# TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEAL COMMITTEE JUNE 6, 2022 – 2:30 P.M. MINUTES

# **Members Present**

Deputy Mayor Dave Besley, Chair Mayor Darren White Councillor Margaret Mercer Councillor James McLean Councillor Bill Neilson

### **Staff Present**

Denise B. Holmes, CAO/Clerk Chris Johnston, By-law and Property Standards Officer Donna Funston, Admin and Finance Assistant

## **Appellant Present**

David Miller
Mark Tijssen (he was assisting the appellant)

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Besley.

### **Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Chair Besley shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement

# **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

Chair Besley advised that disclosure of pecuniary interest can be declared at this time or anytime throughout the meeting by giving the general nature thereof and that declarations must be submitted to the Clerk in writing. There were no declarations declared.

# Approval of Draft Minutes – December 20, 2021

Moved by Mercer, Seconded by McLean that the Property Standards Appeal Committee approve the minutes of the Hearing on December 20, 2021 as circulated. Carried.

### **Hearing Matter**

Chair Besley advised that the purpose of the meeting today was to deal with the appeal of Mr. David Miller on the Order to Remedy Violation for 097545 4<sup>th</sup> Line SW, issued by the By-law Enforcement and Property Standards Officer, Chris Johnston on May 2, 2022.

Chris Johnston identified himself as the By-law Enforcement Officer and Property Standards Officer for the Township of Melancthon and provided the background details relating to the Order to Remedy Violation issued on May 2, 2022. A complaint was received by the Township of Melancthon on April 22, 2022 about numerous vehicles on the property and he attended the property on April 27, 2022 at 10:05 a.m. He issued an Order and the Violations were set out in Schedule A, that is attached to these minutes.

The Appellant was given a chance to give his evidence and spoke about the vehicles on the property and the condition of his home and advised that he has a 20-yard dumpster at the property and has shipped out 20 vehicles.

The Members of the Appeal Committee were then permitted to ask questions of the appellant and By-law Enforcement Officer.

When there were no further questions, Mr. Miller and Mr. Tijssen were put in the waiting room at 3:01 p.m. so that the Appeal Committee could deliberate on the matter. At 3:29 p.m., Mr. Miller and Mr. Tijssen were permitted back into the meeting.

The Property Standards Committee decided to:

- 1. Uphold the Property Standards Order issued on May 2, 2022
- 2. Amend the date to bring the property into a condition of compliance in accordance with the Order issued on May 2, 2022 and per the prescribed standards as set out in the Property Standards By-law 27-2019 on or before July 30, 2022. The By-law Enforcement Officer will attend the property, every two weeks, commencing on June 20, 2022 to monitor the progress being made and report back to the Committee.
- 3. Have Staff at the Township of Melancthon set up a meeting with Mayor Darren White, Chris Johnston, By-law Enforcement Officer, David Miller, Mark Tijssen and a Representative from Shelburne Iron and Metal to meet and develop a plan to get Mr. Miller into compliance with the Order to Remedy issued on May 2, 2022, by the date of July 30, 2022.

# **Adjournment**

Hearing adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

# Schedule "A"

No.	By-Law No. (27-2019) Reference	Description of Violation	Location and Remedy
1	4.1	The owner of property in the Township of Melancthon shall repair and maintain the property in accordance with the standards prescribed by the By-law. Such repair shall include the posting of the correct municipal address or six digit emergency number, whichever is applicable, at a location on the property clearly visible to emergency vehicles.	Location: The property address is missing from the highway.  Remedy: Install the emergency number as described
2	5.4	Wrecked, discarded, dismantled, unlicensed, unplated, derelict and abandoned vehicles, machinery, campers, trucks, tractors, construction equipment, buses, streetcars, trailers, boats and any other similar types of items shall not be parked, stored or left on a property that is not otherwise exempt from the requirements of this By-law, unless it is necessary for and ancillary to the operation of a business enterprise or farm use lawfully situated on the property.	Location: The entire yard of the property displays approximately one hundred (100+) plus vehicles including but not limited to: sedans, pickup trucks, campers, tractor trailer beds, trailers, motorcycles in a dismantled, wrecked and derelict state.  Remedy: Remove vehicles as described, and/or make the vehicles road worthy.
5.	5.1 All yards and vacant property shall be kept clean and free from rubbish and other debris and from objects or conditions that might create a health, fire or accident hazard to any occupants, or a hazard or detriment to the environment, or surface or ground water.  Open, non-forested areas of all yards shall be graded so that a permanent grass cover can be established and maintained, and all reasonable means shall be employed to prevent erosion and sedimentation, control weeds and present an orderly and well-kept appearance.		Location: The entire property exhibits, junk, debris, refuse and rubbish scattered throughout the yard and in and around the main dwelling. Items include but are not limited to: household waste, scrap metal, debris, tires, batteries, pool equipment, barrels, pales, rims, bathtubs, lumber, chemicals etc.  Remedy: Remove and dispose of the above

			mentioned.
6.	7.1	Steps, walks, driveways, parking spaces and other similar areas shall be maintained so as to afford safe passage under customary use and weather conditions.	Location: The staircases and porch areas of the main dwelling contain household waste, refuse, debris and garbage. Preventing any person from accessing the building.
			Remedy: Remove the debris and waste to afford safe passage
7.	14.1	Exterior walls, roofs, chimneys, eaves, foundations, doors, shutters, balconies, porches, exterior steps or stairs, ramps and signs appurtenant to or attached to any building or structure shall be maintained so as to be free of defects which may constitute possible accident hazards.	Location: The main dwelling shows eavestroughing which has become detached or completely missing.  Remedy:
8	14.2	Every part of any building shall be maintained in a safe and structurally sound condition so as to be capable of sustaining safely its own weight and any additional weight as may be put on it through normal use. Building materials which have been damaged or show evidence of rot or other deterioration shall be repaired or replaced	Install/replace the eavestroughing throughout  Location: The exterior deck and main staircase have become
9.	14.3	Exterior building walls and components shall be maintained in good repair free from cracked, broken, rotten, loose or warped masonry, stucco and other defective cladding or trim.	rotted and unsafe for normal passage way, as missing boards and stairs treads were missing.  Remedy: Make repair to the aforementioned area or remove entirely.
			Location: The exterior walls of the building have become weathered due to the siding not replaced. The plywood has become weathered due to prolonged

	exposure.
	Remedy: Make repair to the area by installing side and/or replacing the plywood and siding.
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