

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a special meeting on the 26th day of July, 2010 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers for continuation of the 2010 Draft Official Plan Review. Mayor D. Fawcett, Deputy Mayor B. Hill, Councillor J. Crowe, and Councillor J. Elliott were present. Councillor D. White was absent. Wendy Atkinson, Administrative Assistant and Jerry Jorden, Township Planner were also present. Mayor Fawcett presided. Several members of the public were in attendance for the review.

Two additional submissions were distributed to Council that had just been received, one prepared by Margaret Walton, Partner, Planscape Inc., on behalf of NDACT Inc. and one from Janet Burke.

Mayor Fawcett welcomed those in attendance and advised that Council would be continuing the review of Section 4 - Land Use Policies. She then turned the meeting over to Mr. Jorden.

Mr. Jorden advised that there were concerns regarding the floodline mapping at the previous meeting with respect to drains being taken as straight lines and the concern of flooding beyond the floodlines. Mr. Jorden advised these lines are estimated, not engineered. Mr. Jorden's reading of the maps are that the Conservation Authority has taken 30 m on each side of a drain and in some cases 20 m. Mr. Jorden advised that if there are concerns with flooding beyond the lines then an alternative may be to put something in text stating notwithstanding these lines, if there are other areas that flood then EP applies. Discussion ensued regarding this issue. Mr. Jorden provided the members with a GRCA Sample Floodplains map and advised he would be more inclined to go with wording to cover off the concerns rather than altering the lines provided by the GRCA. Mr. Jorden then continued on reviewing the Land Use Policies, relating to the Extractive Industrial, Community and Light Industrial section. Mr. Jorden recommended keeping the Light Industrial designation even though there is only a small area below Horning's Mills.

7:00 p.m. - This concluded the policies with reference to land use designations. Mr. Jorden advised that at the next meeting he would like to cover matters that Council have left for further consideration in reviewing the document and also address the public submissions received during the review process. Mr. Jorden then advised that he would like to see the Official Plan completed in a draft form that Council is comfortable with to send to the Ministry for their comments and input. Mr. Jorden didn't feel the lame duck period should affect this as no decisions are being made.

The next meeting will be on August 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

At 7:05 p.m. the gallery were permitted questions and Harvey Lyon requested 10 minutes to speak to the members. Mr. Lyon advised that he would like Council to give clear direction to Mr. Jorden on four issues 1) inadequate growth, 2) Council's role on wind energy development, 3) silence on special crop designation and 4) handling of peer views.

Discussion ensued regarding these issues and an addition is to be made to clarify Section 4.7 (d). Discussion continued with members of Council regarding several issues including lots available for development, criteria regarding lot severance, growth and the overlay mapping. It was also mentioned that Mulmur Township does not have speciality crop designated areas but it can be applied for through an OP amendment. Questions and discussion from the gallery ensued for the remainder of the evening. Further to the discussion Mr. Jorden advised he would go back to the MNR to try and obtain further information regarding wildlife habitat and endangered species and he would also check with the Conservation Authority regarding fisheries. The meeting concluded with Mr. Jorden summarizing the OP process at the request of a member of the public.

Submissions were received from: Mike Pobjoy, Louise Marcoux Phillips, Putli and Noshir Mirza, Wanda Gordon, Gord Gallagher, Ingrid Schilling, David and Diane Cowen, Ralph and Mary Lynne Armstrong, Mary Ann Vanden Elzen, Karren Wallace and Ken Phillips, Mike Seed, Sheila Hardy, Theri McEntree, Ann and Blair Ferguson, Bill and Joan Crysdale and Marni Walsh.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, August 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK