

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 the permit is issued) and the permit is valid for the calendar year. You do not require 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 damages 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 the Township website.

E-PERMITTING FOR BUILDING PERMITS

- ❖ Follow these Steps:
- ❖ Dufferincounty.ca
- ❖ Building Permit Information
- ❖ E-Permitting is live – Sign up here
- ❖ Cityview Portal – Set up an account
- ❖ Complete application forms and upload all documents required

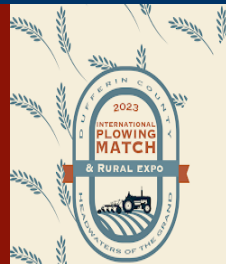
Many properties are within a Conservation Authority Regulated Area and these approvals must be included in the uploaded documents. Check your property with GRCA, NVCA, NEC and SVCA online mapping websites

RECREATION IN MELANCTHON – A PORTION OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS GOES TO SUPPORT THESE WONDERFUL PARKS & COMMUNITY HALL & WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE THEM:

HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY HALL: The Hall Board hosts numerous community events and activities throughout the year. "Like" the Horning's Mills Community Hall on Facebook to stay up to date on upcoming events. Rent the Hall for your event, whether a party, wedding or celebration of life.

HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY PARK: The Park is located at the corner of corner of 15 Sideroad and Main Street in Horning's Mills. The Park features a large, covered Pavilion and Ball Diamond (with new bleacher in 2021), playground, and swings. For rental inquiries, call the Township Office.

CORBETTON COMMUNITY PARK: The Park is located in the heart of Corbetton and was the former station yard located along the County-owned former rain line on the north side of Main Street. The Park features several pieces of playground equipment and a large asphalt pad for endless hours of community fun.



For the first time the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo is coming to Dufferin County, September 19-23, 2023! We are excited to host one of the largest events our county has ever held.

There will be plowing competitions, a tented city filled with education, local artisans and businesses, antique displays and an RV park where you can stay close to all the action! We're also excited to have a beautification competition throughout Dufferin with hope to include young and old, rural and urban, residential and local businesses. The competition will promote the IPM 2023 and welcome everyone to our community (more details to follow in the spring).

We are welcoming all those who would like to be involved to contact Cindy at: 519-939-0707 or cindysabo@xplornet.ca

You can keep up to date by following us on Facebook "International Plowing Match 2023" and Instagram @ipm2023 or check our website; <https://www.plowingmatch.org/ipm2023>



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Email: info@melancthontownship.ca **Website:** www.melancthontownship.ca

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

(Office Closed Fridays in August, including Friday September 1st and Statutory Holidays)

Please Sign up for the Township email list – go to the Township website and at the top of the page, click on "sign up for Municipal News" and follow the directions and like us on Facebook.

2023 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

COUNCIL

Mayor: Darren White –

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Fellow Melancthon Residents,

First, I want to wish you all a Happy New Year and I hope that all of you and your families enjoyed the holiday season, notwithstanding the challenging weather we experienced.

This new year brings with it the start of your new Council for the Township and from my perspective I am excited to get back to work continuing to build a sustainable, reliable, livable Melancthon. I know all the members of our new Council look forward to working for you, the residents during this upcoming term.

This new year brings with it many challenges. From continuing to recover from the pandemic to runaway inflation and more. Many see these as only challenges, but I believe there is also opportunity to be found. The inflationary pressures that challenge each of you, also challenge the Municipality but offer the opportunity to find new ways of doing things. We have already started to look at ways to build better partnerships with our Neighbouring Municipalities, and other Stakeholders and will continue to advocate Provincially and Federally for better programming, fiscal responsibility, and safe, resilient communities. I, and the rest of our Council are looking forward to a productive term. We encourage you all to view Council meetings and participate in some upcoming initiatives like the new strategic plan and other things. Details will be on the website and sent out through our social media.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to any member of Council. Our contacts are on the website, and in this newsletter. We are happy to assist.

Best wishes to all for a great 2023 and beyond.

Darren White
Mayor



2023 TAXES/FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Interim Taxes will be billed on or around January 31st, 2023

1st Installment Due Date: February 21st, 2023, **2nd Installment Due Date:** May 23rd, 2023

Final Taxes will be billed on or around August 1st, 2023

3rd Installment Due Date: August 22nd, 2023 **4th Installment Due Date:** November 21, 2023

Please refer to the back of your tax bill for important information on how to pay your taxes. Please note credit card payments are not accepted. Debit and online payments are accepted.

IF PAYING BY ONLINE BANKING, PLEASE ALLOW 3-4 BUSINESS DAYS FOR YOUR PAYMENT TO REACH THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN ORDER TO AVOID LATE CHARGES

Council Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, starting at 5:00 p.m. but there will only be one meeting in July and August. There will only be one meeting in December starting at 9:00 a.m. Meetings are currently being held electronically.

Agendas and Minutes of meetings can be found at the Municipal Office and on the Township 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. Meetings are being held electronically.

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

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT IS NOW AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO QUALIFY

- ❖ You must not have any outstanding arrears on your tax account
- ❖ You cannot be paying your taxes with your mortgage

WE ARE OFFERING TWO DIFFERENT PLANS

The Due Date Plan: Payment to your tax account in the amount of the installment due is withdrawn from your account on the due date.

The Monthly Plan – 12 Payments: The monthly plan provides a convenient way to budget. The Tax Department will establish a monthly payment amount calculated both in December and again in July with your Final Tax Billing to meet your current taxes due. The December payment will have to be adjusted to include any remaining balance or credit. **Payment withdrawal date will be on the 28th of each month.**

****TO GET STARTED COMPLETE THE FORM ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE AT THE BELOW LINK****

<https://melancthontownship.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/pre-authorized-debit-agreement.pdf>

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE NOW RECORDED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE TOWNSHIP'S WEBSITE UNDER QUICK LINKS – COUNCIL AGENDAS AND MINUTES WITHIN 5 BUSINESS DAYS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

ROAD BUSINESS

Half Load Season will commence on March 1st, 2023 and end on May 15th, 2023 (Subject to weather conditions), this applies to all roads as per By-law 49-2015 (available on the website)

Entrance Permits are required when wanting to install an entrance on a Township Road. The application is on the Township Website and approvals are at the discretion of the Public Works Superintendent.

Fences – a permit is required to construct a fence along the frontage of your property. Please contact the Public Works Superintendent for further information. The application can be found on the Township's Website.



In accordance with the Township's Asset Management Plan, and in keeping with our current levels of service, the Public Works Department welcomed a new 2022 Western Star Plow Truck Last Summer

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 below link to apply.

<https://www.dufferincounty.ca/index.php/form-centre/emergency-number-new>

CANINE CONTROL

Services are handled by AGAPIK9. For dogs running at large, lost, or found that have a Township Dog Tag on them please contact the Municipal Office during office hours. For afterhours assistance please contact AGAPIK9 at 519-942-1508, leave a message and someone will return your call.

DOG LICENSE

The Township requires that each dog you own, or harbour be licensed. Dog tag renewal invoices will be mailed out based on information collected in 2022. New tags will not be mailed out with the renewal invoice, if you require new or additional tags, please contact the office. The fee for Dog Licenses is \$20 for the 1st dog, \$25 for the 2nd dog and \$60 for the 3rd dog.

LIVESTOCK INVESTIGATOR

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

Melancthon Residents have access to both the **Shelburne Public Library** (Website – www.shelburnelibrary.ca Address-201 Owen Sound Street Shelburne, Ontario L9V 3L2) and **Southgate Ruth Hargrave Memorial Library** (Website - www.southgate-library.com Address-80 Proton St. N. Dundalk, ON N0C 1B0)

MELANCTHON HERITAGE PLAQUE PROGRAM

The Heritage Advisory Committee has launched its Heritage Plaque Program. Please go to the below link on the Township's Website for details. <https://melancthontownship.ca/municipal-services/heritage-plaque-program/>

HERITAGE WEEK

Heritage Week is February 20th – 26th, 2023, and Melancthon Township will be recognizing and celebrating heritage in all its forms, by raising the Township of Melancthon Flag during this time.