



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON 2016 FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER

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Please visit our website, <http://melancthontownship.ca/notices/2016-mayor-white-info> to read Mayor White's Newsletter regarding Township activities, financial information and more!

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Office is closed Fridays in August & Friday, Sept. 2nd)

Council

Council Meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month commencing at 5:00 pm.

Committee of Adjustment is held the 3rd Thursday of the month commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Public Question Period - is held after Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege on the agenda for a maximum of 20 minutes.

Please check the website for information on Public Question Period.

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

Correspondence and General Business pertaining to each Council meeting is posted on the website by the close of business on Monday (before the Thursday meeting). In the event that the Monday is a Statutory Holiday, the information will be posted by the close of business on the Tuesday.

Strategic Planning - Watch for upcoming public meetings and plan to attend with your input for Melancthon's future.

TAX/FINANCIAL Information - **Final Billing** (will be billed August 1, 2016) - **1st Installment Due Date: August 24, 2016 & Second Installment Due Date: November 23, 2016.** 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. (Please use the first 15 digits of your roll number on your tax bill as the account number). **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 has a drop off box at the front of the building for after hours. **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT ACCEPT DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS.**

Should you have questions regarding your property assessment, please contact MPAC directly at www.mpac.ca or 1-866-296-6722.

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 (policy posted on website). Please contact the Road Superintendent for more information.

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.

Illegal Dumping - If you witness illegal dumping please record as much information as possible and contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

SHARING THE ROAD WITH HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLES

Horse-drawn vehicles are one of the slowest moving of all road users and they can range from two-person carts to open or closed buggies carrying up to eight people. There are also large and wide farm wagons used to carry equipment, crops, and other goods. It is common to see horse-drawn vehicles in our municipality and surrounding areas. These vehicles will travel primarily on the shoulder of roadways, but may have to straddle or enter the paved lane where shoulders are narrow or no shoulder exists – such as bridge crossings. Horse-drawn vehicles on the road must display an orange and red slow-moving sign on the rear of the buggy. Also, many buggies have highly reflective tape affixed to the side and rear of the vehicle. This sign warns other drivers that the vehicle is travelling at 40 km/hr or less. The reflective tape illuminates as headlights hit the buggy. If you see a horse-drawn vehicle, be extra cautious by reducing your speed and maintaining a safe following distance – and only pass when it's safe to do so. When passing, give as much distance between you and them as you can, as passing too closely could startle or scare the horse causing it to suddenly change direction on the roadway. If you approach a horse-drawn vehicle travelling in the opposite direction, move to the far right of your lane.

Emergency Preparedness - We encourage residents to sign up for Dufferin County Emergency Management Notifications to keep you informed of watches, warnings and notices www.dufferincounty.ca/residents/emergency-services. Emergencies can occur suddenly and without warning. It is important that individuals and families prepare to be self-reliant for at least three days immediately after or during an emergency. For information on preparing for emergencies, visit Emergency Management Ontario at www.ontario.ca/emo or (416)314-3723/Toll free 24 hour line: 1-877-314-3723.

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. 2015 Dog Tags are now available at the Municipal Office - 1st dog - \$20.00; 2nd dog - \$25.00 and 3rd dog - \$60.00 Add an additional \$10.00 for each dog that is not spayed or neutered. Kennel Licence -\$150.00.

Livestock Valuer - Mike Swidersky is the Township's Livestock Valuer/Claim's Evaluator and can be reached at 519-923-9595.

Waste Services - For questions relating to waste collection, hazardous waste days and electronic goods recycling, contact the County of Dufferin Waste Management Division at **519-941-2816, ext 2620** or visit www.dufferincounty.ca/waste.

Ontario Electronic Stewardship - A bin is available at the Municipal Office for electronic recycling. Accepted electronics include desktop & portable computers, printers, mobile devices (cellular phones & pagers), televisions & monitors, audio/video systems and non-cellular telephones (corded & cordless telephones & answering machines).

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 \$15.00 (cash or cheque only) and is good for the calendar year. You do not need a fire permit to burn in a barrel, but the fire must be under control at all times. In accordance with By-law 10-2007 all persons setting open fires shall be totally responsible and liable for any damage to property occasioned by the said fire, whether or not approval has been issued. All persons setting open fires shall be liable for the cost of any fire fighting equipment and personnel necessary and called in to extinguish the said fire, if conditions of the permit are not complied with. If you are unable to attend the office during regular business hours, you can apply for a fire permit on our website, www.melancthontownship.ca/services.htm. **Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide Detectors** are mandatory and should be installed on every level of your home. Check these devices at least once a year and if an alarm is over 10 years old, it should be replaced. Consider practicing your home fire escape plan regularly. More information can be downloaded from the **Office of the Fire Marshal website** at www.ofm.gov.on.ca

Thinking of hosting a Special Event. Please check the Township website to determine if you require a license as per By-law 55-2013, a By-law to regulate and govern the holding of special events in the Township and to establish a license system for special events.

HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY HALL - The Hall is available for rent at very competitive rates for your personal or business function. For bookings please contact Hall Manager, James Webster, at 705-481-7548 or jamescarltonwebster@gmail.com. Keep up -to-date about the Hall's activities: like Horning's Mills Community Hall on Facebook, visit our website: <http://www.horningsmills.ca> or add your name to our email list by contacting info@horningsmill.ca.

Horning's Mills Hall Upcoming Events

Local chef Jason Reiner is planning another community dinner, and those of you who enjoyed last year's Christmas Feast and our Murder Mystery Dinner know that we sell out - add yourself to our mailing list or like us on FaceBook to get the details.

Yoga: Sept 7 to Oct 26 - 8 week session, Wednesdays at 6:15pm (75 min class) \$15 drop in or \$80 paid in advance for 8 classes

Nia Dance: Thursdays starting at 6:30 pm; check our website for details

Oct. 31: Save the date for our annual Halloween Dinner, open to everyone (with or without children) before trick-or-treating

Dufferin Town and Country Farm Tour - Saturday, October 1, 2016, 9 am to 4 pm rain or shine. This self-guided tour will have stops at farming operations in South Dufferin. The host farms offer a glimpse of the diversity of agriculture in the area. There will be many animals to see, farm-related activities, commodity displays and local produce to purchase. You will end your day with an appreciation for local farming and the commitment of the farm families. Please visit www.dufferinfarmtour.com for more information.

THANK YOU - Council wishes to acknowledge and thank TransAlta (formerly Canadian Hydro Developers, Inc.), Plateau Wind Inc. and Dufferin Wind Power Inc. for their Community Contribution received for wind project developments. These monies were incorporated into the 2016 Budget and used for various items that better the Community. The Council also wishes to acknowledge and thank the Federal Government for monies received under the Gas Tax Program.

2016 Budget Release

Council approved the 2016 budget on March 3, 2016 with expenses totalling \$3,841,338.00 and revenues of \$1,697,859.43 for a total to be raised through taxation of \$2,143,478.57. Capital projects outlined in this budget include Culvert 2010,2020 and 2024 repair, some road resurfacing, a new pick-up truck (which is to be financed over 4-5 years) and a new roads building which did not get completed last year. Some of the costs are offset through Gas Tax Revenue, Development Charges and Reserve Funds. 2015 resulted in a surplus, partially due to the type of winter experienced, thus an estimated surplus was incorporated into the 2016 Budget.

% of Expenditures - Operating and Capital Budget	% of Revenue - Operating and Capital Budget
Roads - 58.5%	Taxation - 59.7%
Administration - 13.1%	Grants - 7.2 %
Policing - 11.4 %	Miscellaneous - 1.9 %
Fire Department - 5.1%	Turbines Community Contribution - 15.2%
Environmental Services - 1%	Surplus - 10.8%
Council - 2%	Roads - Reserve Fund Transfers - 5.2%
Recreation - 2%	
Planning - 2.1%	
Library - 1.4%	
Protection to Persons/Property - 1.4%	
Drainage - 1.3%	
Tax Rate Stabilization - 0.7%	