

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Environmental Sustainability Committee held a meeting on April 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. electronically through ZOOM. The following members were present: Chair; Margaret Mercer, Mayor White and Councillor Neilson. Also present was: Donna Funston, Secretary Environmental Sustainability Committee.

1. Chair Mercer called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Chair Mercer read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

- Moved by White, Seconded by Neilson, that the Agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

Addition: Honeybees Discussion under Environmental Day in June.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Delegations

None.

6. Approval of Draft Minutes – March 18, 2022

Deferred until May meeting.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

8. General Business

1. Environmental Sustainability Day in June

Member Neilson reports this winter was hard on honeybees due to a mite attack, discussion regarding honeybees and including that in the presentation on Environmental Sustainability Day. June 4, 2022 will be Environmental Sustainability Day in Melancthon, this day will bring an online program through ZOOM from 9 am – 12 or 1 pm with presentations lasting about 15-20 minutes each. Possibilities to be included in the presentations are; Sara Wicks, County of Dufferin regarding Climate Change, NVCA,

Phragmites, Bats, Sustainable Products and Beekeeping. Member Neilson will handle the beekeeping session, Member White will handle the County of Dufferin with Sara Wicks climate change session and Chair Mercer will send emails to invite the others. All members to report back at the May meeting.

Recommendation:

The Environmental Sustainability Committee recommends that June 4, 2022 be declared as Environmental Sustainability Day in Melancthon.

2. Phragmites Mapping

Discussion about Phragmites and that education is the biggest piece to help deal with this problem. Suggestion was made to put out flyers to inform and educate people and also to set up a map at the Township Office and as residents report phragmites staff could map the areas accordingly. NVCA and GRCA could possibly give us information to hand out for educational purposes and the Committee could possibly have a pamphlet to hand out on June 25 at the Horning's Mills Hall on Melancthon Day. Chair Mercer offered to talk with Scott Martin, Public Works Operations Manager, County of Dufferin regarding Phragmites and Invasive Species.

3. Toronto Star Article – Canada's Most Invasive Plant, Phragmites

Committee thought this was a good read article.

4. Other/Addition(s)

None.

9. Confirmation of Meeting

- Moved by White, Seconded by Neilson, 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

- Moved by Mercer, Seconded by Neilson, that we adjourn the Environmental Sustainability Committee at 10:36 a.m. to meet again on Friday May 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY