

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Environmental Sustainability Committee held a meeting on March 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. electronically through ZOOM. The following members were present: Chair; Margaret Mercer and Councillor McLean. Also present was: Donna Funston, Secretary Environmental Sustainability Committee. Mayor White was absent.

1. Chair Mercer called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Chair Mercer read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

- Moved by McLean, Seconded by Mercer, that the Agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Delegations

None.

6. Approval of Draft Minutes – January 7, 2022

Deferred until April meeting, Councillor McLean did not attend the February meeting and cannot take part in the motion to approve.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

8. General Business

1. AMO Municipal Energy Symposium – Program Release

Discussion regarding attending the March 31 and April 1 event. It was decided that Chair Mercer and Councillor McLean would each attend portions of this event as time permitted. Direction for Donna to find out the cost and how to register to attend the meeting.

2. Email from Scott Martin Regarding Phragmites Suggestions and Noxious Weed List

Suggestion was made to do a road tour with Council, Craig and the ESC Committee to locate phrag, educate and start mapping areas. Possibly have volunteers help to identify problem areas.

RECOMMENDATION: The Environmental Sustainability Committee recommends engaging in a mapping process with the Roads Department to identify where phrag is located in Melancthon and how to deal with the areas. Mapping and tracking has to be done consistently to be effective. Educating the residents is a key component.

3. Environmental Sustainability Day in June

This will be the first Saturday in June, June 4, 2022. Hoping to have the event in the Horning's Mills Hall in person this year and to include exhibits, demonstrations, vendor tables, sustainable farming practices – bees, bats, green products. Would like the event to be interactive and interesting for children to attend. Committee would like to have Sara Wicks, Manager of Climate and Energy, Public Work Department County of Dufferin attend and speak about green vehicles and the charging stations within the County. Discussed a Pollinator Garden and that it should be planted in May. Suggested that these gardens be located in the Horning's Mills Park and the Corbetton Park and that the ESC Committee and Craig could work together to pick a spot at the Parks for the gardens to be planted.

4. Link for Presentation on Phragmites – Video Content Summary <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQ7mlow3lDg>

Chair Mercer gave a brief summary of the webinar. Cutting phrag deals with the site line issue but chemical is the only way to kill it.

5. Other/Addition(s)

It was noted that June 25, 2022 will be Melancthon Day, this is organized by the Park Board and the Horning's Mills Hall Board.

9. Confirmation of Meeting

- Moved by McLean, Seconded by Mercer, 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 McLean, Seconded by Mercer, that we adjourn the Environmental Sustainability Committee at 10:37 a.m. to meet again on Friday April 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY