


CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

MINUTES OF HERITAGE COMMITTEE August 11, 2025

The Township of Melancthon Heritage Advisory Committee held an electronic meeting on August 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm. The following members were present: Chair Kristine Pedicone, Vice -Chair Todd McIntosh, Members James McLean and David Thwaites.

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- ✓ 1. **Call to Order-** Chair Pedicone called the meeting to Order and confirmed that the meeting was being recorded and would be posted to the Township website.
 2. **Land Acknowledgement-** Chair Pedicone shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.
 3. **Agenda-** Moved by James McLean, seconded by Todd McIntosh that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.
 4. **Minutes of June 9, 2025-** Moved by Dennis Scace, seconded by James McLean that the Minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee held on June 9, 2025 be approved as circulated. Carried.
 5. **Business Arising – None**
 6. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest-** None
 7. **General Business**

A. **New-** None

B. **Unfinished Business-**

1. **One Room School House Project**

-James McLean reported that he had reviewed the draft submissions and had made several changes. He is to forward the draft to Todd for comment before finalizing the draft Book. Todd is to review the draft Book with a view to perhaps adding the Dufferin Museum Notes on select Section Schools to supplement what has been shared in the draft Book.

The proposal for circulation of the Book is to first have it posted to the Township website as a digital book. Persons with interest in the Book could provide their own "stick" to download the Book if they so wish. Access to the Library, Museum and Schools would be offered digitally and perhaps in hardcopy.

Target date- September, 2025.

2. **Photos from Centennial of One Room Schools**

- Chair Pedicone reported that she will be attending the Township Office to further completion of hanging of the Photos.

3. **James Beachall Award**

- James McLean reported that the Award had been presented to Miss French.

4. Melancthon Military War Veterans Project-

- Members commented on the draft Submissions prepared and circulated by Member Thwaites on the WW1 veterans who had died during the War. David provided a context and review for the Submissions noting the challenges with access to records for World War 2 and also some of the limitations in finding records. He advised that he had accessed the names of other Melancthon residents who served and survived the War but the list is not complete. He has offered to complete the Submission for the WW2 vets who paid the ultimate sacrifice and together, with the assistance of the other Committee members, compile a list of all Melancthonites who served in whatever war/conflict for Canada. It may well be that the project will take some time given the need to access names and records.

It is hoped that that at the very least some of the Submissions can be used/made available for the Cenotaph service in Hornings Mills in November, 2025 and the information shared using different methods, for example Poster Boards. It is definitely recommended that the names of all those who were from Melancthon and paid the ultimate sacrifice be read not just those named on the Hornings Mills cenotaph.

James McLean will contact the Hall Board to facilitate arrangements for the Cenotaph service and discuss ways to share the information.

All members are to provide Member Thwaites with the names of those war veterans from Melancthon.

5. Communication- Chair Pedicone has asked that all Members acknowledge receipt of any communication referencing the Committee so that we ensure no miscommunication.

8. Recommendations to Council- James McLean will be advising Counsel on the request for the digital book on the One Room Schoolhouse.

9. Public Question Period- none

10. Confirmation Motion-

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

11. **Adjournment- 7:15 pm-** Moved by James McLean, seconded by Todd mcIntosh be it resolved that we adjourn this Heritage Advisory Committee meeting to meet again on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

Chair

Secretary