

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

2017 FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER



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(Office is closed Fridays in August & Friday, September 1, 2017)

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TOWNSHIP STAFF

CAO/Clerk: Denise B. Holmes, AMCT
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk: Wendy Atkinson
Public Works Director: Craig Micks

COUNCIL

Mayor: Darren White
Deputy Mayor: Janice Elliott
Councillor: Dave Besley
Councillor: Wayne Hannon
Councillor: James C. Webster
 (Council E-mail addresses & telephone numbers are available on our website)

Council Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, commencing at 5:00 p.m.
Agendas and Minutes of meetings can be found at the Municipal Office and on the website. **Correspondence and General Business** pertaining to each Council meeting is posted on the website by the close of business on the 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.
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 on the agenda for a maximum of 20 minutes.
Please check the website for further information on Public Question Period

TAXES/FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Final tax statements will be billed August 1st, 2017. **Please note that debit or credit card payments are not accepted.**
1st Installment Due Date: August 24, 2017; **2nd Installment Due Date:** Nov. 23, 2017
 Please refer to the back of your tax bill for important information on how to pay your taxes.

2017 BUDGET RELEASE

Council approved the 2017 budget on April 6, 2017 with expenses totalling \$3,713,581.00 and revenues of \$1,343,263.14 for a total to be raised through taxation of \$2,370,317.86. Capital projects outlined in this budget include Bridge 15 repair, new roads equipment storage building and roads resurfacing. Some of the costs are offset through Gas Tax Revenue, Development Charges and OCIF (Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund).

% of Expenditures - Operating and Capital Budget

Roads - 56%
 Administration - 13.7%
 Policing - 11.7 %
 Fire Department - 5.8%
 Environmental Services - 0.9%
 Council - 2.1%
 Recreation - 3.2%
 Planning - 2.0%
 Library - 1.6%
 Protection to Persons/Property - 1.5%
 Drainage - 1.4%
 Special Reserve Emergency Fund - 0.1%

% of Revenue - Operating and Capital Budget

Taxation - 67.9%
 Grants - 8.0%
 Administrative Fees & Miscellaneous - 2.1%
 Turbines Community Contribution - 15.8%
 Surplus - 1.4%
 Roads - Reserve Fund Transfers - 4.8%

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 Contributions received for wind project developments. These monies were incorporated into the 2017 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.

THINKING OF HOSTING A SPECIAL EVENT

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

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, leave a message and someone will return your call.

DUFFERIN TOWN & COUNTRY FARM TOUR

– Sat. Sept. 30/17 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sun or Rain
 Come and see farming as it happens. This is a self-guided driving tour to farms located in North Dufferin. Learn about agriculture; see farm animals and potato farming operations. Visit organization/commodity displays, hands-on activities, and talk to farmers about how the food on your table is grown.
 Admission – Donation to local Food Bank. Buy Local, Eat Local www.dufferinfarmtour.com

DID YOU KNOW – TeleCheck-Dufferin offers a free daily check in call for Adults 55+ supporting independent living. For more information please call (519) 415-3764 or visit www.torchlightcanada.org

LIVESTOCK INVESTIGATOR
Mike Swidersky is the Township's Livestock Investigator and can be reached at (519) 923-9595

PUBLIC WORKS BUSINESS

Mailboxes – The Public Works Department will replace 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 our website). Please contact the Public Works Director 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 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

*****Speed Limits – Please note that the speed limit has been reduced on 3rd Line OS, from Provincial Highway 10 to 20 Sideroad and on 2nd Line SW from Provincial Highway 89 to the Melancthon Township/Township of Southgate Boundary Line*****

HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY PARK

The Horning's Mills Community Park includes a new playground (2015), baseball diamond, and pavilion.

For bookings, please contact James Webster, at (705) 481-7548.

To keep up-to-date on the Park's activities "Like" Horning's Mills Community Park on Facebook.

HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY HALL

The Horning's Mills Community Hall is available for rent at very competitive rates for your personal or business function.

Rental Fees

One Floor w/out Kitchen - \$150 (\$100 for 1/2 day)
One Floor w/ Kitchen - \$175
Two Floors w/out Kitchen- \$300
Two Floors w/ Kitchen - \$350
Kitchen Only (Sun. - Thurs.) - \$50
Kitchen Only (Fri. & Sat.) - \$125
Clean-Up Fee per floor - \$30
Security Deposit (refundable*) - \$100
Community Events - \$45

For bookings, please contact Hall Manager, James Webster, at (705) 481-7548 or jamescarltonwebster@gmail.com

To keep up-to-date on the Hall's activities "Like" Horning's Mills Community Hall on Facebook, or visit the Hall's website: www.horningmills.ca.

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 shoulders of the 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 is safe to do so. When passing, give as much distance between you and them as you can, 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.

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 cost of any firefighting 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. **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 Marshall at www.ofm.gov.on.ca

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS We encourage residents to sign up for Dufferin County Emergency Management Notifications to keep you informed of watches, warnings and notices at 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 www.ontario.ca/emo or (416) 314-3723 Toll free 24 hour line 1-877-314-3723

WASTE SERVICES – For questions related 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 and answering machines).