



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON 2020 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

MELANCTHON TOWNSHIP - EST. JANUARY 1, 1853

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Council

Council Meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. ***Please check the website for changes in meeting times.***
Agendas and Minutes can be found on the website.

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 on or around February 1, 2020

1st Installment Due Date: February 24, 2020 and Second Installment Due Date: May 25, 2020.

Final Tax Bill will be mailed on or around August 1, 2020. ***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).

Waste Services - For questions related to waste collections, 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.

Road Business

Half Load Season - Will commence on March 1, 2020 and end on May 15, 2020 (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 Public Works Superintendent for further information.

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. Dog tag renewal invoices will be mailed out shortly, for the canine information we have on file which was obtained through the enumeration process in 2017. Tags will not be mailed this year. 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.

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.

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. 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. <http://www.melancthontownship.ca/services.htm>.

Persons setting fires, whether a fire permit has been issued pursuant to By-law 10-2007, may be held responsible and liable for any damages and cost, including the cost assessed by any fire department responding to a fire call, occasioned by the fire. Therefore, exercise all due diligence and care in the setting and monitoring of fires, however set, having regard to all environmental and weather conditions and taking reasonable precaution.

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

Mulmur & Melancthon Recreation Plan & Efficiency Review

Together, the Townships of Mulmur and Melancthon are embarking on a planning exercise that will guide municipal investment in recreation in the future. Specifically, this project includes:

- **A Facility and Program Assessment of the North Dufferin Community Centre (NDCC)** to ensure that the facility is operating as efficiently as possible, while meeting the community's needs, and
- **A Recreation Master Plan** for the Township of Mulmur to determine key opportunities to enhance the existing recreation assets effectively and efficiently.



We want to hear from you! What is your vision for recreation in the Townships? Share your views in an online survey until February 21st, 2020! Scan the QR Code on your smart device, visit the link below, or pick up a copy at the Township Offices.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MM_Recreation

****Please join us for a Community Workshop on February 4, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – NDCC Upstairs Auditorium****

Dufferin County is Updating its Official Plan. The Official Plan is the County's vision for the future. The review process will look at housing, jobs, transportation as well as agricultural and natural heritage. We want to engage with people in our community and we want to hear from you!

Visit joinindufferin.ca to sign up, stay connected and have your say.

You can also email planner@dufferincounty.ca for any questions or comments.

Horning's Mills Community Hall - Like us on Facebook - Horning's Mills Community Hall or visit our website at www.horningsmillshall.com to find out about upcoming events. You can also sign up for our email list by sending a message to info@horningsmills.ca.