

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 5th day of June, 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.

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

Prior to the Council Meeting, Mayor White, Councillor Neilson, Councillor Plowright, Denise Holmes and Kaitlin Dinnick toured the property at 476420 3rd Line regarding their proposed development.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor White shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Announcements

Mayor White advised that the County of Dufferin is having a Joint Council Meeting next Thursday June 12th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Councillor Plowright advised that the Shelburne Public Library's Librarian Rose Dotten is retiring. She also advised that there will be euchre at the Horning's Mills Hall on June 18th and Melancthon Day is June 20, 21 & 22.

Additions

None.

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson, that Council approve the Agenda and the Addendum to the Agenda as presented. 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 McLean, Seconded by Plowright, that Council approve the minutes of the May 15, 2025 Council meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

None.

Public Works

Accounts

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

Motion to Release Tender Cheque to Cox Construction for Tender 01-2024

Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean, that Council approves the release of the tender security deposit cheque to Cox Construction Limited in the amount of \$28,500.00 regarding Tender 01-2024. Carried.

Recommendations, if any, from the Infrastructure & Emergency Management Committee meeting held on June 2, 2025

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Moore, that Council accept the recommendation from the Infrastructure and Emergency Management Committee and direct Staff to retain the services of a surveying company to stake the lot lines of the Township-owned property in Riverview (Lot 1, Plan 54) in preparation for the development of a proposed park. Carried.

Discussion ensued and Staff were directed to look into whether we can use Development Charges for this.

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Addendum - Quote from Mike Vaughn, RJ Burnside and Associates regarding the Proposed Paved Shoulders in Horning's Mills

Discussion ensued regarding the quote as we have only allocated \$25,000 for the engineering work in the 2025 budget and the quote was for \$60,000. Staff were directed to get at least two more quotes for the work.

Planning

Applications to Permit

There were no questions or concerns with the applications on the spreadsheet.

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

Liam Morgan, Township Development Planner spoke to his Report, and advised that the Province passed Bill 5 and Bill 17 yesterday.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean, that the 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, dated June 5, 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.
Carried.

Report from Liam Morgan, Development Planner Regarding Strada Aggregates – Official Plan and Zoning By-law Applications – Township Planning Updates

Liam Morgan, Township Development Planner spoke to his Report and Council was advised that we are still putting the Peer Reviewer list together and will bring it back to the June 19th Council Meeting for the reviewers to be selected.

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson, that the Report titled Strada Aggregates – Official Plan and Zoning By-law Applications – Township Planning Update, dated June 5, 2025, be received; and 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 the Report. Carried.

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Addendum - Report from Liam Morgan, Development Planner regarding the Township Official Plan and Zoning By-law Conformity Exercise – Consultant Recommendation

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson, that the Report titled Township Official Plan and Zoning By-law Conformity Exercise – Consultant Recommendation, dated June 5, 2025 be received; and that Council supports the consultant recommendation brought forth by Township Planning Staff for the Official Plan and Zoning By-law conformity exercise; and that Council award the proposal to Planscape in the amount of \$129,530.00 plus HST; and that Township Planning Staff be directed to proceed with retaining the services of Planscape. Carried.

Addendum - Notice of Decision from the County of Dufferin regarding Township of Melancthon OPA5

There was a brief discussion on this matter and Staff were directed to add the Dufferin Federation of Agriculture (DFA) to the circulation list for all agricultural related planning applications.

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright, that the Notice of Decision from the County of Dufferin regarding Township of Melancthon OPA5 be received as information. Carried.

Strategic Plan

Nothing for this matter.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this matter.

Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur

OPP Calls for Service (CFS) Billing Summary Report January - March 2025

Al Blundell, Chair of the 3M OPP Detachment Board provided Council with an update from the May 29th Board Meeting.

Committee/Board Reports & Recommendations

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

Council discussed the recommendation and Staff suggested that we do the Public Engagement Session regarding this prior to working on the Policy. It was suggested that we could hold a Town Hall, and this could be one of the items for discussion. Council is to bring back other topics for the Town Hall at the June 19th meeting for further discussion.

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

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson, that the Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes – Items 1-3 be received as information. Carried.

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
- 18. Addendum - Letter from the Ministry of Sport advising that the Township's Application under the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund has not been approved for funding**

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore, that correspondence items 1-18, for information purposes, be received as information, except for items 1, 6, 17, pulled for further discussion. Carried.

Councillor Neilson spoke to Items 1, 6 and 17.

General Business

Accounts

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

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

By-law to amend By-law No. 4-2024 passed in Open Council on January 11, 2024 – Procedural By-law

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore, that leave be given to introduce a By-law to amend By-law 4-2024 (Procedural By-law and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 23-2025. Carried.

By-law to Provide for the Levying of the Costs Resulting from the Maintenance and Repair of the Connor Drainage Works

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean, that leave be given to introduce a By-law to provide for the levying of the costs resulting from the maintenance and repair of the Connor Drainage Works and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 24-2025. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

AgapiK9 Canine Control Contract Extension

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright, that Council approve the proposed amendments to the existing Canine Control Contract with Agapik9 and authorize the extension of the contract for an additional three-year term to expire May 31, 2028. Carried.

Report from Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer – Roads Foreperson Position

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore, that Council receive the Report from Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer and approve the creation of a Roads Foreperson position in the Public Works Department. Carried.

Power Point Presentation – Council Delegations regarding Strada Aggregates ARA Application

Council discussed the PowerPoint Presentation and Staff was directed to add a few additional points to the Presentation.

Addendum - Town of Shelburne – CAOs Report on the Future of Fire Services

Deputy Mayor McLean spoke to this item as he attended the Shelburne Fire Board meeting on June 2nd. He advised that the Town of Shelburne would like to have a meeting with all Councils involved to discuss this further. Council directed Staff to respond and recommend that a doodle poll be sent out of the proposed dates.

Unfinished Business

Nothing for this matter.

Reports/Updates from Members of Council & Administrative Staff

Administrative Update - Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk

The CAO/Clerk provided updates to Council on the TransAlta Meeting, the Cost Recovery Agreement, the Delegation to area municipalities regarding the Strada ARA Application, and the Meeting with Chief Hill of the Six Nations of the Grand happening tomorrow.

Delegations

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

6:05 p.m. - Sandeep Dhugga –attended Council to discuss an invoice for a fire call to the property at 537042 Main Street. Mr. Dhugga advised that their tenants started the fire, and they do not feel they are able to control their tenants. Mayor White advised that if we were to reverse the fire bill then the taxpayers of Melancthon would have to pay for the fire bill and he did not think that was fair, and the rest of Council agreed. Council advised that they could reach out to Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer about making a payment plan.

6:00 p.m. – Jennifer Payne, Executive Director, Headwaters Communities in Action – to present the 2025-2028 Community Safety and Well Being Plan

6:11 p.m. – Jennifer Payne, Executive Director, Headwaters Communities in Action - presented to Council the 2025-2028 Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

Closed Session

No closed session for this meeting.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson, that By-laws 23-2025 and 24-2025 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

Notice of Motion

Deputy Mayor McLean – that we request that the County of Dufferin remove costs of Official Plan Amendment Application Fees for those who had started a pre-consultation application and had their designation on their property change as a result of the Official Plan change.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by McLean, 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 June 5, 2025 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 25-2025. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore, that Council adjourn this meeting at 7:50 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK