



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON  
2021 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:** Sarah Culshaw

**Public Works Superintendent:** Craig Micks

**COUNCIL**

**Mayor:** Darren White

**Deputy Mayor:** Dave Besley

**Councillor:** Wayne Hannon

**Councillor:** Margaret Mercer

**Councillor:** James McLean

Contact Information is available on the Township website

**Council Meetings** are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Meetings are currently being held electronically due to COVID-19. **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, commencing at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are currently being held electronically due to COVID-19.

**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**

**RETIREMENT**

Council and Staff congratulate and extend best wishes to Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk on her retirement from the Township on June 30, 2021 after an impressive 23-year career of outstanding service and dedication to Council, Staff and the residents of Melancthon Township.

**NEW TREASURER/DEPUTY CLERK**

Council and Staff welcome Sarah Culshaw to the Melancthon Township Administration Team as the new Treasurer/Deputy Clerk. Sarah started her employment with the Township on June 28, 2021.

**2021 BUDGET RELEASE**

Council approved the 2021 Budget with expenses totalling \$4,905,087.00 and revenues of \$2,097,362.00 for a total to be raised through taxation of \$2,807,725.00. Capital projects outlined in this budget include Bridge 13 Rehabilitation (Riverview), gravel and paving of 260 Sideroad from Highway 10 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Line SW. Pulverize, ditch and gravel 5<sup>th</sup> Line OS from County Road 17 to County Road 21. Installation of paved shoulders in Corbetton on the south side of 260 Sideroad and repairs to Church Street in Horning's Mills are also included in the budget. 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.

\*\*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 2021 Budget and used for various items to better the Community.\*\*

**% of Expenditures - Operating and Budget**

- Roads – 61.8%
- Administration – 13.6%
- Policing – 8.4 %
- Fire Department - 5.7%
- Environmental Services - 0.8%
- Council – 1.8%
- Recreation – 2.8%
- Planning – 1.3%
- Library - 1.4%
- Protection to Persons/Property - 1.2%
- Drainage – 1.1%
- Special Reserve Emergency Fund - 0.1%

**% of Revenue - Operating and Capital Budget**

- Taxation – 61%
- Grants – 7.8%
- Administrative Fees & Miscellaneous – 1.5%
- Provincial Offences Act Revenue – 0.2%
- Roads - Reserve Fund Transfers – 14.8%
- Turbines – Community Contribution – 12.4% \*\*
- Other Transfers – 0.3%
- Ontario Aggregate License Fees – 2.0%

### 2021 MELANCTHON MISC. PROJECTS

- ~ Corbetton Park Playground Equipment
- ~ Flag Poles & Digital Sign at Municipal Office
- ~ Street Banners - Corbetton, Riverview & Horning's Mills
- ~ Horning's Mills Park – Ball Diamond Upgrades

### LIVESTOCK INVESTIGATOR

Mike Swidersky is the Township's Livestock Investigator and can be reached at 519-370-8586

**CANINE CONTROL** (Dogs Running At Large)  
519-942-1508 (Olympus)

### TAXES/FINANCIAL INFORMATION 2021

Final tax statements will be billed August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**1<sup>st</sup> Installment Due Date:** August 24, 2021;

**2<sup>nd</sup> Installment Due Date:** November 23, 2021

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

Credit Card Payments are not accepted.  
Debit and Online Payments are accepted.

If you are paying by Internet/Telephone Banking, please allow 3-4 business days for your payment to reach our office in order to avoid late charges.

### E-PERMITTING FOR BUILDING PERMITS

Follow these steps:

- [Dufferincounty.ca](http://Dufferincounty.ca)
- Building Permit Information
- E-permitting is live sign up here
- Apply now
- Cityview Portal – set up an account
- Complete application forms and upload **all** documents required

Many properties are within a Conservation Authority Regulated Area and these approvals must be included in the uploaded documents. Check your property with GRCA, NVCA and SVCA online mapping websites.

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

### SERVING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF AMARANTH, MELANCTHON, MONO, MULMUR AND SHELBURNE

Carbon monoxide (CO) is called the "silent killer" because you cannot see, smell or taste it. And it is deadly! CO is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in North America. Each year it proves fatal for dozens of Canadians and makes many more thousands sick with what they think is the flu.

According to a national Home Safety Poll:

- 40% of Canadians DO NOT have a CO alarm
- 15% believe CO alarms LAST FOREVER
- 18% believe CO alarms are only needed if you have a GAS FURNACE
- 44% DO NOT have their heating or other combustion systems checked annually
- 26% DO NOT think they have to replace CO alarms every 5-7 years

To change these statistics, education is the key. Appliances that use gas, oil, wood, coal, or any other kind of fossil fuel produce carbon monoxide during combustion. Sources of CO in your home can include your furnace, water heater, wood stove, fireplace, oven, and of course automotive exhaust. Normally these appliances are vented outside, but if there is a leak or poor installation, tragedy looms.

Your **ONLY** protection is a working CSA-approved carbon monoxide alarm.

Remember... exposure to carbon monoxide reduces your ability to think clearly, so never delay if your CO alarm goes off or you sense there is a problem. Get everyone out of the house and stay out, then call the fire department or 911.

**Ralph Snyder, Fire Chief**  
**Shelburne & District Fire Department**

### HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The Township's Heritage Committee is working to piece together the past! With your help, the Committee is seeking visible and verifiable information, pictures, and documents about Melancthon's heritage. This could include information/artifacts about homes, churches, schools, post offices, general stores, founding residents, and any other items of heritage interest. Please note that the Committee plays a non-statutory role in that it does not designate heritage properties. If you have any authentic information you would like to share, emailable items can be forwarded to [kchessell@melancthontownship.ca](mailto:kchessell@melancthontownship.ca) for use by the Committee. Any information dropped off at the Municipal Office will be returned!