

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Heritage Advisory Committee held a meeting on April 3rd, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present: Chair Ralph Moore, Member James McLean, Todd McIntosh, Kristine Pedicone, Dennis Scace and Douglas Read, also present was Kaitlin Chessell, Heritage Advisory Committee Secretary. Vice-Chair Tracey Webber was absent. Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair Moore shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

Additions:

- 1) Discussion about Meetings Remaining In-Person or Virtual
- 2) Scheduling a Visit to the Dufferin County Museum

Moved by Pedicone, Seconded by Scace that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

Approval of Draft Minutes

Moved by McLean, Seconded by McIntosh that the minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 7th, 2023 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

No declaration declared at this time.

General Business

1. Amendment of Terms of Reference

Moved by Read, Seconded by Pedicone that the Terms of Reference for the Heritage Advisory Committee be amended to reflect the change of the membership to consist of a Chair and Vice-Chair along with Five Additional Members. Carried.

2. Review Information on One Room Schoolhouses Provided to Chair Moore from Member of the Public and Information from the Museum of Dufferin's Website

Chair Moore had pictures and documents for the 17 schoolhouses (#16 did not have any information) from Melancthon Township, that he presented to the Committee. The Committee split up the schoolhouses amongst themselves and each are responsible for

doing research about their assigned schoolhouses and bringing it back to the next meeting.

Chair Moore – Schoolhouses #8, #13 and #18
Vice-Chair Webber – Schoolhouses #5 and #17
Member McIntosh – Schoolhouses #4, #9 and #11
Member McLean – Schoolhouses #7 and #12
Member Pedicone – Schoolhouses #1, #2 and #3
Member Read – Schoolhouses #6 and #14
Member Scafe – Schoolhouses #10 and #15

3. Discussion Surrounding a Bursary for the History Department at CDDHS

The Committee discussed doing an essay writing contest with the students at CDDHS where students would research a topic of the Committees choosing which would benefit the Committee by providing us with heritage research about Melancthon Township and give them a bursary with an amount determined by the Committee. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

4. Discuss How to Present Information on One Room Schoolhouses AND Further Items of Interest to the Public

The Committee discussed that they would like community involvement in the one room schoolhouses as a lot of people in the community may have attended or taught at these schools. The Committee would like to advertise on the Township Facebook page that we are looking to collect information and do interviews about the Schoolhouses. The Committee would also like to have a sign-up sheet at Melancthon Day for people to leave there contact information if they are interested in being interviewed. Each member of the Committee is going to provide two interview questions they would like to be asked during interviews about the schoolhouses.

5. Feedback from Member McLean on his Contact at CDDHS and any Feedback about Student Involvement in Committee Research

Member McLean is going to speak to the high school about students wanting to volunteer with the Heritage Committee to help with research in exchange for volunteer hours. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

6. Review Heritage Plaque Program

It was discussed that the Committee would like to present plaques to residents at Melancthon Day to help promote the program. Staff was directed to reach out to Shelburne Memorials and see the deadline to have a plaque order in to receive them by Melancthon Day.

7. Discussion about the Boards Involvement on Melancthon Day

This was discussed above under General Business Items #4 and #6.

8. Other/Addition

1) Discussion about Meetings Remaining In-Person or Virtual

The Committee discussed that they would like to mainly hold to meetings over zoom but meet periodically in person.

2) Scheduling a Visit to the Dufferin County Museum

The Committee is hoping to have its next meeting at the Dufferin County Museum to do research and see what information is available. Staff was directed to reach out to Laura Camilleri, Archivist at the Museum of Dufferin to find a few dates that work for her and then schedule a date with the Committee.

Delegations

None.

Recommendations to Council

None.

Public Question Period

None.

Confirmation Motion

Moved by McLean, Seconded by McIntosh that all actions of the Members and Officers of the Heritage Advisory Committee with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Board on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; and each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Board Members at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. Carried.

Adjournment

7:47 p.m. - Moved by Pedicone, Seconded by Read that we adjourn this Heritage Advisory Committee meeting to meet again at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY