

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE- SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

The Township of Melancthon Heritage Advisory Committee held an electronic meeting on September, 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm. The following members were present: Chair Kristine Pedicone, Members Janet Burke, James McLean and David Thwaites.

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 Janet Burke- that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.
4. **Minutes of August 11, 2025-** Moved by James McLean, seconded by Janet Burke- that the Minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee held on August 11, 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 Schoolhouse Project- Member McLean reported that member McIntish was reviewing the draft. Once reviewed and after any final editing, Member McLean is to seek to have the "Book" posted to the Township website with the cooperation and assistance of Township staff. Member Thwaites has volunteered to assist staff with whatever is required to facilitate the Heritage project posting. The intention will be, on receiving confirmation of the posting to the website to promote/advise of the project on Township facebook/mail chimp.
 2. Photos of Section Schools – Chair Pedicone reported that municipal staff is coordinating the hanging of the Section School photos at the Township office.
 3. Military War Veterans Project- Member Thwaites shared the plan to have Phase One of the Project being the Melancthon War Vets Who Paid the Ultimate Sacrifice, the project having been previously circulated, posted to the Township website in coordination with municipal staff. The posting once done would be promoted in the same manner as the Schoolhouse project, namely the Township facebook and mail chimp. Member Thwaites will coordinate with Township staff whatever is needed to facilitate. It is further intended to have the names of all the Melancthon vets who paid the ultimate sacrifice read at the Remembrance Day Service, not just those named on the Hornings Mills Memorial. It is further intended, as an initial step, for the Remembrance Day service to coordinate with the Hall Board the posting of four of the stories, Member McLean will coordinate, for the availability of members of the public. The Committee will review thereafter ongoing plans.

As for Phase Two of the Project, Member Thwaites advised that he is prepared to continue to try access and share the stories of the WW1 veterans from Melancthon but the ability to write the stories of those from WW2 and thereafter is limited by the lack of access to the Military Personnel records and the corresponding War Diaries.

4. Cenotaph/Memorial- Member McLean raised the prospect of having the Memorial in Hornings Mills relocated to the site of the Hornings Mills Park with a more Melancthon inclusive site erected. As this is a matter for Council to provide direction, the Committee has endorsed the recommendation that Member Mclean seek the direction and endorsement of Council on the matters of the site relocation, the scope of the project and funding options. Member Mclean will report and advise. Member Thwaites has offered to facilitate queries and research on options and costing, etc, if that will assist Township staff.
5. Future Projects- with the completion of the Schoolhouse project and Phase One of the War Veterans project there was discussion about future projects. Several possibilities were raised including the Role of Water in the History of Melancthon, the Social History of "Pioneer Melancthon" and a project on the Reeves and Mayors of Melancthon. Further discussion will be had at the next meeting to endorse a project(s).
8. **Recommendations to Council-** per Item 7.4 Member McLean to seek the advice and direction of Council.
9. **Public Question Period-** none
10. **Confirmation Motion-** Moved by James McLean, seconded by Janet Burke- 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.
11. **Adjournment-** Moved, carried, that the Meeting be adjourned to Tuesday October 14, 2025 at 6:15 pm or at the call of the Chair.