



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON
2009 FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER**

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Council

Council Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month commencing at 9:00 a.m. & ("NEW") - the 3rd Thursday of the month commencing at 6:00 p.m. for a period of six months from June 2009 until November 2009 when it will be reviewed for continuation. Committee of Adjustment is held the 3rd Thursday ("NEW") of the month now commencing at 5:30 p.m. for a period of six months - commencing June 2009 until November 2009.

Public Question Period is held at 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (1st Thursday meeting) and 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (3rd Thursday meeting).

Council is requesting that questions be submitted ahead of each meeting (the Friday before the scheduled meeting) so that they can be included in the Agenda Package. This will give Council adequate time to prepare an answer to each question. In the event that questions are not submitted in advance of the meeting, they may not be answered and deferred until the next meeting of Council.

Agendas and minutes of meetings are available at the Municipal Office as well as on the website.

"NEW" - correspondence and general business pertaining to each Council meeting will now be posted on the website by the close of business on Monday (before the Thursday meeting).

Road Business

Mailboxes - The Road Department will replace or repair any mailbox or post that has been physically damaged by snow removal equipment (not flying snow) provided the mailbox has been erected in accordance with the Township Policy. Please contact the Road Superintendent for more information.

Extended Road Service - Our Road Department has added an afternoon shift during the winter months which keeps main roads cleared for everyone including commuters arriving home later in the evenings.

Placing of Snow on Municipal Roads - Residents are hereby advised that pursuant to the HTA, Section 181, it is illegal to deposit ice or snow, by any means, on a roadway. Anyone who does this, may be subject to a fine.

Parking on Roads - Notice is hereby given that vehicles parked or abandoned on any Township Road Allowance so as to obstruct snow removal equipment, will be referred to the OPP and removed at the owner's expense.

Canine Control

Canine Control Services are handled by Olympus Dog Training. For dogs running at large, lost or found, please call the Municipal Office during Office Hours. For after hours, please call Olympus at 519-942-1508 and leave a message - someone will return your call.

Planning

The Highland Companies - have advised through a meeting with the Township Planner on May 27, 2009 that a quarry application for extraction below the water table will be coming in the next 3-6 months. The Township has retained Andrew Osyany as its lead legal representative pertaining to the anticipated application and has directed him to assemble a team of experts required to peer review the application and related studies as well as draft an agreement to be presented to the applicant to cover cost related items not covered by the Planning Act.

Tax/Financial Information

You can pay your taxes at the Municipal Office, TD Canada Trust and Credit Union in Shelburne, the CIBC and Credit Union in Dundalk or by mail. Payment can also be made via Internet/Telephone Banking. **If paying by Internet/Telephone Banking, please allow 3-4 business days for your payment to reach our office in order to avoid late charges.** Sorry, no debit or credit card payments accepted. The Township also accepts post-dated cheques and has a drop off box at the front door for after hours. Penalty - 1.25% per month on all unpaid taxes added the first day of the calendar month.

Where Your Tax Dollars Go - Township - 37%; County - 36%; Education - 27%

2009 Tax Rates are available on the Website

2008 Financial Statements are now available for viewing at the Municipal Office during office hours or on the website. The Municipal Performance Measurement Program Information will be available by September 30, 2009 on the website.

Fire Information

Fire Permits - If you intend to burn at your property, a fire permit must first be obtained from the Municipal Office. The cost is \$10.00 and is good for the calendar year. You do not need a permit if you are burning in a barrel but the fire must be under control at all times. Fire bans may be imposed at any time due to weather conditions. Please contact the municipal office if you are unsure as to whether it is safe to burn or not.

Smoke Alarms - Mandatory - Section 2.13 of the Ontario Fire Code states that every home in Ontario must have a **working smoke alarm** on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. It is the **owner's responsibility** to ensure smoke alarms are installed and maintained in working order. Failure to comply with this law will result in serious fines. You can purchase **Smoke Alarms** at the Municipal Office for \$15.00.

Landfill

The Township Landfill is located at 237234 4th Line NE. The hours of operation are Fridays from 12 Noon - 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Please note the change to winter hours will commence on October 2, 2009 and the landfill will be open Fridays - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday hours remain the same.**

Your 2010 Landfill Card (red) is attached to your tax bill. This card entitles you to 104 free bags of garbage this year (pro-rated at two bags per week). For occupied properties only. All household garbage must now be placed in clear or colour transparent garbage bags (26" x 36"). Green/Black garbage bags will no longer be accepted.

Reduce-Reuse-Recycle - Recycling is mandatory at the Township Landfill Site. Blue Boxes are available at the Municipal Office for \$6.00/box. We recycle the following material: co-mingle (glass/can), newsprint/magazine, cardboard and large styrofoam. These items no longer have to be separated and go into one bin.

Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Days - remaining dates for 2008 are as follows: **Sept. 12th** - ELGV Works Yard; **Oct. 3rd** - County of Dufferin Primrose Operations Centre; **Oct. 24th** - Town of Orangeville Op. Ctr.

Miscellaneous

Holiday Home Tour - November 28, 2009 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Join the Committee for a tour of five homes decorated for Christmas. Tickets - \$25.00, includes lunch. Tickets available at the Shelburne Library. All proceeds going to the Shelburne Public Library.

Good Food Box - This is a cooperative program running October-May. For the low cost of \$12.00, you receive fresh fruits and vegetables purchased by Shelburne Fresh Variety. The program is looking for volunteers to help sort and pack the produce. Please call 519-925-6293 for more information.

CANADIAN HYDRO DEVELOPERS, INC. - the Council of the Township of Melancthon wishes to acknowledge and thank CHDI for the Community Contribution received for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Melancthon Wind Project. These monies were incorporated into the 2009 budget and used for the betterment of the community, including: Road's Department Extended Service Program, Township Planner - In-House Planning Services One Day Per Month in the Township Office, Horning's Mills Main Street Reconstruction Stimulus Project; Special One-Time Reserve Fund for Emergency Relief and Physician Recruitment Fund

FEDERAL GAS TAX - the Council of the Township of Melancthon wishes to recognize and thank the Federal Government for monies received under the Gas Tax Program. A portion of the monies were used to fund the resurfacing of a portion of the 2nd Line SW

EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND - this one-time special reserve fund has been set up to help Melancthon's Ratepayers who have been faced with an economic hardship. For applications or more information, please contact the Municipal Office.