

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 17th day of April, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor James McLean, Councillor Ralph Moore, Councillor Bill Neilson and Councillor Ruth Plowright were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, and Kaitlin Dinnick, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator, were also present. Mayor White presided and called the meeting to order.

Mayor White advised that the meeting was being recorded and would be posted to the Township's website under Council Agendas and Minutes.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor White shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Announcements

Councillor Plowright advised that the Horning's Mills Community Hall hosted a successful Bingo night and Euchre night, and that on April 20th the Hall would be hosting an Easter Breakfast with an Easter Egg Hunt and Crafts.

Deputy Mayor McLean thanked the Melancthon and County of Dufferin Public Works Department's for all their hard work cleaning up the roadsides following the ice storm. He advised Melancthon Day we will be resuming the First Responders Challenge on June 21st, 2025.

Additions

None.

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Moore, that Council approve the Agenda as circulated. Carried.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Mayor White advised that disclosure of pecuniary interest can be declared at this time or anytime throughout the meeting by giving the general nature thereof and that declarations must be submitted to the Clerk in writing.

Minutes

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean, that Council approve the minutes of the April 3, 2025 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

None.

Public Works

Email from Da-Lee Dust Control – 2025 Dust Control Quote

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright, that Council accepts the quote from Da-Lee for the supply of 35% calcium chloride at a rate of \$0.367 per liter for use in the Township's 2025 Dust Control program. Carried.

Recommendations, if any, from the Infrastructure & Emergency Management Committee meeting held on April

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright, that Council accepts the recommendation from the Infrastructure & Emergency Management Committee and approves the Terms of Reference for the Committee. Carried.

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Planning

Applications to Permit

There were no questions or concerns with the one application on the spreadsheet.

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this matter.

Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur

Nothing for this matter.

County Council Update

Mayor White advised that County Council will be changing the format of their meetings and agendas and have eliminated Committees and will now be meeting twice a month (1 day meeting and 1 evening meeting). He also advised that they will be reevaluating the projects budgeted for this year as it has been determined that they do not have the staff capacity to complete everything. A report is to be brought back to County Council in May regarding this.

Deputy Mayor McLean advised that the downloading of some roads and bridges to local Municipalities has been paused as the Township of Mulmur has raised some concerns about being downloaded Prince of Wales. If the downloading goes ahead Melancthon would be downloading two bridges.

Correspondence

Items for Information Purposes

1. GRCA – Summary of General Membership Meeting – March 28, 2025

2. OPP MPB Financial Services Unit – 2025 Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Grant Update
3. Town of Shelburne Resolution 2025-47 – Opposing amalgamation of NVCA and LSRCA
4. Town of Mono Resolution – 14-5-2025 – Opposing amalgamation of NVCA and LSRCA
5. Town of Collingwood Resolution – Opposing amalgamation of NVCA and LSRCA
6. NVCA Letter – Update on the appointment of Jennifer Vincent as the NVCA's new Chief Administrative Officer, effective May 5, 2025
7. NVCA Media Release – NVCA Appoints Jennifer Vincent as New Chief Administrative Officer
8. Township of Amaranth Resolution regarding Building Permit Record Searches
9. Township of Amaranth Resolution regarding Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition campaign for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution
10. NDACT Email – Strada Commitment Letter
11. Town of Shelburne – OPA and ZBA Applications

Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean, that correspondence items 1-11, for information purposes, be received as information, except for item 10, pulled for further discussion. Carried.

Councillor Neilson spoke to Item 10.

General Business

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

By-law to authorize the Township of Melancthon to enter into a Recreation Agreement with the Township of Mulmur for the North Dufferin Community Centre

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore, that leave be given to introduce a By-law to enter into a Recreation Agreement with the Township of Mulmur for the North Dufferin Community Centre and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 18-2025. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

Nothing for this matter.

Unfinished Business

Topics of Discussion for Sylvia Jones, MPP Delegation – Deputy Mayor McLean

Council discussed the topics that they would like to discuss with MPP Sylvia Jones, at the next Council Meeting, which include Highway 10 Safety Study, the proposed Strada Quarry and skilled trades incentive.

Reports/Updates from Members of Council & Administrative Staff

Nothing for this matter.

Delegations

5:30 p.m. – Sara MacRae, Manager of Climate & Energy, County of Dufferin regarding the BetterHomes Dufferin Program and LIC By-law

Sara MacRae, Manager of Climate & Energy and Rebecca Danard, Manager of Energy Programs (Clean Air Partnerships) spoke to Council regarding the BetterHomes Dufferin Program and LIC By-law.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by White, that leave be given to introduce a By-law for Enabling LIC Home Retrofit Program and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 19-2025. Mayor White called for the vote and the motion was lost.

Staff were directed to email the Clerks for all Dufferin County Municipalities to watch the delegation.

Closed Session

No Closed Session for this Meeting.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore, that By-law 18-2025 and now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

Notice of Motion

Mayor White advised that he will be putting a notice of motion forward at the next meeting to amend the Township procedural by-law to say that delegations made by the County or local municipalities need to be done in person.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson, that leave be given to introduce a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon at its Council meeting held on April 17, 2025 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 19-2025. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright, that Council adjourn this meeting at 6:08 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK