



**TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON
HYBRID COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2025 - 5:00 P.M.**

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**4:00 P.M. – Site Meeting at Chipwoods Park 476420 3rd
Line, Melancthon ON**

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement Statement**

We will begin the meeting by sharing the Land Acknowledgement Statement:

We would like to begin by acknowledging that Melancthon Township recognizes the ancestral lands and treaty territories of the Tionontati (Petun/Wyandot(te)), Haudenosaunee (Six Nations), and Anishinaabe Peoples. The Township of Melancthon resides within the lands named under the Haldimand Deed of 1784 and the Lake Simcoe-Nottawasaga Treaty (Treaty 18).

These territories upon which we live and learn, are steeped in rich Indigenous history and traditions. It is with this statement that we declare to honour and respect the past and present connection of Indigenous peoples with this land, its waterways and resources.

- 3. Announcements**
- 4. Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda**
- 5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
- 6. Approval of Draft Minutes – May 15th, 2025**
- 7. Business Arising from Minutes**
- 8. Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege**
- 9. Public Question Period** (Please visit our website under Agendas and Minutes for information on Public Question Period)
- 10. Public Works**
 1. Accounts
 2. Motion to Release Tender Cheque to Cox Construction for Tender 01-2024
 3. Recommendations, if any, from the Infrastructure & Emergency Management Committee meeting held on June 2, 2025
 4. Other
- 11. Planning**
 1. Applications to Permit
 2. Report from Liam Morgan, Development Planner Regarding Ontario's Proposed Bill 5: Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act and Bill 17: Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act
 3. Report from Liam Morgan, Development Planner Regarding Strada Aggregates – Official Plan and Zoning By-law Applications – Township Planning Updates
 4. Other
- 12. Strategic Plan**
- 13. Climate Change Initiatives**
- 14. Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur**
 1. OPP Calls for Service (CFS) Billing Summary Report January - March 2025
- 15. Committee/Board Reports & Recommendations**
 1. Recommendation from Parks and Recreation Meeting Held May 26th, 2025
- 16. Correspondence**

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Shelburne Public Library Board – March 18th, 2025
2. Shelburne & District Fire Board – April 1st, 2025
3. Melancthon Parks & Recreation Board – April 28th, 2025

Items for Information Purposes

1. Letter from Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) Regional & Community Engagement Regarding New Supply Contracts
2. Township of Mulmur Motion Regarding the BetterHomes in Dufferin Energy LIC Program
3. Town of Orangeville Resolution Rescinding Strong Mayor Powers
4. Town of Shelburne Resolution Opting out of Strong Mayor Powers
5. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Regarding the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act 2025 (Bill 17)
6. Town of Shelburne Resolution – Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5

7. Town of Shelburne – Notice of Public Meeting for Draft Plan of Subdivision and Amendment to the Town of Shelburne Zoning By-law No. 38-2007
8. Township of Amaranth Motion Regarding BetterHomes Dufferin Program
9. Watson & Associates – Assessment of Bill 17 (Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025)
10. Ministry of the Solicitor General – Ontario Provincial Policing (OPP) Cost Recovery Model Review and June 2025 Webinars
11. County of Dufferin Resolution Regarding the Township of Amaranth Resolution Regarding the Critical Ground Report
12. Ministry of Natural Resources Letter Regarding the Reintroduction of the Geologic Carbon Storage Act
13. Grand River Conservation Authority – Summary of the General Membership Meeting May 23, 2025
14. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority May 2025 Board Meeting Highlights
15. Crime Prevention and Community Support Bureau Letter Regarding the Dissolution of the Municipal Policing Bureau
16. RJ Burnside & Associates Limited – Drainage Superintendent Services January to March 2025
17. Town of Mono Resolution Expressing Opposition to Aspects of Bill 5 – Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025

17. General Business

1. Accounts
2. Notice of Intent to Pass By-law
 1. By-law to amend By-law No. 4-2024 passed in Open Council on January 11, 2024 – Procedural By-law
 2. By-law to Provide for the Levying of the Costs Resulting from the Maintenance and Repair of the Connor Drainage Works
3. New/Other Business/Additions
 1. AgapiK9 Canine Control Contract Extension
 2. Report from Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer – Roads Foreperson Position
 3. Power Point Presentation – Council Delegations regarding Strada Aggregates ARA Application
4. Unfinished Business
5. Reports/Updates from Members of Council & Administrative Staff

18. Delegations

1. 5:45 p.m. – Sandeep Dhugga – 537042 Main Street, Melancthon – regarding an invoice issued to him for a fire call to the property on April 13, 2025
2. 6:00 p.m. – Jennifer Payne, Executive Director, Headwaters Communities in Action – to present the 2025-2028 Community Safety and Well Being Plan

19. Closed Session

20. Third Reading of By-laws

21. Notice of Motion

22. Confirmation By-law

23. Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting – Thursday June 19th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

APPLICATIONS TO PERMIT FOR APPROVAL
June 5, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

PROPERTY OWNER	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	SIZE OF BUILDING	TYPE OF STRUCTURE	USE OF BUILDING	DOLLAR VALUE	D.C.'s	COMMENTS
Colin Rouzes & Patricia Penney-Rouzes	W Pt Lot 11, Con 4 OS RP 7R2870 Part 1 585067 County Road 17	93m2 (1001sqft)	Renovation to Existing Dwelling and Addition to Existing Garage	Residential	\$200,000	No	Approved
Anson Martin Agent: Enoch Martin - Grey North Carpentry Ltd	Pt Lot 29, Con 5 NE 238501 4th Line NE	86.66m2 (932.80sqft)	Farm Storage	Agricultural	\$50,000	No	Approved
Chris & Katie Whelan	E Pt Lot 1, Con 1 OS RP 7R4078 Part 1 556034 Mulmur-Melancthon Townline	80m2 (861.11sqft)	Deck with Outdoor Kitchen	Residential	\$70,000	No	Approved
Colin & Kristi Way Agent: Bev Gray	Pt Lot 291, Con 1 SW 582404 County Road 17	177m2 (1905.21sqft)	Garage & Accessory Dwelling Unit	Residential	\$150,000	No	With Planner for Review
Tyler & Jennifer Cerson	Pt Lot 292, Con 2 NE RP 7R5131 Part 2 396428 5th Line	55.74m2 (599.98sqft)	Storage Shed	Residential	\$37,855	No	With Planner for Review



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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor White and Members of Council

Copy: Ms. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk

From: Liam Morgan, Development Planner

Date: June 5, 2025

Re: Ontario’s Proposed *Bill 5: Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act* and *Bill 17: Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act*

1.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report titled Ontario’s Proposed *Bill 5: Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act* and *Bill 17: Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act*, dated June 5th, 2025, be received;

AND THAT Council supports the letters that have been submitted by the County of Dufferin as part of the Provincial commenting period.

2.0 BACKGROUND

In the Spring of 2025, the Province of Ontario released two (2) proposed Bills referred to as the *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act* (herein referred to as ‘*Bill 5*’) and the *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act* (herein referred to as ‘*Bill 17*’). The general intent of the proposed Bills was to introduce new legislation, as well as amend existing legislation, as a means to expedite and streamline development approval processes.

Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act (Bill 5)

Bill 5 seeks amendments to various existing legislation including the *Endangered Species Act*, *Mining Act*, *Ontario Heritage Act*, *Electricity Act*, *Environmental Assessment Act*, *Environmental Protection Act*, *Ontario Energy Board Act*, and the *Rebuilding Ontario Place Act*. In addition, *Bill 5* aims to introduce two (2) new pieces of legislation that are referred to as the *Special Economic Zones Act* and *Species Conservation Act*. While the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) commenting deadline has passed, the County will still be circulating a letter outlining comments and concerns to the Province.

In reviewing the proposed legislation, it is the opinion of Township Planning that four (4) proposed changes are likely to be of greatest concern to the Township, as well as greater County. Those changes include the following:

- Amendments to the *Endangered Species Act*, 2017
- Amendments to the *Ontario Heritage Act*
- Implementation of the *Special Economic Zones Act*, 2025
- Implementation of the *Species Conservation Act*, 2025 and repealing of the *Endangered Species Act*, 2017

Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act (Bill 17)

Bill 17 seeks amendments to multiple statutes, which include the *Planning Act*, *Development Charges Act*, 1997, *Building Code Act*, *City of Toronto Act*, 2006, *Metrolinx Act*, 2006, *Ministry of Infrastructure Act*, 2011, *Building Transit Faster Act*, 2020, and *Transit-Oriented Communities Act*. The County of Dufferin



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has submitted a letter to both the Standing Committee and ERO portal regarding concerns relating to the proposed amendments under Bill 17.

Township Planning staff have reviewed the proposed legislative changes under Bill 17 and believe that there are two (2) Acts where significant concern is present. Those Acts include the following:

- Amendments to the *Planning Act*
- Amendments to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*

3.0 POLICY OVERVIEW

To create a clear depiction of the proposed changes under Bill 5 and Bill 17, Township Planning staff have prepared a table that outlines the specific legislation of concern, as well as the new policies and/or amendments being proposed. An analysis of each policy is further provided in section 4.0.

Proposed Title of Legislation	General Summary of Proposal
<i>Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act (Bill 5)</i>	
Proposed amendments to <i>Endangered Species Act, 2017</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Minister can delegate powers and duties under the <i>ESA, 2007</i>.• Removal of mandatory requirement to make a regulation listing species that are classified by the Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario (COSSARO) as extirpated species, endangered species, threatened species or special concern species. This regulation is now at the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.• Definition of “habitat” will be revised to specifically define this term in relation to an animal species, vascular plant species, and all other species.• Removal of the term “harass” from section 9 relating to the prohibition of killing.• Removal of the requirement for conditions to be satisfied prior to certain permits being issued, as well as reference to species conservation charges. <p>This Act is proposed to be repealed and replaced with the <i>Species Conservation Act, 2025</i>.</p>
Proposed amendments to <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Lieutenant Governor in Council can exempt a property from certain policies of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i> should they be found to advance provincial interests including transit, housing, health and long-term care, and other infrastructure. The policies that a property can be exempt from include the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Any requirements in Part VI (Conservation of Resources of Archaeological Value) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i> or in related regulations.○ A requirement to conduct an archaeological assessment under a provision of any other Act or regulation, or instrument under any other Act, other than a provision of the <i>Funeral, Burial and Cremation</i>



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	<p><i>Services Act, 2002</i> or a regulation or instrument made under that Act.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authorization is provided to the Minister as it relates to assessment orders, inspection powers, and the appointment of investigators.
Implementation of <i>Special Economic Zones Act, 2025</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This <i>Act</i> allows the Minister to designate certain areas as ‘special economic zones’ where certain projects can be deemed exempt from requirements under an Act and/or from regulations or instruments (i.e., zoning by-laws, official plans) under an Act.• For a ‘special economic zone’ to be established, the identified area will have to meet a certain prescribed criteria set out by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.• Once the zone has been established, the Minister will be able to assign a person or project as either a <i>trusted proponent</i> or <i>designated project</i> if they are able to meet the prescribed criteria set out by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
Implementation of <i>Species Conservation Act, 2025</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Province of Ontario will have the authority to add/remove species, which differs from the existing system whereby COSSARO classifies species. COSSARO will still advise the Province.• Removal of requirement for registration/permits for aquatic species and migratory birds captured under the federal <i>Species at Risk Act</i>.• Definition of “habitat” has been revised.• Shift away from the required permit review process and towards a registration first approach.• Establishment of the Species Conservation Registry. <p>This <i>Act</i> is proposed to replace the <i>Endangered Species Act, 2017</i>.</p>
<i>Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act (Bill 17)</i>	
Proposed amendments to <i>Planning Act</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inclusionary zoning: a regulation has been released setting out a 5% maximum rate and a 25-year maximum affordability period within <i>Protected Major Transit Station Areas</i> that will be put in place. The implementing regulations are not currently available.• School zoning: will be permitted as of right on urban lands zoned for residential uses.• Complete application rules are proposed to be changed to limit what can be required as part of a complete application. A proposed regulation will limit the scope of permitted studies, and proposes to exclude Sun/Shadow, Wind, Urban Design and lighting reports.• Conditional MZOs (Minister Zoning Orders): the Minister will be given the jurisdiction to impose conditions prior to uses in an MZO being permitted. Where a condition is imposed, it can be enforced by way of an agreement that can be registered on title.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Variations to minor variances: the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing would have regulation-making power to allow certain variations that would be permitted as of right. The <i>Act</i> proposes to establish a regulation that will set a percentage of a setback that will be permitted as of right. A proposal for a regulation that has been posted for comment states that the percentage will be 10%.
Proposed amendments to <i>Development Charges Act, 1997</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Payments for residential construction may be deferred from building permit issuance to occupancy permit date, currently only available to rental housing and institutional developments• Interest payments would no longer be permitted, existing deferrals for rental housing and institutional developments would be exempted moving forward• If a residential development does not require an occupancy permit, securities (type to be prescribed by regulation) may be required at time of building permit issuance• For developments where the development charge (DC) rate is frozen as of the zoning by-law or site plan application date, the rate paid will be the lower of the rate at that time and the rate in place at time of permit issuance• A development charge background study and public consultation is not required to reduce development charge rates• Long term care homes will be exempt from paying development charges• The Minister will be able to make regulations (not released to date) in relation to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Prescribing limits and exceptions to eligible capital costs, including land○ Merging related service categories for the purpose of DC credits, allowing credits for construction of infrastructure to be applied to other service areas○ Prescribing a method to calculate the benefit to existing (BTE) development of new infrastructure, which is the amount that existing development will benefit from the new infrastructure that reduces the amount that can be charged to the new development in a DC bylaw○ Expand requirement to spend or allocate 60% of funds in the DC reserve funds each year○ Define local services to standardize what infrastructure is included under DC vs local services○ Additional reporting requirements

4.0 POLICY ANALYSIS

Township Planning staff have undertaken an extensive review of both Bill 5 and Bill 17. Through this review it was determined that the proposed legislation has some notable gaps that Township Planning believe should be addressed by the Province prior to these Bills being approved. Similar to the above, the concerns and comments determined by Township Planning staff have been provided in a table, which is outlined below.



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Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act (Bill 5)	
Proposed amendments to <i>Endangered Species Act, 2017</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Township of Melancthon does not have any specific documents that reference endangered species and the protection of such species. Given that, the policy impact from the proposed changes will likely be minimal.• Where Township Planning is concerned is with respect to the changes proposed is as it relates to Indigenous engagement during planning applications. If lesser protections are provided to species at risk, Indigenous groups may utilize the development application process as a means to further protect these culturally significant species. This would only further delay and extend development application processes at the Township level.
Proposed amendments to <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The most notable concern is the removal of the requirements set out under Part VI of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>, as well as the requirement to conduct an archaeological assessment as part of development applications.• The proposed amendments may lead to a situation whereby certain development projects are allowed to proceed, even though the site may be of archaeological concern. However, the proposed amendments would not offer the Township the ability to determine whether the archaeological concern presented is substantiated.
Implementation of <i>Special Economic Zones Act, 2025</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Township Planning staff are concerned that the implementation of this <i>Act</i> will lead to scenarios whereby municipal involvement, both in terms of engagement and policy oversight, in the development application process is all but removed.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ The removal of municipal involvement in development applications may create disorganized community building and result in the local context being removed from decision-making processes.• There is also concern with the potential for the 'special economic zones' to be areas of development favouritism. In the opinion of Township Planning, the Province should be looking to spur economic growth throughout Ontario, not merely in areas deemed 'special economic zones'.
Implementation of <i>Species Conservation Act, 2025</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In addition to the concerns outlined in the section on the <i>Endangered Species Act, 2017</i>, Township Planning is also concerned that this new <i>Act</i> will remove important protectionary measures currently in place.• The removal of protectionary measures may further perpetuate the negative impact of development on endangered species, especially aquatic species and migratory birds that are proposed to be no longer protected through the Province's permit/registration system.
Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act (Bill 17)	



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Proposed amendments to <i>Planning Act</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The establishment of a minimum setback percentage that is permitted as of right may lead to a reduction in minor variance applications that are submitted to the Township for lands located in urban and community settlement areas. Township Planning staff are not overly concerned with this proposed amendment outside of the fact that it removes the local context from the development application process.• The proposed amendment to section 17, which proposes written approval from the Minister prior to adopting an official plan amendment for certain sections of the <i>Act</i>, undermines the trust and delegated authority that is provided to the municipalities by the Province. Specifically, this amendment speaks to ‘other information’ requested by Council as part of official plan amendments, zoning by-law amendments, site plan applications, draft plans of subdivision, and consent applications. In the opinion of Township Planning staff, such requests are frequently supported by rationale from the various disciplines associated with the development application process. The Township understands the local context and the needs (i.e., studies, reports) for certain planning application processes, which would be all but removed as part of this amendment. To be frank, this amendment would only further add an additional layer of bureaucracy that <i>Bill 17</i> is aiming to eliminate.• The amendments proposed to section 47 (Power of Minister regarding Zoning and Subdivision Control) further reduce the Township’s ability to help guide development and growth in the local area. The ability for an agreement to be entered into with either the Minister or the Township provides an avenue for an agreement to proceed even though the Township may not be supportive of such development. As long as the Minister is accepting of the application, subject to certain conditions, the construction of buildings or structures can be proceeded with. In the opinion of Township Planning staff, the due diligence and review process associated with planning applications is brought into question.
Proposed amendments to <i>Development Charges Act, 1997</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The addition of residential development to section 26.1 may result in situations whereby the establishment of necessary municipal services is delayed as a result of section 26.1 (3), which allows annual installments of up to five (5) years after occupancy. This delay and extension in development charges for residential development may require the Township to increase taxes for existing residents in order to pay for those additional services required for the new residential development.• The term “residential development” is extremely broad in nature, and, in the opinion of Township Planning staff, should be further refined. Different styles of residential development have varying impacts on the infrastructure and service requirements of local municipalities, and, as such, this broad approach may only create further issues for municipalities.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The amendment to section 28, which speaks to the withholding of a building permit until a development charge is paid, presents a more reactive approach to residential development. In essence, the new amendment would allow for a building permit to be issued for a residential development even if the development charge has not been paid. Once again, this approach proposes an approach to residential development that allows construction to occur without the financial means to support the services and infrastructure required as part of the new residential development. This financial gap would, therefore, fall on the Township and local residents.
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5.0 CONCLUSION

In reviewing Bill 5 and Bill 17, it is clear that the Province has a strong desire to streamline and expedite development approval processes. While Township Planning can appreciate this desire, we also understand that it must not come at the cost of proper due diligence and the protection of important cultural and natural heritage features. Given that the concerns of Township Planning staff are reflected in the letters issued by the County (see *Appendices 1 and 2*), Township Planning staff urge Council to issue support for the County’s letters.

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Attachments:

- *Appendix 1 – County of Dufferin Bill 5 Letter*
- *Appendix 2 – County of Dufferin Bill 17 Letter*



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Appendix 1 – County of Dufferin Bill 5 Letter

May 15, 2025

Hon. Victor Fedeli
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Toronto, ON M7A 1S5

Hon. Stephen Lecce
Minister of Energy and Mines
77 Greenville Street, 10th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2C1

Hon. Robert Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 18th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1S5

Minister Fedeli, Minister Lecce, and Minister Flack

**Re. County of Dufferin Comments on the Province of Ontario's Proposed
Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act*, 2025**

On April 17th, 2025, the Province of Ontario undertook a first reading of the *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act*, 2025 (herein referred to as '*Bill 5*'). *Bill 5*, at a basic level, proposes amendments to various existing legislation, such as the *Endangered Species Act*, *Mining Act*, *Ontario Heritage Act*, *Environmental Assessment Act*, *Environmental Protection Act*, *Ontario Energy Board Act*, and *Rebuilding Ontario Place Act*. In addition, *Bill 5* also proposes the establishment of two (2) new pieces of legislation in the form of the *Special Economic Zones Act* and *Species Conservation Act*, the latter which will replace the *Endangered Species Act*. In understanding that the Province has since moved *Bill 5* to the Standing Committee on the Interior, which is receiving comments until May 26th, 2025, the County has prepared comments speaking to *Bill 5*. It is our hope that the Province will review and strongly consider the comments submitted as part of this letter.

To start, the County of Dufferin appreciates the Province of Ontario's current actions to strengthen and grow Ontario's economic sector in light of the unstable conditions largely brought on by Canada's longest standing ally, the United States of America. Ontario has long been a place that is attractive to businesses from a variety employment sectors and, in saying that, remains one of the



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top Province's for investment in Canada. The County of Dufferin, therefore, can appreciate the government's proposed actions under *Bill 5* that aim to streamline, simplify, and reduce delays for prospective projects that may bring further jobs and investment to Ontario.

While the County of Dufferin can appreciate these efforts, the currently proposed *Bill 5* brings forth more questions and concerns than it does answers from the perspective of Dufferin County. Those questions and concerns mainly pertain to the amendments proposed to the *Endangered Species Act* and *Ontario Heritage Act*, as well as the two (2) newly proposed Acts referred to as the *Special Economic Zones Act* and *Species Conservation Act*.

With respect to the amendments currently proposed to the *Endangered Species Act* and *Ontario Heritage Act*, it is clear that the Province is attempting to reduce regulatory delays associated with species and heritage protection. Through *Bill 5* the Province would have the ability to remove critical requirements utilized during the development review process, such as the completion of an archaeological assessment and addressing of conditions prior to permit issuance. The County of Dufferin can understand the need to reduce, if not eliminate, regulatory and 'red-tape' related delays for economically beneficial projects. This reduction, however, must not come at the cost of crucial due diligence processes associated with cultural heritage and species conservation. These processes ensure that Ontario's endangered and threatened species are not negatively impacted and that key stakeholders, especially Indigenous groups, are confident and supportive of the review process for development projects.

Where the County of Dufferin has further concern is with the *Special Economic Zones Act* and *Species Conservation Act*. The *Special Economic Zones Act*, as it currently reads, is vague and requires further clarification from the Province. It appears that this Act aims to not only establish areas of preference for economic activity and growth, but also seemingly eliminates any oversight and input from local municipalities for areas designated as 'special economic zones'. Once again, though Dufferin County appreciates the Province's desire to expedite economic growth in Ontario, the omission of key guiding policies at the municipal level, as well as significant municipal input, is of notable concern to the County of Dufferin. The municipal process not only provides an opportunity for comprehensive engagement with local stakeholders, but also the ability for growth and development to occur with the local community context in mind. The currently drafted *Special Economic Zones Act*, while limited on details, indicates that the Province will have the ability to omit such critical processes for certain "designated projects" and/or "trusted proponents". Who or how can be labeled as either a "designated project" and/or "trusted proponent" is another level of detail that is presently absent from *Bill 5* and one that Dufferin County would want further clarity on.

The proposed *Species Conservation Act*, though not vague or unclear, presents significant changes to species protection in Ontario that are of concern to Dufferin County. Notable changes of concern



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currently proposed in the *Act* include removing the requirement for registration/permits for aquatic species and migratory birds under the federal *Species at Risk Act*, as well as the Province now having the authority to add/remove species from the classification list. The Government's efforts to eliminate potential regulatory delays, though beneficial for prospective businesses, may come at the detriment of endangered and threatened species in Ontario. Species, once protected by government legislation, and critical to the biological diversity of Ontario, may now be subject to greater potential for endangerment as a result of the implement of the *Species Conservation Act*.

In the opinion of the County of Dufferin, *Bill 5* should not be further considered in its currently drafted state. The Bill proposes several significant changes to critical processes relating to cultural heritage and species protection in Ontario and, further to that, seeks to remove municipal input and involvement in projects related to economic growth and development. Though the County of Dufferin can appreciate the Province's desire to protect Ontario's economy in both the short-and-long-term, this must not come at the expense of proper due diligence and the protection of key cultural heritage and environmental elements in Ontario. Ontarian's, and the County of Dufferin, can understand the need to rapidly build housing and grow the economy, but we have also put our trust in the government to accomplish such goals without threatening Ontario's natural assets and cultural heritage features.

The County of Dufferin will recommend that any decision regarding *Bill 5* be deferred until such a time that further consultation with municipalities can take place.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Janet M Horner' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Janet Horner, Warden
County of Dufferin





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Appendix 2 – County of Dufferin Bill 17 Letter

May 27, 2025

Hon. Robert Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
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Minister Flack and Minister Sarkaria

**Re. County of Dufferin Comments on the Province of Ontario's Proposed
Bill 17, *Protect Ontario by Building Smarter and Faster Act*, 2025**

On May 12th, 2025, the Province of Ontario undertook a first reading of the *Protect Ontario by Building Smarter and Faster Act*, 2025 (herein referred to as '*Bill 17*'). *Bill 17*, at a basic level, proposes amendments to various existing legislation, such as the *Building Code Act*, *Building Transit Faster Act*, *City of Toronto Act*, *Development Charges Act*, *Metrolinx Act*, *Ministry of Infrastructure Act*, *Planning Act*, and *Transit-Oriented Communities Act*. In understanding that the Province has provided the opportunity for municipalities to submit comments on *Bill 17* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario until June 11th, 2025, the County of Dufferin has prepared comments speaking to *Bill 17*. It is our hope that the Province will review and strongly consider the comments submitted as part of this letter.

To start, the County of Dufferin appreciates the Province of Ontario's continued fight to build more housing in Ontario through the streamlining and simplification of development processes. Ontario has long remained one of Canada's most attractive provinces for immigration, both from an international and inter-provincial lens. Housing in Ontario, therefore, has become highly unaffordable for many first time homebuyers and new immigrants to Ontario. The County of Dufferin appreciates the government's proposed actions under *Bill 17* that aim to expedite processes associated with housing development as a means to rapidly grow the housing stock in Ontario

While the County of Dufferin can appreciate these efforts, the currently drafted *Bill 17* brings forth more questions and concerns than it does answers from the perspective of Dufferin County. Those

questions and concerns mainly pertain to the amendments proposed to the *Development Charges Act* and *Planning Act*.

The amendments proposed to the *Development Charges Act* seem to indicate the Province's desire to remove financial delays for residential development projects. Though the avoidance of financial delays would be beneficial to the rapid establishment of residential housing, the currently proposed amendments seemingly create undue financial stress for municipalities in Ontario. *Bill 17* would allow for development charges for residential housing to be deferred to the occupancy permit date, with these charges also being allowed in annual installments of up to five (5) years after occupancy. In addition, *Bill 17* further proposes the reduction of development charge rates without the requirement for a development charge background study and proper public consultation. While the County of Dufferin can understand the need to expedite housing construction in Ontario, it must not come at the cost of financial instruments that assist municipalities in providing the critical infrastructure and services required for new developments. Development charges play a crucial role in the establishment of infrastructure and services associated with new residential development and, in the opinion of Dufferin County, *Bill 17*, as drafted, shifts those upfront costs onto the municipalities and, in turn, the local taxpayers.

Where the County of Dufferin has further concern is with the amendments proposed to the *Planning Act*. The amendments to the *Planning Act*, as drafted, create a notable shift away from municipally led development application processes and the trust the Province has passed down to the municipalities with respect to development. Housing, as noted previously, is a critical feature that Dufferin County understands must be rapidly expanded in Ontario as a means to address the massive unaffordability issue that presently persists. Though that may be the case, the County of Dufferin does not believe that the growth of homes should come through the omission of municipalities and the wealth of advice they provide. Municipalities provide a level of understanding on the local context, both socially speaking and also from a technical perspective, that Dufferin County believes cannot be replicated at the Provincial level. Municipal led development processes allow for extensive public consultation to occur, for staff and external consultants to thoroughly review technical materials, and for any concerns at the local level to be appropriately addressed. *Bill 17*, as it reads presently, would remove those critical elements from the development process. This, in the opinion of Dufferin County, would potentially lead to situations whereby developments are approved without support at the municipal level.

In the opinion of the County of Dufferin, *Bill 17* should not be further considered in its currently drafted state. The Bill proposes several significant changes to critical processes relating to development charges and planning application processes in Ontario and, further to that, seeks to remove municipal input and involvement in projects related to residential development. Though the County of Dufferin can appreciate the Province's desire to expand the housing stock in Ontario, this



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must not come at the expense of municipal involvement in the development process and the financial instruments used to support new residential development.

The County of Dufferin will recommend that any decision regarding *Bill 17* be deferred until such a time that further consultation with municipalities can take place. In the meantime, the County has also provided a more comprehensive list of comments in *Appendix A*.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Janet M Horner'.

Janet Horner, Warden
County of Dufferin



Appendix A – List of County of Dufferin Comments

Act	County of Dufferin Comments
<i>Development Charges Act, 1997</i>	<p>The addition of residential development to section 26.1 may result in situations whereby the establishment of necessary municipal services is delayed as a result of section 26.1 (3), which allows annual installments of up to five (5) years after occupancy. This delay and extension in development charges for residential development may require local municipalities to increase taxes for existing residents in order to pay for those additional services required for the new residential development.</p> <p>The term “residential development” is extremely broad in nature, and, in the opinion of Planning staff, should be further refined. Different styles of residential development have varying impacts on the infrastructure and service requirements of local municipalities, and, as such, this broad approach may only create further issues for municipalities.</p> <p>The amendment to section 28, which speaks to the withholding of a building permit until a development charge is paid, presents a more reactive approach to residential development. In essence, the new amendment would allow for a building permit to be issued for a residential development even if the development charge has not been paid. Once again, this approach proposes an approach to residential development that allows construction to occur without the financial means to support the services and infrastructure required as part of the new residential development. This financial gap would, therefore, fall on the municipality and local residents.</p>
<i>Planning Act</i>	<p>The additional subsections regarding minimum setback distances for buildings will have minimal impact to the County Official Plan policies and, as such, the County Planning division has no concerns or comments. However, the local Towns and Townships will likely have comments pertaining to these proposed changes.</p>

	<p>The proposed amendment to section 17, which proposes written approval from the Minister prior to adopting an official plan amendment for certain sections of the <i>Act</i>, undermines the trust and delegated authority that is provided to the municipalities by the Province. Specifically, this amendment speaks to ‘other information’ requested by Council as part of official plan amendments, zoning by-law amendments, site plan applications, draft plans of subdivision, and consent applications. In the opinion of County Planning staff, such requests are frequently supported by rationale from the various disciplines associated with the development application process. The municipality understands the local context and the needs (i.e., studies, reports) for certain planning application processes, which would be all but removed as part of this amendment. To be frank, this amendment would only further add an additional layer of bureaucracy that <i>Bill 17</i> is aiming to eliminate.</p>
	<p>The amendments proposed to section 47 (Power of Minister regarding Zoning and Subdivision Control) further reduce the municipalities’ ability to help guide development and growth in the local area. The ability for an agreement to be entered into with either the Minister or the municipality provides an avenue for an agreement to proceed even though the municipality may not be supportive of such development. As long as the Minister is accepting of the application, subject to certain conditions, the construction of buildings or structures can be proceeded with. In the opinion of County Planning staff, the due diligence and review process associated with planning applications is brought into question. Further clarification on the process is requested to be presented.</p>





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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor White and Members of Council

Copy: Ms. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk

From: Liam Morgan, Development Planner

Date: June 5, 2025

Re: Strada Aggregates – Official Plan and Zoning By-law Applications – Township Planning Update

1.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report titled Strada Aggregates – Official Plan and Zoning By-law Applications – Township Planning Update, dated June 5th, 2025, be received;

THAT Council accepts the recommendation by Township Planning staff to defer a decision on the planning applications submitted by Strada Aggregates until Township peer reviews of the submitted materials are completed, as well as the required consultation processes;

AND THAT Council approves Township Planning staff proceeding with Steps 1-3 outlined in section 7.0 of this report.

2.0 BACKGROUND

On January 31st, 2025, the Township of Melancthon received the joint submission of Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments from MHBC Planning Ltd. (herein referred to as the 'applicant') on behalf of Strada Aggregates Inc. (herein referred to as the 'owner'). Upon receipt of the joint submission, Township Planning reviewed for completeness of the application and, on February 18th, 2025, deemed the application as complete.

While Township staff were prepared to further proceed with the consultation process immediately following the issuance of the complete application, the owner requested Township staff to postpone this process. This request was made as a means for further dialogue between Township Council and the owner to be undertaken relating to important topics of concern, especially those relating to hydrogeology. Township staff and the owner, therefore, mutually agreed to postpone the advancement of the consultation process.

Since the issuance of the complete application, there have been several notable milestones that have transpired. For one, the owner and Township were able to engage in additional discussions regarding the project, which largely centred around the Township peer review process for the planning applications, as well as general concerns for the project. Further to that, consultants retained by the owner were able to undertake a delegation to Council on May 1st, 2025 where they provided an update on the project, especially as it related to the associated Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) application. From the perspective of the Township of Melancthon, staff have been able to extensively review existing agreements and determine necessary revisions, as well as obtain proposals from various peer reviewers required for this project.



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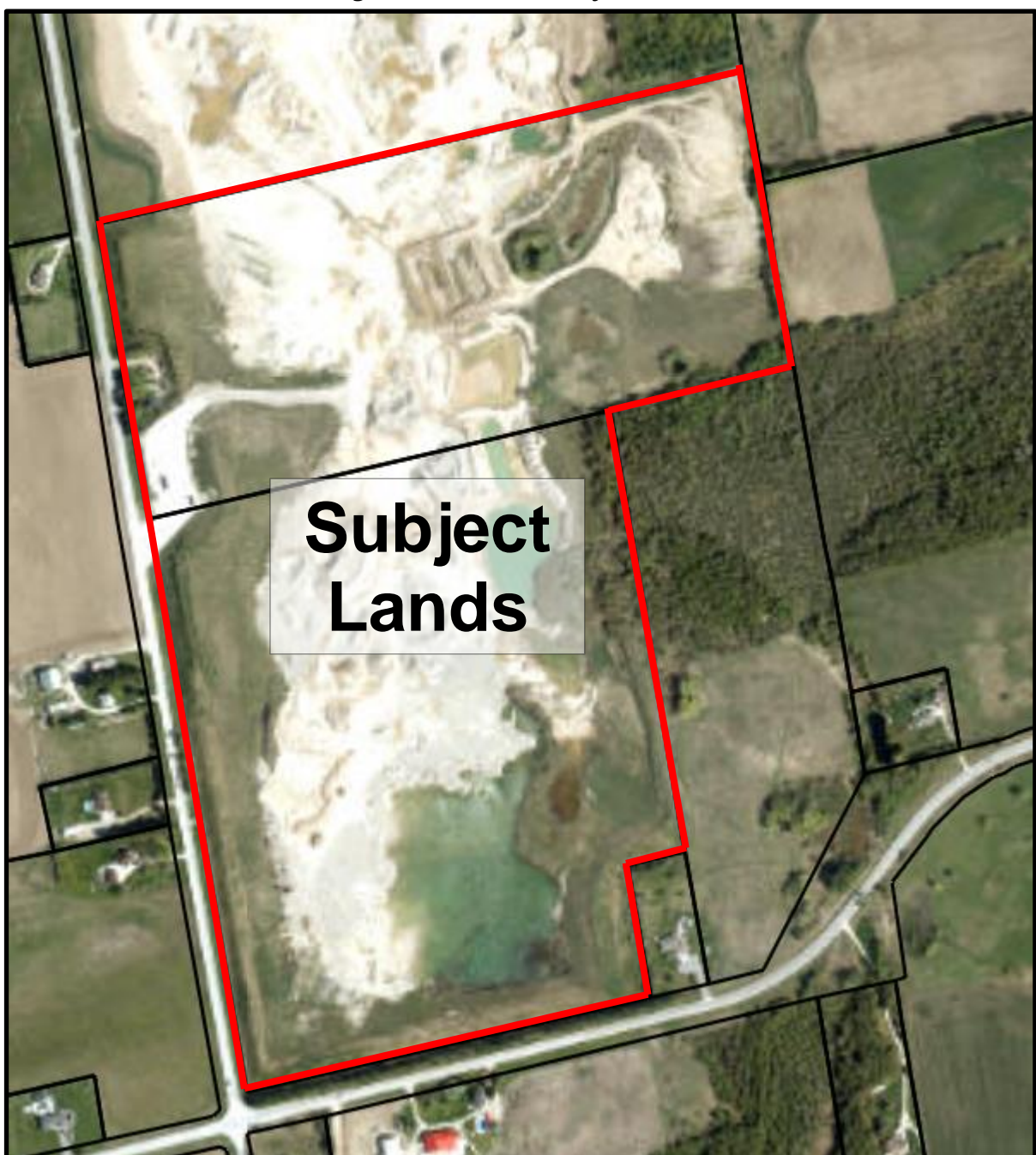
3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT LANDS

The lands subject to the joint planning application are municipally known as 437031 and 437075 4th Line and legally described as West Half of Lots 11 and 12, Concession 3, Township of Melancthon, County of Dufferin.

Though the total area of the aggregate operations is approximately 149.0 hectares (368 acres), the lands subject to the planning applications are approximately 47.6 hectares (117.6 acres) in size and have a lot frontage of approximately 883 metres onto 4th Line.

An aerial of the lands subject to the application is provided below in *Figure 1*.

Figure 1: Aerial of Subject Lands



4.0 PROPONENT APPLICATION

The general intent of the planning applications is to allow for the entire site to be operated as a below water Pit and Quarry. For the subject lands in particular, the planning applications will allow those lands to be utilized for sand and gravel operations, a wash plant with product stockpiles, water management



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for the quarry operation, and for the creation of a wetland area. The specific planning application amendments proposed for the subject lands have been outlined below.

Proposed Official Plan Amendment

- Re-designate portions of the Subject Lands from "Extractive Industrial", subject to policy 5.6.2 (y) to "Extractive Industrial".
- Re-designate portions of the Subject Lands from "Extractive Industrial", subject to policy 5.6.2 (y) to "Environmental Protection", subject to policy 5.4.2 (j).
- Re-designate a portion of the Subject Lands from "Environmental Protection", subject to policy 5.4.2 (j). to "Extractive Industrial".
- Amend the existing "Environmental Protection" designation text to modify a portion of site-specific policy Section 5.4.2 (j).

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

- Revise the boundaries of the 'Open Space Conservation' Exception one (OS2-1);
- Rezone the remainder of the Subject Lands to the 'Extractive Industrial Exception (M2-X)' zone;
- Delete the existing special provisions of the Extractive Industrial Exception three zone and replace them with new special provisions; and,
- Amend a portion of the existing OS2-1 zone text to modify the last sentence of the OS2-1 zone provision to reflect the changes in the adjacent Extractive Industrial zoning.

5.0 SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL REPORTS SUBMITTED

As part of the submission process, the following technical reports and information were provided by the applicant in support of the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment. Those include the following:

- Agricultural Impact Assessment, prepared by *MHBC Planning Ltd.*, dated January 2025.
- Application Forms (Official Plan and Zoning By-law), prepared by *MHBC Planning Ltd.*, dated January 23rd, 2025.
- Air Quality Assessment, prepared by *RWDI AIR Inc.*, dated January 22nd, 2025.
- Archaeological Assessment (Stage 1), prepared by *Archaeological Services Inc.*, dated January 28th, 2025.
- Archaeological Screening Checklist, prepared by *Archaeological Services Inc.*, dated January 28th, 2025.
- Blast Impact Analysis, prepared by *Explotech Engineering Ltd.*, dated January 27th, 2025.
- Cover Letter, prepared by *MHBC Planning Ltd.*, dated January 31st, 2025.
- Cultural Heritage Screening Checklist, prepared by *MHBC Planning Ltd.*, dated January 2025.
- Cultural Heritage Screening Report, prepared by *MHBC Planning Ltd.*, dated January 2025.
- Level 1 and 2 Hydrogeological Assessment, prepared by *Tatham Engineering Ltd.* and *Earthfx Inc.*, dated January 31st, 2025.
- Maximum Predicted Water Table Report, prepared by *Tatham Engineering Ltd.*, dated January 13th, 2025.



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- Natural Environment Assessment, prepared by *Natural Resource Solutions Inc.*, dated January 2025.
- Noise Impact Study, prepared by *Aercoustics Engineering Ltd.*, dated January 24th, 2025.
- Owners Authorization Form, prepared by *Strada Aggregates Inc.*, dated January 23rd, 2025.
- Planning Justification Report and Aggregate Resources Act Summary Statement, prepared by *MHBC Planning Ltd.*, dated January 2025.
- Site Plan, prepared by *MHBC Planning Ltd.*, dated January 2025.
- Traffic Impact Study, prepared by *HDR Corporation*, dated August 20th, 2024.

6.0 ANALYSIS

Township Planning staff can appreciate that significant steps have been taken by both the owner and Township as a means to progress the planning applications along. However, the extensive and complex nature of this project has led to some critical components of the planning application process, such as public consultation and technical report peer reviews, to not yet be completed. As such, the ability for Township Planning staff to make an informed recommendation to Council on whether the planning applications should be approved or denied is not possible due to the absence of these key components, especially that of public input and technical report reviews.

Given the above, Township Planning staff would recommend that the application be **deferred for decision** until such time that Township peer reviews of the technical reports, as well as public consultation events, have been undertaken and completed. Township staff will continue to work alongside the owner to further progress the joint planning application.

7.0 CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

At this time, Township Planning staff is unable to provide a recommendation on whether Council should approve or deny the planning applications given the absence of several important elements of the planning application process. Instead, Township Planning staff assert that the planning applications submitted by the owner should be **deferred for decision** until those critical components have been completed. Should Council agree with Township Planning staff's assertion, then the following next steps are suggested to take place.

1. Officially initiate the retainment process for the Township's peer review services using the list compiled by Township's legal counsel and Planning staff.
2. Request that the applicant and owner schedule an Open House meeting as a means to initiate the public consultation process.
3. Begin the internal and external agency circulation process of the submitted materials.

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Billing Categories (Billing categories below do not match traditional crime groupings)		2025				2024			
		January to March	Year to Date	Time Standard	Year To Date Weighted Hours	January to March	Year to Date	Time Standard	Year To Date Weighted Hours
Violent Criminal Code	Murder 1st Degree	0	0		0.0	1	1	15.4	15.4
	Sexual Assault	1	1	15.4	15.4	1	1	15.4	15.4
	Assault With Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm-Level 2	1	1	15.4	15.4	0	0		0.0
	Assault-Level 1	5	5	15.4	77.0	1	1	15.4	15.4
	Forcible confinement	1	1	15.4	15.4	0	0		0.0
	Indecent/Harassing Communications	0	0		0.0	1	1	15.4	15.4
	Utter Threats to Person	0	0		0.0	2	2	15.4	30.8
	Total	8	8	15.4	123.2	6	6	15.4	92.4
Property Crime Violations	Arson - Auto	0	0		0.0	1	1	6.3	6.3
	Break & Enter	3	3	6.3	18.9	0	0		0.0
	Theft Over - Trailers	0	0		0.0	1	1	6.3	6.3
	Theft Over - Other Theft	1	1	6.3	6.3	0	0		0.0
	Theft of Motor Vehicle	2	2	6.3	12.6	0	0		0.0
	Theft of - Snow Vehicles	0	0		0.0	1	1	6.3	6.3
	Theft under - Other Theft	1	1	6.3	6.3	0	0		0.0
	Theft FROM Motor Vehicle Under \$5,000	0	0		0.0	1	1	6.3	6.3
	Theft Under \$5,000 [SHOPLIFTING]	0	0		0.0	1	1	6.3	6.3
	Possession of Stolen Goods over \$5,000	0	0		0.0	2	2	6.3	12.6
	Fraud -Master code	1	1	6.3	6.3	0	0		0.0
	Fraud - Steal/Forge/Poss./Use Credit Card	1	1	6.3	6.3	0	0		0.0
	Fraud -Money/property/ security > \$5,000	0	0		0.0	1	1	6.3	6.3
	Fraud -Money/property/ security <= \$5,000	1	1	6.3	6.3	2	2	6.3	12.6
	Personation with Intent (fraud)	1	1	6.3	6.3	0	0		0.0
	Mischief - master code	2	2	6.3	12.6	0	0		0.0
	Interfere with lawful use, enjoyment of property	0	0		0.0	1	1	6.3	6.3
	Property Damage	2	2	6.3	12.6	0	0		0.0
	Total	15	15	6.3	94.5	11	11	6.3	69.3
Other Criminal Code Violations (Excluding traffic)	Bail Violations - Fail To Comply	1	1	7.3	7.3	0	0		0.0
	Breach of Probation	1	1	7.3	7.3	1	1	7.3	7.3
	Total	2	2	7.3	14.6	1	1	7.3	7.3



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Drug Possession	Possession Other Controlled Drugs and Substance Act	1	1	6.9	6.9	0	0		0.0
	Total	1	1	6.9	6.9	0	0		0.0
Statutes & Acts	Landlord/Tenant	2	2	3.5	7.0	4	4	3.5	14.0
	Mental Health Act	3	3	3.5	10.5	2	2	3.5	7.0
	Mental Health Act - No contact with Police	1	1	3.5	3.5	0	0		0.0
	Mental Health Act - Threat of Suicide	1	1	3.5	3.5	1	1	3.5	3.5
	Mental Health Act - Voluntary Transport	1	1	3.5	3.5	0	0		0.0
	Mental Health Act - Placed on Form	0	0		0.0	1	1	3.5	3.5
	Mental Health Act - Apprehension	2	2	3.5	7.0	1	1	3.5	3.5
	Trespass To Property Act	2	2	3.5	7.0	1	1	3.5	3.5
	Total	12	12	3.5	42.0	10	10	3.5	35.0
Operational	Animal -Master code	0	0		0.0	1	1	3.8	3.8
	Animal Stray	3	3	3.8	11.4	2	2	3.8	7.6
	Animal Injured	2	2	3.8	7.6	0	0		0.0
	Animal - Other	0	0		0.0	1	1	3.8	3.8
	Animal - Dog Owners Liability Act	0	0		0.0	1	1	3.8	3.8
	Domestic Disturbance	9	9	3.8	34.2	2	2	3.8	7.6
	Suspicious Person	3	3	3.8	11.4	10	10	3.8	38.0
	Phone -Nuisance - No Charges Laid	0	0		0.0	1	1	3.8	3.8
	Fire - Building	0	0		0.0	1	1	3.8	3.8
	Fire - Vehicle	1	1	3.8	3.8	0	0		0.0
	Noise Complaint -Master code	1	1	3.8	3.8	1	1	3.8	3.8
	Accident - non-MVC - Master code	2	2	3.8	7.6	0	0		0.0
	Found - Vehicle Accessories	0	0		0.0	1	1	3.8	3.8
	Found-Others	0	0		0.0	1	1	3.8	3.8
	Lost-Personal Accessories	0	0		0.0	3	3	3.8	11.4
	Lost-Machinery & Tools	1	1	3.8	3.8	0	0		0.0
	Lost-Others	0	0		0.0	1	1	3.8	3.8
	Sudden Death -master code	0	0		0.0	1	1	3.8	3.8



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Operational	Sudden Death - Suicide	1	1	3.8	3.8	1	1	3.8	3.8
	Sudden Death - Natural Causes	1	1	3.8	3.8	0	0		0.0
	Suspicious Vehicle	2	2	3.8	7.6	3	3	3.8	11.4
	Medical Assistance - Other	1	1	3.8	3.8	0	0		0.0
	Vehicle Recovered - Other	0	0		0.0	1	1	3.8	3.8
	Unwanted Persons	2	2	3.8	7.6	0	0		0.0
	Neighbour Dispute	6	6	3.8	22.8	2	2	3.8	7.6
	Other Municipal By-Laws	1	1	3.8	3.8	0	0		0.0
	Assist Fire Department	0	0		0.0	1	1	3.8	3.8
	Assist Public	9	9	3.8	34.2	0	0		0.0
	Family Dispute	2	2	3.8	7.6	6	6	3.8	22.8
	Total	47	47	3.8	178.6	41	41	3.8	155.8
Operational2	Keep the Peace	2	2	1.5	3.0	0	0		0.0
	911 call / 911 hang up	12	12	1.5	18.0	1	1	1.5	1.5
	911 call - Dropped Cell	5	5	1.5	7.5	1	1	1.5	1.5
	Total	19	19	1.5	28.5	2	2	1.5	3.0
Traffic	MVC (MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION) - Master code	5	5	3.8	19.0	0	0		0.0
	MVC - Personal Injury (MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION)	2	2	3.8	7.6	3	3	3.8	11.4
	MVC - Prop. Dam. Non Reportable	19	19	3.8	72.2	8	8	3.8	30.4
	MVC - Prop. Dam. Reportable (MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION)	30	30	3.8	114.0	12	12	3.8	45.6
	MVC - Prop. Dam. Failed to Remain (MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION)	4	4	3.8	15.2	0	0		0.0
	MVC - Others (MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION)	3	3	3.8	11.4	0	0		0.0
	Total	63	63	3.8	239.4	23	23	3.8	87.4
Total		167	167		727.7	94	94		450.2

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- The content of each report is to be shared by the Detachment Commander only with the municipality for which it was generated. The municipality may treat this as a public document and distribute it as they wish.
- All data is sourced from the Niche RMS application. Included are 'reported' occurrences (actuals and unfounded occurrences) for 'billable' occurrences ONLY. Data is refreshed on a weekly basis.
- The Traffic category includes motor vehicle collision (MVC) occurrences entered into Niche (UCR code 8521). MVCs are NOT sourced

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- Only the primary violation is counted within an occurrence.
- Time standards displayed are for the 2024 billing period.

Note to Municipalities:

- Data contained within this report is dynamic in nature and numbers will change over time as the Ontario Provincial Police continues to investigate and solve crime.
- This report is NOT to be used for crime trend analysis as not all occurrences are included.
- Data groupings within this report do not match traditional crime groupings seen in other public reports such as the OPP Police Services Board reports or Statistics Canada reporting.

Collisions by Type Jan-Mar 2025 Melancthon

Incident Date	Incident Time	Self-Reported	Location	Jurisdiction	RdHwy Intersection	Incident Type	Primary Cause	Report Type
04-Jan-25	15:51	No	COUNTY ROAD 17	MELANCTHON TWP	COUNTY ROAD 17	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
01-Jan-25	10:06	No	10 10	MELANCTHON TWP	250 SIDEROAD	Property Damage Only	Lost control	Motor Vehicle
07-Jan-25	17:43	No	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP	COUNTY ROAD 124	Property Damage Only	Improper lane change	Motor Vehicle
04-Jan-25	10:14	No	2ND LINE	MELANCTHON TWP	240 SIDEROAD	Property Damage Only	Lost control	Motor Vehicle
06-Jan-25	21:00	Yes	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP	5 SIDEROAD	Property Damage Only	Animal - Wild or Domestic	Motor Vehicle
08-Jan-25	16:00	No	10 10	MELANCTHON TWP	240 SIDEROAD	Property Damage Only	Lost control	Motor Vehicle
11-Jan-25	1:57	No	89 89	MELANCTHON TWP	6TH LINE	Property Damage Only	Following too closely	Motor Vehicle
10-Jan-25	18:04	Yes	89 89	MELANCTHON TWP		Property Damage Only	Animal - Wild or Domestic	Motor Vehicle
13-Jan-25	16:00	Yes	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP		Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
17-Jan-25	21:39	No	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP		Non-Fatal Injury	Unknown	Motor Vehicle
18-Jan-25	19:43	No	COUNTY ROAD 17	MELANCTHON TWP	2ND LINE	Property Damage Only	Lost control	Motor Vehicle
19-Jan-25	10:30	Yes	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP	20 SIDEROAD	Property Damage Only	Improper lane change	Motor Vehicle
17-Jan-25	10:39	No	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP	RUTLEDGE	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
20-Jan-25	15:45	No	COUNTY ROAD 17	MELANCTHON TWP	2ND LINE	Non-Fatal Injury	Inattentive driver	Motor Vehicle
24-Jan-25	4:20	Yes	2ND LINE	MELANCTHON TWP	89	Property Damage Only	Animal - Wild or Domestic	Motor Vehicle
27-Jan-25	7:50	No	COUNTY ROAD 17	MELANCTHON TWP	3RD LINE	Property Damage Only	Lost control	Motor Vehicle
27-Jan-25	10:37	Yes	10 10	MELANCTHON TWP	250 SIDEROAD	Property Damage Only	Other	Motor Vehicle
29-Jan-25	10:10	Yes	10 10	MELANCTHON TWP	4TH LINE	Property Damage Only	Other	Motor Vehicle
29-Jan-25	16:52	Yes	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP	20 SIDEROAD	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
04-Feb-25	10:00	Yes	COUNTY ROAD 17	MELANCTHON TWP	10	Property Damage Only	Improper turn	Motor Vehicle
07-Feb-25	12:00	Yes	3RD LINE	MELANCTHON TWP	10	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
07-Feb-25	16:00	No	7TH LINE	MELANCTHON TWP		Property Damage Only	Inattentive driver	Motor Vehicle
29-Jan-25	12:10	No	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP	20 SIDEROAD	Non-Fatal Injury	Following too closely	Motor Vehicle
10-Feb-25	16:03	No	3RD LINE	MELANCTHON TWP	COUNTY ROAD 17	Property Damage Only	Failed to yield right of way	Motor Vehicle
10-Feb-25	14:21	No	COUNTY ROAD 9	MELANCTHON TWP	8TH LINE	Property Damage Only	Lost control	Motor Vehicle
13-Feb-25	8:00	Yes	HUNTER	MELANCTHON TWP		Property Damage Only	Unknown	Motor Vehicle
13-Feb-25	16:45	Yes	4TH LINE	MELANCTHON TWP		Property Damage Only	Mechanical failure	Motorized Snow Vehicle
09-Feb-25	22:01	No	10 10	MELANCTHON TWP	280 SIDEROAD	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
17-Feb-25	12:00	Yes	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP	COUNTY ROAD 21	Property Damage Only	Other	Motor Vehicle
17-Feb-25	12:10	Yes	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP	WANSBROUGH WAY	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
17-Feb-25	13:30	Yes	89 89	MELANCTHON TWP		Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
17-Feb-25	12:00	Yes	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP	COUNTY RD 21	Property Damage Only	Following too closely	Motor Vehicle
17-Feb-25	13:00	Yes	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP	COUNTY ROAD 21	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
18-Feb-25	15:40	Yes	10 10	MELANCTHON TWP		Property Damage Only	Other	Motor Vehicle
17-Feb-25	12:15	Yes	MULMUR-MELANCTHON	MELANCTHON TWP	COUNTY ROAD 21	Property Damage Only	Failed to yield right of way	Motor Vehicle
18-Feb-25	14:00	Yes	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP		Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
19-Feb-25	11:30	Yes	2ND LINE	MELANCTHON TWP	250 SIDEROAD	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
20-Feb-25	11:35	No	COUNTY ROAD 17	MELANCTHON TWP	2ND LINE SOUTHWEST	Property Damage Only	Disobeyed traffic control	Motor Vehicle
22-Feb-25	15:16	No	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP	20 SIDEROAD	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
24-Feb-25	10:00	Yes	2ND LINE	MELANCTHON TWP	COUNTY ROAD 17	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
24-Feb-25	17:50	Yes	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP	COUNTY ROAD 17	Property Damage Only	Fail to Share	Motor Vehicle
28-Feb-25	8:45	Yes	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP	COUNTY ROAD 17	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle

01-Mar-25	14:13	No	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP	COUNTY ROAD 21	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
28-Feb-25	16:06	No	COUNTY ROAD 21	MELANCTHON TWP	MULMUR-MELANCHTON	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
06-Mar-25	14:00	Yes	10 10	MELANCTHON TWP	5TH LINE	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
06-Mar-25	15:15	Yes	10 10	MELANCTHON TWP	250 SIDEROAD	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
07-Mar-25	7:50	Yes	4TH LINE	MELANCTHON TWP	5TH LINE	Property Damage Only	Failed to yield right of way	Motor Vehicle
05-Mar-25	10:38	No	COUNTY ROAD 17	MELANCTHON TWP	2ND LINE	Property Damage Only	Lost control	Motor Vehicle
06-Mar-25	7:32	No	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP	COUNTY ROAD 21	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
06-Mar-25	8:47	No	10 10	MELANCTHON TWP	10	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
06-Mar-25	13:37	No	10 10	MELANCTHON TWP	260 SIDEROAD	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle
06-Mar-25	13:00	Yes	10 10	MELANCTHON TWP	270 SIDEROAD	Property Damage Only	Following too closely	Motor Vehicle
17-Feb-25	13:14	No	COUNTY ROAD 124	MELANCTHON TWP	COUNTY ROAD 21	Property Damage Only	Other	Motor Vehicle
17-Feb-25	16:32	No	2ND LINE	MELANCTHON TWP	300 SIDEROAD	Property Damage Only	Speed -- too fast for conditions	Motor Vehicle

ACTION PLAN: Township of Melancthon

R.I.D.E. Hours

2025 – YTD:	06
Jan:	1
Feb:	3
Mar:	2

Foot Patrol Hours

2025 – YTD:	00
Jan:	0
Feb:	0
Mar:	0

Trouble with Youth Occurrences

2025 – YTD:	0
Jan:	0
Feb:	0
Mar:	0

Mental Health Occurrences

2025 – YTD:	13
Jan:	2
Feb:	5
Mar:	6

Arrests – Impaired by Alcohol

2025 – YTD:	1
Jan:	1
Feb:	0
Mar:	0

Arrests – Impaired by Drug

2025– YTD:	0
Jan:	0
Feb:	0
Mar:	0

Distracted Driving Charges

2025 – YTD:	0
Jan:	0
Feb:	0
Mar:	0

R.I.D.E. Grant Vehicles Checked

2025 – YTD:	00
Jan:	0
Feb:	0
Mar:	0

ROADWAYS , WATERWAYS AND TRAILS:

Traffic safety will continue to be a priority for Dufferin Detachment in 2025-2026. Ongoing traffic initiatives targeting the big four: speeding, seat belt use, distracting driving and impaired driving.

Traffic Initiatives

Motorized Snowmobile Week	Feb 10-17, 2025
Easter Long Weekend, Seatbelts campaign	Apr 18-21, 2025
Motorcycle Safety Awareness Week	May 01-07, 2025
Canada Road Safety Week	May 13-19, 2025
ATV Safety Awareness Week	May 30-Jun 08, 2025
Canada Day Week	Jun 27-Jul 06, 2025
Operation Safe Driver	Jul 13-19, 2025
Civic Day Long Weekend	Aug 01-04, 2025
Labor Day Long Weekend	Aug 29-Sep 01, 2025
Thanksgiving Long Weekend	Oct 10-13, 2025
Festive R.I.D.E.	Nov 20-Jan 01, 2025

AUXILIARY UNIT:

<u>Unit Hours</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Administration	29	16.75	36
Training	13	18	25.5
Special Detail	00	8.5	00
Cruiser Patrol	00	11	00
ATV Patrol	00	00	00
Community Policing	4.5	35.5	35
TOTAL	46.5	89.75	96.5



The Corporation of
THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON
157101 Hwy. 10, Melancthon, Ontario, L9V 2E6

Corporation Of the Township of Melancthon

Memorandum

To: Mayor White And Members of Council

From: Becky Cunnington, Secretary Parks and Recreation Board

Subject: Recommendation from Parks and Recreation Meeting Held May 26th, 2025

Date: June 5th, 2025

1.1 General Business New; Report From Kaitlin Dinnick, Deputy Clerk and Planning Coordinator – Municipal Alcohol Policy – Horning's Mills Community Park

Background:

The Parks and Recreation Board has reviewed and discussed a report regarding rentals with alcohol consumption at the Horning's Mills Community Park, this prompted broader consideration of alcohol use during municipal and non-municipal events across Township-owned parks and facilities.

Discussion:

During its deliberations, the Board considered:

- The benefits and risks of allowing alcohol at municipally-owned facilities, particularly with respect to public safety, liability, and insurance coverage.
- Concerns surrounding unauthorized alcohol consumption at events and whether having a formal policy in place would help mitigate risks and clarify expectations for all event organizers.
- The lack of a current formal policy, which could leave the Township exposed in the event of an incident involving alcohol at a municipal location.
- The potential of a policy to provide clear guidance, standards, and permitting procedures for both municipal and non-municipal events.

Board members also discussed the importance of public consultation, especially with residents neighbouring the Horning's Mills Community Park, to gather feedback on the potential concerns of permitting alcohol at private events. The Board further

acknowledged the benefit of applying such consultation and policy framework across all Township parks, not just Horning's Mills.

Recommendation:

THAT the Parks and Recreation Board recommends to Council that Staff be directed to draft a Municipal Alcohol Policy for the Township of Melancthon for Council's consideration;

AND THAT the policy be designed to address alcohol use at both Municipal and Non-Municipal Events held on Township property;

AND THAT Staff consider community consultation, particularly with residents adjacent to affected parklands, as part of the policy development process.

*Minutes for Shelburne Public Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

Present:	Geoff Dunlop-Shelburne	Lindsay Wegener-Shelburne
	James Hodder-Shelburne	Mikal Archer-Shelburne
	Tricia Field-Shelburne	Patricia Clark-Mulmur
	Susan Graham-Amaranth	Ruth Plowright-Melancthon

Also Present: Rose Dotten, CEO/Head Librarian

Regrets: Sharon Martin-Mono

The Chair, Geoff Dunlop, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, March 18, 2025.

Reading of Land Acknowledgement:

“We would like to begin by respectfully acknowledging that the Town of Shelburne resides within the traditional territory and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe including the Ojibway, Potawatomi, Chippewa and the People of the Three Fires Confederacy.

These traditional territories upon which we live, work, play and learn are steeped in rich Indigenous history and traditions. It is with this statement that we declare to honour and respect the past and present connection of Indigenous peoples with this land, its waterways and resources.

Motion 05-25 R. Plowright, J. Hodder

Be it resolved that we approve the Agenda, as amended, of the March 18, 2025, meeting.

Carried

Motion 06-25 J. Hodder, R. Plowright

Be it resolved that we approve the minutes of the board meeting, dated January 21, 2025.

Carried

Motion 07-25 S. Graham, T. Field

Be it resolved that we approve the Accounts Payable Register for January, 2025, with invoices and payments in the amount of \$40,217.38;

Be it resolved that we approve the Accounts Payable Register for February, 2025, with invoices and payments in the amount of \$38,770.14;

Carried

CEO/ Head Librarian’s Report:

- **Statistics—including Social Media and e-resources**

Attached is a summary of the Monthly Statistics for January and February, 2025.

- **Programming-**

- **Children’s Programming continues: –**

Children’s programming will continue with Lego Time on Wednesday afternoons, morning Story Time every Friday morning, and Books & Babies and STEM will continue throughout the year.

- School Visits: these in-person visits by students from some of the public schools are not happening during the winter months.
 - Tween Programming continues—various programs such as STEM programming, “Among Us”, “Booking It” and Board games will continue on

various Fridays .

- **Adult Programming:**

- **Archivist on the Road**—Laura Camilleri, Archivist, from MOD, will continue to come in once a month during 2025, but the exact dates have not yet been determined. More programs will be held in the coming months.
- **Coffee, Conversation & Books**—The next one will be held on Wednesday April 16/25 at 7 pm, at the Grand Valley Public Library. The book featured is “The Newfoundland Lunch Party” by Sonya Day.
- **Rose’s Book Club**—the 4th Tuesday of each month—Meetings were held in January and February and the next scheduled meeting is March 25/25, at 2 pm.
- **“Get Crafty” sessions:** Crafters come to the library weekly to work on various crafts with other crafters every Tuesday from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. One of our volunteers, Anne Crowder, and Rose, coordinate this program, and the attendance has been high and continues to grow every week.
- **Tech Help**—The program “Seniors Helping Seniors”, involves volunteer seniors helping others. We have a number of seniors helping other seniors, by appointment, with numerous tech issues. Usually on Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings and some Friday afternoons.
- **March Break Events**—These events took place last week. The tickets were sold in groups of three and were \$10 for all 3 events. Once the limited number of tickets were sold including the Birds of Prey, then the tickets for Fireside Munsch and Comic Juggler Craig. Were \$4.00 each. The three events for March Break were as follows:
 1. **Birds of Prey (live animals)**—here at the library at 2pm on Tuesday, March 11/25. All tickets were sold.
 2. **Fireside Munsch**—at Grace Tipling Hall at 2 pm on Wednesday, March 12/25.
 3. **Comic Juggler Craig**—at Grace Tipling Hall at 2 pm on Thursday, March 12/25.

- **Business**

- **“ A Remarkable Life: The journey of Alice Porter, medical missionary”.** This book, about the life of Alice Porter, one of our long-time patrons, was discussed by the Board. The CEO, Rose, has been in communication with CNIB to have the book formatted into an audio book.

Motion 08:25 P. Clark, R. Plowright

That the board support using special projects funding to pay for an audio version of the book entitled “Remarkable” Life, authored by Joseph Driskill.

Carried

- Board Member and Councillor Susan Graham, Amaranth raised an issue on behalf of Amaranth Township requesting the phrase “pursuant to Board approval” be added to appendix A of the Municipal contracts. The Board discussed a number of reasons that this would not be feasible since the original Appendix had been written and agreed upon at a meeting of all CAO’s, Mayors and other representatives of the Municipalities. Unless these same representatives met to change the wording, the Board should not change this particular phrase. If it were considered advisable to call such a meeting, it was also agreed that perhaps the funding formula created at that time should be revisited as well. The Board directed a letter be written to all the Municipalities regarding this issue.

○ **Correspondence.**

- Invoices from Town re:
 - Installation of Smoke Detectors
 - Ice removal from the Library due to hazard potential and internal leaking which has occurred.

Discussion ensued that the Invoices were the responsibility of the Town rather than the Library. **Smoke detectors** were installed at the direction of Town Insurance and are a permanent structural addition.

Ice removal from the building constituted a potential hazard to staff and citizens with possible Insurance issues and structural damage through internal leaking which did occur. There is also some concern that the leaking could contribute to the mould which was identified.

The Board directed a letter be written to the Town as a follow-up to our request last year for discussion re facility responsibilities

Motion 09-25 T. Field, S. Graham

That we now adjourn at 9:06 p.m., to meet again April 15, 2025, at 7 pm., or at call of the Chair.

Carried



SHELburne & DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

April 1, 2025

The Shelburne & District Fire Department **Board of Management** meeting was held in person and virtually at the Shelburne and District Fire Department and on Microsoft Teams meeting ID # 253 507 552 847 on the above mentioned date at 7:00 P.M.

Present

As per attendance record.

1. **Opening of Meeting**

1.1 Chair, Shane Hall, called meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

1.2 **Land Acknowledgement**

We would like to begin by respectfully acknowledging that the Town of Shelburne resides within the traditional territory and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, including the Ojibway, Potawatomi, Chippewa and the People of the Three Fires Confederacy.

These traditional territories upon which we live, work, play and learn are steeped in rich Indigenous history and traditions. It is with this statement that we declare to honour and respect the past and present connection of Indigenous peoples with this land, its waterways and resources.

2. **Additions or Deletions**

None.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

3.1 **Resolution # 1**

Moved by B. Neilson – Seconded by W. Mills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Management approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

4. **Approval of Minutes**

4.1 **Resolution # 2**

Moved by J. Horner – Seconded by M. Davie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Management adopt the minutes under the dates of March 4, 2025 as amended.

Carried

5. **Pecuniary Interest**

5.1 No pecuniary interest declared.

6. **Public Question Period**

6.1 No questions.

7. **Delegations / Deputations**

7.1 Michelle Adams, CPA, CA, Senior Accountant, RLB

Resolution # 3

Moved by F. Nix – Seconded by B. Neilson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to Michelle Adams, Senior Accountant, from RLB to address the Board.

Carried

9. **New Business**

9.1 **Draft Financial Statements**

Michelle Adams, Senior Accountant, RLB, reviewed the draft Financial Statements with the Board and answered questions.

Resolution # 4

Moved by F. Nix – Seconded by W. Mills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board accept and approve the Draft Consolidated Financial Statements for the year end December 31, 2024 prepared and presented by RLB;

AND THAT the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign the representation letter, subject to contractual agreement for dispatch and radio capital project.

Carried

Resolution # 5

Moved by J. Horner – M. Davie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management approved the following transfers to the 2024 Capital Transfers:

1. Transfer \$48,907.91 in for Capital Grants/donations
2. Transfer \$193,546.02 out for 2024 capital purchases
3. Transfer \$98,000 in for 2024 Q4 Capital Levy

Carried

8. **Unfinished Business**

8.1 **2025 Operating Budget**

The Board was advised of the 2024 Operating budget deficit and discussed the options available.

Resolution # 6

Moved by F. Nix – Seconded by E. Hawkins

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management authorizes the transfer of \$20,260.35 from the capital account to cover the 2024 deficit; and agree to recontribute the amount in next budget cycle.

Carried

9. **New Business**

9.2 **2025 Cost Sharing**

Resolution # 7

Moved by M. Davie – Seconded by G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management receives the 2025 Cost Sharing Breakdown;

AND THAT the Secretary-Treasurer distribute this to the participating municipalities.

Carried

9.3 **Levels of Service Report – Emergency Response**

The Chief reviewed the Emergency Response, Staff Hours and Costing Summary Table with the Board.

Resolution # 8

Moved by J. Horner – Seconded by F. Nix

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management receives the Chief's Levels of Service – Emergency Response report;

AND FURTHER THAT the Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management directs the Fire Chief to implement any desired service level changes prior to the Government of Ontario's compliance date of July 1, 2026; July 1, 2028;

AND FURTHER THAT the Fire Chief signifies these levels of service in the 2026 Operating Budget;

AND FURTHER THAT we have these levels of services sent back to municipalities for understanding with suggested by-laws/appendices to follow.

Carried

9.4 **2024 Annual Report**

Resolution # 9

Moved by B. Neilson – Seconded by W. Mills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management receives the 2024 Annual Report.

Carried

9.5 Closed Session

Deferred to next meeting to due technical computer issues.

10. **Chief's Report**

10.1 **Monthly Reports (March 2025)**

There are a total of 27 incidents showing on the report for the month of March 2025 however, there were approximately an additional 25 incidents between Saturday March 29th and Monday March 31st due to the ice storm.

10.2 **Update from the Fire Chief**

The Chief advised the Board that we had a member retire in the month of March. The Chief also advised that we will have our second Cadet starting this month. The promotional process of the 2 Lieutenant positions has been completed with A. Ferguson and M. Cross being the successful candidates.

11. **Future Business:**

11.1 Nothing at this time.

12. **Accounts & Payroll – March 2025**

12.1 **Resolution # 10**

Moved by E. Hawkins – Seconded by G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The bills and accounts in the amount of \$97,661.14 for the period of March 1, 2025 to March 28, 2025 as presented and attached be approved for payment.

Carried

13. **Confirming and Adjournment**

13.1 **Resolution # 11**

Moved by F. Nix – Seconded by W. Mills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

All actions of the Board Members and Officers of the Shelburne and District Fire Board of Management, with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Board on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; And each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Board Members and Officers at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.

Carried

13.2 **Resolution # 12**

Moved by J. McLean – Seconded by M. Davie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Management do now adjourn at 8:46 pm to meet again on May 6 1, 2025 at 7:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved:

Nicole Hill
Secretary-Treasurer

Shane Hall
Chairperson

SHELBURNE & DISTRICT FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Meeting Attendance Record Under Date of April 1, 2025

Municipality / Member	Present	Absent
Township of Amaranth		
Andrew Stirk		X
Gail Little	X	
Town of Mono		
Melinda Davie	X (v)	
Fred Nix	X	
Township of Melancthon		
James McLean	X (v)	
Bill Neilson	X	
Town of Shelburne		
Wade Mills	X	
Shane Hall	X	
Township of Mulmur		
Earl Hawkins	X (v)	
Janet Horner	X (v)	
Staff		
Dave Pratt – Fire Chief	X	
Jeff Clayton – Deputy Chief	X	
Nicole Hill – Sec/Treas.	X	

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Parks and Recreation Board held a meeting on April 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Chair Ruth Plowright, Vice-Chair Doug Read, Members Darren White, Jessica Plowright, Lynn Hodgson and Bill Neilson, also present was Becky Cunnington, Parks and Recreation Board Secretary. Absent was member David Thwaites. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair Plowright shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Amended Agenda

Additions

Netting/Plexiglass Horning's Mills Park Backstop
Horning's Mills Park Clean Up

Deletions

None

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Read that the agenda be approved as amended.
Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Hodgson, Seconded by J.Plowright that the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting held on April 7, 2025, be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

No declaration declared at this time.

General Business

1) New/Other/Addition

1. Netting/Plexiglass for Backstop at Horning's Mills Park

A discussion was had about options for something to be added to the backstop at the Horning's Mills Ball Diamond to stop the stones from

spraying spectators sitting on the bleachers. Chair Plowright will look into screen options and bring pricing back to the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

2. Horning's Mills Park Clean Up

Chair Plowright brought up concerns about the extensive tree damage at the Horning's Mills Park and inquired when cleanup efforts were to begin. Township Staff advised that Public Works has scheduled a company to come and assist with cleanup in the Park later in the week, as they were aware bookings for the ball diamond had been scheduled to begin the following week.

3. Corbetton Park

Member White reported that the fence at the park had been completed, there is one section that remains open where they intend to put up the community board. It was noted that the basketball nets are in need of repair, Member White is working on this. Member White also brought forward that he would like to purchase Lights and Post Caps for the fence at a cost of approximately \$160.00. The Board did not have any concerns so Member White will move forward with the purchase. The Board also discussed planting some trees at the park, Chair Plowright suggested that any leftover trees from the Horning's Mills Hall Tree Lighting that weren't sold could be donated to be planted at the Corbetton Park.

2) Unfinished Business

1. Terms of Reference

A discussion was had regarding the sample Terms of Reference that was circulated to the group. Member Neilson will work on a draft to bring back to the next meeting to be reviewed.

2. Financials

The Financials provided by Township Staff were reviewed. The budget for the slide for Corbetton Park was discussed and Member Plowright will look into options and pricing for a small slide. Chair Plowright also brought forward the idea of canvassing for Donations to help to grow the Parks.

3. Melancthon Day

The Board discussed several initiatives, activities and ideas for Melancthon Day which included:

Theme: Proudly Canadian – Red & White

Three Day Event kicking off Friday, June 20, 2025, with a BBQ at the Corbetton Park, Main Event Saturday, June 21, 2025, Horning's Mills Park/Hall and Breakfast Sunday, June 22, 2025, in Riverview.

BBQ Friday/Sunday Breakfast – Chair Plowright will look after getting the food for both. The Board will ask Public Works to drop off the Township BBQ to the Corbetton Park by the Friday morning. Member Neilson volunteered to be available to help with cooking at both events. Kids crafts and activities will be offered on the Friday night.

We The Bounce – Bouncy Castle – this year the Board will utilize the popcorn machine from the Hall to save money on the package the Board was quoted on. Member Hodgson will get a new quote and forward to Township Staff to look after payment of the deposit.

Fireworks – The Board agreed to use the same vendor as last year with a similar fireworks display, budget will remain the same \$1500.00.

Music Entertainment – Jack Polonsky will assist with finding a band to play throughout the day offering a variety of music.

Fireman/First Responders Challenge – James McLean will be reaching out to see if there is an interest or availability of the Fire Departments/First Responders to do this challenge again

Food Vendors – Member Neilson has confirmed with Blitzful Treats that they will be offering ice cream again this year. As well, he has reached out to the Butter Tart vendor and is waiting to hear back

Saturday BBQ – Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department – Member White will reach out to see if the Fire Department is interested in running the BBQ again this year.

Bar – Chair Plowright will reach out to Good Lot Brewery to see if they would be interested in coming and setting up a booth on the Saturday. Horning's Mills Hall Bartenders to run a bar offering Coolers and Wine. Member White to reach out to Public Works to have the snow fence installed again for the Bar area

Seating – Member White will reach out to Town of Shelburne to borrow picnic tables for seating.

Kid Gift Basket Draw – Member Hodgson will be look after making up the gift basket, similar to last year's. Chair Plowright suggested looking through the surplus of kid's activities and toys at the Horning's Mills

Hall and to take what she wanted then fill in with other items if needed.

Melancthon Swag – Idea to have Melancthon themed shirts & hats to sell at the event. The Board is to bring back ideas for funny sayings or slogans to the next meeting to discuss.

Vendor/Information Booths – Local groups and Vendors will have an opportunity to set up booths at the Saturday event.

Chair Plowright will call on volunteers closer to the date and set up schedules. A donation bin will be put out at each event over the weekend. Member Hodgson will make signs to post.

4. Riverview Park

The Board discussed the smaller of the two properties and the possibility of a walking trail with park benches and picnic tables. Chair Plowright had reached out to Louie Kay to request a quote to clear a walking trail at the property.

5. Horning's Mills Park – Well update from Township Staff

Township staff reported that there were notes in the Horning's Mills Park file that a water sample had been collected and had come back with high levels of bacteria present, so the decision was made to remove the handle and decommission the well.

3) Brainstorming

Chair Plowright suggested that the Parks and Recreation Board set up Instagram and Facebook accounts to advertise their events and initiatives and asked if Township Staff could assist with setting them up so that as Board Members change in the future Township Staff could still access the accounts and assign admins as needed. Chair Plowright and Member Plowright will work on creating a logo to use for both platforms.

Recommendations to Council

None

Public Question Period

None.

Confirmation Motion

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Read that all actions of the Members and Officers of the Parks and Recreation Board with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Board on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; and each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Board Members at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. Carried.

Adjournment

8:18 p.m. - Moved by Read, Seconded by Neilson that we adjourn this Parks and Recreation Board meeting to meet again on Monday, May 26, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY

Denise Holmes

From: IESO Community Engagement <communityengagement@ieso.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 3:59 PM
To: Denise Holmes
Cc: Carla Nell; Brian Gordon
Subject: New Supply Contracts Awarded in Your Community
Attachments: MT2_Letter Melancthon Final.pdf

Dear CAO Holmes,

Please find attached a letter from Brian Gordon, Senior Manager, Regional and Community Engagement at the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) regarding new supply contracts awarded in your community.

Sincerely,

IESO Regional & Community Engagement

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May 9, 2025



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Dear CAO Holmes,

RE: New Supply Contract Awarded in Your Community

Demand for electricity in Ontario is expected to increase 75 per cent by 2050. Ontario's economic growth, increasing population, the emergence of new technologies and evolving industries mean the province and communities will outgrow the electricity system if we do not keep investing in our electricity system infrastructure.

Key to ensure Ontario continues to have a reliable, affordable and sustainable electricity system is making best use of Ontario's existing electricity supply. Today, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) concluded a procurement offering new five-year contracts to 28 existing facilities across Ontario securing 3,002 MW of capacity from a diverse mix of energy and capacity projects.

We are writing this letter to inform you that the IESO has awarded two new five-year electricity supply contracts in your community to:

- project **Melancthon I** beginning in 2026
- project **Melancthon II** beginning in 2029

The IESO undertook this procurement, known as the Medium-Term 2 Request for Proposals (MT2 RFP), to ensure electricity generators with contracts expiring between 2026–2029 can continue to contribute to the reliability of the electricity grid and support economic growth into the 2030s. The procurement leveraged competition to ensure best value for ratepayers and affordability for families and businesses.

For more information on the IESO or the procurement process, please contact community.engagement@ieso.ca or visit the [IESO's website](http://www.ieso.ca).

Regards,

Brian Gordon
Senior Manager, Community Engagement

Medium-Term 2 – Capacity Stream (MT2(c) RFP) and Energy Stream (MT2(e) RFP) – Final Results

Medium-Term 2 – Capacity Stream (MT2(c) RFP) Selected Proponents

Proponent	Facility	Energy Source	Summer Contract Capacity (MW)	Winter Contract Capacity (MW)	Contract Start Date	Municipality	Zone
Atlantic Power Limited Partnership (110488)	Nipigon GS	Natural Gas	20.00	22.50	May 1, 2026	Township of Nipigon	Northwest
Bay Power Corp	North Bay GS	Natural Gas	26.82	33.04	May 1, 2026	City of North Bay	Northeast
Bracebridge Generation Ltd.	SPEEDIER MICROGRID AND BESS (66768)	Battery Energy Storage System	0.98	0.98	May 1, 2026	Town of Parry Sound	Essa
Greater Toronto Airports Authority	Greater Toronto Airports Authority	Natural Gas	82.11	89.01	May 1, 2029	City of Mississauga	Toronto
Iroquois Falls Power Corp	Northland Iroquois Falls CGS	Natural Gas	88.18	98.03	May 1, 2026	Town of Iroquois Falls	Northeast
Kap Power Corp	Kapuskasing GS	Natural Gas	19.00	25.00	May 1, 2026	Town of Kapuskasing	Northeast
Kingston Cogen Limited Partnership	Kingston Cogen CGS	Natural Gas	96.92	104.45	May 1, 2026	Township of Loyalist	East
London District Energy LP	London District Energy	Natural Gas	11.05	13.02	May 1, 2029	City of London	West
Ontario Power Generation Inc	Lennox Generating Station	Natural Gas and Residual Fuel Oil capability	1,621.09	1,621.09	May 1, 2029	Town of Greater Napanee	East
Medium-Term 2 – Capacity Stream Total MW			1,966.15	2,007.12			
Medium-Term 2 – Capacity Stream Weighted Average Price ¹			\$598.22				

¹ The weighted average price only includes Selected Proponents. Proposals that were unsuccessful in the MT2(c) RFP are not included in the weighted average price. Prices are in \$/MW-business day.

Medium-Term 2 – Energy Stream (MT2(e) RFP) Selected Proponents

Proponent	Facility	Energy Source	Contract Capacity (MW)	Contract Start Date	Municipality	Zone
Acciona Wind Energy Canada Inc.	Ripley Wind Power Project (RWPP)	Wind	76.00	May 1, 2028	Township of Huron-Kinloss	Bruce
AIM SOP Phase I LP	Clear Creek II Wind Farm	Wind	9.90	May 1, 2029	Norfolk County	Southwest
AIM SOP Phase I LP	Cultus Wind Farm	Wind	9.90	May 1, 2028	Norfolk County	West
AIM SOP Phase I LP	Frogmore Wind Farm	Wind	9.90	May 1, 2028	Norfolk County	West
AIM SOP Phase I LP	Mohawk Point Wind Farm	Wind	9.90	May 1, 2029	Haldimand County	Niagara
Atlantic Power Limited Partnership (110488)	Calstock GS	Biomass	24.00	May 1, 2027	Town of Hearst	Northeast
Brookfield Power Wind Prince LP	Prince I Wind Power Project	Wind	99.00	May 1, 2027	Township of Prince	Northeast
Brookfield Power Wind Prince LP	Prince II Wind Power Project	Wind	90.00	May 1, 2029	Township of Prince	Northeast
CP Renewable Energy (Kingsbridge) Limited Partnership	Kingsbridge Wind Power Project	Wind	37.80	May 1, 2026	Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh	Southwest
Enbridge Renewable Energy Infrastructure LP	Cruickshank Wind Farm	Wind	8.25	May 1, 2029	Municipality of Kincardine	Bruce
Erie Shores Wind Farm Limited Partnership	Erie Shores Wind Farm	Wind	99.00	May 1, 2026	Municipality of Bayham	West
Integrated Gas Recovery Services Inc.	Britannia Facility	Landfill Gas	1.82	May 1, 2027	City of Mississauga	Toronto
Kruger Energy Port Alma Limited Partnership	PORTALMA-LT.AG_T1 (PORT ALMA I)	Wind	101.20	May 1, 2029	Municipality of Chatham-Kent	West
Melancthon Wolfe Wind LP	Melancthon I	Wind	67.50	May 1, 2026	Township of Melancthon	Southwest

Proponent	Facility	Energy Source	Contract Capacity (MW)	Contract Start Date	Municipality	Zone
Melancthon Wolfe Wind LP	Melancthon II	Wind	132.00	May 1, 2029	Township of Melancthon	Southwest
Melancthon Wolfe Wind LP	Wolfe Island Wind	Wind	197.80	May 1, 2029	Township of Frontenac Islands	East
PowerTrail Inc.	Trail Road Landfill Generating Station	Landfill Gas	6.00	May 1, 2027	City of Ottawa	Ottawa
Sky Generation LP	Ferndale Wind Farm	Wind	5.10	May 1, 2027	Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula	Southwest
Sky Generation LP	Ravenswood Wind Farm	Wind	9.90	May 1, 2028	Municipality of Lambton Shores	West
Medium-Term 2 – Energy Stream Total MW			994.97			
Medium-Term 2 – Energy Stream Weighted Average Price²			\$79.55			

² The weighted average price only includes Selected Proponents. Proposals that were unsuccessful in the MT2(e) RFP are not included in the weighted average price. Prices are in \$/MWh.

Denise Holmes

From: Roseann Knechtel <rknechtel@mulmur.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 3:39 PM
To: Michelle Dunne; Meghan Townsend; Nicole Martin; Jessica Kennedy; Raylene Martell; Fred Simpson; Jennifer Willoughby; Denise Holmes
Subject: BetterHomes In Dufferin Energy LIC Program

Good Afternoon,

Included is a resolution passed by the Township of Mulmur at the regular Council meeting on May 7, 2025.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Lyon

That Council receives the BetterHomes in Dufferin presentation;
And that Council agrees to participate in this project and directs staff to prepare and present the Local Improvement Authorization By-law for passing;
And further that is motion be sent to Dufferin County and all lower tier municipalities in Dufferin County.
Carried.

Have a great day,

Roseann Knechtel, BA | Clerk / Planning Coordinator

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Resolution

Meeting Date: May 12, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-092

Moved: Mayor Post

Seconded: Councillor Macintosh

Rescinding Strong Mayor Powers

Whereas the Province of Ontario initially introduced Strong Mayor Powers in 2022 with the stated intent of expediting housing development across municipalities; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario arbitrarily expanded the Strong Mayor Powers legislation to include an additional 169 municipalities in April 2025; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario have demonstrated a commitment to addressing the housing crisis through local planning approvals and community-led solutions; and

Whereas Strong Mayor Powers fundamentally alter local democratic governance by concentrating decision-making authority in a single individual, thereby weakening the role of elected Councils and disrupting the principles of collaboration and shared leadership; and

Whereas these powers can create uncertainty within municipal organizations, impact staff morale, and risk eroding the trust that underpins effective municipal governance; and

Whereas there are currently no provincial checks and balances or independent oversight mechanisms in place to ensure Strong Mayor Powers are being used appropriately and as intended, and the legislation itself has been described by some as “open to interpretation,” creating a fundamental flaw in the responsible application of these potentially dangerous powers; and

Whereas the primary barriers to housing construction are not rooted in municipal decision-making processes, but in broader market conditions, infrastructure constraints, and the lack of effective provincial and federal policy supports to stimulate affordable and attainable housing development;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Orangeville formally request the Province of Ontario to rescind the Strong Mayor Powers legislation in its entirety; and

That should the legislation not be repealed, that the Province immediately remove the Town of Orangeville from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor Powers framework; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada for their information, support and consideration.

Result: Carried Unanimously

Denise Holmes

From: Denise Holmes
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:10 AM
To: Denise Holmes
Subject: FW: Town of Shelburne - Opting out of Strong Mayor Powers

From: Jennifer E. Willoughby <jwilloughby@shelburne.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 8:48 AM
To: rob.flack@pc.ola.org; sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org; mark.carney@parl.gc.ca; premier@ontario.ca
Cc: policy@amo.on.ca; resolutions@fcm.ca; Alice Byl <abyl@shelburne.ca>; romachair@roma.on.ca
Subject: Town of Shelburne - Opting out of Strong Mayor Powers

Good Morning

At the May 12, 2025, meeting of Shelburne Town Council, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Moved By: Councillor Lindsay Wegener
Seconded By: Councillor Len Guchardi

Whereas the Province announced expansion of Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities, which includes the Town of Shelburne to take effect May 1st 2025; and

Whereas the purpose of Strong Mayor Powers is to accelerate the delivery of key provincial priorities, building 1.5 million new homes by December 31, 2031, constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing, including, transit, roads, utilities and servicing and reduce red tape; and

Whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario has identified that no research exists to support the impact of housing development within municipalities having been granted the strong mayor's power; and

Whereas Strong Mayor Powers blurs the political-administrative authority between the roles of Head of Council and Chief Administration Officer; and

Whereas the Strong Mayor Powers is an erosion to the democratic process historical to the very fabric of Canadian municipal governance;

Now Therefore the Council of the Town of Shelburne hereby respectively rejects the Strong Mayor Powers granted to it, and requests that the Province repeal the legislation, or offers as an option and the ability for a municipality to opt out of the legislation; and

That a copy this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Sylvia Jones, AMO, and all other Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED; Mayor Wade Mills

Thank You

Jennifer Willoughby, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

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234-2025-2204

May 13, 2025

Dear Head of Council,

On May 12, 2025 I introduced the *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 (Bill 17)*. Through this legislation, and other changes, we are responding to recommendations and requests from municipal leaders to make it easier and faster to build new homes and infrastructure Ontario needs like transit, roads, water, and wastewater systems.

The bill contains bold actions to protect Ontario from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Ministry of Transportation. Details about the range of measures can be found in the [news release](#).

Building Code Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 1 of the Bill proposes changes to the *Building Code Act* which include:

- Adding a provision to clarify that municipalities do not have the authority to create or enforce their own construction standards.
- Eliminating the requirement for a secondary provincial approval of innovative construction products for products that have already undergone a "Canadian Code Compliance Evaluation" by the federal Canadian Construction Materials Centre ([25-MMAH0042](#)). Comments can be made through the Regulatory Registry of Ontario (RR) from May 12, 2025, to June 11, 2025.

Development Charges Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 4 of the Bill proposes changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, to standardize the development charge (DC) methodology and framework and improve predictability of costs, include:

- Creating a regulation-making authority to merge service categories for DC credits.
- Creating a regulation-making authority to specify what constitutes a "local service."
- Expanding the DC deferral to non-rental residential developments. Related changes include:

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- Providing municipalities authority, in circumstances set out in regulation, to require financial security for payment of deferred DCs for non-rental residential developments; and
- Removing authority for municipalities to charge interest on any legislated DC deferral amounts.
- Enabling municipalities to make any changes to their DC by-laws for the sole purpose of reducing DCs or removing indexing without undertaking certain procedural requirements.
- Creating a regulation-making authority to prescribe exceptions, including conditional exceptions, to capital costs that are eligible to be recovered from DCs.
- Providing that the frozen DC rates on a development would not be applicable if the current DC rates in effect would result in a lower payment.
- Exempting long-term care homes within the meaning of subsection 2 (1) of the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021* from municipal DCs.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed measures. Comments can be made through the Regulatory Registry of Ontario (RR) from May 12, 2025, to June 11, 2025:

- RR 25-MMAH003: Changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, to Simplify and Standardize the Development Charge (DC) Framework.

Planning Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedules 3 and 7 of the Bill propose changes to the *Planning Act* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* that would help streamline and standardize municipal development processes. If passed, the proposed changes would:

- Provide authority for regulations to limit municipal complete application studies and provide greater recognition of planning reports prepared by prescribed certified professionals,
- Remove the need for certain minor variances,
- Give the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the authority to impose conditions on a use permitted by a Minister's zoning order, and
- Streamline planning approvals for publicly funded kindergarten to grade 12 schools.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed measures. Comments can be made through the Environmental Registry of Ontario from May 12, 2025, to June 11, 2025:

- ERO 025-0461: Proposed Planning Act and City of Toronto Act, 2006 Changes (Schedules 3 and 7 of Bill 17- Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025).

We are also interested in receiving any comments you may have on associated regulatory changes. The government is undertaking 45-day consultations on the following proposals from May 12, 2025, to June 26, 2025:

- ERO 025-0462: Proposed Regulations – Complete Application (seeking feedback on proposed regulations to address complete application requirements (study/report requirements) and submissions from certified professionals)
- ERO 025-0463: Proposed Regulation – As-of-right Variations from Setback Requirements (seeking feedback on a proposed regulation that would allow variations to be permitted “as-of-right” if a proposal is within 10% of requirements for setbacks from property lines applicable to specified lands)

The Environmental Registry postings provide additional details regarding the proposed changes.

Ministry of Infrastructure Act – Ministry of Infrastructure

Schedule 6 of the Bill proposes changes to the *Ministry of Infrastructure Act, 2011* (MOIA), to provide the Minister of Infrastructure with the authority to request information and data from municipalities and municipal agencies, where needed to support provincially funded infrastructure projects. This would help speed up the delivery of critical infrastructure that our growing communities need, while also supporting jobs and economic growth. Comments can be made through the Regulatory Registry of Ontario (RR-25MOI003) from May 12, 2025, to June 11, 2025.

Transit-Oriented Communities Act – Ministry of Infrastructure

Proposed changes to the *Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Act, 2020*, would reduce barriers to implementing the Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) by:

- Amending the definition of a “Transit Oriented Communities project” to include projects along the GO and LRT network more efficiently,
- Removing OIC approval requirements for any agreements between the Minister (or an entity with delegated powers) and a municipality, and
- Enabling the Minister to delegate certain responsibilities to Infrastructure Ontario for the purpose of developing TOCs.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed changes. Comments can be made through the Environmental Registry of Ontario from May 12, 2025, to June 11, 2025:

- ERO 025-0504: Proposed *Transit-Oriented Communities Act, 2020*, changes to reduce barriers to implementing municipal agreements.

Ministry of Transportation

Schedule 2 of the bill proposes a change to the *Building Transit Faster Act, 2020* (BTFA) that, if passed, would extend the use of the BTFA measures to all provincial transit projects. This change would remove barriers to building transit faster and get shovels in the ground quicker to build major provincial transit projects that connect communities.

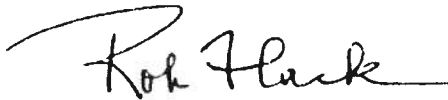
A proposed amendment to the *Metrolinx Act, 2006*, permits the Minister of Transportation to request certain information and data from municipalities or municipal agencies necessary to support the development of provincial transit projects or Transit-Oriented Communities projects.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change to the BTFA through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice [ERO 025-0450](#) and the Ontario Regulatory Registry notice ([RR 25-MTO005](#)) and the Metrolinx Act ([RR 25-MTO006](#)) from May 12, 2025 to June 11, 2025.

The government invites you to review the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#) and [Regulatory Registry of Ontario](#) posting links provided above and share any feedback you may have. If you have any questions, please reach out to my Director of Stakeholder and Caucus Relations, Tanner Zelenko, at Tanner.Zelenko@ontario.ca.

In the face of economic uncertainty, we must protect Ontario by speeding up construction so we can lower housing costs and keep workers on the job. I look forward to continued collaboration with you, our municipal partners, to create the homes that Ontario need today, tomorrow, and in the decades to come.

Sincerely,



Hon. Robert J. Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
 The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
 The Honourable Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office
 Matthew Rae, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Laura Smith, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Brian Saunderson, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
 David McLean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Municipal Chief Administrative Officers

Denise Holmes

From: Sarah Culshaw
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 10:03 AM
To: Denise Holmes
Subject: FW: Town of Shelburne - Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5

From: Jennifer E. Willoughby <jwilloughby@shelburne.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:50 AM
To: rob.flack@pc.ola.org; sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org; premier@ontario.ca; todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org
Cc: policy@amo.on.ca; Minister (MMAH) <minister.mah@ontario.ca>; romachair@roma.on.ca; Alice Byl <abyl@shelburne.ca>
Subject: Town of Shelburne - Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5

Good Morning

At the May 12, 2025, meeting of Shelburne Town Council, the following resolution was passed unanimously

Moved By: Councillor Len Guchardi
Seconded By: Councillor Lindsay Wegener

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of "Special Economic Zones" that may override local planning authority;

And Whereas the Town of Shelburne supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes;

And Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario's natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council for the Town of Shelburne:

- Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;
- Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;
- Urges the Province to support municipalities through ensuring responsible growth through infrastructure projects designed to ensure protection of sensitive wildlife and natural resources;

And Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
- The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks,
- Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin–Caledon,
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
- All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration,
- All Conservation Authorities in Ontario,
- Conservation Ontario

CARRIED; Mayor Wade Mills

Thank You

[Jennifer Willoughby, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk](#)

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELburne

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

UNDER SECTIONS 34 AND 51 OF THE PLANNING ACT

Take notice that the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne has received complete applications for a Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment and will hold a public meeting on:

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 203 Main Street East, Shelburne.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider a Draft Plan of Subdivision and Amendment to the Town of Shelburne Zoning By-law No. 38-2007. These applications (File Nos. DPS 20/02 and Z20/02) were deemed complete and circulated with Notice of Complete Applications given on January 18, 2021.

The subject land is comprised of four (4) properties having a combined land area of approximately 9.54 hectares (23.57 acres) located along the north side of Main Street West to the north and west of John Street. From east to west, the largest property is vacant and has no municipal address, with the other three (3) properties having municipal addresses of 416, 420 and 428 Main Street West, respectively. The subject land is legally described as Part of the East Half of Lot 1, Concession 3, Old Survey in the Town of Shelburne, County of Dufferin. The accompanying map illustrates the location of the subject land.

The purpose and effect of the Draft Plan of Subdivision application is to create lots and blocks for residential land uses, including 20 single detached dwelling units, 34 stacked townhouse dwelling units, 67 street townhouse dwelling units, two (2) blocks indicated as future residential development proposing a total range between 36 and 109 dwelling units, as well as blocks for open space, a wetland block, a stormwater management facility and buffer blocks. The proposed Draft plan of Subdivision also includes a proposed internal street network with access via an extension of John Street and via a new street completing the fourth leg of the intersection of Main Street West (Highway 89) and Barnett Drive.

The purpose and effect of the related application for Zoning By-law Amendment is to re-zone the property from the Residential Type One (R1) Zone, Development (D) Zone and Natural Environment (NE) Zone to Residential Type Four Exception X (R4-X) Zone, Residential Type Five (R5) Zone, Residential Type Five Exception X (R5-X) Zone, Residential Type Five Exception Y (R5-Y) Zone, Open Space Recreation (OSR) Zone, Open Space Recreation Exception X (OSR-X) Zone, and Natural Environment (NE) Zone. The proposed zone exceptions are requested to permit site-specific zone regulations including setbacks, lot area and coverages and maximum building height, among other site-specific provisions.

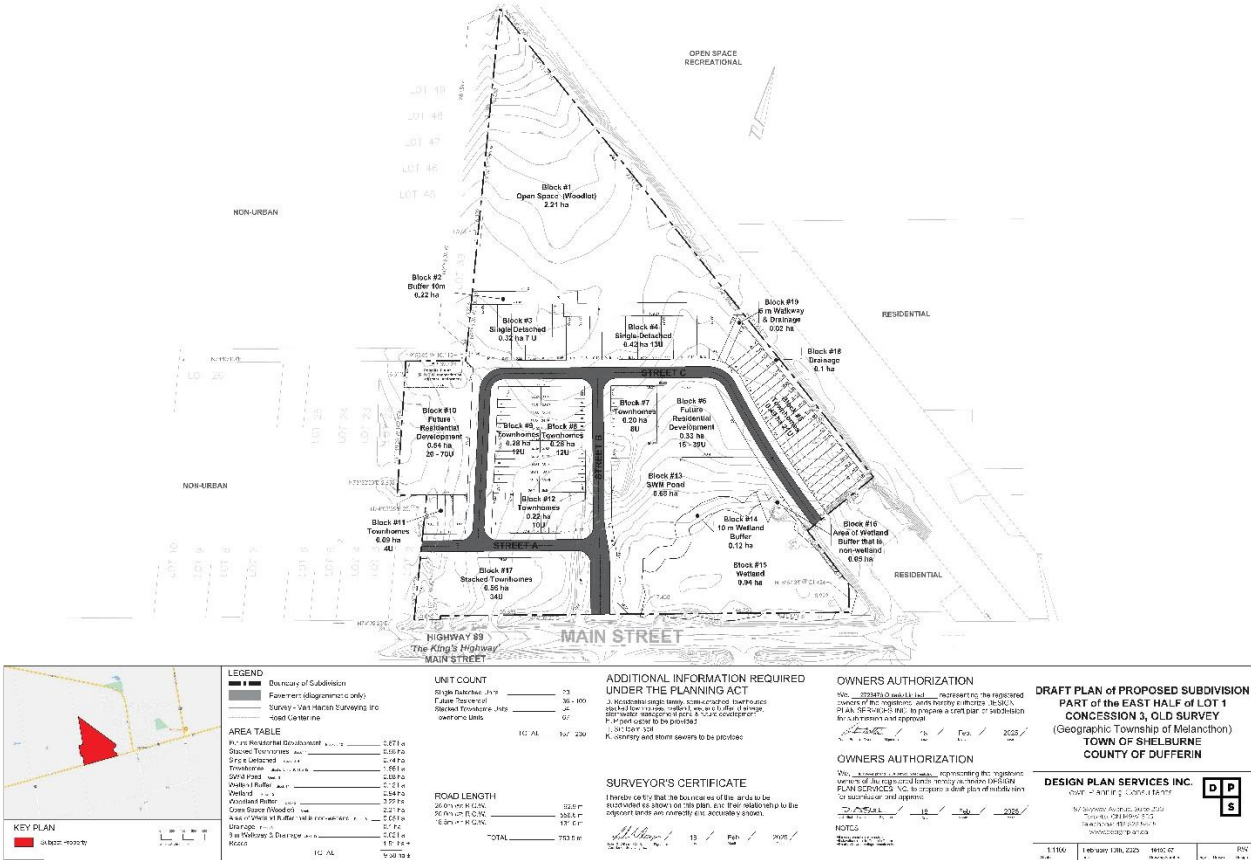
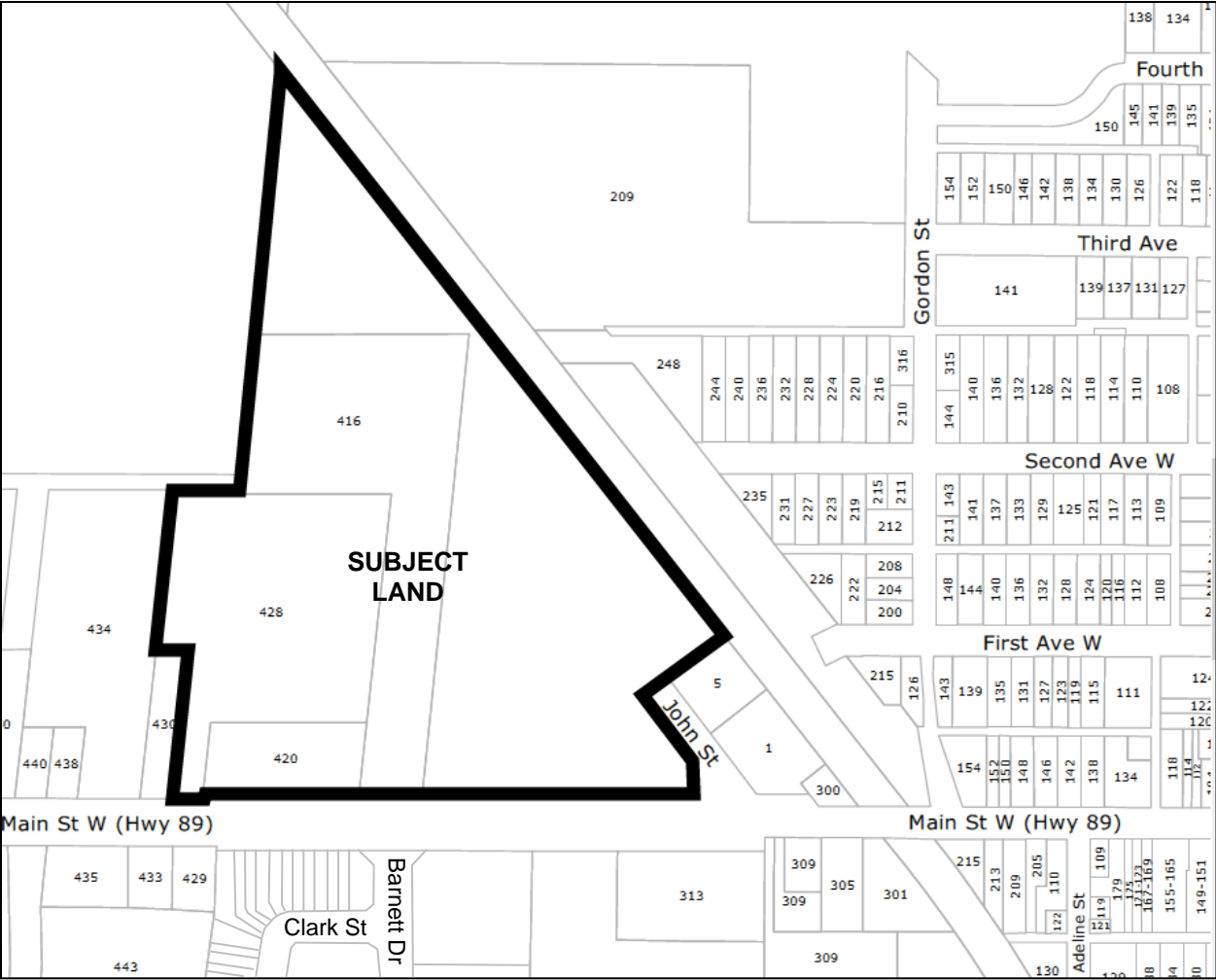
At the meeting you will be given the opportunity to ask questions and indicate whether you support or oppose the Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment. Written submissions will be accepted by the Clerk up to 4pm on the day of the Public Meeting.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Shelburne to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Clerk of the Town of Shelburne before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision and may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

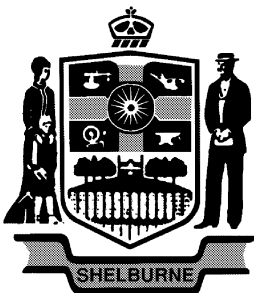
Additional information, including a copy of the staff report and the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment will be available on the Town's website (www.shelburne.ca) prior to the meeting, in the Council meeting agenda package. If you wish to be notified of the approval of the Draft Plan of Subdivision and/or the passing of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town at the address below.

Dated at the Town of Shelburne on the 13th day of May, 2025.

Jennifer Willoughby, Clerk
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File #: Z25 02
Date Received: 05/12/2025
Date Accepted: 05/15/2025
Application Fees:
\$4,225.00

**TOWN OF SHELBURNE
APPLICATION FORM FOR AN ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

Date Received: _____

1. APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name of Applicant: D+H Architects Inc. Mark Hicks

Mailing Address: 45 Mill Street, Orangeville, ON L9W 2M4

Telephone Number (Home): _____ Fax Number: 519-941-9142

Telephone Number (Business): 519-941-0912 Email Address: mhicks@dharchitects.ca

2. OWNER

If the Applicant is not the Owner of the subject lands, than authorization from the Owner is required, as well as the following information:

Name: Mike Cambruzzi

Mailing Address: 13295 Jane Street, King City, ON L7B 1A3

Telephone Number: 416-689-2051 mike4winds@gmail.com

3. MORTGAGES, CHARGES OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES None

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

4. SUBJECT LANDS

Lot: Part of Lot 1,2 & 3 Concession: _____

Reference Plan: 5A Part/Block/Lot: 2

Street Name and Number: 114 Main Street West
(if corner lot please include both street names)

Area of subject lands: 294 m2 Frontage: 5.8 m

Depth: 50.75

What is the current use of the subject land? Commercial on main floor & 2 residential units on 2nd flr

What is the proposed use of the subject lands? Same as existing

When were the subject lands acquired by the current owner? April 8, 2016

How long have the existing uses continued on the subject lands? 2017

5. ZONING AND OFFICIAL PLAN INFORMATION

What is the present Official Plan designation of the subject lands? Commercial Core
Urban Settlement

What is the present zoning? Commercial (C1) Zone

What is the purpose of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment? To permit small

apartment on ground floor at the back of the building.

6. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Please describe any proposed development on the subject lands (include buildings, floor area, height, parking spaces, etc. and attached plans with site and development statistics):

Addition of small apartment at rear of building. Existing commercial office on main
floor facing street to remain.

7. ACCESS

Is the subject land accessible by:

- ☐ Provincial highway
☒ Municipal road (maintained year round)
☐ Right of way
☒ Other, describe Municipal Lane
-

8. SERVICING

	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Other</u>
Water Supply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sewage Disposal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frontage on Road	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Is storm drainage provided by:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Storm Sewer	<input type="checkbox"/> Ditch	<input type="checkbox"/> Swale
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, describe _____		

9. STATUS OF OTHER APPLICATION

Are the subject lands the subject of any other applications under the Planning Act?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If yes, describe the application(s)? _____

10. DRAWINGS

Drawings shall be provided as required in the Official Plan Amendment Process sheet.

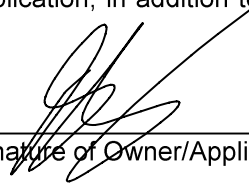
See attached

11. PAYMENT OF FEES

As of the date of this application, I hereby agree to pay for and bear the entire cost and expense for any engineering, legal, landscape architectural and/or external planning consulting expenses incurred by the Town of Shelburne during the processing of this application, in addition to any application fee set by the Town of Shelburne.

May 7, 2025

Date



Signature of Owner/Applicant

Note: All invoices for payment shall be sent to the person indicated in section 2 of this application, unless otherwise requested.

12. AUTHORIZATION

I/We Mike Cambuzzi am/are the owner(s) of the subject lands for which this application is to apply. I/We Mike Cambuzzi do hereby grant authorization to D+H Architects Inc to act on my/our behalf in regard to this application.

April 16, 2025
Date

[Signature]
Signature of Registered Owner(s)

13. AFFIDAVIT

I, Mark Hicks (D+H Architects Inc.) of the Town of Orangeville in the County of Dufferin solemnly declare that all of the above statements contained herein and in all exhibits transmitted herewith are true and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under other, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED BEFORE ME AT Town of Orangeville
in the County of the Dufferin
this 12 day of May, 2025

[Signature]
Witness
Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith
Deputy Clerk
Town of Orangeville
Commissioners of Oath

[Signature]
Signature of Registered Owner (s) or Agent

14. PERMISSION TO ENTER

I hereby authorize the members of staff and/or elected members of Council of the Town of Shelburne to enter upon the subject lands and premises for the limited purpose of evaluating the merits of this application. This is their authority for doing so.

May 12/25.
Date

[Signature]
Signature of Registered Owner (s) or Agent

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Denise Holmes

From: Holly Boardman <hboardman@amaranth.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 1:28 PM
To: Sonya Pritchard; Michelle Dunne; Sara MacRae
Cc: Denise Holmes; Denyse Morrissey; Jennifer E. Willoughby; Tracey Atkinson; Roseann Knechtel; Michael Dunmore; Fred Simpson; Peter Avgoustis; Jessica Kennedy; dsmith@orangeville.ca; Raylene Martell; Meghan Townsend; Donna Tremblay; Nicole Martin
Subject: BetterHomes Dufferin Program - Amaranth resolution

Good Afternoon Everyone

At its regular meeting of Council held on May 7, 2025, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution #: 6

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council receives Report – BetterHomes Dufferin project,

And Further That Council agrees to participate in this project and directs staff to prepare and present the Local Improvements Authorization By-law for Passing,

And Further That Council requests the County to cover the administration costs of all lower tier municipalities,

And Further That this resolution be sent to Dufferin County and all lower tier municipalities in Dufferin County.

CARRIED

Regards,

Holly Boardman

Deputy Clerk

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May 15, 2025

To our Municipal Clients:

Re: Assessment of Bill 17 (Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025)

In our continued efforts to keep our clients up to date on legislative changes that may impact them, we are writing to inform you that Bill 17, *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025* (herein referred to as Bill 17) was tabled in the Ontario Legislature on May 12, 2025. This letter provides a summary of the proposed changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997* (D.C.A.) and commentary on the proposed changes to the growth management framework. As the Bill progresses through the legislative process, we will continue to advise of any amendments and associated impacts.

Note that the Province is seeking comments via the Environmental Registry of Ontario at the following link: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/025-0504>. We will be submitting our comments prior to the deadline of June 12, 2025.

1. Overview Commentary

The Province has stated that a goal of this Bill is to simplify and streamline development, while reducing barriers, including development fees. In this regard, the Bill proposes to amend various acts with the intent of building more homes faster in Ontario to address the current housing crisis. In addition to changes to the D.C.A., changes are proposed to the following Acts:

- *Building Code Act, 1992*;
- *Building Transit Faster Act, 2020*;
- *City of Toronto Act, 2006*;
- *Metrolinx Act, 2006*;
- *Ministry of Infrastructure Act, 2011*;
- *Planning Act*; and
- *Transit-oriented Communities Act, 2020*.

In addition to the legislative changes proposed, the Province has announced that they are exploring the use of a public utility model, which may include establishing municipal service corporations for water and wastewater systems. These changes could have significant impacts on the costs and delivery of water and wastewater services in Ontario. While this may serve to reduce the funding obligations from development charges (D.C.s), funding these costs from a broader pool of existing rate payers would likely result in higher water and wastewater rates.



2. Proposed Changes to the *Development Charges Act*

The following provides a summary of the proposed changes to the D.C.A., along with commentary on the potential impacts to municipalities.

1. Exemption for long-term care homes

- Currently, D.C.s imposed on long-term care homes are subject to annual instalments under section 26.1 of the D.C.A.
- The proposed change would exempt long-term care homes from the payment of D.C.s.
- This exemption would apply to any future D.C. instalments on long-term care home developments.
- The D.C.A. does not allow reductions in D.C.s to be funded by other types of development. As such, the exemption will have to be funded from other municipal revenue sources.

2. Definition of capital costs, subject to regulation

- The proposed change would add the words “subject to the regulations” to section 5 (3) of the D.C.A.
 - The proposed amendment expands the scope of the Province’s authority to limit eligible capital costs via regulation.
 - The D.C.A. currently provides this ability to limit the inclusion of land costs.
 - The Province intends to engage with municipalities and the development community to determine potential restrictions on what costs can be recovered through D.C.s.
- Commentary from organizations in the development community suggests these discussions may continue to focus on limiting the inclusion of land costs in the D.C. calculations. The proposed amendment, however, provides broad authority for limiting eligible capital costs (i.e., the scope of regulatory authority is not restricted to land).
- Reductions in D.C.-eligible capital costs will have to be funded from other municipal revenue sources. Changes to the definition of capital costs through regulation will require municipalities to adjust funding for capital projects swiftly without the legislative amendment process.

3. Simplified D.C. by-law process to reduce charges

- Proposed change to section 19 (1.1) of the D.C.A. to allow a simplified process to amend a D.C. by-law for the following reasons:
 - Repeal or change a D.C. by-law expiry date (consistent with current provisions);
 - Repeal a D.C. by-law provision for indexing or amend to provide for a D.C. not to be indexed; and



- Decrease the amount of a D.C. for one or more types of development.
- The simplified process includes passing of an amending by-law and providing notice of passing of the amending by-law. There will be no requirement to prepare a D.C. background study, undertake public consultation, and no ability to appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal.
- Limiting the simplified D.C. by-law amendment process to situations where the amount of a D.C. for a type of development is being reduced would appear to allow municipalities to adjust the charges for changes in assumptions (e.g., reductions in capital cost estimates, application of grant funding to reduce the recoverable amount), adding exemptions for types of development, and phasing the imposition of a D.C.
- It is unclear if the simplified process would apply where exemptions are being provided for purposes other than development type, as specified in the amendment. For example, where a municipality is exempting a geographic area, such as an industrial park, downtown core, major transit station area, etc.
- While administratively expedient, eliminating the statutory public process for reductions in D.C.s will not provide the general public with an opportunity to delegate Council on the matter and will reduce transparency.

4. Deferral of D.C. payment to occupancy for residential development

- Proposed changes to section 26.1 of the D.C.A. provide that a D.C. payable for residential development (other than rental housing developments, which are subject to payment in instalments) would be payable upon the earlier of the issuance of an occupancy permit, or the day the building is first occupied.
- Only under circumstances prescribed in the regulations may the municipality require a financial security.
 - The Province has noted its intent to mitigate risk for municipalities. As such, the prescribed circumstances may allow for securities when no occupancy permit is required.
- Municipalities will not be allowed to impose interest on the deferral of D.C. payment to occupancy.
- It appears those municipalities that have elected to utilize subsection 26 (2) of the Act (i.e., water, wastewater, services related to a highway, and stormwater charges payable at the time of subdivision agreement) may no longer be able to utilize this section for residential subdivisions or consents.
- Deferring the timing of payment for all residential development to occupancy will have cashflow implications for municipalities. The impacts may include additional financing costs for capital projects, increased



administrative costs associated with administering securities and occupancies, and potential delays in capital project timing.

5. Removal of interest for legislated instalments

- Proposed changes to section 26.1 of the Act would remove the ability to charge interest on instalments for rental housing and institutional development.
- This would also apply to future instalments for existing deferrals once Bill 17 receives Royal Assent.
- The repeal of subsection 26.1 (9) of the D.C.A. removes the municipality's ability to require immediate payment of all outstanding instalments when a development use changes from rental housing or institutional to another use.
- This proposed amendment has the same cashflow impacts for municipalities as noted in item 4 above, although it is more limited in scope.

6. Ability for residential and institutional development to pay a D.C. earlier than a by-law requires

- Currently, if a person wishes to waive the requirement to pay their D.C. in instalments as per section 26.1, an agreement under section 27 of the D.C.A. (early payment agreement) is required.
- The proposed changes state that, "For greater certainty, a person required to pay a development charge under this section may pay the charge before the day it is payable even in the absence of an agreement under section 27."
- This wording achieves its intent to allow a person to waive the requirement to pay in instalments. It also appears, however, to allow residential and institutional D.C.s to be paid earlier than required in a D.C. by-law, absent municipal agreement.
- This is problematic for municipalities, as the development community may elect to pay D.C.s before indexing or before municipalities pass a new D.C. by-law where a publicly available D.C. background study may be indicating a potential increase in the charges.

7. Lower charge for rate freeze

- Section 26.2 of the D.C.A. requires that, for developments proceeding through a site plan or zoning by-law amendment application, the D.C. be determined based on the rates that were in effect when the planning application was submitted to the municipality.
- In some instances, the D.C. that would be imposed at the time of building permit issuance may be lower than that in place at the time of planning application.



- Where rates have been frozen as per section 26.2 of the D.C.A., the proposed amendments would require municipalities to apply either the “frozen” or the current rate, whichever is lower, in such instances.
 - Note, interest charges for the D.C. determined at planning application may still be imposed.
- These proposed changes are positive as developers would not be charged in excess of current rates (where lower) and developers who proceed in a timely manner are not penalized with additional interest costs.

8. Grouping of services for the purposes of using credits

- Section 38 of the D.C.A. allows a person to construct growth-related works on a municipality’s behalf, subject to an agreement. The person receives a credit against future D.C.s payable for the service(s) to which the growth-related works relate.
- A municipality can agree to allow the credits to be applied to other services in the D.C. by-law.
- The proposed amendments would allow the Province to, through regulation, deem two or more services to be one service for the purpose of applying credits.
- This proposed change appears to remove the municipality’s discretion to combine services by agreement in certain instances.
- Combining services for the purposes of credits would have cashflow implications for municipalities, where funds held in a reserve fund for a service not included under the section 38 agreement would be reduced. This could delay the timing of capital projects for these impacted services and/or increase financing costs.

9. Defining local services in the regulations

- Section 59 of the D.C.A. delineates between charges for local services and, by extension, those that would be considered in a D.C. by-law.
- Municipalities typically establish a local service policy when preparing a D.C. background study to establish which capital works will be funded by the developer as a condition of approval under section 51 or section 53 of the *Planning Act* (i.e., local service) and which will be funded by the D.C. by-law.
- The proposed amendments would allow the Province to make regulations to determine what constitutes a local service.
 - Although the Province has noted that this will be defined through consultations, there may be unintended impacts. For example, if the definition of a local service is too broad, it may lower the D.C. but increase the direct funding requirements on one particular developer. If the definition is too narrow, the opposite would result,



whereby local services would be broadly included in D.C. funding, thereby increasing D.C. rates.

- Additionally, what is deemed a local service in one municipality may vary from what is deemed a local service in another, depending on the size, density, and types of development.

Most of the changes above would come into effect upon Royal Assent of Bill 17. The changes with respect to deferral of payment to occupancy for residential development would come into effect upon the date proclaimed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

3. Noted Areas for Future Changes to Development Charges

In the Province's announcement, they indicated additional changes that are anticipated to follow proposed regulatory changes and/or ongoing consultations.

The Province has indicated the intent to add the Statistics Canada Non-Residential Building Construction Price Index for London to the prescribed indexes in the regulations. This would allow municipalities west of London and those that are closer to London than Toronto, to utilize the London series for indexing purposes.

The Province also indicated the intent to consult on a potential standardization of the approaches to benefit to existing deductions. Currently there are best practices to follow, however, there is no standardized approach across all municipalities. Providing a standardized approach may be problematic, as capital projects in different municipalities may be unique in scope and capital cost requirements.

Lastly, the announcement included commentary on expanding the Annual Treasurer's Statement reporting requirements. Currently for services related to a highway, water, and wastewater services, municipalities must allocate 60% of monies in their D.C. reserve funds to projects. The Province may consider expanding this requirement to more services.

4. Proposed Changes to the Growth Management Framework

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has been reviewing the Official Plans of Ontario's 50 largest and fastest-growing municipalities against the Ministry of Finance's (M.O.F.) updated population forecasts released in October 2024. Where the Ministry finds that current Official Plan forecasts are lower than updated provincial or upper-tier projections, the MMAH will undertake targeted outreach to affected municipalities. In these cases, municipalities will be required to update their Official Plans to reflect the higher of the M.O.F. projection or the applicable upper-tier forecast.

These updates will be guided by a forthcoming revision to the Projection Methodology Guideline – the first since 1995 – to ensure consistency in how growth is planned across the Province. It is the MMAH's goal that these updated projections and methods



will help municipalities more accurately align land needs, servicing strategies, and capital planning with long-term provincial growth priorities. To support this, the Province is also exploring improvements to planning data systems and digital tools, including standardizing how municipalities track and report land use planning and permitting activity. Enhanced access to consistent, digitized data will help inform future forecasting, monitor implementation, and increase transparency across jurisdictions.

For municipalities directed by the Province to update their Official Plans, this requirement carries several implications. As a starting point, it is important to note that the M.O.F. forecasts are only available at the Census Division level, which typically represents upper-tier municipalities, including separated municipalities and large urban single-tier municipalities. This poses potential complexities for lower-tier municipalities to directly apply, allocate, and coordinate the M.O.F. population projections as part of their respective Official Plan Review. Furthermore, the M.O.F. population projections are released annually and are subject to considerable fluctuation. On the other hand, the municipal Official Plan Review process, which includes a comprehensive assessment of long-term population growth and urban land needs, is required to be carried out at a minimum every 10 years for new Official Plans and five years regarding Official Plan updates. Accordingly, it will be important for municipalities to monitor their respective Official Plans within the context of changing long-term M.O.F. projections. It is currently unclear to what extent Ontario municipalities will be required to update their respective Official Plans and associated background studies, such as needs assessments, servicing plans, and financial strategies, to ensure alignment with the updated M.O.F. projections. It is clear, however, that Ontario municipalities will require improved processes and tools to monitor their Official Plans in a manner that allows decision makers more flexibility to address and respond to anticipated change.

In parallel, the Province is also proposing changes to inclusionary zoning policies, which could influence housing delivery outcomes within protected major transit station areas. Specifically, the Act proposes capping the affordable housing set-aside rate at 5% and limiting the affordability period to 25 years. While these measures may enhance project feasibility and encourage more market-based residential development near transit, they may also constrain the long-term supply and stability of affordable units delivered through inclusionary zoning policies. Municipalities will need to consider how these changes affect their broader housing strategies, particularly in areas where protected major transit station areas are a central tool for delivering mixed-income communities.

5. Concluding Remarks

Based on the proposed changes, municipalities may experience a reduction in overall D.C. revenue. The impacts of some of the potentially more significant changes (i.e., changes to the definition of capital cost, grouping of credits, defining local services, and methodology for benefit to existing will not be known until the release of the draft regulations for consultation. By moving legislative guidance to the regulations, as



opposed to the Act itself, the Province will have the ability to change the rules set out therein without the requirement of passing a Bill through the legislative process. This reduces transparency and the required consultation should the Province wish to change these rules in the future.

We will continue to monitor the proposed changes and will inform you of potential impacts to municipalities. As noted, we will be submitting further comments to the Province via the Environmental Registry of Ontario. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned or send an email to info@watsonecon.ca.

Yours very truly,

WATSON & ASSOCIATES ECONOMISTS LTD.

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DATE: May 21, 2025

MEMORANDUM TO: CAOs and Mayors from Municipalities Billed under
O. Reg. 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for
Policing from Ontario Provincial Police

FROM: Mario Di Tommaso
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety

SUBJECT: Ontario Provincial Policing (OPP) Cost Recovery Model
Review and June 2025 Webinars

In Fall 2024, the Solicitor General announced a commitment to review of the OPP cost recovery model as set out in [O. Reg. 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police](#) under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is pleased to announce that this review has been initiated. The ministry will be working with a third-party vendor to support an evidence-based review and analysis of the OPP cost recovery model.

The intent is for the review to be completed in time to inform the issuing of the 2026 annual billing statements and the approach going forward.

I would like to thank you for the extensive feedback you have shared with the ministry to date. This feedback is valuable in shaping the review.

We look forward to the opportunity for continued input from your municipalities. To achieve this goal, engagement webinars will take place in June 2025. More information regarding these webinars will follow as soon as possible. Your participation is encouraged to ensure that your perspectives are heard.

You can expect outreach in the coming weeks with details for the June webinars. Should you have any immediate questions, please reach out to Sheela Subramanian, Director, Community Safety and Intergovernmental Policy Branch at sheela.subramanian@ontario.ca

Thank you for your continued collaboration and future input.



Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety
Ministry of the Solicitor General



May 26, 2025

The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
The Senate of Canada
Ottawa ON K1A 0A4

At its regular meeting on May 22, 2025, Dufferin County Council passed the following resolution:

THAT the resolution from the Township of Amaranth, dated April 16, 2025, regarding the Critical Ground Report and implementing the recommendations, be supported.

Thank you,

Michelle Dunne

Michelle Dunne
Clerk

Cc Prime Minister Mark Carney
Premier Doug Ford
MPP Honourable Sylvia Jones
MP Honourable Kyle Seeback
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Minister of Rural Affairs
Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Federal Minister of Agriculture, Agri-food and Rural Economic Development
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Attachment: Township of Amaranth Resolution



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April 16, 2025

The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
The Senate of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A4

**Re: Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic,
Environmental, Human and Social Health**

Following a presentation and discussion from The Honourable Robert Black at the regular meeting of Council held on April 16, 2025, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following motion:

Resolution #: 3

Moved by: G. Little **Seconded by:** A. Stirk

Whereas the Township of Amaranth 2023 Strategic Plan included a vision statement "To grow a strong, vibrant rural and agricultural community" and a goal to "Protect our agricultural land and promote the farming economy"

And Whereas the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry published a report in 2024 titled "Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic, Environmental, Human and Social Health" that contained twenty five (25) recommendations in total for the federal government, two of which also provided recommended actions for provincial and territorial governments.

And Whereas, Recommendation 7 of Critical Ground stated that "The Government of Canada encourage provinces, territories, and municipalities to develop measures—as a form of land use planning—that best preserve and protect agricultural land in their jurisdictions."

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Amaranth fully support all of the Recommendations included within Critical Ground and will consider how to implement the Recommendations contained within Critical Ground when completing a review of the Township of Amaranth Official Plan.

And further that the Township of Amaranth urge the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to implement all the recommendations contained within Critical Ground and commit to recognizing a sense of urgency and act accordingly in order to protect and conserve soil as per Recommendation 25.

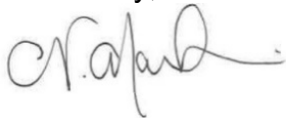
And further that this motion be circulated to the following parties:

- *All local municipalities within the County of Dufferin*
- *MPP Hon. Sylvia Jones*
- *Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks*
- *Hon. Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness*
- *Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs*
- *MP Hon. Kyle Seebach*
- *Federal Ministry of Environment and Climate Change*
- *Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Rural Economic Development*
- *Rural Ontario Municipal Association*
- *Association of Municipalities of Ontario*
- *Federation of Canadian Municipalities*
- *Dufferin Federation of Agriculture*
- *Ontario Federation of Agriculture*
- *Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry*
- *Premier of Ontario*
- *Prime Minister of Canada*

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,



Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk

Ministry of Natural Resources

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May 27, 2025

Subject: Reintroduction of the *Geologic Carbon Storage Act*

Hello,

Over the past three years, the Ministry of Natural Resources has been taking a measured and phased approach to enabling and regulating geologic carbon storage in Ontario. Carbon storage is new to the province, and developing a comprehensive framework to regulate this activity would help ensure that it is done responsibly, with measures in place to safeguard people and the environment.

Geologic carbon storage (further referred to as carbon storage) involves injecting captured carbon dioxide (CO₂) into deep geological formations for permanent storage. This technology could provide industries in Ontario with a critical tool for managing their emissions and contributing to the achievement of Ontario's emissions reduction targets.

On November 25, 2024, the Resource Management and Safety Act, 2024 was introduced in the Ontario legislature. This Act included a proposed *Geologic Carbon Storage Act*. The legislature was dissolved on January 28, 2025, and all incomplete business was terminated.

We are writing to notify you that today, the Bill was reintroduced in the legislature. The suite of proposed changes remains the same as what was introduced in November 2024, aside from a small number of administrative updates made to provide clarity.

The original proposal can be accessed through the Environmental Registry/Regulatory Registry: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-9299>.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Andrew Ogilvie, Manager of Resources Development Section, at 705-761-5815 or through email: Resources.Development@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Keyes
Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch



Grand River Conservation Authority

Summary of the General Membership Meeting – May 23, 2025

To GRCA/GRCF Boards and Grand River watershed municipalities - Please share as appropriate.

Action Items

The Board approved the resolutions in the following reports as presented in the agenda:

- Strategic Plan 2025-2029, as presented
- GM-05-25-51 - Financial Summary

Information Items

The Board received the following reports as information:

- GM-05-25-53 - Chair's Report
- GM-05-25-50 - Cash & Investment Status
- GM-05-25-52 - Current Watershed Conditions

Correspondence

The Board received the following correspondence:

- Halton Regional Council re: Development Services Continuous Improvement Updates
- Town of Shelburne - Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5
- John Kemp re: Giant Hogweed (Correspondence and GRCA response)

Source Protection Authority Correspondence & Action Items

The General Membership of the GRCA also acts as the Source Protection Authority Board. No meeting was held in May.

For full agendas and reports, and past minutes, please refer to our [Board meeting calendar](#). The minutes of this meeting will be posted on following approval at the next meeting of the General Membership.

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NVCA May 2025 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: June 27, 2025, held in virtually

For the full meeting agenda, including documents and reports, visit [NVCA's website](#).

NVCA Communication Strategy

NVCA's Communications team has developed a communications strategy to support NVCA's mission, vision, Integrated Watershed Management Plan, Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy and will be incorporated into the next set of strategic, business and climate change action plans.

Grounded in four guiding principles, this strategy aims to strengthen engagement with diverse audiences, build awareness of NVCA's programs and services, and promote climate adaptation actions. It is designed to strengthen NVCA's ability to engage and inform its audiences.

Three key desired outcomes include:

- Enhanced understanding of the watershed and climate adaptation,
- Increased awareness of NVCA's programs and services, and
- Increased participation in programs, services, and engagement initiatives.

The strategy also lists action items to be implemented over the next five years. These include crafting organizational and department-specific key messages, developing audience profiles, and establishing baselines and KPIs to assess whether the desired outcomes are met.

Upcoming Events

Weekend Garrison at Historic Fort Willow - Day 1

Join the Historic Military Establishment of Upper Canada for a weekend garrison at Historic Fort Willow.

Date & Time: May 30 – June 1, 2025 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Fort Willow Conservation Area

PA/PD Day

Camp Tiffin encourages outdoor exploration, guided excursions in the forest fueled by student interest. Every day will be guided by student inquiry, seasonal changes, and weather and program availability.

Date: June 6, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

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**Crime Prevention and Community
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Bureau de la prévention du crime et du
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File Reference: GOV-1200

May 13, 2025

Mayor Reeve and Clerk CAO,

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) regularly evaluates its operations to ensure the effective use of resources while maintaining high-quality service. As part of this process, the OPP has undertaken an organizational realignment to better align with its strategic goals and priorities.

Effective immediately Municipal Policing Bureau has been dissolved. Municipal Policing Unit and Financial Service Unit have been realigned and will fall under the OPP's Crime Prevention and Community Support Bureau.

Municipal Policing Unit and Financial Services Unit will continue their regular business, including managing the cost recovery process for municipal policing services in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act (CPSA) O. Reg. 413/23 Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police*, managing municipal policing agreements under the CSPA, delivering presentations, and providing clarifications on municipal inquiries.

Please continue to direct all future inquiries on municipal policing billing, requests for presentations, etc. to OPP.MunicipalPolicing@opp.ca. Please note, the general email inbox OPP.MPB.Financial.Services.Unit@opp.ca will be decommissioned and will no longer be monitored. We also encourage you to visit www.opp.ca/billingmodel where the 2025 estimate updates have been posted for your reference and planning purposes.

The OPP remains committed to working collaboratively with municipalities to ensure effective, efficient and sustainable policing services across Ontario.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. I look forward to your support during this transition and to a successful partnership.

J.G. (John) Dumond,
Chief Superintendent
Bureau Commander
Crime Prevention and Community Support Bureau

cc: OPP Regional and Detachment Commanders

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May 23, 2025

Via: Email

Sarah Culshaw
Treasurer
Township of Melancthon
157101 Highway No. 10
Melancthon ON L9V 2E6

Dear Sarah:

Re: Drainage Superintendent Services
File No.: D-ME-SUP
Project No.: MSO019743.2025

As we are now into the second quarter of the business year, we would appreciate updating our account for Professional Services. The enclosed invoice covers the time period from January 1, 2025, through March 27, 2025.

The work undertaken during this period includes the following:

January 2025

- Prepared and forwarded a Draft Resolution and an updated Location Plan to CAO/Clerk in response to the previously received Notice for Maintenance and Repair on the Fraser-Lee Drainage Works submitted by property owner, John C. Fraser-Lee. Subsequently received and filed a letter directing that an investigation be undertaken and a report provided to Council outlining the findings and recommendations.
- Prepared and forwarded a Draft Resolution and an updated Location Plan to CAO/Clerk in response to the Notice for Maintenance and Repair received for the Brausam Drainage Works submitted by property owners, Donald and Mary Horst. Delivered the original signed Notice for Maintenance and Repair to the Township office. Subsequently received and filed a letter directing that an investigation be undertaken and a report provided to Council outlining the findings and recommendations.
- Prepared and forwarded a Draft Resolution and an updated Location Plan to CAO/Clerk in response to the Notice for Maintenance and Repair received for the Hicks Drainage Works submitted by property owner, Mahlon Bauman (on behalf of Mahlon Bauman Inc.). Delivered the original signed Notice for Maintenance and Repair to the Township office. Subsequently received and filed a letter directing that an investigation be undertaken and a report provided to Council outlining the findings and recommendations.

- Received and reviewed NVCA technical staff comments forwarded by Eli Bauman (on behalf of 1000406582 Ontario Inc.) regarding the application to enclose a private ditch in Pt. W1/2 Lot 10, Concession 4 O.S. Clarified that AgMaps has erroneously identified the watercourse as the "Fraser Drain" and that the private ditch in question has never been incorporated under the provisions of the Drainage Act.
- Completed application for OMAFRA Grant on the Costs of Employing a Drainage Superintendent in 2024. Uploaded completed application along with supporting documentation to the Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) website.

February 2025

- Completed OMAFRA Grant Allocation Request for the costs of employing a Drainage Superintendent. Uploaded completed application to the Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) website.

March 2025

- Discussion with property owner Leo Blydorp regarding the timeline for the remaining work on the Stewart Drainage Works.
- Discussion with trapper Dave Cowen regarding the status of his account for trapping work completed outside Dufferin County's Nuisance Beaver Program window (open season).

As you are aware, the cost of employing a Drainage Superintendent is eligible for a 50% grant. The Ministry has requested that the grant application be submitted yearly. As such, the application will be completed for you at year's end.

Should you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance in the meantime, please call.

Yours truly,

R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited

Drainage Superintendent



T.M. Pridham, P.Eng.
Drainage Engineer
TMP:md

Enclosure(s) Invoice No. MSO019743.2025-1

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May 15, 2025

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Todd McCarthy
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Premier Ford and Ministers Flack and McCarthy:

On May 13th, 2025, Council for the Town of Mono passed the following resolution, expressing opposition to aspects of Bill 5 - Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025.

Resolution #7-9-2025

Moved by John Creelman, Seconded by Melinda Davie

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of "Special Economic Zones" that may override local planning authority;

AND WHEREAS, the Town of Mono supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but also believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections, compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes and finances;

AND WHEREAS, Bill 5 weakens safeguards for Ontario's natural heritage and reduces the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Mono:

- Opposes provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections and/or override municipal planning authority;*

- *And urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles, that uphold local planning tools along with recognizing that development must offset its cost lest this fall upon local taxpayers;*
- *And that this resolution be forwarded to:*
 - *The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario*
 - *The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*
 - *The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks*
 - *Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin–Caledon*
 - *The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)*
 - *All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration*

"Carried"

Respectfully,

Fred Simpson, Clerk

Copy: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario
 All Ontario Municipalities

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

BY-LAW NO. -2025

**Being a By-law to amend By-law No. 4-2024
passed in open Council on January 11, 2024.**

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 section 238 provides that a municipality shall establish a procedural by-law to govern meetings;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon has enacted Procedural By-law 4-2024 on January 11, 2024;

AND WHEREAS on May 15, 2025, the Council of the Township of Melancthon directed that Section 33, regarding Delegations/Presentations be amended;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon deems it expedient to amend By-law No. 4-2024, a By-law to Govern the Proceedings of Council;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon enacts as follows:

That Section 33, of By-law 4-2024, be amended to include provisions establishing the requirement for in-person Delegations and Presentations, as set out below, to be added at the conclusion of the Section:

33. Delegations/Presentations

A person or group wishing to make a Delegation/Presentation to Council shall submit a Delegation Request to the Clerk or designate in writing no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Wednesday of the week before the requested Meeting. The Request shall state the nature of the business and the names of the persons in the Delegation/Presentation. A copy of the presentation must be provided for inclusion in the package. The Delegation Request Form will be included in the Agenda Package.

The Clerk shall acknowledge receipt of the request and place the matter on the next appropriate Council Agenda.

Delegations/Presentations at the Council Meeting shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. The duration may be extended by Majority Vote specifying the additional time. An organized body wishing to address Council as a Delegation shall be limited to two (2) speakers, each limited to speaking not more than a combined total of fifteen (15) minutes. Delegations for the purposes of Council training shall be permitted a longer period of speaking time at the discretion of the Clerk.

No Delegation shall:

- a) Speak disrespectfully of any person;
- b) Use offensive words;
- c) Speak on any subject other than the subject for which he or she has received approval to address Council or Committee;
- d) Disobey the Rules of Procedure or a decision of the Chair or Council.

Council may refuse to hear Delegations when, in the opinion of the Council, the subject of the presentation is beyond the jurisdiction of the Township of Melancthon.

The Mayor/Chair may shorten the time of any Delegation, any questions of a Delegation or debate during a Delegation for disorder or any other breach of this By-law.

Council has the discretion to close a Meeting to the public during a Delegation if the subject matter being considered relates to a Closed Meeting under the Act.

A maximum of two (2) Delegations/Deputations per Meeting shall be permitted.

A person who is unable to attend a Council Meeting may arrange for another person to appear as a Delegation on such person’s behalf and to read aloud a prepared statement pertaining to an item listed on the Council agenda.

During or following a Delegation, Members may ask specific questions relating to the presentation for the purpose of clarification without statement or comment.

Each issue and/or Delegation will be allowed one Meeting presentation to the Council and/or Committee with a period of six (6) months lapsing before the issue can be raised again. An exception may be granted if substantially new and/or substantially significant information is provided to the Clerk or Committee Secretary.

In the event that scheduled Delegation does not appear at the prescribed time, with or without notice, the Council will continue on with the business of the day and may or may not at the discretion of Council, receive the Delegation on their arrival or that Delegation may be rescheduled to a later date.

In-Person Requirement

All Delegations must appear in person before Council. Virtual Delegations shall not be permitted unless an exception is granted in accordance with the provisions below.

Exceptions

Exceptions to the in-person requirement may be granted in the following cases:

- 1. **Clerk’s Discretion** – Where inclement weather, or other unforeseen circumstances make in-person attendance unsafe or impractical;
- 2. **Information Update to Council** – If the Delegation is solely for the purpose of providing an informational update to Council and does not include a request for action or decision by Council.
- 3. **Planning Consultants** – Planning Consultants or Agents attending Statutory Public Meetings related to planning applications, where virtual attendance may be appropriate due to travel distance or timing of the meeting.
- 4. **Council Invitation** – Where Council has specifically invited a Delegation and authorized virtual attendance;
- 5. **Council Approval** – Where Council, by resolution, approves a request for a virtual Delegation.

In the event that a virtual Delegation is disrupted due to internet connectivity issues on multiple occurrences during the Delegation, the Delegation shall be terminated and rescheduled as an in-person meeting at a later date.

This By-law shall take effect and come into force on the passing thereof.

By-law read a first and second time this 5th day of June, 2025.

By-law read a third time and passed this 5th day of June, 2025.

MAYOR

CLERK

The Corporation of the Township of Melancthon

By-Law Number _____ - 2025

“CONNOR DRAINAGE WORKS,
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR LEVYING BY-LAW”

A by-law to provide for the levying of the costs
resulting from the maintenance and repair of the
Connor Drainage Works

WHEREAS the work on the Connor Drainage Works in the Township of Amaranth has now been completed;

AND WHEREAS the assessment shall be contributed as follows:

Township of Amaranth	\$1,787.76
Township of Melancthon	<u>\$ 512.72</u>
Total	\$2,300.48

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Melancthon enacts as follows:

- 2. The amount of \$512.72, necessary to be raised for such work, shall be made a cash assessment upon the upstream lands and roads affected, as shown in the attached schedule, with interest at the rate set for collecting taxes in arrears being added after the date payment is called on the same.
- 3. This By-law shall be cited as the “Connor Drainage Works, Maintenance and Repair Levying By-law”.
- 4. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

MAYOR

CLERK

SCHEDULE A

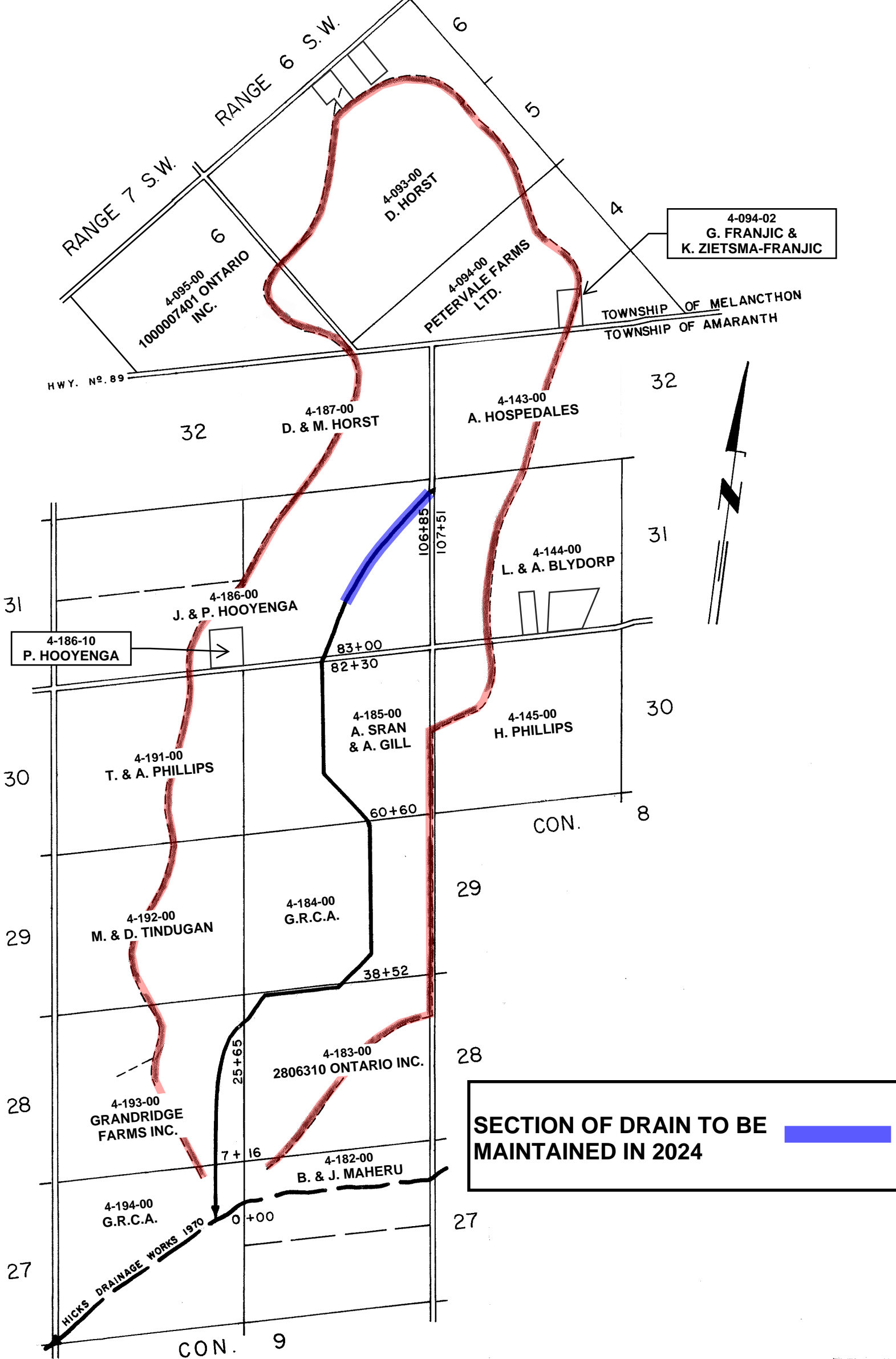
CONNOR DRAINAGE WORKS - MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

GOVERNING BY-LAW No. 6-76

PROPERTY ROLL NUMBER 2208-000	PROPERTY OWNER TOWNSHIP OF AMARANTH	ASSESSMENT (\$)	TOTAL 2024 REPAIR (\$)	1/3 GRANT (\$)	NET PAYABLE (\$)
004-14300	A. Hospedales	\$465.00	\$200.91	\$66.97	\$133.94
004-14400	L. & A. Blydorp	\$345.00	\$149.06	\$49.69	\$99.37
004-18600	J. & P. Hooyenga	\$3,514.00	\$1,518.30	\$506.10	\$1,012.20
004-18700	D. & M. Horst	\$384.00	\$165.92	\$55.31	\$110.61
TOTAL LANDS		\$4,708.00	\$2,034.19	\$678.07	\$1,356.12
	8th Line, Amaranth	\$673.00	\$290.78		\$290.78
	Highway No. 89, MTO	\$326.00	\$140.86		\$140.86
TOTAL ROADS		\$999.00	\$431.64		\$431.64
TOTAL LANDS & ROADS	TOWNSHIP OF AMARANTH	\$5,707.00	\$2,465.83	\$678.07	\$1,787.76

PROPERTY ROLL NUMBER 2208-000	PROPERTY OWNER TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON	ASSESSMENT (\$)	TOTAL 2024 REPAIR (\$)	1/3 GRANT (\$)	NET PAYABLE (\$)
004-09300	D. Horst	\$1,061.00	\$458.43	\$152.81	\$305.62
004-09400	Petervale Farms Ltd.	\$479.00	\$206.96	\$68.99	\$137.97
004-09402 *	G. Franjic & K. Zietsma-Franjic	\$17.00	\$7.35		\$7.35
004-09500 *	1000007401 ONTARIO INC.	\$83.00	\$35.86		\$35.86
TOTAL LANDS		\$1,640.00	\$708.60	\$221.80	\$486.80
	7th Line S.W., Melancthon	\$60.00	\$25.92		\$25.92
TOTAL ROAD		\$60.00	\$25.92		\$25.92
TOTAL LANDS & ROAD	TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON	\$1,700.00	\$734.52	\$221.80	\$512.72

TOTAL ALL LANDS AND ROADS	\$7,407.00	\$3,200.35	\$899.87	\$2,300.48
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SECTION OF DRAIN TO BE MAINTAINED IN 2024

Denise Holmes

From: Brent Hoskins <brent@agapik9.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 2:51 PM
To: Denise Holmes
Cc: Patty Slack
Subject: Canine Control Contract Extension – Melancthon Township

Good afternoon Denise,

I'm reaching out to advise that our current contract with Melancthon Township is set to expire on **May 31, 2025**. We would be pleased to continue our partnership and are proposing a **three-year extension**, with a few minor adjustments to the fee structure outlined below:

- **Increase in boarding fees to \$45 per day**
- **Adjustment of the call-out fee to \$40**
- **Addition of a \$30 supplemental call-out fee** if a second staff member is required. This would only apply in rare situations, such as cases involving aggressive dogs or the need for tranquilization.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience if the Township would like to proceed with the extension. I'd be happy to answer any questions or provide further clarification as needed.

Best Regards ,

Brent Hoskins
Chief Operations Officer
AgapiK9 Inc | AgapiK9.com
O: [519-942-1508](tel:519-942-1508)
C: [519-938-7131](tel:519-938-7131)

"Award-Winning Dog Training Backed by 45 Years of Experience Unveils Guaranteed Results... the First Time!"

Amendments to the Township of Melancthon Canine Control Contract

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town of Melancthon for the continued trust and partnership with AgapiK9 Inc in providing Canine Control Services.

We are pleased to confirm our commitment to extending our current contract with the Town, effective June 1st, 2025. As part of this extension, we propose the following updates to ensure we continue to provide responsive, reliable, and professional services:

- **Boarding Fees:** Adjusted to \$45 per day to reflect rising operational costs while maintaining quality care for impounded animals.
- **Call-Out Fee:** Adjusted to \$40 per response.
- **Supplemental Call-Out Fee:** A new fee of \$30 will be introduced in situations requiring a second staff member. This will only apply in rare and specific circumstances, such as when handling aggressive dogs or administering tranquilization for safety.
- **Monthly Retainer:** Will remain unchanged at \$400 per month.

These adjustments will allow us to continue delivering the highest standard of service while adapting to the evolving needs of the community.

We value our relationship with the Town of Melancthon and look forward to another successful term of service. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or require further details regarding these changes.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Patty Slack, CAO
AgapiK9 Inc

 **Phone.**
519-942-1508

 **Email.**
info@agapik9.com

 **Address.**
374127 6th Line, Amaranth, ON L9W 0M6

AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT made this 6th day of October, 2022

(By-Law Number 17-2003)

BETWEEN

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

(hereafter referred to as "Township of Melancthon")

AND

AGAPIK9 INC

(hereafter referred to as "AgapiK9")

WHEREAS The Township of Melancthon and AgapiK9 are desirous of entering into a relationship whereby the Township of Melancthon will retain the services of AgapiK9 to carry out Canine Control Services according to the Township of Melancthon Animal Care and Control By-Law.

AND WHEREAS the Township of Melancthon and AgapiK9 wish to clarify certain obligations and rights in respect of the relationship between the parties;

IN CONSIDERATION of the above, and in further consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth, this Agreement witness is that the parties agree as follows:

NOW THEREFORE WITNESSETH that in consideration of the mutual covenants in agreements herein and subject to the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

TERM OF AGREEMENT

- 1.1** The term of this agreement shall be the period from June 1st 2022 to May 31st 2024, unless terminated earlier by either party in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 1.2** This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon the giving of ninety (90) days written notice to each of the other parties in accordance with the notice provisions of this Agreement. Upon such termination, the parties agree that neither shall have any further rights, claims, or actions against each other arising out such termination except any such rights, claims or actions as existing prior to such termination.
- 1.3** In the event of negligence or non-compliance with the terms of the agreement by AgapiK9, this Agreement may be terminated for cause at the option of the Township upon five (5) days written notice in accordance with the notice provisions of this Agreement. Upon such termination for cause, and notwithstanding section 1.2 of this Agreement, it is agreed that the Township may seek redress or damages for any costs, claims and/or damages it may have arising out of such termination for cause. It is further agreed that AgapiK9 waves any an all rights it may have to challenge such termination for cause and/or seek or claim redress and/or damages for such termination for cause against the Township.
- 1.4** Provided that this Agreement has not been cancelled or terminated by either party, by operation of law or otherwise, and provided that AgapiK9 has faithfully complied with and performed all of the terms, covenants, conditions and obligations contained herein, the Township and AgapiK9 covenant and agree that the Township shall have the option at the sole discretion of the Township to extend the term of this Agreement for a further one (1) year commencing at the expiration of the Term, upon the same terms, covenants, conditions and obligations herein set forth in this Agreement. the option for the renewal shall be exercised by giving AgapiK9 not less than ninety (90) days written notice prior to the end of the Term of the Township's intention to exercise its option and extend this Agreement. If this option is exercised, a cost of living (CPI) increase

shall be factored into one-year extension so that the amounts payable by the Township under this agreement are adjusted by the CPI index (as released by Statistics Canada in January of the year of extension, based on the CPI for Ontario including all items for the previous year).

CANINE CONTROL SERVICES

2.1 The parties of this Agreement agree and confirm that AgapiK9 -- including its principals, workers and agents -- are retained by the Township as an independent contractor and further AgapiK9 -- including its principals, workers and agents -- is not an employee of the Township. AgapiK9 shall provide and deliver the certain Canine Control Services as described in this Agreement.

2.2 AgapiK9 shall provide Canine Control Services within the geographic limits of the Township.

2.3 AgapiK9 -- including its principals, workers and agents -- are appointed as Canine Control Officer and Pound Keeper (for dogs) within the Township and have all powers and duties to be exercised in accordance with those functions. Further, AgapiK9 agrees to adhere to and enforce, as directed by the Township, the Township's By-Law 17-2003 [please confirm this is the correct by-law no.] , being a By-Law to provide for the keeping, control and licensing of dogs; together with any amendments or replacement versions of said By-Law.

2.4 AgapiK9 shall respond to enquiries from the public related to canine control including stray dog complaints and concerns.

2.5 AgapiK9 shall respond to requests for pick-up of stray dogs during the hour's of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays and 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on weekends and statutory holidays.

2.6 AgapiK9 shall carry out required annual scheduled or additional required inspections of all Township of Melancthon kennels and breeding establishments at a time mutually agreeable with the owner of such facilities.

2.7 AgapiK9 shall consult with Township staff when necessary for direction and advice.

2.8 AgapiK9 shall provide a phone number and electronic answering service where AgapiK9 can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by the public. This number shall be published by the Township and posted on the Township's website.

2.9 AgapiK9 shall contact dog owners by phone and/or in writing, when a complaint is received and keep written records of all correspondence, complaints and actions taken. The Township shall be provided with such written records on request.

2.10 AgapiK9 shall keep comprehensive and complete records of all calls and responses for service and shall prepare and deliver a report of all occurrences to the Township at the end of each quarter for the duration of the agreement.

POUND FACILITIES

3.1 AgapiK9 shall provide and maintain a pound facility for dogs to be located at 374127 6th Line, Amaranth, Ontario to serve the residents of the Township. Such facility shall be kept in good order and state of cleanliness at all times in accordance with the applicable legislation and generally accepted standards.

3.2 AgapiK9 shall ensure that the pound facility is serviced by its staff who shall ensure that all dogs impounded are kept clean, well-cared for, fed, and watered during the time of confinement.

3.3 AgapiK9 shall ensure that all sick or injured dogs immediately receive medical attention by certified veterinary staff. If, in the opinion of the medical staff, any dog is too severely injured or diseased and medical care shall only prolong the suffering of the dog, the dog shall be humanely euthanized by a certified veterinarian and properly disposed of. Every attempt shall be made by AgapiK9 to contact the owner and any such dog before such action is taken.

3.4 AgapiK9 shall retain a record of all dogs impounded and their disposition, shall be submitted to the Township quarterly reporting.

3.5 AgapiK9 shall ensure that the pound facility is open to the public during the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday to Friday and 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays and statutory holidays. AgapiK9 agrees to obtain the authorization of the Township prior to any changes in the aforementioned hours of operation.

3.6 AgapiK9 shall display contact phone numbers and office hours at the pound facility in a place that is accessible to the public at all times.

3.7 AgapiK9 shall ensure that all dogs impounded shall be kept for a minimum of five (5) business days, excluding holidays and the day on which the dog was

impounded. Any dog caged longer than the minimum shall be at the expense of AgapiK9. AgapiK9 shall attempt to contact the owner of any dog as quickly as possible. Where and if AgapiK9 is required by law to quarantine a dog for a specified time, the Township shall pay all associated costs for the quarantine, unless the dog owner reclaims the dog, in which case the dog owner shall be responsible as set out in section 3.9.

3.8 AgapiK9 shall charge such fees to dog owners as deemed necessary to cover the costs of pick up, boarding and any veterinary services, if applicable, of impounded dogs including costs of any quarantine. Such fees charged to the dog owner shall be in accordance with Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Agreement.

3.9 AgapiK9 shall not invoice the Township for any fees charged to the dog owners for services provided, then it is agreed that AgapiK9 shall retain those fees as charged to the dog owners. For unclaimed dogs, it is agreed that AgapiK9 shall invoice the Township pursuant to Schedule "A" attached hereto.

3.10 AgapiK9 agrees that any dogs impounded that do not have a current year Township of Melancthon tag shall not be released to the owner or other persons until the dog tag license fee is paid. AgapiK9 shall collect the dog tag licence fee, which fee is as set by the Township, from the dog owner. AgapiK9 shall remit all monies together with records of the sale of the licenses received to the Township during the monthly report/invoicing. AgapiK9 shall advise the dog owners paying the dog tag license fees that the dog tags themselves shall be mailed to the dog owners by the Township. For the limited purpose only as set out in this section. AgapiK9 is appointed as a Licence Fee Collector.

3.11 AgapiK9 agrees that any dog not claimed by the owner shall become the property of AgapiK9 and may be adopted or humanely euthanized by a licensed veterinarian and properly disposed of by AgapiK9.

3.12 AgapiK9 shall make every effort to find homes for unclaimed dogs through information to the public via social media, websites, posters and other media channels.

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED

4.1 The Township agrees to pay AgapiK9 in consideration for the provision of services as described herein, during the term of this agreement, the following amounts plus Harmonize Sales Tax (HST), if applicable:

a) Retainer fee of \$400 per month, such retainer fee includes any and all phone calls (citizens, the Township & etc., including cell phone in long distance charges), preparation/delivery of all information and reports, including monthly report on occurrences, to the Township/and

b) An amount equal to the actual operating costs as defined in Schedule "A" to the Agreement, of AgapiK9, which amount shall be substantiated by receipts submitted to the Township on a quarterly basis.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

5.1 AgapiK9 shall not disclose anyone outside the employee of the Township without prior written permission of the Township, any aspects of the Township's business including all records AgapiK9 has and/or maintains, except as required in the course of exercising its duties and responsibilities with the Township.

5.2 This agreement shall continue to restrict AgapiK9's disclosure of such information after the termination of this Agreement, unless such information has been made public through other means and by no fault of AgapiK9.

5.3 After termination of this Agreement, AgapiK9 shall properly return, without request from the Township, to the Township any of the Township's information, materials in other property, which may be in AgapiK9's possession.

INDEMNIFICATION

6.1 AgapiK9 shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Township, its elected officials, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all claims of any nature, actions, causes of action, losses, expenses, fines, costs (including legal costs), interest or damages of every nature and kind whatsoever, including but not limited to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death or to damage to or destruction of tangible property including loss of revenue or incurred expense resulting from disruption of service, arising out of or allegedly attributable to the negligence, acts, errors, omissions, misfeasance, nonfeasance, fraud or willful misconduct of AgapiK9, its directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors,

or any of them, in connection with or in any way related to the delivery or performance of this Contract. This indemnity shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any insurance to be provided by AgapiK9 in accordance with this Contract and shall survive this Contract.

6.2 AgapiK9 agrees to defend, indemnify and save harmless the Township from and against any and all claims of any nature, actions, causes of action, losses, expenses, fines, costs (including legal costs), interest or damages of every nature and kind whatsoever arising out of or related to the AgapiK9's status with WSIB. This indemnity shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any proof of WSIB status and compliance to be provided by the Supplier in accordance with this Contract, and shall survive this Contract.

INSURANCE

7.1 AgapiK9 shall maintain and pay for the following insurance policies, satisfactory to the Township, during the term of this Agreement and any extensions thereof:

(a) Commercial General Liability Insurance

Commercial General Liability, underwritten by an insurer licensed to conduct business in the Province of Ontario, for a limit of not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) per occurrence, an aggregate limit of not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) within any policy year with respect to completed operations and a deductible of not more than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). The policy shall include an extension for a standard provincial and territorial form of non-owned automobile liability policy. This policy shall include but not be limited to:

- (i) Name The Corporation of the Township of Melancthon as an additional insured
- (ii) Cross-liability and severability of interest
- (iii) Blanket Contractual
- (iv) Premises and Operations Liability
- (v) Personal Injury Liability
- (vi) Contingent Employers Liability

(vii) Owners and Contractors Protective

(viii) 30 days' notice of cancellation.

(b) Professional Liability Insurance

The (Professional) shall take out and keep in force Professional Liability insurance in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) providing coverage for acts, errors and omissions arising from their professional services performed under this Agreement. The policy SIR/deductible shall not exceed Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) per claim and if the policy has an aggregate limit, the amount of the aggregate shall be double the required per claim limit. The policy shall be underwritten by an insurer licensed to conduct business in the Province of Ontario and acceptable to the Township. The policy shall be renewed for 3 years after contract termination. A certificate of insurance evidencing renewal is to be provided each and every year. If the policy is to be cancelled or non-renewed for any reason, 90-day notice of said cancellation or non-renewal must be provided to the Township and the Township has the right to request that an Extended Reporting Endorsement be purchased by AgapiK9 at AgapiK9's sole expense.

(c) Primary Coverage

The proponent's insurance shall be primary coverage and not additional to and shall not seek contribution from any other insurance policies available to the municipality.

(d) Certificate of Insurance

AgapiK9 shall provide a Certificate of Insurance evidencing coverage in force at least 10 days prior to contract commencement and should there be any changes to such insurance, AgapiK9 acknowledges that it has an ongoing obligation to provide an updated certificate to the Township.

SEVERABILITY

8.1 The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision or covenant contained in the Agreement shall affect the validity or enforceability of such provisions or covenant only and any such invalid provision or covenant shall be deemed to be severable from the balance of this Agreement.

GOVERNING LAW AND INTERPRETATION

9.1 This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario. It is further acknowledged and agreed by the parties that this Agreement shall be interpreted without regard to any presumption of other rule requiring construction against the party causing this Agreement to be drafted.

NOTICE

10.1 Any notice required or desired to be given hereunder shall be delivered in person or sent by registered mail addressed as follows:

The Corporation of the
Township of Melancthon

Attn: Denise Holmes

CAO/Clerk, Township of Melancthon

157101 Hwy 10,

Melancthon, ON, L9V 2E6

AgapiK9

374127 6th Line

Amaranth, ON, L9W 0M6

Any notice mailed as aforementioned shall be deemed to have been received five (5) business days after the posting thereof. The parties may provide notice by e-mail; however, such notice is only effective when the other party acknowledges receipt of same and shall be deemed to have been received when the party acknowledges such receipt.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

11.1 Time shall be of the essence in the performance of obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

AMENDMENTS

12.1 No provisions of this Agreement shall be amended, altered, or waived except by a further written Agreement between the parties. No waiver of a provision of this agreement shall operate as a waiver of any other provision or of the same provision on a future occasion.

The parties hereby certify that we have read and that we understand the responsibilities as outlined above in the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Agreement. Upon execution of this Agreement by the Township, the Township shall insert such date on page 1 of this Agreement.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

AGAPIK9

(Witness Signature)

Matthew Slack
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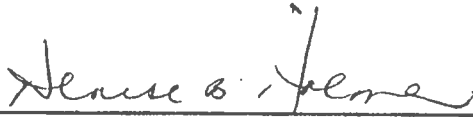
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON



Mayor



Clerk

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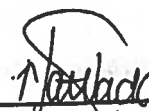
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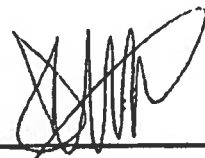

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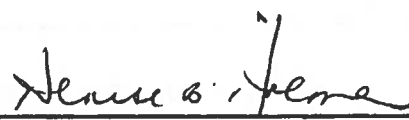

Matthew Slack
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Patty Slack
(Witness - Print)

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Clerk

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Schedule "A"
Canine Control Services and Pound Keeper Agreement
Schedule of Fees

Service	Fee	Notes
Calls for Service	\$35 per hour plus Mileage	Pickups, calls with no pickups, patrols
	\$87.50 per hour plus Mileage on statutory holidays	
Impound	\$40 per day per dog	Veterinary fees not included
Kennel Inspections	\$100 per inspection plus Mileage	Payable by kennel owner/operator
Mileage	\$0.61 per km	As per CRA mileage rates



**The Corporation of the
TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON
157101 Highway 10, Melancthon, Ontario, L9V 2E6**

STAFF REPORT

TO: Council

FROM: Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer

DATE: June 5th, 2025

SUBJECT: Roads Foreperson Position

Recommendation:

We respectfully request Council to:

1. **Approve** the creation of a Roads Foreperson Position in the Public Works Department

Background

As recommended by the Human Resources Committee, this is a formal request to the Township Council for consideration and approval for the creation of a **Foreperson** position within the Public Works Department at the Township of Melancthon.

This position is intended to support the Public Works Superintendent by providing enhanced oversight, improving operational efficiency, and ensuring greater accountability and coordination within the department. The Foreperson would serve as the Public Works Superintendent's second-in-command, taking charge in their absence and helping to maintain the continuity of leadership and operations.

The addition of this role would also strengthen communication between staff and management, facilitate the timely and effective completion of projects, and reinforce adherence to safety and productivity standards. Furthermore, establishing a Foreperson position aligns with the Township's long-term succession planning goals, providing a structured path for leadership development within the department.

Financial

In consultation with our Human Resources Consultant, this position is classified under Group 5 of our pay grid. The successful candidate will be placed at the step that best aligns with their experience and qualifications.

Group 5 – Public Works Foreperson Pay Scale:

- Step 1: \$35.56/hour
- Step 2: \$36.62/hour
- Step 3: \$37.72/hour
- Step 4: \$38.85/hour
- Step 5: \$40.02/hour

It is important to note that funding for an additional position within the Roads Department was included in the current budget. As such, the creation of the Foreperson role is not expected to significantly impact the Township's financial plan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer

Reviewed By:
Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk



Township of Melancthon Council Delegation

Strada
Aggregates
ARA
Application



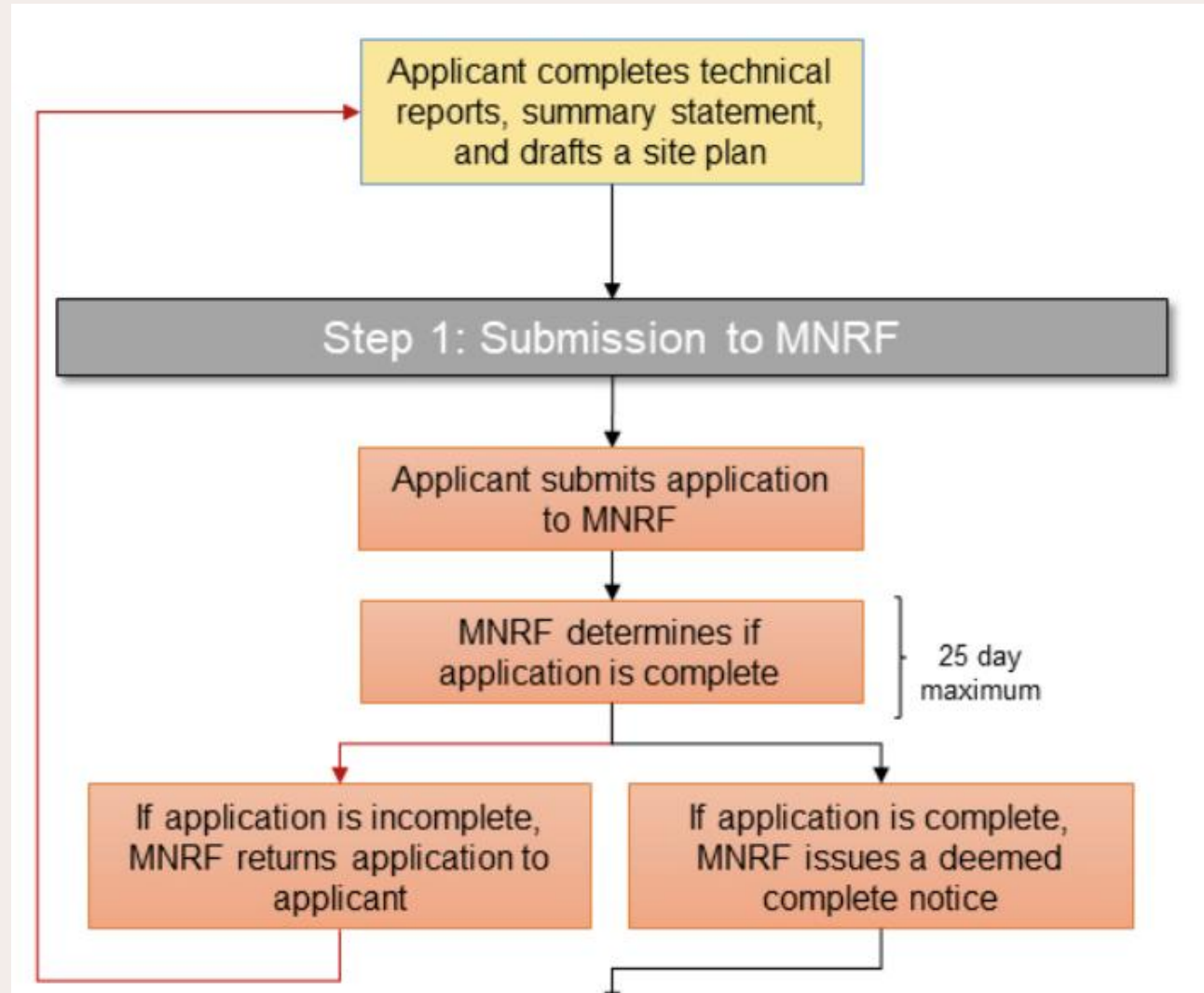
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- Brief Overview
- ARA Commenting Process
- Resources Available for Review

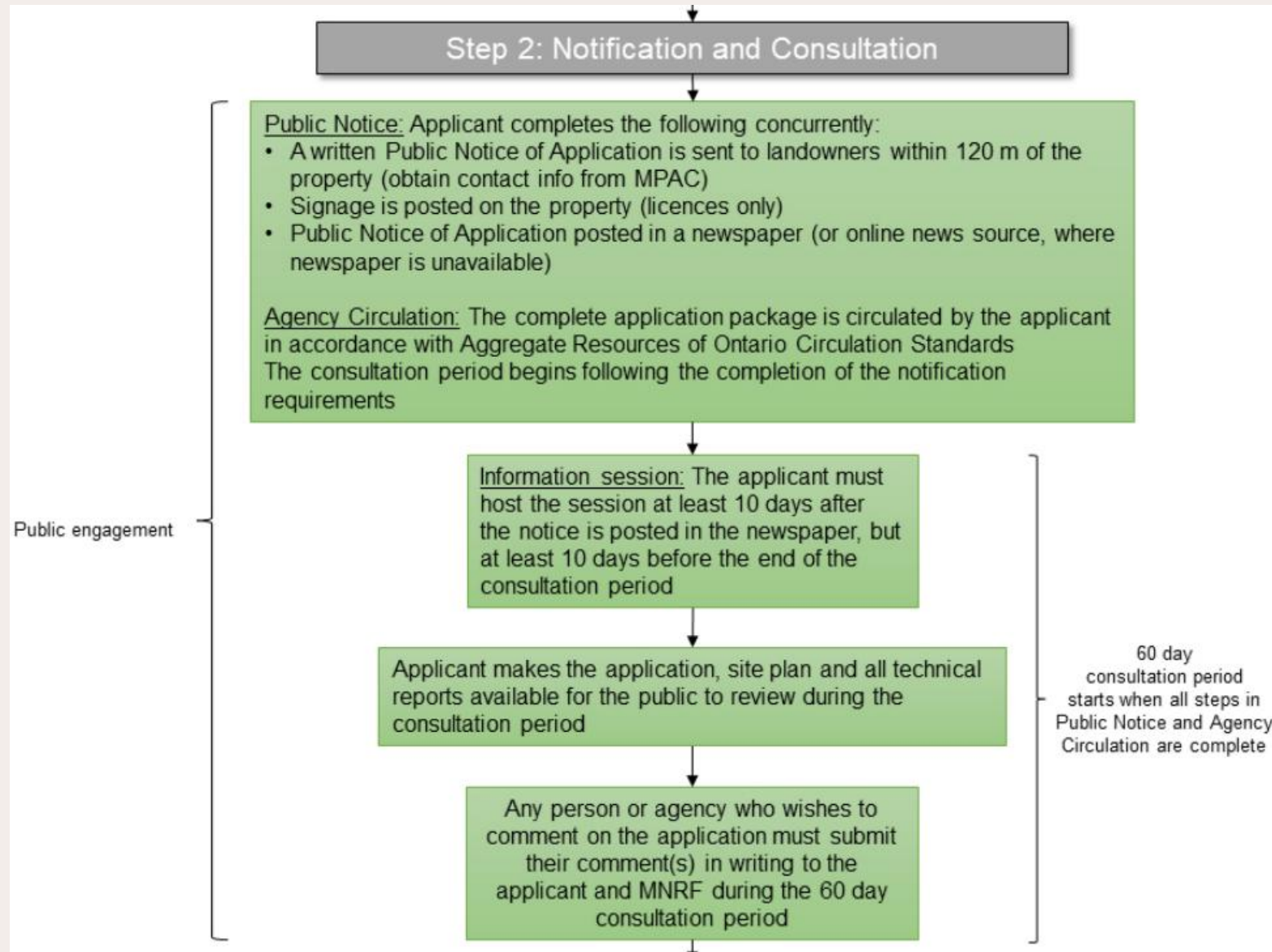
Brief Overview

- Strada Aggregates Inc. filed an Application for a Quarry with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) on January 31st, 2025 (Step One)
- The proposed quarry will be located on land currently zoned Extractive Industrial M2 and located at the West Part of Lot 13, Concession 3 OS
- Strada Aggregates Inc. advised Council during its delegation to Council on May 1st, 2025 that it would be filing Step 2 of its application with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) in June 2025
- Council is unable to take a position on the application until it has been formally received and reviewed in detail. Both the public and Council will have the opportunity to provide feedback through the Aggregate Resources Act's notification and consultation process

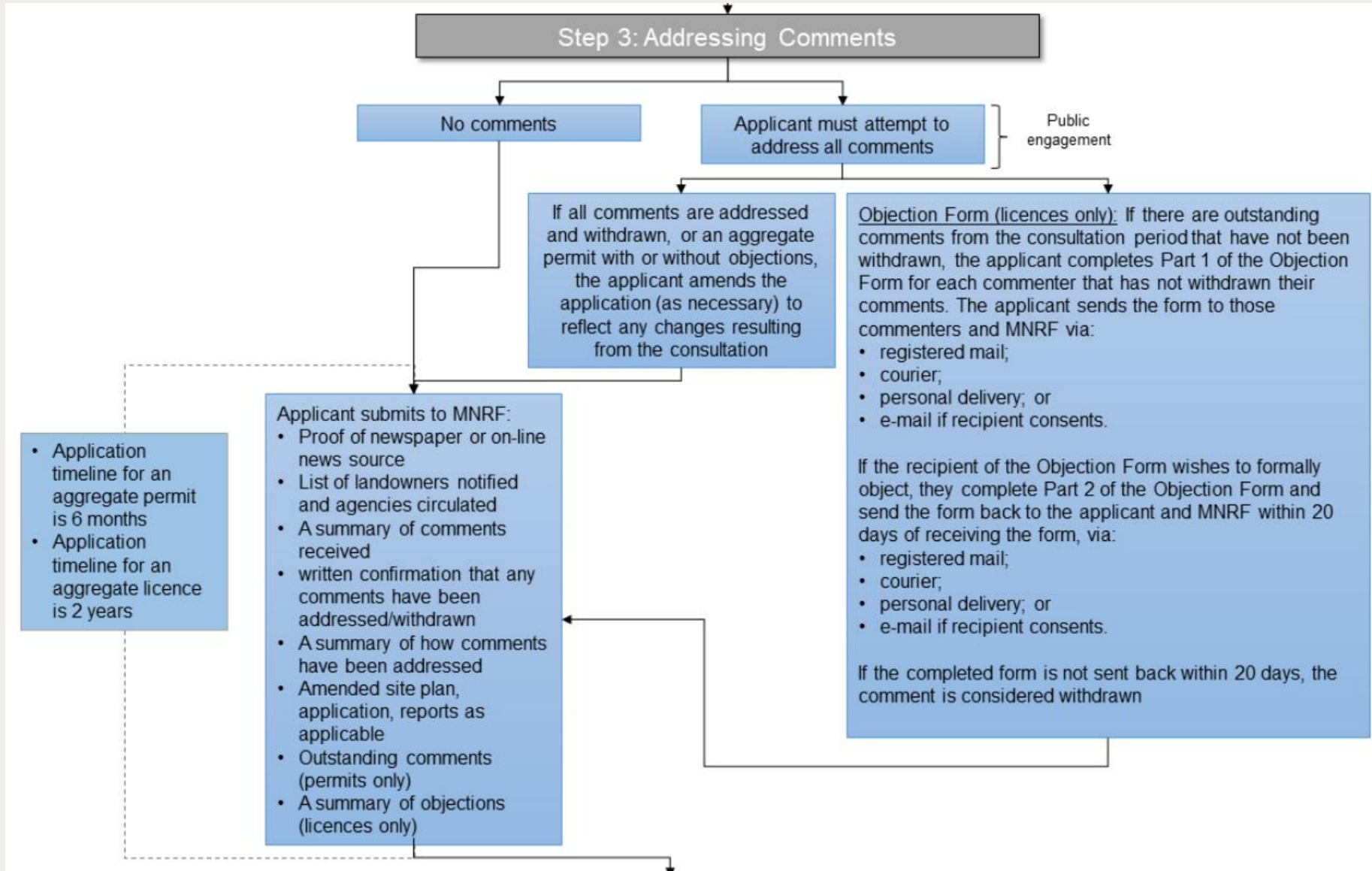
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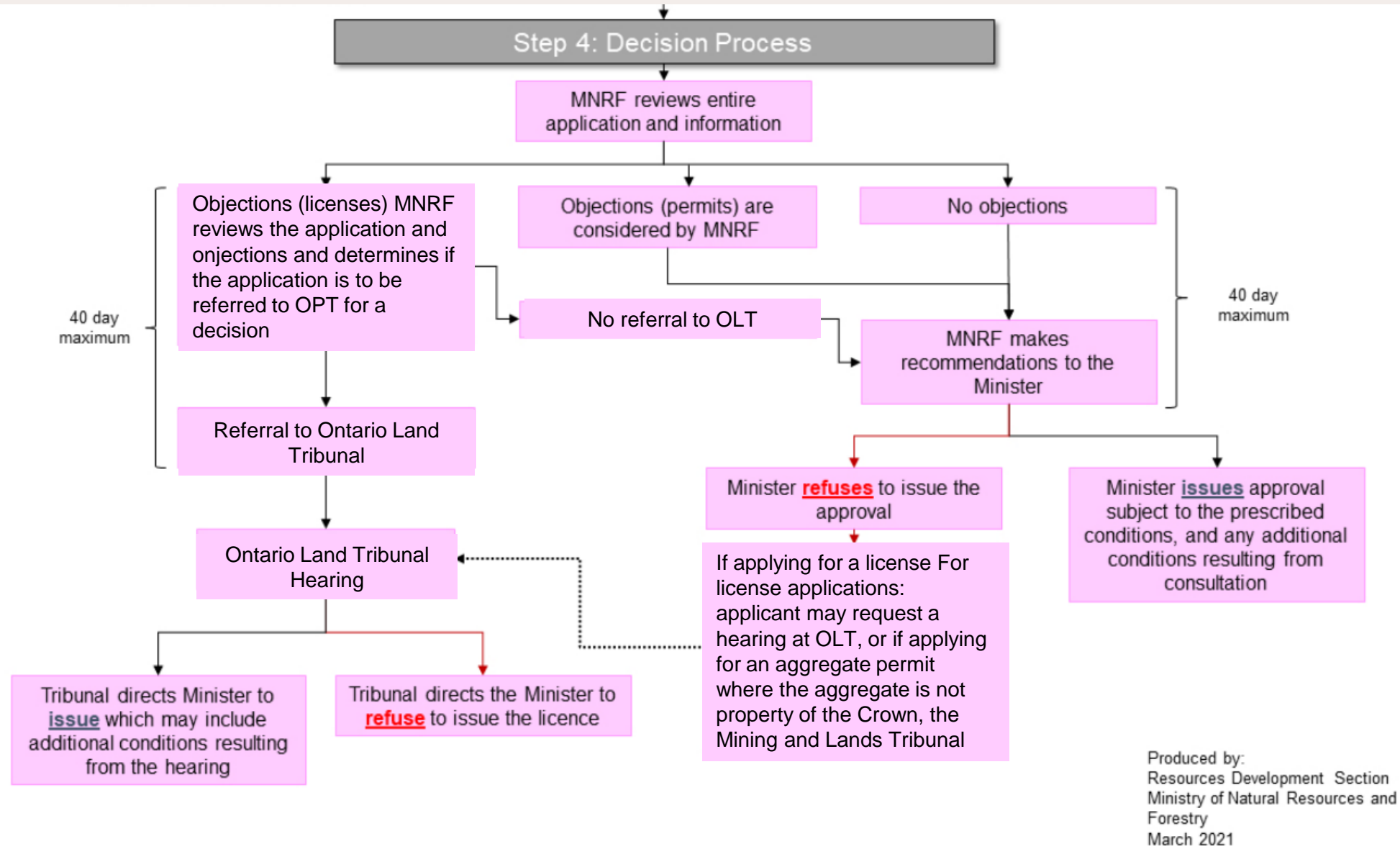
ARA Process – Step 2



ARA Process – Step 3



ARA Process – Step 4



Resources Available

Visit Melancthon Township's Website for Further Information

- <https://melancthontownship.ca/planning/strada-aggregates-opa-zba/>

Visit Strada Aggregates Website for Additional Information

- <https://stradaquarry.com/documents/>



Thank
you

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TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON - DELEGATION REQUEST FORM

Request for Delegation, any written submissions and background information for consideration by Council must be submitted to the Clerk's Office by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday of the week **prior to the requested meeting.**

REQUEST DATE: June 5th, 2025

NAME: Sandeep Dhugga PHONE: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

SIGNATURE: [REDACTED]

Purpose of Delegation Request (state position taken on issue, if applicable).

This delegation request pertains to a recent charge levied against my family which owns the property mentioned above relating to a fire incident that occurred on April 13, 2025. The invoice number for the charge is 0004666. The fire was caused solely by the actions of a tenant residing at the property at the time of the incident. We were neither present nor involved in any activity that contributed to the cause of the fire. Furthermore, we had no prior knowledge or reasonable way of foreseeing the conduct that led to the incident as the tenant was informed of getting a fire permit before starting a fire on the property at the start of their tenancy. Despite this, the Town of Melancthon has held us, as the property owners, financially responsible for the incident. The purpose of this delegation request is to respectfully ask the Town to reconsider and revoke the charge, as the liability for the fire lies entirely with the tenant whose actions were beyond our control.

REMINDER - DELEGATIONS ARE ALLOWED 10 MINUTES TO SPEAK

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REQUEST DATE: June 5, 2025

NAME: Community Safety Well Being Integration Table PHONE: 519-941-2816

ADDRESS: 30 Centre St, Orangeville ON L9W 2X1

EMAIL ADDRESS: bwagner@dufferincounty.ca

SIGNATURE: Brenda Wanger

Purpose of Delegation Request (state position taken on issue, if applicable).

Jennifer Payne from the Community Safety Well Being Integration Table would like to delegate to present the 2025-2028 Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING PLAN



2025 - 2028



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MESSAGE FROM THE WARDEN

On behalf of the County of Dufferin, I am pleased to present Dufferin County's Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan for 2025-2028. This is a revision to Dufferin's 2021-2024 CSWB Plan.

Safety and well-being are meaningful to all those in our community. This Plan represents that understanding. The CSWB Plan is a great opportunity to highlight the collaboration and integration of services in Dufferin. Many in our community are engaged in this meaningful work.

This work continues to improve the quality of life for Dufferin residents. The CSWB Plan incorporates lessons learned in the last four years and I am pleased to see the CSWB Integration Table striving to achieve new and exciting goals.

Many community partners across Dufferin County came together to develop this Plan. I would like to thank all partners for their efforts. The County of Dufferin is a vibrant community, and this work supports it.



JANET HORNER
Warden, County of Dufferin

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRS

Dufferin County is a connected community. For many years, service providers, agencies, governments, businesses, community groups and individual residents have recognized the importance of working together to improve the overall quality of life for the people who call this county, its towns and townships home.

There are many aspects that go into making, and keeping, a community safe and thriving, and many things to consider when deciding what to focus on in this moment and for the next few years. What matters most to people right now? What are our strengths locally? Where do we see risks? What can we do? What does success look like?

In a complex ecosystem such as a community, with many layers and many moving parts, we must consider the interconnections and potential impacts of our actions. We must plan at multiple levels, integrate our efforts and invite everyone to see a role for themselves in taking action, so that while we attend to our most urgent needs, we also take steps to prevent them in the future.

The Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) Plan is a vital framework for ensuring that residents of Dufferin County are safe, healthy, connected, and have access to essential services. We are pleased to present the 2025-2028 Plan, which builds upon the 2021-2024 Plan and outlines the Integration Table's approach for the next four years.

This Plan would not have been possible without the dedication and collaboration of many partners and community members. Throughout 2024, community partners and residents contributed valuable insights through a county-wide survey.

On November 25, 2024, during the Integration Table's Data Deep Dive, we analyzed the survey results alongside key data from trusted sources. Experts from Dufferin O.P.P., Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, and County of Dufferin Community Services presented on emerging themes and community trends. Attendees examined data, validated survey findings, and provided critical perspectives to shape the Plan.

After extensive planning sessions and collaboration, we are proud to introduce this revised Plan, ready for implementation in 2025. On behalf of the Integration Table, we extend our sincere thanks to the individuals and partners who contributed to its development. We look forward to working together as we transition from planning to action in 2025.



JENNIFER PAYNE
CSWB Co-Chair,
Headwaters Communities In
Action



ANNA VANDERLAAN
CSWB Co-Chair,
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph
Public Health

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING IN ONTARIO: An Overview

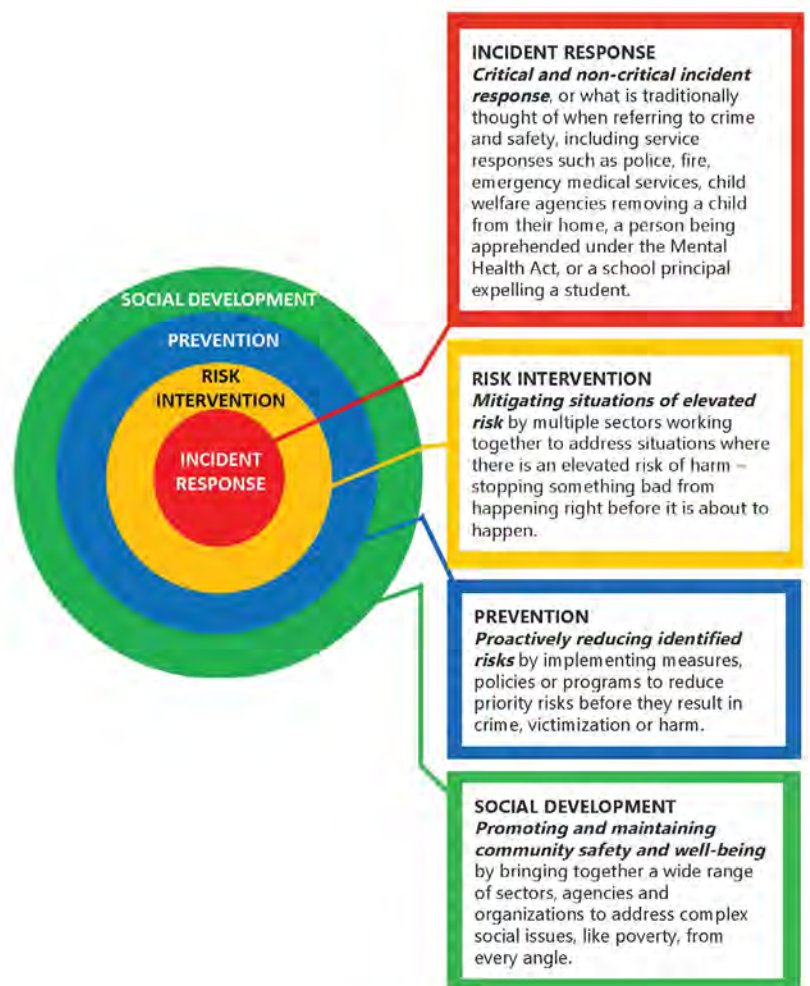
Community Safety and Well-being Plans are mandated by the province of Ontario. Section 248 of the [Community Safety and Policing Act, 2024](#) (formerly the Police Services Act), compels municipalities to “...prepare and, by resolution, adopt a community safety and well-being plan.”

Although updated, this legislation speaks to similar requirements that led to the development of Dufferin’s 2021-2024 CSWB Plan. In the new Act, a review of the Plan is required before July 1, 2025. The County of Dufferin has not only completed a review but has chosen to revise the Plan. The revised Plan now speaks to the next four years (2025-2028).

CSWB Planning Framework

The province provides guidance on CSWB planning. Guidance can be found here: [Section 2 - The Community Safety and Well-being Planning Framework | Community safety and well-being planning framework: Booklet 3 - A shared commitment in Ontario | ontario.ca](#). The province continues to guide municipalities to develop their plans around the four areas of Social Development, Prevention, Risk Intervention, and Incident Response.

The Framework specifically mentions that efforts should be focused on Social Development, Prevention, and Risk Intervention. In other words, the Plan is to concentrate on upstream planning.



THE DUFFERIN CONTEXT



Total Population:

2016 → 61,735
2021 → 66,257

>7.3% increase



Population Across Urban Centres:

2016 → 65%
2021 → 64.6%

- Grand Valley
- Shelburne
- Orangeville



Median Household Income:

2016 → \$89,600
2021 → \$108,000

Population Who Travel Outside of Municipality to Work:



2016 → 73%
2021 → 69.3%

Located in Central Ontario, Dufferin County offers an exceptional quality of life, combining picturesque landscapes with a welcoming community.



*Data source - Census 2016, 2021.

Visible Minority:

2016 → 8%
2021 → 15.8%

Median Age in Dufferin:

2016 → 41 years
2021 → 40.4 years

Children 5 & Under Who Live in Low-Income Households:



2016 → 11%
2021 → 7%



Average Cost of Dwelling:

2016 → \$496,451
2021 → \$877,000



BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE JOURNEY: METHODOLOGY

Community Engagement Survey Findings

In December 2023, the Dufferin County Community Safety and Well-Being Integration Table launched a comprehensive Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) Survey aimed at gathering insights to improve quality of life in the community.

The information gathered through this survey played a crucial role in Community Safety and Well-being. This was a rare opportunity to go beyond census division stats and get very local data and perspectives that can be used by anyone to find local solutions.

Ten CSWB elements were covered in the Survey: Health, Standard of Living, Housing, Activities, Learning and Education, Sense of Belonging, Community Safety, Democratic Engagement, Accessibility of Programs, Services, and Supports, and the Environment. Members of the Integration Table and its partners distributed the CSWB Survey and facilitated a response across all the communities of Dufferin. The data was analyzed and distributed to the Integration Table for input. The Integration Table noted the respondent profile in this survey was more diverse than the previous survey. They would like to seek additional engagement of specific demographic groups next survey

Five emerging themes were identified in the CSWB Survey. The following were analyzed as the top priorities (Order from 1-5):

1. **Criminal Activity**
2. **Housing and Homelessness**
3. **Mental Health and Well-being**
4. **Family Support**
5. **Food Insecurity**

These emerging themes were examined further at the CSWB Data Deep Dive.

Data Deep Dive

For the first time, the Integration Table held a Data Deep Dive on November 25, 2024. The event was attended by Integration Table members, as well as partner organizations. Jennifer Payne, the Co-Chair of CSWB, gave opening remarks to kick things off.

The event explored the results of the community survey and added relevant data from key sources. County of Dufferin CSWB Consultant, County of Dufferin Community Services, Dufferin O.P.P., and WDG Public Health, presented on a variety of emerging themes and community contexts.

In Conversation Circles, attendees examined trends and interpreted, validated, and challenged survey results to establish new insights. This was led by individuals across the Integration Table and concluded with the entire group participating in sense-making discussions. This experience was valuable in creating our next plan and marks a key moment of collaboration.

Perceptions - Sensemaking

The Integration Table shifted to monthly meetings to end 2024 and begin 2025. Meetings were set to prioritize the establishment of the 2025-2028 CSWB Plan. Two sense-making meetings were held to discuss the Data Deep Dive. These sessions helped transition our focus from sense-making to prioritizing and planning.



2025-2028 PLAN STRUCTURE

From 2021-2024, five priorities were actioned in the CSWB Plan. Mental Health and Well-being, Housing and Homelessness, Substance Use and Addiction, Discrimination Marginalization and Racism, and Community Safety and Violence Prevention. Established community working groups led each of these priorities as Lead Tables.

The Integration Table included members from these Lead Tables as well as other community partners with various roles. Within the Integration Table, a Chair Table assisted with facilitating Integration Table actions, scheduling, progress reporting, and navigating challenges. The Integration Table, Chair Table, and Lead Tables came together regularly to implement the CSWB Plan.

New Structure

For 2025-2028, The CSWB Integration Table moved forward with a similar structure of Lead Tables, Integration Table, and Chair table. Through sense-making exercises and planning sessions, further collaboration and integration, and performance measures, were identified as areas of focus for the Integration Table. Members sought ways to integrate further than the 2021-2024 CSWB Plan. In 2025-2028, the CSWB Plan will include outcomes and performance measures for the Integration Table, as well as Lead Tables. This new component of the Plan will encourage further integration across the priority areas and provide a goal-oriented approach for all the members of the Integration Table.

The current structure of the Integration Table utilizes existing community working groups. These working groups represent each of the current priority areas. Each table has its own Co-Chairs. Priority areas in the Plan are subject to change, and the Terms of Reference will be updated to reflect this. The Lead Table duties include:

- Providing data and updates as needed to the Integration Table.
- Bringing information from the Integration Table back to their Lead Tables.
- Representing the identified priority area for the Integration Table.
- Responding to communications from the Integration Table.
- Reviewing reports.
- Notifying the Integration Table of changes to the Lead Table (Chair change etc.).
- Sharing funding opportunities.

Priority Areas

The Integration Table elected to move ahead with five priorities that were congruent with data gathering and sense-making findings.



FIVE PRIORITY AREAS

The five priority areas for the 2025-2028 Community Safety and Well-being Plan are:

COMMUNITY SAFETY



HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS



MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING



FAMILY SUPPORT



FOOD INSECURITY



Following these, a new Integrated Efforts section highlights ways that the Integration Table itself can best support the priority areas, as well as Intersecting Priority Areas showing some of the ways that the priority areas impact each other.

COMMUNITY SAFETY



SITUATION	<i>What we heard, and what we know</i>
STRENGTHS <i>What is working well?</i>	<p>Groups such as (not complete list): Domestic Assault Review Team (DART), Drug Strategy, Police Detachment Boards, Anti-human Trafficking Community of Practice and Mobile Crisis Response Teams.</p> <p>OPP programs such as: CamSafe, Project Lifesaver, Community Watch, Safe Guard, Dufferin Detachment's Community Response Unit (CRU) presentations.</p> <p>Community programs such as: The Arson Prevention Program for Children (TAPP-C), Youth Anti-Trafficking.</p> <p>Availability of crime statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actual criminal activity appears lower than public perception, and overall crime rates in Dufferin County are much lower than provincial or national rates. The Crime Severity Index is a measure of police-reported crime that considers both the volume and severity of crimes, assigning weights based on the seriousness of offenses. The Crime Severity Index in 2023 was 36.56 in Dufferin County, 60.88 in Ontario, and 80.45 in Canada. Crime rates and severity are down in nearly all categories in Dufferin, over the past 3 years.
RISKS <i>What we heard.</i>	<p>Media coverage and communication about policy and legislation affect public perception.</p> <p>Social determinants of health (like food insecurity) correlate with certain types of crime.</p> <p>Perception that crime is up in general; stigma of "criminal activity."</p> <p>Concerns from the survey included opioids (mainly fentanyl), auto thefts, concerns from marginalized community members.</p> <p>Increase in violent crime categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) was recently declared an epidemic by the County of Dufferin. Data interpretation requires fuller context. <p>Growing communities impacting road/mobility safety.</p> <p>Mobility safety (see specific measures on page 11).</p>

COMMUNITY SAFETY CONT.

PLAN	<i>What we'll do, and what we aim to see</i>
LEAD <i>Who holds knowledge in this area?</i>	Dufferin OPP, on behalf of Detachment Boards
OUTCOMES <i>What does success look like?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public has an improved understanding of policing and justice systems. • Continued proactive police engagement with our communities. • Building on outcomes from the previous plan. • Municipal Infrastructure that is ready for growth and improves mobility safety.
MEASURES <i>How will we know we are successful?</i>	<p>Dufferin County residents have improved perceptions of personal and community safety</p> <p>Measured by CSWB Community Survey, Well-Being and Health Youth (WHY) Survey, Crime Severity Index and OPP data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentage of residents who are very satisfied or satisfied with personal safety in their community • Percentage of residents who feel very safe or safe from hate and prejudice • Percentage of youth involved in risky behaviours (carrying a weapon, harming others, etc.) • Percentage of youth who feel safe in their community • Percentage of youth who say their neighbours care about them • Trends in local crime severity index and OPP data <p>Dufferin County residents have decreased mobility related injuries and deaths</p> <p>Measured by CSWB Community Survey, IntelliHEALTH Ontario data sources and OPP data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentage of residents who feel very safe or reasonably safe when asked about different components of mobility safety in their community (e.g., pedestrian infrastructure, roadway design, driving under the influence, distracted driving, speeding) • Number of injury related emergency department visits, hospitalizations and mortality in Dufferin County (these statistics can be further broken down by pedestrian and cyclist injuries, motor vehicle, falls etc.) • Number of pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicle collisions • Number of road safety countermeasures introduced (e.g., automated speed enforcement, community safety zone, traffic calming measures)
ACTIONS <i>What will we do to ensure success?</i>	<p>Integrated efforts on preventive measures through addressing social determinants.</p> <p>Continue efforts to engage with the community on issues of crime, including intimate partner violence (IPV), and mobility safety.</p> <p>Continue to advocate for road and mobility safety through infrastructure solutions and injury prevention efforts.</p> <p>Continue to participate in national, provincial and local traffic safety initiatives.</p>

COMMUNITY SAFETY CONT.

Statement of Change:

If the Dufferin OPP and Detachment Boards, with support from CSWB partners, continue to share information and engage with the public about crime and safety issues, we expect that the community will better understand local crime and available programs, so that people feel safer.

If governments continue to invest in road infrastructure and traffic calming technologies (e.g., speed enforcement, red light cameras etc.), we expect that increases in traffic anticipated from the growing population will be better accommodated so that mobility safety will improve.



HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS



SITUATION	<i>What we heard, and what we know</i>
STRENGTHS <i>What is working well?</i>	<p>Significant attention on the issue at all levels and a well-coordinated system of services and programs utilizing a “no wrong door approach.”</p> <p>Committees and Workgroups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dufferin County Equity Collaborative (DCEC) Housing & Homelessness Work Group • Dufferin Homelessness Task Force • Coordinated Access Table (CAT) • Community Advisory Board (CAB) <p>County of Dufferin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dufferin Master Housing Strategy • Economic Development Strategy • Reaching Home • Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) • Dufferin County Supportive Housing • Rent supplements and allowances • Home Ownership Program • Housing Access Dufferin (HAD) • Coordinated Access Transitional Housing (CATH) <p>Choices Shelter and Support Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men’s Shelter • Out of the Cold program • Youth Shelter <p>Family Transition Place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Shelter • Second Stage Housing • Support Within Housing Programs <p>Services and Housing In the Province</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 236 First Street • Dufferin Services Team <p>Dufferin OPP/Headwaters Health Care Centre Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT)</p>

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS CONT.

SITUATION	What we heard, and what we know
RISKS <i>What we heard.</i>	<p>Increased Shelter Use</p> <p>In 2023, 0.3% of Dufferin’s population accessed one of the three community shelters. Both the Men’s and Women’s Shelter are facing longer-than-average stays due to a lack of safe and affordable housing options for transition, placing additional pressure on an already vulnerable emergency response system. For women accessing the shelter, this issue is compounded by the fact that many women are accompanied by children and may require more space.</p> <p>Encampments</p> <p>Encampments are a national crisis as a result of the lack of safe and affordable housing. In 2024, Dufferin County experienced 12 encampments with 14 people, mostly located in Orangeville. This is a marked increase in our community. As a result of service interventions this number has been reduced to one encampment with two people.</p> <p>Lack of Affordable Housing Options</p> <p>Average market rents have been steadily increasing over the past decade in Dufferin.</p> <p>Only half (50%) of the households in the County can afford the average market rent.</p> <p>In Dufferin County there are currently over 670 applicant households on the Housing Access Dufferin Centralized Waiting List, with an average wait of five years.</p> <p>Approximately 45% of renters and 21% of homeowners spend more than a third of their household income on shelter.</p> <p>Approximately 2,120 households currently have unmet housing needs based on core housing need data because they are below the affordability standard.</p> <p>Vacancy rates are falling. Approximately 85% of the existing housing mix in Dufferin County are detached houses, and many households cannot afford the average resale price. With the lack of rental options, individuals and families may be forced into home ownership situations that are beyond their budgets. In addition, lack of alternative housing influences these individuals to migrate to urban areas in search of adequate and supportive housing.</p>

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS CONT.

SITUATION	<i>What we heard, and what we know</i>
RISKS Continued <i>What we heard.</i>	<p>Increased use of more costly services</p> <p>Those who are unhoused tend to use emergency services more frequently due to several factors such as lack of primary healthcare, exposure to harsh conditions, mental health crisis, safety concerns, substance use issues and chronic health problems. The frequent reliance on these services is more costly and less effective than preventative care such as stable housing and social support programs. However, without adequate support in place, emergency services will continue to be a first point of contact. The Dufferin County PiT Count suggested that in comparison to the general population, local people experiencing homelessness were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11x more likely to use ambulatory services 10x more likely to visit the emergency room 6x more likely to be hospitalized overnight



71.8% of survey respondents indicated that more affordable housing is needed and 42.9% said that more housing support is needed for people to keep housing.



HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS CONT.

PLAN	<i>What we'll do, and what we aim to see</i>
LEAD <i>Who holds knowledge in this area?</i>	DCEC Housing & Homelessness Work Group
OUTCOMES <i>What does success look like?</i>	<p>Individuals and households will have equitable access to safe and attainable housing.</p> <p>Increase understanding and awareness of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the lack of safe and attainable housing • homelessness • the impact on the community
MEASURES <i>How will we know we are successful?</i>	<p>Housing affordability increases, and waitlists are reduced.</p> <p>Measured by CSWB Survey, Realtor Data, other sources as listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Affordable Housing Metric • Annual Average Home Cost Dufferin County • Percentage of households in Core Housing Need • Housing Access Dufferin - waitlists and wait-times for housing • SHIP - waitlists and wait-times for supportive housing <p>Reported reductions in homelessness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly average of individuals on the BND list • Point In Time (PIT) Count • Shelter Usage – HIFIS
ACTIONS <i>What will we do to ensure success?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen housing as human right declaration • Engage developers for affordable housing • Create housing/homelessness services dashboard • Secure additional funding • Improve service coordination • Enhance public awareness of available services <p>Continue to explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to track displacement from the area • Accuracy of point-in-time counts and By-Name Data Lists • True extent of rural homelessness

Statement of Change:

If all levels of government recognize housing as a human right and commit funding to meet the housing needs of Dufferin County, we expect that all members of the community will have equitable access to safe and affordable housing.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING



SITUATION	<i>What we heard, and what we know</i>
STRENGTHS <i>What is working well?</i>	<p>Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team Mental Health and Addictions Working Group brings together organizations from across Dufferin County working on this issue.</p> <p>The Community was recently successful with campaigns to bring both a Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub and a Youth Wellness Hub.</p> <p>Dufferin OPP and Headwaters Health Care Centre have an established Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT)</p> <p>According to the 2024 WHY Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 83% of youth in Dufferin report knowing where to get help with problems. This has increased dramatically compared to 2020 rates (53%). • 77% of Dufferin youth report their mental health as good, very good, or excellent. This has increased compared to 2020 (72%).
RISKS <i>What we heard.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 18% of CSWB Survey respondents rated their mental health as fair or poor; which was similar to 2020 results. • Approximately 1 in 3 Dufferin youth report low resilience and 25% report not seeking professional support for a mental health concern when it was needed. • Nearly a quarter of Dufferin youth report struggling with pressure from peers. This rate has increased compared to 2020 (15%). • The current mental health system focuses on reacting to mental health concerns rather than fostering resilience and preventing issues proactively.



MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING CONT.

PLAN	<i>What we'll do, and what we aim to see</i>
LEAD <i>Who holds knowledge in this area?</i>	Hills of Headwaters Ontario Health Team Mental Health and Addictions Community Working Group
OUTCOMES <i>What does success look like?</i>	Dufferin residents have improved mental health and wellbeing. Mental health services in Dufferin County are available and effective.
MEASURES <i>How will we know we are successful?</i>	<p>Adults in Dufferin County report improved mental health and belonging. Measured by CSWB Survey and the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of Dufferin residents who report good, very good, or excellent mental health. Percentage of Dufferin residents who describe their feeling of belonging to their local community as strong or very strong. <p>Youth in Dufferin County report improved mental health and wellbeing. Measured by WHY Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of youth who reported good, very good, or excellent mental health Percentage of youth who reported low resilience Percentage of youth who did not seek professional help when it was needed Percentage of youth who know where to get help for a problem
ACTIONS <i>What will we do to ensure success?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop clear definition of mental health for the community. Promote community awareness of the importance of building resilience in order to improve overall mental wellbeing. Establish better data collection on service usage and effectiveness. Focus on youth mental health services. Continue to evaluate the future needs of Dufferin's growing population to ensure that local services are designed to meet those needs.

Statement of Change:

If the Hills of Headwaters Ontario Health Team Mental Health and Addictions Working Group and other community partners work together to gather local data and improve coordinated action, we expect that Dufferin County residents will have improved access to information and services that will enable them to improve overall rates of mental health and wellbeing.

FAMILY SUPPORT



SITUATION	<i>What we heard, and what we know</i>
STRENGTHS <i>What is working well?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong organizational support from Dufferin Child & Family Services, Dufferin Parent Support Network and other local organizations • The Dufferin Coalition for Kids (DuCK) is a local collaborative of community service providers working together to develop a community plan to enable children and youth in Dufferin County to achieve their full potential. • The majority of CSWB Survey respondents (84%) strongly agreed or agreed that they had people in their life to support them when they needed it most. • According to the 2024 WHY survey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 59% of Dufferin youth report high levels of family communication ◦ 70% of Dufferin youth report high levels of family support ◦ 69% of Dufferin youth report spending quality time with their families ◦ All three indicators have increased when compared to 2020 rates.
RISKS <i>What we heard.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-third of CSWB Survey respondents struggle with program or service access. The most commonly reported challenges were related to service awareness and accessibility • Service providers report a lack of family-centered services • The CSWB Survey highlighted resident concerns about community belonging: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 11% of survey respondents report a weak or very weak sense of belonging. This number has increased compared to 2020 results (8%). ◦ 25% feel out of place some or most of the time based on their identity or a physical or mental condition. These rates have also increased compared to the 2020 CSWB Survey.



FAMILY SUPPORT CONT.

PLAN	<i>What we'll do, and what we aim to see</i>
LEAD <i>Who holds knowledge in this area?</i>	Dufferin Child and Family Services
OUTCOMES <i>What does success look like?</i>	<p>Adults in Dufferin County report feeling supported by their local community and community service providers.</p> <p>Youth in Dufferin County report improved connections with family and peers.</p>
MEASURES <i>How will we know we are successful?</i>	<p>Adults in Dufferin County report feeling supported by their local community. Measured by CSWB Survey and the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of Dufferin County residents who agree or strongly agree with the statement "I have people on whom I can call for help when I need it most" Percentage of Dufferin County residents who feel out of place some or most of the time based on their identity or a physical or mental condition <p>Youth in Dufferin County report improved connections with family and peers. Measured by the WHY Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of youth who report high levels of family communication. Percentage of youth who report high levels of family support. Percentage of youth who spend quality time at home with family members.
ACTIONS <i>What will we do to ensure success?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local organizations continue to increase their focus on building family-centered care models. Create service awareness campaigns. Consider the neighborhood support network model. Establish grassroots parent outreach programs. Analyze program access data and identify if there are populations who are underutilizing community supports. If there are gaps in program usage, consider how to better reach missing populations. Share information among services providers about pathways to access different types of family supports.

Statement of Change:

If local community partners who support families work together to improve coordinated action and monitor local data trends, we expect that Dufferin County residents will have improved will have more resources to help them build stronger connections with family and neighbours, and overall feel better supported by their community.

FOOD INSECURITY



SITUATION	<i>What we heard, and what we know</i>
STRENGTHS <i>What is working well?</i>	<p>Headwaters Food Charter outlines food access and equity goals.</p> <p>DC Equity Collaborative Health Equity Work Group established a Food Access Subcommittee in early 2024. Members are exploring innovative ideas across a continuum of actions from root causes to immediate needs, informed by input from people with lived experience of food insecurity.</p> <p>WDG Public Health is conducting needs assessment research in Dufferin to help direct efforts for best impact.</p> <p>The work of Headwaters Food & Farming Alliance and its 17 Hub members aligns with this priority.</p> <p>Dufferin has local programming that reduces barriers and stigma. E.g. universal access student nutrition programs, community gardens/meals, gift cards vs. vouchers, and home delivery.</p> <p>Dufferin has a strong local food environment and infrastructure for growing and cooking.</p>
RISKS <i>What we heard.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26.3% of CSWB survey respondents have eaten less at least once in the last year (9% do so at least once per month) because of a lack of food or money for food. • 23.4% of households in WDG are food insecure, and research estimates that only 20.6% of food insecure households access food banks. (University of Toronto). The true scale of the problem is hidden, yet the food bank system is already strained under increased demand. • 5-9% Low-income measure in communities throughout Dufferin. (Rural Ontario Institute) • Cycle of poverty and Food Insecurity starts early in life. 1/3 of food bank recipients are children. • Widening impacts: more homeowners and full-time workers are requiring food support than ever before. Orangeville Food Bank reports that 15% of clients are employed. <p>Individuals particularly at risk for food insecurity include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-income households • Renters and households with limited assets • Black, Indigenous households and other cultural/racial groups • Female-led lone parent households • Households reliant on income supports (other than public pensions)¹

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FOOD INSECURITY CONT.

“ Addressing food insecurity requires a multi-faceted approach that includes community-based solutions, supportive policies, and empowerment of individuals. By focusing on sustainable practices, fostering community engagement, and advocating for systemic change, we can create a future where everyone has access to nutritious food. ”

- VOICES of Lived Experience Framework (unpublished),
Chapter 10 Creative Food Approach

PLAN	<i>What we'll do, and what we aim to see</i>
LEAD <i>Who holds knowledge in this area?</i>	Dufferin Food Access Subcommittee (DCEC-Health Equity Working Group)
OUTCOMES <i>What does success look like?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community members are aware of the issue of food insecurity. • Food insecure community members do not experience stigma. • Food insecure community members gain a sense of social connection through food access initiatives. • Food insecure community members can access food barrier free. • Local food infrastructure (e.g., inspected community kitchen, food storage) supports food access programs across Dufferin County. • Growing opportunities exist across Dufferin County to grow food for food programs and for those facing food access challenges and have an interest in growing food. • Families are not financially constrained and can afford foods that meet their households needs.



FOOD INSECURITY CONT.

PLAN	<i>What we'll do, and what we aim to see</i>
<p>MEASURES</p> <p><i>How will we know we are successful?</i></p>	<p>Prevalence of food insecurity is reduced Measured by Canadian Income Survey, CSWB Survey, WDGPH research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of households in WDG that are food insecure decreases. <p>People are better connected to and aware of a range of options to alleviate food access challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of survey respondents who eat less because of lack of food or money for food decreases. Increase in awareness of the issue of food insecurity in Dufferin County. Reduction in stigma experienced by food insecure community members. Increase in community connection and a decrease in social isolation through food access initiatives. Decrease in the number of barriers experienced by food insecure community members when accessing food programs. Food infrastructure is sustained and/or expanded across Dufferin County to better support food access. Sustained and/or increased growing opportunities exist across Dufferin County to grow food for food programs and for those facing food access challenges who have an interest in growing food. Increase in awareness and action by decision makers on policies that are proven to reduce food insecurity. <p>The measures above are general. Once the work plan has been developed specific metrics will be collected that connect to these measures above.</p>
<p>ACTIONS</p> <p><i>What will we do to ensure success?</i></p>	<p>Collect and review data ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct Dufferin County Food Insecurity Needs Assessment to inform regional planning. <p>Develop a work plan of key activities based on recommendations.</p> <p>Continue to meet as a subcommittee and move the work forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for income-based solutions. Bring attention to broader impacts of food insecurity on social connections and well-being. Expand programs that protect dignity like universal access school food programs and community growing/meals. Identify immediate actions that can be taken to meet outcomes. <p>Continue to explore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for culturally appropriate food data and local statistics How to gather data from most affected populations Definition and availability of local food Consider tracking youth food insecurity using the WHY survey Enhancing surveys to better understand root causes of food insecurity and further inform local planning.

FOOD INSECURITY CONT.

Statement of Change:

If members of the DFAS take action by gathering more local data and facilitating groups to work together, we expect that programs and conditions will improve so that people experiencing food insecurity in Dufferin will have better access to the food they need as well as social and community connectedness.



INTEGRATED EFFORTS



SITUATION	<i>What we heard, and what we know</i>
STRENGTHS <i>What is working well?</i>	<p>Commitment of the CSWB Integration Table members to collaborate and integrate efforts.</p> <p>Active participation from more than 30 organizations to build the 2025-2028 CSWB Plan.</p> <p>This work leverages existing collaborative networks in Dufferin County (e.g., DC MOVES) and avoids duplication of efforts.</p>
RISKS <i>What we heard.</i>	<p>This impetus for this work is based on the provincial mandate to create local CSWB plans. This work may rely on that mandate staying in effect.</p> <p>No additional funding has been allocated to municipalities to help with convening the CSWB Integration Table and enacting the local CWSB plans.</p> <p>CSWB partner priorities could shift over time based on external environmental and political factors(e.g., the need to respond to new emergencies such as was done during the COVID-19 pandemic).</p>



"In order for local plans to be successful in making communities safer and healthier, municipalities, First Nations and their partners need to refocus existing efforts and resources in a more strategic and impactful way to enhance collaboration, information sharing and performance measurement."



- Ontario's Community Safety and Well-being Planning Framework

PLAN	<i>What we'll do, and what we aim to see</i>
LEAD <i>Who holds knowledge in this area?</i>	CSWB Integration Table, led by Co-Chair Team
OUTCOMES <i>What does success look like?</i>	<p>CSWB Integration Table Membership is reflective of current priority areas and ongoing community action.</p> <p>Member organizations report improved information sharing and use of local data sources as a result of their participation in the CSWB Integration Table.</p> <p>Increased alignment of efforts related to the CSWB framework across Dufferin County.</p>

INTEGRATED EFFORTS CONT.

PLAN	<i>What we'll do, and what we aim to see</i>
<p>MEASURES</p> <p><i>How will we know we are successful?</i></p>	<p>Attendance remains consistent or grows year-over-year.</p> <p>Measured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of members and number of organizations represented • Number of meetings and average attendance • Number of new partners added <p>CSWB Integration Table members are actively engaged in meetings and other information sharing activities.</p> <p>Measured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of presentations given to socialize the CSWB plan • Number of members reporting that their membership on the Integration Table or involvement with Lead Tables adds value and alignment to their existing work (gathered through survey of CSWB members and other relevant partners) • Number of members reporting an expanded understanding of priority areas (gathered through survey of CSWB members and other relevant partners)
<p>ACTIONS</p> <p><i>What will we do to ensure success?</i></p>	<p>Build understanding and connection within the CSWB Integration Table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a place for connection, sharing information, breaking silos, promoting programs and updating data. • Identify points of alignment among priority areas and action plans. <p>Support information sharing between CSWB Integration Table partner organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage all CSWB Integration Table members in sharing stories highlighting their ongoing work and potential areas of alignment and intersection across the CSWB framework. • Support data sharing and evidence-informed decision making. <p>Build relationships and advocate for community-wide action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socialize the plan to municipalities, police detachment boards, community groups and individuals.

Statement of Change:

If the CSWB Integration Table takes action by championing for implementation of the plan and facilitating integrated efforts, we expect that strategies and work plans will be more aligned so that communities feel safer and well-being will improve for the people of Dufferin County.

INTERSECTING PRIORITY AREAS



Intersections

It is important to consider that the priority areas identified in this report are very interrelated and impact each other. For example:

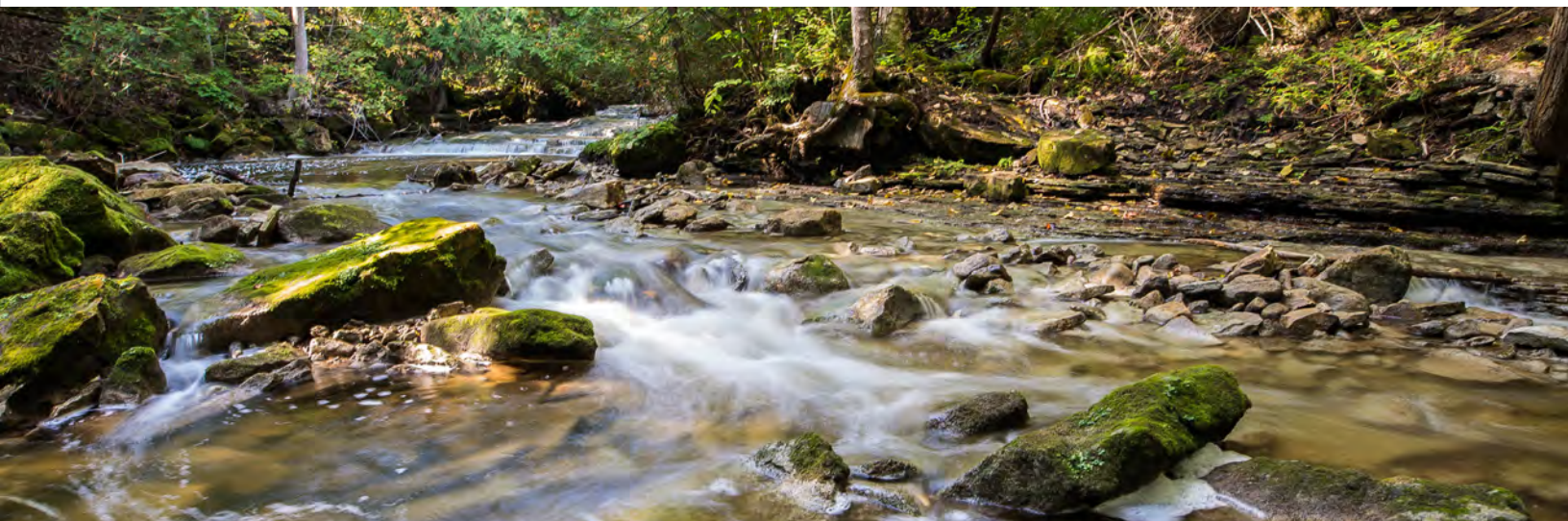
- Policing is primarily a response, with involvement in risk intervention and prevention efforts as well. Crime prevention should take an approach rooted in the social determinants of health.
- Crime can correlate with food insecurity (e.g. shoplifting)
- Perceptions of crime correlate with mental wellbeing.
- Mental wellbeing can be improved through family support and housing stability.
- Food insecurity affects mental, emotional and physical health including stress, worry, and weakness from lack of nutrition.
- Income levels correlate with food insecurity, crime, mental health and housing.

“Living with food insecurity affects my health in so many ways. I constantly feel tired and weak because I’m not getting the nutrients I need. It also takes a toll on my mental health. The stress of not knowing if I will have enough to eat is overwhelming. I developed anxiety and depression, which makes it even harder to take care of myself and my family. It feels like a never-ending cycle of struggle and despair.”

– VOICES Member

NEXT STEPS - ACTION PLAN

New to this Plan, the Integration Table will provide an annual report to Council, that also includes an annual Action Plan for the subsequent year. Action Plans will provide a brief outline of current Plan actions and/or updates for the year to come.



INTEGRATION TABLE MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- Alzheimer's Society - Dufferin County
- Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services
- Canadian Mental Health Association Peel Dufferin - CMHA
- Community Living Dufferin - CLD
- County of Dufferin
- Domestic Assault Review Team - DART
- Dufferin Area Family Health Team - DAFHT
- Dufferin Child and Family Services - DCAFS
- Dufferin Community Foundation - DCF
- Dufferin County Managing Organizing Validating Engagement Strategy - DC MOVES
- Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police - OPP
- Dufferin OPP Detachment Boards:
 - Mono/Mulmur/Melancthon
 - Orangeville
 - Shelburne
 - Southwest (East Garafraxa/Amaranth/Grand Valley)
- Dufferin Paramedic Services - DPS
- Family Transition Place - FTP
- Headwaters Communities In Action - HCIA
- Headwaters Ontario Health Team - OHT
- Polycultural Immigrant & Community Services
- Services and Housing In the Province - SHIP
- Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health - WDG Public Health

Our Municipal Partners:

- Town of Grand Valley
- Town of Mono
- Town of Orangeville
- Town of Shelburne
- Township of Amaranth
- Township of East Garafraxa
- Township of Melancthon
- Township of Mulmur

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

BND List: Formerly the BNL (By-Name List), the By-Name Data List provides an accurate account of individuals experiencing homelessness in Dufferin County.

CAB: Community Advisory Board is a steering committee with members from public, not for profit and private sectors. The CAB develops plans to end homelessness in Dufferin County.

CamSafe: A security video and CCTV registry program. Police may utilize registered cameras within the community to investigate crimes.

CAT: The Coordinated Access Table works together to assess people's housing related needs and connect them to available supports to find and keep housing.

CATH: Coordinated Access Transitional Housing provides those who are identified as chronic on the BND List with a transitional unit for up to three months.

CCHS: The Canadian Community Health Survey covers general health, and specific health topics. It is a joint effort between Health Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada, Statistics Canada, and the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI).

Community Watch: A Partnership between community and police that includes information sharing and assessments.

COHB: Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit is a portable housing benefit that can be used throughout Ontario. In exchange for this benefit, recipients agree to be removed from the wait list.

Core Housing Need: A situation where a household's housing falls below at least one of the following standards:

- Adequacy: The housing doesn't have enough bedrooms or needs major repairs.
- Suitability: The housing is not suitable for the household's needs.
- Affordability: The household would have to spend 30% or more of its before-tax income to access local housing that meets the above standards.

CSI: The Crime Severity Index is a measure of police-reported crime that considers both the volume and severity of crimes, assigning weights based on the seriousness of offenses.

CSWB Survey: A survey developed and utilized by the CSWB Integration Table to gather local data within Dufferin County.

Dufferin County Supportive Housing: A collaboration with SHIP, 10 units at 236 First St.

Dufferin Housing and Homelessness Task Force: In late 2024, County Council adopted a motion for the creation of the Dufferin County Homelessness Task Force. The mandate of the Dufferin County Homelessness Task Force is to identify innovative and sustainable options that will provide housing and support services to the unhoused in Dufferin County.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS CONT.

Dufferin Services Team – Services and Housing In the Province: A multi-service team of 11 staff, supporting over 150 clients (including 67 units of supportive housing), across 6 programs providing counselling and case management for individuals with mental illness and addictions concerns.

Economic Development Strategy: The County's Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan serves as an integral extension of the County's broader Strategic Plan, which emphasizes sustainable growth, enhanced quality of life, and fostering community resilience.

Emergency Shelter- Family Transition Place: A safe and comfortable place to stay for women (16 years of age or older) and their children who have experienced abuse or homelessness. Pets are also welcome.

Food Insecurity: Inadequate or insecure access to food because of financial constraints. Refers to the inability to acquire or consume an adequate diet (quality, quantity, and uncertainty).

HPP: Homelessness Prevention Program provides a wide range of programs that offer financial support to stop people losing their housing or to help them get housing.

Home Ownership Program: Provides moderate income individuals and families with an interest-free down payment assistance loan to help them in purchasing their own home.

HAD: Housing Access Dufferin is the service which maintains the Centralized Wait List for community housing in Dufferin.

HART Hub: Homeless and Addiction Recovery Treatment hubs are designed to connect individuals experiencing homelessness, addiction, and/or mental health issues with comprehensive services.

HIFIS: Homeless Individuals and Family Information System is a comprehensive data collection and case management system allowing multiple service providers to access real-time homelessness data.

IPV: Intimate Partner Violence refers to multiple forms of harm caused by a current or former intimate partner or spouse.

Low Income Measure: A household is considered low income if its income is below 50% of median household incomes. It is, therefore, a relative measure of low income. In the 2021 census, median household income in Dufferin was \$108,000, so the low income measure would be \$54,000.

Master Housing Strategy: A comprehensive plan designed to address the evolving housing needs of Dufferin's residents.

Men's Shelter - Choices: In the spring of 2023, Choices opened a shelter for male identifying individuals experiencing homelessness aged 25 and older.

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MCRT: A Mobile Crisis Response Team is a police-led crisis response model, in which a police officer and a mental health worker respond together when police are called to respond to a person in crisis.

OPHI: Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative provides funding to ensure housing retention, greater self-reliance, and social inclusion for tenants.

Out of the Cold - Choices: Choices offers a program for all Dufferin residents who wish to access a low barrier emergency program between November 1 to March 31.

PiT Count: A Point-in-Time Count is a coordinated event where persons experiencing homelessness are counted at a given time.

Police Detachment Boards: Oversee how policing is provided in their local community. They contribute to their community's safety and well-being by working with local citizens and organizations to make sure their community receives the appropriate policing it needs.

Project Lifesaver: A program that assists families with those who may wander. This might include individuals living with Alzheimer's, autism, or other cognitive impairments.

Project Safeguard: A community-based crime prevention program to reduce break and enters and provide "target hardening" to community members.

Reaching Home: Reaching Home is a federal initiative under Canada's Housing Plan and the National Housing Strategy that provides funding and support to communities to address their local homelessness needs. Dufferin County is a Designated Community and is the Community Entity that flows funding from the Federal government to projects that have been approved by the Community Advisory Board as initiatives to reduce and eliminate chronic homelessness in Dufferin County. This funding is currently being utilized to provide Housing Support Workers, Community Outreach, and a Landlord Liaison in collaboration through Choices, Family Transition Place, and the County of Dufferin.

Second Stage Housing – Family Transition Place: Supportive, temporary housing (up to one year) to help with the transition to independent living.

Social Determinants of Health: The non-medical factors that influence health outcomes.

Support Within Housing Programs – Family Transition Place: Support for women who have experienced trauma due to abuse who are also managing moderate to severe mental health issues that are impacting their ability to find or maintain housing.

TAPP-C: The Arson Prevention Program for Children involves community agencies and fire departments. It provides strategies to deal with fire play amongst children.

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Visible Minority: A term used in the Canadian Census defined by the Employment Equity Act as “persons, other than Aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour.” The main groups designated as visible minorities are South Asian, Chinese, Black, Filipino, Arab, Latin American, Southeast Asian, West Asian, Korean and Japanese.

VOICES: VOICES of Lived Experience Dufferin is an equity-based poverty advocacy group consisting of people with lived experience of poverty.

WHY Survey: The Well-being and Health Youth Survey collects information from youth, parents, and school staff about youth health and well-being. These surveys identify issues to be addressed by schools, school boards, and local service providers.

Youth Shelter - Choices: Supports youth aged 16-24.

Youth Wellness Hub: A hub that connects youth aged 12 to 25 and their families in the community to mental health and primary care services, close to home.

236 First Street – Services and Housing In the Province: The newly developed site that opened in May 2024 provides a crucial response to housing and homelessness. The 27-unit building includes 25 studio units for individuals and 2 two-bedroom units for families. The residents have access to onsite services designed to support stability and well-being through collaboration between SHIP, County of Dufferin and Family Transition Place (FTP).