

During question period I submitted the following question. Mayor Debbie Fawcett had to ask CAO Denise Holmes what I had asked. I do not think my question was adequately addressed. Therefore, I request that a written response be given to my questions, and that it be completed prior to the next Council meeting.

Question Asked September 23, 2010:

Whereas Melancthon Council met with Plateau Wind Energy behind closed doors (in camera) and negotiated, approved, and finalized a "Road Use Agreement" and a "Road access Permit", without any public input....and

Whereas Lawyer Osyany advised Melancthon Council to NOT approve the Arron-Elderslie Bylaw.....and

Whereas nine letters I sent to CAO Denise Homes in support of the Arron-Elderslie Bylaw, were not put on the "Correspondence" section of Melancthon Township's website, but were sent to Lawyer Osyany instead...and

Whereas Skyway 8 Wind Farm, and 401 Energy are potentially receiving a Road user agreement, with no public input.....

1. Isn't Melancthon Council stacking the deck in favour of Wind Turbine Developers, by not with-holding a road use agreement and road access permit until you receive public input?
2. Isn't Melancthon Council stacking the deck in favour of Wind Turbine Developers, by not supporting the Arron Eldeslie bylaw, and not capping wind turbine development in the Draft 2010 Official Plan?

Additional Questions Submitted prior to Oct. 6, 2010 deadline:

1. Mayor Fawcett, whereas you declared a Pecuniary interest in regard to who got the contact for Gravel haulage to Township Roads.

Whereas your son allegedly drives a gravel truck for one of the aggregate companies in Melancthon.

Whereas if further gravel extraction is restricted in Melancthon due to source water protection through AEMOT...

Then, are you going to declare a conflict of interest in regard to voting for or against Amendment #17?

2. In response to Mr. Jordens statement: "You can't question the need of a pit close to market". I would like to state:

Even though you can't question the need for a sand and gravel pit, you certainly can question its location.

- a) Is it located close to residential homes, where noise levels will be 50 dBA to 55 dBA? If so, then the World Health Organizaitions 30 dBA maximum for sleep will be exceeded. With a 3 dBA increase, there is a doubling of noise. Therefore a 50 to 55 dBA is much louder than a 30 dBA or 40 dBA reading, and will not pass the MOE Noise Guideline Maximum of 40 dBA.
 - b) Is it located on Prime Agricultural land, so rehabilitation will never return the land to its current #1 Prime Agricultural Land status? Is so, the Strada application should be denied.
 - c) Have all non Prime agricultural lands, and Non Source Water lands (Margainal lands) been identified and rejected? If not, then the Strada application should be denied.
3. Without Strada's monitoring results going to Melancthon Council, then how are they going to know that their monitoring reports are complete and accurate?
 4. Why was Frank Hunt so angry about a By law officer on his property? Why did Mayor Fawcett cut him off, and say that Melancthon Council has a committee dealing with this issue? The results of monitoring this Salvage yard by a By law officer, should be public information.
 5. Why are there not notices put in all Melancthon mailboxes about upcoming meetings. The lack of notice was evident when Merv Parker stated that he went for a walk on the 3rd side road, and 10 neighbours knew nothing about the Strada Statutory meeting?
 6. Why is digging continuing without any approval of Strada's pit application?

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7. Why is Infrasound testing not being done? There is definitely vibration as a result of the screening plant.
8. Why have the Mohawk's still not been included in the application process?
9. Mr. Jorden stated that "Aggregate extraction is an existing land use". However, the Strada pit expansion is not zoned as Extraction; it is zoned as Prime Agricultural land.
10. Why is digging occurring at the Garage site, on Lot 20 Concession 1 west part? Are there gas tanks buried at this site? Is the MOE aware of this?
11. Why have 4 to 5 acres been excavated on the CBM property with no Official Plan Amendment?
12. Karen Jackson stated that Melancthon Council as well as her real estate agent, told her there was no Development occurring, prior to her home purchase on the 3rd sideroad of Melancthon. Now she finds out that there is a CBM gravel operation across the road from her property.
13. Bev Parker stated that Melancthon 's budget showed that in 2009 there was \$408,273, and in 2010 there was \$162,960. She wondered why the amount of revenue was declining. Has it anything to do with over 20 home demolitions?
14. Why is OMAFRA not giving a response, as to the destruction of Prime Agricultural Lands?
15. Why has Specialty Crop Designation been ignored in our Draft 2010 Melancthon Official Plan?
16. Why is the GRCA not protecting the Headwaters Region s identified in AEMOT? Instead they are only concentrating on the Lower Grand. The Upper Grand is much more important but is receiving little protection, from the Government agency responsible for protecting source water resources.
17. How does Melancthon Township receive the TORC tonnage reports done by professional auditors? TORC are being paid for this monitoring, however only the MNR is privy to this information.
18. There is a question if the Melancthon Council is in a Lame Duck Status. This was not clearly resolved.
19. The noise expert from Aer acoustics stated that a tree berm would not correct noise problems. Is Strada planning on putting a tree berm to stop noise, knowing it will not work?

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