

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a special meeting on the 15th 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, Councillor J. Elliott and Councillor D. White were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, 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.

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

Mr. Jorden gave a Preliminary Summary of where we are at the moment. We have reviewed all the Sections in the Plan with the exception of Section 4 because we were waiting on the maps. This section is broken down in sections for each designation as well as the overlay. In his letter of June 23rd, he indicates two main areas of change from existing OP and that is Environmental Protection Designation and use of the Agricultural Designation. The principle changes in the EP designation result from changes in the source mapping and in the approach to significant woodlands under the provisions of the current PPS and related MNR guidelines. He advised that he has received no information from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority. The use of an Agricultural designation is required to identify prime agricultural areas in conformity with the policies of the 2005 PPS. The agricultural designation is proposed for areas having a predominance of land with Class 1, 2 or 3 in the Canada Land Inventory Mapping. The CLI boundaries have been modified to follow lot lines so that we don't end up with a chunk of good agricultural land with no so good agricultural land. Mr. Jorden explained Schedule D - Aggregate Resource Area dealing with only primary aggregate resource areas. He spoke on the ANSI and Deer Wintering Areas and Yards. The Source Water Protection Areas he is changing to Well Head Protection Areas – there are four categories – 2, 5, 10 and 25 time of travel protection areas. There are three schedules of the Communities – Horning's Mills, Corbetton and Riverview. He used the community designation instead of individual designations. Mr. Jorden then went on to review the land use policies relating to Agricultural, Rural, Environmental Protection, Natural Areas Overlay Designations, Mineral Primary Aggregate Resource Overlay Designation and part of the Extractive Industrial section.

From 8:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - the gallery were allowed to ask questions of Mr. Jorden regarding this particular section. Also, during this time, Joan and John Lever presented a power point presentation on the "25 Problems with the Draft Official Plan".

Submissions were received from: Jim Pearse, Dennis Sanford, Roger Short, Jill Johnson, Ruth Strickland and Chris Fowler on Specialty Crop Designation in OP and a letter from Meridian Planning Consultants, on behalf of the Highland Companies, with comments on the proposed Official Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, July 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK