

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Environmental Sustainability Committee held a meeting on August 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. electronically through ZOOM. The following members were present: Chair; Councillor 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 10:00 a.m

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Chair Mercer read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

**Additions: 8.5 – Environmental Canada Pamphlet
8.6 – Invasive Species Asian Spotted Fly**

- Moved by White, Seconded by Neilson, 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 – May 13, 2022 & May 31, 2022

-Moved by Neilson, Seconded by White, the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee held on May 13, 2022 be approved as circulated. Carried.

-Moved by White, Seconded by Neilson the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee held on May 31, 2022 be approved as circulated. Carried.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

8. General Business

1. Township of Mulmur Resolution regarding Climate Emergency

Member White noted that the County is bringing a report in response to this motion. Sara Wicks will be doing the report. The Committee decided to wait to comment until this report is received.

2. Hydro One Amendments to Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities

Discussion regarding the report and that this is a good report for information.

3. Phragmites Mapping

It is noted that the Phragmites are now a fair height and the areas can start to be mapped out. Member Neilson will do north of County Road 21, Riverview and Corbetton, Chair Mercer will do south of County Road 21 and Member White will make note as to where he sees it. On the map it will be marked as low, medium or high density and the closest emergency number noting the size of the patch and photos if possible.

4. Other/Addition(s)

Discussion on Environmental Sustainability Day and that attendance was low, speakers were good but not many members of the public were in attendance. Next year the Committee will discuss having the event in person.

5. Environment Canada Pamphlet

Environment Canada mailed out a pamphlet about bird species, discussion on climate change and how it affects many things. Farming practices can change habitat for birds for example; when the hay is cut they seem to move just like grasslands being cut affect bird habitats as well.

6. Invasive Species Asian Spotted Fly

The Asian Spotted Fly comes from China, in the USA it came in on stone shipments from China. The concern around this is that it affects fruit orchards primarily grape vines. The Niagara Region is now being watched and it could be devastating as this fly hops from plant to plant and doesn't actually fly. The grape vine seems to be the favourite plant.

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 Neilson, Seconded by White, that we adjourn the Environmental Sustainability Committee at 10:27 a.m. to meet again on Friday September 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY