferguson, Township Solicitor for this matter were also present. Deputy Mayor Besley presided and called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

### **Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Deputy Mayor Besley shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council approve the Agenda as circulated. Carried.

### **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

Deputy Mayor Besley advised that disclosure of pecuniary interest can be declared at this time or anytime throughout the meeting by giving the general nature thereof and that declarations must be submitted to the Clerk in writing.

Councillor Mercer declared an interest for the reason that: I have served the Libel Notice.

### **General Business/Closed Session**

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 12:05 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason: to receive advice that is subject to Solicitor/Client Privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose regarding a Notices of Libel served on the Township. Carried.

Councillor Mercer advised that she was leaving the meeting, as she had to work and would not be coming back.

### **Rise With Report**

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that we rise from Closed Session at 12:47 p.m. with report. Carried.

The Report is that directives were given in the Closed Session Meeting to the Township's Solicitor.

### **Confirmation By-law**

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that leave be given to introduce a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon at its meeting held on April 13, 2022 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 21-2022. Carried.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean that we adjourn this Special Meeting of Council at 12:48 p.m. Carried.

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MAYOR

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CLERK