



## CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON 2017 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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<b>Address:</b>	157101 Highway 10, Melancthon, Ontario, L9V 2E6
<b>Office Hours:</b>	Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ( <i>Office is closed Fridays in August &amp; Friday, Sept., 1/17</i> )

### Council

Council Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month commencing at 5:00 pm. - Agendas and Minutes can be found on the website.

Committee of Adjustment is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

**TAX/FINANCIAL Information** - Interim (will be billed February 1, 2017) - **1<sup>st</sup> Installment Due Date: February 22, 2017 & Second Installment Due Date: May 24, 2017**, Final (will be billed August 1, 2017) - **1<sup>st</sup> Installment Due Date: August 24, 2017 & Second Installment Due Date: November 23, 2017**. *Please refer to the back of your tax bill for important information on how to pay your taxes!*

**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](http://www.dufferincounty.ca/residents/emergency-services).

**E-mail List!** - Get connected. Get Informed. Get Involved. Subscribe to the Township's new email list for occasional updates as well as information regarding public consultations for the new "Strategic Plan". Your email address will be confidential in accordance with Canada's privacy laws. To join, e-mail [info@melancthontownship.ca](mailto:info@melancthontownship.ca) with "Subscribe" in the subject line.

### Road Business

**Half Load Season** - will commence on March 1, 2017 and end on May 15, 2017 (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 2017 Dog Tags are now available at the Municipal Office - 1<sup>st</sup> dog - \$20.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> dog - \$25.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.**

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. 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](http://www.melancthontownship.ca/services.htm).

**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](http://www.ofm.gov.on.ca)

#### **HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY HALL**

**IN REVIEW:** Looking back, 2016 was a great year for the Hall! The Board was able to accomplish a lot in terms of renovations, maintenance and upgrades to our fine building. Last year saw many successful social events, resulting in a lot of money raised for future events and upgrades. The Board would like to thank everyone who came out to support these community events with their attendance, volunteer time, and donations, and looks forward to an even more fun and successful year ahead.

**DINNER SERIES:** This year the Board will continue our wildly popular series of Seasonal Harvest Community Dinners with musical entertainment. Check the website for updates and sign up for our Mailing List and be the first to be notified of these and other exciting events!

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** Please join us for our annual Easter egg hunt this **Good Friday-April 14.**

**CLASSES:** Yoga classes will be offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings commencing in February. Nia dance classes are currently underway on Thursday evenings until the end of February. Check our website for more info. **Stay tuned for new events and upgrade updates coming soon!**

For Hall Rentals, please contact Hall Manager James Webster at 705-481-7548 or e-mail at [jamescarltonwebster@gmail.com](mailto:jamescarltonwebster@gmail.com)

**Livestock Investigator** - Mike Swidersky is the Township's Livestock Investigator 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.

**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.

**\*\*\* Save the Date - Saturday, June 24, 2017 \*\*\***  
**Come celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Melancthon at the**  
**Horning's Mills Park for festivities and fireworks.**