



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

2016 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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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.

TAX/FINANCIAL Information - Interim (will be billed February 1, 2016) - **1st Installment Due Date: February 22, 2016 & Second Installment Due Date: May 24, 2016, Final** (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 also accepts post-dated cheques and has a drop off box at the front of the building for after hours. Penalty - 1.25% per month on all unpaid taxes added the first day of the calendar month.

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).

Emergency Management Notifications - We encourage all 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

THINKING OF HOSTING A SPECIAL EVENT? Please check the Township's website to determine if you require a Special Events Permit 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.

Road Business

Half Load Season - will commence on March 1, 2016 and end on May 15, 2016 (subject to weather conditions) - This applies to all roads as per By-law 49-2015 (available on website).

Off Road Vehicle By-law - Please refer to the Township website for information regarding By-law 43-2015, a By-law to permit off road vehicles on municipal roads.

Fences - a permit is required to construct a fence along the frontage of your property. Please contact the Road Superintendent for further information.

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

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. You are required to licence each dog you own or harbour. The 2016 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. **Dogs tags/Kennel licences are to be purchased by April 1st, 2016.**

JOB OPPORTUNITY - The Council of the Township of Melancthon is looking for an individual to go door to door to sell dog tags on behalf of the Township. If you are interested, please submit a letter of application to the Township Office, 157101 Highway 10, Melancthon, Ontario, L9V 2E6 by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 17th, 2016. For more information, please contact the Municipal Office.

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 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. Please be patient as this continues to be a work in progress and we are trying to improve how we offer this service to our residents.

Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide Detectors are mandatory and should be installed on every level of your home and near sleeping areas. It is the **owner's responsibility** to ensure smoke alarms are installed and maintained in working order. 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

HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY HALL - The Horning's Mills Hall Board is busy planning more events at the Hall. We hope to soon be announcing a new yoga series. Save the date for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday and check back with us to see if line dancing will again be offered after Easter. We're also working on another community dinner at the Hall following the success of our Christmas Feast and are planning a Murder Mystery Dinner for the Spring.

Don't forget the Hall is available for rent at very competitive rates for your personal or business function. Last fall we undertook repairs to the building with the generous support of Peter White at Multiurethanes, who provided and installed the materials for some waterproofing and Jeff Demmans Construction and Miles Coe, who also donated supplies and equipment. Thanks to an incredible number of donations to the Hall in Memory of Jim Fraser, the floor on the lower level has been repaired and refinished. For bookings, please contact the Hall Manager, James Webster, at 705-481-7548, or by e-mail at jamescarltonwebster@gmail.com.

Keep up-to-date about the Hall's activities: like Horning's Mills Community Hall on Facebook, visit our website at www.horningmills.ca or add your name to our email list by contacting info@horningsmills.ca.

Livestock Valuer - Mike Swidersky is the Township's Livestock Valuer/Claim's Evaluator and can be reached at 519-923-9595. Anyone making a claim under the Livestock, Poultry and Honeybee Protection Act must have a Premises Identification Number before the claim will be processed by Staff. For information, please contact the Municipal Office.