



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON 2018 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

HAPPY 165TH ANNIVERSARY MELANCTHON TOWNSHIP – EST. JANUARY 1, 1853

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Council

Council Meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month commencing at 5:00 pm. - Agendas and Minutes can be found on the website. **PLEASE NOTE FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL the Council meetings held on the 1st Thursday of the month will change as follows: February 1st - 2:00 p.m.; March 1st - 9:00 a.m.; April 5th - 9:00 a.m.** Council is also requesting your feedback on changing the Council meetings to one day meeting per month (9:00 a.m.) and one evening meeting per month (5:00 p.m.). If you have any questions, concerns or comments regarding this, please send them to dholmes@melancthontownship.ca.

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.

TAX/FINANCIAL Information - Interim (will be billed February 1, 2018) - **1st Installment Due Date: February 26, 2018 & Second Installment Due Date: May 25, 2018.** The Final Tax Bill will be mailed August 1, 2018. ***Please refer to the back of your tax bill for important information on how to pay your taxes! *NEW* - WE NOW ACCEPT DEBIT FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES, FIRE PERMITS, DOG TAGS, ETC.***

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.

Road Business

Half Load Season - will commence on March 1, 2018 and end on May 15, 2018 (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.

Road Business - Cont.

Pushing snow/ice on roadways - Anyone guilty of depositing snow or ice on Township roads or right of ways, causing an obstruction to traffic, is liable personally for whatever damages may result from same and may be charged under the Highway Traffic Act.

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. We are currently reviewing and updating our Canine By-law, and how we issue dog licences. Information, when it becomes available, will be on our website under Municipal Services.

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, under Municipal Services.

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 Hall Board thanks everyone for their support in 2017 and is excited to share some new events with you in 2018. Come to the annual Easter Pancake Breakfast & Egg Hunt on Good Friday, March 30th. Spring cleaning? Gather your donations for our first ever Spring Auction & Supper fundraiser on Saturday May 5th!

Be sure to stay in touch for event details, lively weekly yoga class schedules, and community information by signing up for our mailing list. Rent the hall for your event by visiting our website www.horningmillshall.com or call 705-481-7548. Follow along on Facebook.com/horningmills and Instagram @horningsmillscommunityhall to find out more, share your photos, and connect with your neighbours!

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.

2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The Council of the Township of Melancthon approved the use of Alternative Voting Methods (telephone and internet voting) for the 2018 Municipal Election. Electors will have the option of voting by touch tone telephone or through online voting on the internet. Candidates may file a nomination form in the Clerk's Office during regular business hours beginning Tuesday, May 1, 2018 and ending at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 27, 2018. Election Day is Monday, October 22, 2018. We will have important information posted on the website under Council -> Election, as it becomes available. **ARE YOU ON THE VOTER'S LIST??** The Township needs 2,500 Electors to get its County Council Seat back for the next term so please contact the Office to make sure you are on the list!

* Save the Date - Saturday, June 23, 2018 * Come celebrate Melancthon's 165th Anniversary at the Horning's Mills Park for festivities and fireworks.