

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 1st day of May, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor James McLean, Councillor Ralph Moore, Councillor Bill Neilson and Councillor Ruth Plowright were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, and Kaitlin Dinnick, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator, were also present. Mayor White presided and called the meeting to order.

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

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor White shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Announcements

Councillor Plowright thanked everyone who came out for Earth Day to clean up the Village and advised that the Hall Board would be hosting Mother's Day High Tea on May 10th and Euchre Night on May 15th.

Additions

Councillor Neilson – Procurement Policy

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean, that Council approve the Agenda as amended. Carried.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

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

Minutes

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright, that Council approve the minutes of the April 17, 2025 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

Nanci Malek asked Strada Representatives if they would be withdrawing their application following the Hydrogeology Report from Garry Hunter. Ken Fryer asked if any Members of Council support the quarry application. Mr. Tamburro asked Strada if they would like to have a quarry in their backyard.

Public Works

Accounts

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore, that Council receive the Public Works accounts as presented. Carried.

2025 Gravel Tender Recommendation

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson, that Council award the tender for the 2025 supply and delivery of approximately 5,000 tonnes of "M" Gravel, 5/8", 5,000 tonnes of Granular "A" Gravel and 15,000 tonnes of 19mm Limestone Crusher Run to specified roads within the Township to Flesherton Concrete Products. The gravel is to meet the Ontario Provincial Standards Specifications and test is to be paid by the contractor, with the sample being supplied by the Township's Public Works Superintendent. Start time is approximately May 20, 2025. The accepted prices of the tender are as follows: M Gravel, including delivery and applicable taxes – \$19.78 per tonne; A Gravel, including delivery and applicable taxes – \$19.32 per tonne and 19mm Limestone Crusher Run, including delivery and applicable taxes – \$19.66 per tonne. This tender complies with the Procurement By-law for the Township of Melancthon. Carried.

Memo from RJ Burnside & Associates – 2025 OSIM Bridge Inspections

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Moore, that Council accept the quote from RJ Burnside and Associates in the amount of \$16,000.00 + HST for the completion of the 2025 Municipal Bridge and Culvert OSIM Inspection for the Township of Melancthon. Carried.

Other

Ice Storm Cleanup

Deputy Mayor McLean and Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk both gave an update on the ice storm cleanup.

Planning

Applications to Permit

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

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Strategic Plan

Strategic Priorities – Environmental – Discussion

Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk advised that she has reached out to the County of Dufferin Waste Management about mobile hazardous waste days.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this matter.

Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur

Nothing for this matter.

Committee/Board Reports & Recommendations

Nothing for this matter.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Shelburne & District Fire Board – March 4, 2025
2. Infrastructure & Emergency Management Committee – January 15, 2025
3. Heritage Advisory Committee – March 10, 2025
4. Shelburne & District Fire Board – February 4, 2025
5. Shelburne & District Fire Board – January 7, 2025

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson, that the Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes – Items 1-5 be received as information. Carried.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Town of Saugeen Shores – Letter of Opposition to Proposed Amendments to O.Reg. 503/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers
2. Township of Clearview Resolution Regarding the Proposal to Amalgamate the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
3. Town of Tillsonburg Resolution Regarding Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Letter Re: Strong Mayor Powers
4. Township of Amaranth Resolution Regarding Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic Environment, Human and Social Health
5. Town of Grand Valley – Notice of Public Meeting for Proposed Official Plan Amendment & Zoning By-law Amendment
6. Town of Grand Valley Resolution Regarding the BetterHomes Dufferin Project
7. Shelburne & District Fire Department 2024 Annual Report

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore, that correspondence items 1-7, for information purposes, be received as information. Carried.

General Business

Accounts

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright, that Council receive the General Accounts as presented. Carried.

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

Nothing for this matter.

New/Other Business/Additions

Procurement Policy – Councillor Neilson

Councillor Neilson asked about whether we should be amending our procurement policy to impose a buy Canadian mandate. It was advised that the County of Dufferin has passed a policy, and staff was directed to bring a Staff Report back to Council.

Notice of Motion regarding Procedural By-law 4-2024 (Mayor White)

Moved by White, Seconded by Moore, that Council direct Staff to amend the Township's Procedural By-law 4-2024, to clearly outline and clarify the circumstances under which in-person Delegations are required, as opposed to virtual Delegations. Carried.

Discussion ensued and Staff was directed to bring forward a Report at the next meeting with proposed guidelines to be reviewed by Council.

Shelburne Public Library Municipal Contract Amendment (Councillor Plowright)

Councillor Plowright spoke to this amendment and advised that it requires Council approval. Councillor Plowright is to clarify what the Shelburne Public Library Board needs from Council in the form of approval.

Family Transition Place Request for Sexual Violence Prevention Month Proclamation

Whereas, Sexual Violence Prevention Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts people of all ages, genders, and ethnicities; and

Whereas, approximately 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men will experience sexual assault in their lifetime, will know the person who attacked them and do not report the crime to the police; and

Whereas, victims of sexual assault are some of the most vulnerable and silent people in society and it is now time to ask questions to learn about the services for victims; and

Whereas, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

Whereas, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing sexual violence through increased education, awareness, and community involvement.

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Darren White, on behalf of the Council of the Township of Melancthon, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as "**Sexual Violence Prevention Month**" in the Township of Melancthon and urge all citizens to recognize the ongoing commitment of individuals and organizations in our community who actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence and for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all.

James Jackson, MS Ambassador and Facilitator Dufferin/Caledon Request for Proclamation for MS Awareness Month

Whereas, Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling neurological disease affecting an estimated 1 in 400 Canadians and approximately 90,000 across the country; and

Whereas, Multiple sclerosis symptoms vary widely and may lead to problems with numbness, coordination, vision and speech, as well as extreme fatigue and even paralysis; and

Whereas, there is no known cause of, prevention of, or cure for multiple sclerosis; and

Whereas, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada is the only national organization in Canada that supports both MS research and services for people with MS and their families. Annual fundraising events such as the MS Walk, MS Bike, and A & W Canada's

Burgers to Beat MS campaign support programs to enhance the lives of people affected by multiple sclerosis and their families and support MS research in Canada; and

Whereas, since 1948, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada has contributed \$200 million towards MS research; and is grateful for the dedication and commitment of its supporters and volunteers that has made this possible; and

Whereas, together we will find ways to enhance the quality of lives for people affected by multiple sclerosis and to find a cure to end MS; and

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Darren White, and on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025, as “**MS Awareness Month**” in the Township of Melancthon.

Unfinished Business

Nothing for this matter.

Reports/Updates from Members of Council & Administrative Staff

County Council Update - Deputy Mayor McLean

Deputy Mayor McLean provided an update on last Thursday’s County Council Meeting. He advised that there is a significant number of projects at the County level over the next few years and this will have large budget impacts.

Road Rationalization Study - Mayor White

Mayor Whie advised that the Road Rationalization Study has been ongoing for a number of years at the County.

Administration Update - Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk –

Denise provided an update to Council on the Spring Tree Program, Planning RFP’s for the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Updates, Strada Quarry – Peer Reviewers Selection, Planning Department – Contract Amendment, Fire Permits and “Cowboy Up” Filming in the Township.

Delegations

5:45 p.m. - Kevin Powers, Project Advocacy Inc. - Update on the Strada Quarry Application, Peer Reviews and Next Steps

Kevin Powers, Project Advocacy Inc. presented to Council on behalf of Strada Aggregates and provided Council with an update and next steps.

6:00 p.m. – Sylvia Jones, MPP – Dufferin-Caledon (invited by Council to provide an update on priorities of the government and to hear concerns from Members of Council)

Silva Jones, MPP – Dufferin-Caledon spoke to Council to provide updates on priorities of the government and to answer questions from Council.

Closed Session

No Closed Session for this Meeting.

Third Reading of By-laws

Nothing for this matter.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motions.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore, that leave be given to introduce a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon at its Council meeting held on May 1, 2025 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 20-2025. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson, that Council adjourn this meeting at 6:47 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK