

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE- JANUARY 12, 2026

The Township of Melancthon heritage Advisory committee held an electronic meeting on January 12, 2026 at 6:30 pm. The following members were present: Members Todd McIntosh, James Mclean, Janet Burke and David Thwaites.

1. **Call to Order-** Vice-Chair McIntosh called the meeting to order and confirmed that the meeting was being recorded and would be posted to the Township website.
2. **Land Acknowledgement-** Vice Chair McIntosh shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.
3. **Agenda-**Moved by James Mclean, seconded by Janet Burke, be it resolved that the Agenda be approved as circulated, as amended. Carried.
4. **Minutes of November 17, 2025-** Moved by Todd McIntosh, seconded by James Mclean, be it resolved that the Minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on November 17, 2025 be approved as circulated. Carried.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes-** none
6. **Declaration of pecuniary interest or conflict of Interest –** none
7. **General Business-** none

(1) New/other/Addition-

1. **Heritage Week 2026-** Discussion about possible “project’ focus for Melancthon Township Heritage Week, February, 2026. As with 2025 Heritage Week the hope would be to have the Township post daily on Facebook a photo(s) from a theme referencing Melancthon history. Consensus that for 2026 an effort would be made to locate photos of old Mills/water “industries”. Member Burke will try access photos from the Museum of Dufferin that we might use with a brief statement on the history. Member Thwaites has offered to assist. The information will be provided to Township staff at least one week before Heritage Week.

(2) Unfinished Business

1. **One room Schoolhouse project update-** Vice Chair McIntosh updated the Committee. Since November the Report on Section Schools up to #9 have been provided. He will be providing the Reports for a further four schools before the end of January, 2026.
2. **Water History project-** Member Burke provided an update on her efforts to coordinate with the Museum of Dufferin to obtain information relating to the Mills and the history. She will provide an update to the Committee following her meeting with the Museum rep.
3. **Reeve/Mayor/Council:** Member Thwaites confirmed that the Heritage Tab on the Melancthon website has been updated to add the post on the History of members of Township Council dating back to 1853.

4. **Military War Veterans Project-** Member Thwaites confirmed that he had circulated to the Committee members a 28 page Memorandum on the Melancthon men who had served in WW1 and “come home”. The Committee authorized Member Thwaites to forward the document to Township staff to be added to the Melancthon Heritage tab.

5. **War Veteran’s posters-** Member Mclean reported on his discussions with Council and Township staff on completing the Poster project. There had been some concern expressed about the space available to permanently display the Posters. The question was whether we should proceed with the project and the expenditure of the required funds. The Committee directed Member Mclean to move forward with completing the assembly of the posters/frames. The consensus was that the Committee wanted to complete the project as otherwise the purpose would be frustrated. As for the display of the Posters it was noted that the posters could be rotated on display at the Hall and all would be displayed for Remembrance day. There was also discussion of making the Poster display available for use in other forums, including perhaps schools, the Shelburne Legion and the Museum.

8 **Recommendations to Council – None**

9 **Public Question period-** none

10 **Confirmation Motion –** Moved by Member McLean, seconded by Member McIntosh be it resolved 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 be hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; and each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Board members and officers at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. Carried.

11 **Chair Election:** The Committee, in light of the decision of Chair Pedicone to resign as of December 31, 2025, appointed Member McLean to be the Chair.

12 **Adjournment-** Moved by Member McIntosh, seconded by Member Burke that the Meeting be adjourned to the next meeting scheduled for March 9, 2026 at 6:30 pm or at the call of the Chair. Carried. Meeting concluded at approximately 7:15 pm