

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Environmental Sustainability Committee held a meeting on January 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. electronically through ZOOM. The following members were present: Chair; Margaret Mercer, Wayne Hannon and Darren White. Also present were: Donna Funston, Environmental Sustainability Committee.

- 1. Member Hannon nominated Chair Mercer to continue as Chair. Mercer accepted.**

Chair Mercer nominated Hannon for Vice-Chair. Hannon accepted.

- 2. Chair Mercer called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m**

- 3. Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Chair Mercer read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

- 4. Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda**

- Moved by Hannon, Seconded by White, that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

- 5. Delegations**

- 6. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest**

None.

- 7. Approval of Draft Minutes – December 3, 2021**

- Moved by Hannon, Seconded by White, the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee held on December 3, 2021 be approved as circulated. Carried.

- 8. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- 9. General Business**

- 1. ESC Plan**

Chair Mercer reviewed the ESC Draft Plan with the Committee. Discussion around Sustainability Day, Invasive Species including Phrag and Pollinator gardens being included in places such as the Municipal Office, Horning's Mills and Corbetton. It was suggested that the pollinator gardens be planted quite dense so no weeding would be required and no chemicals would be used. Some pruning would be needed to keep the

gardens under control. Phrag is a concern in the Township and direction is to invite Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent to the February meeting to discuss Phrag on certain lands. It was noted that the GRCA and NVCA sell seedling trees in the spring relatively cheap. Discussion around partnering with a Nursery in regards to tree planting, the use of bat boxes to control mosquitos, the use of bird houses and duck boxes on wetlands. Discussion on a Melancthon clean up day which would occur before the Sustainability Day, this will be discussed further next month during the Road Superintendent Delegation. Chair Mercer requests the ESC Plan be on the next Council Agenda.

2. Request for Data to Improve Ontario's Tallgrass Geospatial Database

Direction is to invite Jennifer Neill as a Delegation to the February meeting to explain her request regarding Tallgrass in Ontario.

3. Other/Addition(s)

10. Confirmation of Meeting

- Moved by Hannon, Seconded by White, 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.

11. Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

- Moved by Hannon, Seconded by White, that we adjourn the Environmental Sustainability Committee at 10:36 a.m. to meet again on Friday February 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY