



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

2019 FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

(Office is closed Fridays in August and Statutory Holidays)

TOWNSHIP STAFF

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

Council Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, commencing at 5:00 p.m. but there will only be one meeting in July and August and one in December.

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.

COUNCIL

Mayor: Darren White
Deputy Mayor: Dave Besley
Councillor: Wayne Hannon
Councillor: Margaret Mercer
Councillor: David Thwaites

Contact Information is available on our website

Please check the website for further information on Public Question Period

TAXES/FINANCIAL INFORMATION 2019

Final tax statements will be billed August 1st, 2019.

1st Installment Due Date: August 26, 2019; **2nd Installment Due Date:** November 22, 2019

Please refer to the back of your tax bill for important information on how to pay your taxes.

Please note that credit card payments are not accepted. Debit and online payments are accepted.

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

2019 BUDGET RELEASE

Council approved the 2019 budget on April 8, 2019 with expenses totalling \$3,921,369.00 and revenues of \$1,274,902.23 for a total to be raised through taxation of \$2,646,466.77. Capital projects outlined in this budget include repair Culvert 2003 and Culvert 2021. Some of the costs were offset through Gas Tax Revenue – thank you to the Federal Government and OCIF (Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund) – thank you to the Provincial Government.

% of Expenditures - Operating and Capital Budget

Roads – 56.4%
Administration – 15.2%
Policing – 10.1 %
Fire Department - 5.8%
Environmental Services - 0.8%
Council - 2.1%
Recreation – 3.7%
Planning – 1.1%
Library - 1.6%
Protection to Persons/Property - 1.8%
Drainage - 1.3%
Special Reserve Emergency Fund - 0.1%

% of Revenue - Operating and Capital Budget

Taxation – 71%
Grants – 8.2%
Administrative Fees & Miscellaneous - 2.2%
Provincial Offences Act Revenue – 0.9%
Roads - Reserve Fund Transfers – 2.6%
Turbines – Community Contribution – 15.1% **

** Council wishes to acknowledge and thank TransAlta, Plateau Wind and Dufferin Wind Power for their Community Contributions received for wind project developments. The monies were incorporated into the 2019 Budget and used for various items to better the Community.**

CIVIC NUMBERING

It is mandatory that all properties (including vacant properties) post a civic number. If your property does not have a civic number please visit the County of Dufferin website to access the application form.

<https://www.dufferincounty.ca/roads-infrastructure/emergency-number-application>

CANINE CONTROL

Services are handled by Olympus Dog Training. For dogs running at large, lost or found 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 FARM TOUR

Saturday September 28, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Rain or Shine

RESERVE THE DATE...COME SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FARM COMMUNITY...

Our farmers are keen to share their agricultural knowledge. Enjoy a day on various farms... fun for the whole family... in the area of Mono and Amaranth. Admission is a non-perishable donation for local food banks.

For information as it becomes available: www.dufferinfarmtour.com. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Passport available on line prior to tour day. Sponsored by local businesses and organizations. Come prepared with cash for local produce.

GROW LOCAL.....BUY LOCAL.....EAT LOCAL

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 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 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

***NEW* Property Standards By-law 27-2019**

On May 16, 2019, Council passed a new By-law prescribing standards for the Maintenance and Occupancy of Properties within the Township of Melancthon. The By-law can be found on the Township's website.

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.

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 (**payment must be received before permit is issued**) 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

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The Council is seeking interest from the Public on the formation of a Municipal Heritage Committee. Please forward comments to the Township CAO/Clerk at dholmes@melancthontownship.ca. For information on what a Municipal Heritage Committee does, please visit the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport website at:

http://www.mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/municipal_heritage_committees_whatitdoes.shtml

HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY HALL

Your beautifully renovated Horning's Mills Community Hall is the perfect place for your next event- whether it be a family get together, birthday celebration, wedding, meeting, or other public or private event. Check our website for more information and email us for rates and availability.

Throughout most of the summer Yoga classes for all ages, abilities and levels of experience will continue on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30. First class is free to try! All welcome. *Save the date for our Fall Harvest Community Supper on Saturday September 21.* Enjoy a fun evening at the Hall with your neighbours, a delicious dinner featuring a feast of our local farm fields, and toe tapping old style jamboree entertainment and dancing! Watch our website, Facebook page and mailbox posters for more information. Have a great summer!

www.horningmillshall.com

Rentals: www.horningmillshall.com/contact
www.facebook.com/horningmills

HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY PARK

The Horning's Mills Community Park includes a new playground (2015), baseball diamond, and pavilion. For bookings, please contact the Township Office (519) 925-5525.

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

OTHER RECREATION IN MELANCTHON

Dundalk Community Centre – Dundalk Arena

<https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=southgatercreation>

North Dufferin Community Centre – Honeywood Arena

<http://mulmur.ca/departments/recreation/north-dufferin-community-centre>

Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex – Shelburne Arena

<https://www.shelburne.ca/en/explore-and-play/recreation-complex.aspx>

Please support your local Recreation Centres

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 (cell phones & pagers), televisions & monitors, audio/video systems and non-cellular telephones (corded & cordless telephones and answering machines).