

**TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON  
PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEAL COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 20, 2021 – 2:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Deputy Mayor Dave Besley, Chair  
Mayor Darren White  
Councillor Wayne Hannon  
Councillor Margaret Mercer  
Councillor James McLean

**Staff Present**

Denise B. Holmes, CAO/Clerk  
Chris Johnston, By-law and Property Standards Officer  
Donna Funston, Admin and Finance Assistant

**Appellant Present**

Naval Gupta

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Besley.

**Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Chair Besley shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

Chair 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. There were no declarations declared.

**Hearing Matter**

Denise Holmes advised that the purpose of the meeting today was to deal with the appeal of Mr. Naval Gupta on the Order to Remedy Violation for 682424 260 Sideroad, issued by the By-law Enforcement and Property Standards Officer, Chris Johnston on November 11, 2021.

Chris Johnston identified himself as the By-law Enforcement Officer and Property Standards Officer for the Township of Melancthon and provided the background details relating to the Order to Remedy Violation issued on November 11, 2021. A complaint was received by the Township of Melancthon about an abandoned bus on 682424 260 Sideroad and he attended the property. He issued the following Order and the Violation was set out in Schedule A as follows: Description of the Violation under By-law 27-2019: "wrecked, dismantled, unlicensed, unplated, derelict and abandoned vehicles, machinery, campers, trucks, tractors, construction equipment, buses, streetcars, trailers, boats and any other similar types of items shall not be parked, stored or left on a property that is not otherwise exempt from the requirements of this By-law, unless it is necessary for and ancillary to the operation of a business enterprise or farm use lawfully situated on the property". Location - that the front yard facing 260 Sideroad displays a derelict and abandoned bus. Remedy – remove derelict vehicle from

property.

The Appellant was given a chance to give his evidence and spoke about the abandoned bus. He advised the committee of his intentions with it and that he moved it there while he was waiting on MTO to give approval for an entrance to the 25 acres that he owns fronting on Highway 10 and once he gets the entrance in, it would be moved to that location. He wants to use the bus for future revenue for advertising and thought he could use it for camping. He said that he talked to the owner of the scrapyard and he said he could put it there for the time being.

The Members of the Appeal Committee were then permitted to ask questions of the appellant and By-law Officer.

When there were no further questions, Mr. Gupta was put in the waiting room at 2:40 p.m. so that the Appeal Committee could deliberate on the matter. At 2:48 p.m., Mr. Gupta was permitted back into the meeting.

The Property Standards Committee decided to:

1. Uphold the Property Standards Order issued on November 11, 2021
2. Amend the date to bring the property into a condition of compliance in accordance with the Order issued on November 11, 2022 and per the prescribed standards as set out in the Property Standards By-law on or before January 4, 2022.

### **Adjournment**

Hearing adjourned at 2:49 p.m.