

## **CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON**

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer 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 announced that the Hall's First Pop up Pub did really well, so the next one is planned for November 15<sup>th</sup>. The next event is November 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day and Christmas in the Mills is November 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Additions**

None.

### **Deletions**

None.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

#### **Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson**

That Council approve 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 October 16, 2025 Council Meeting and October 29, 2025 Special Council Meeting. Carried.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

None.

### **Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege**

None.

### **Public Question Period**

The following questions were asked – the answers can be found in the recording of the meeting.

**Catherine Stilo** – she advised that she attended Garry Hunter's meeting on Tuesday and asked what powers does Council have that could be exercised to protect the health

and safety and environmental wellbeing of those in the community (regarding the Strada proposed Quarry).

**Linda Polinsky** - she saw the rumble strips at 2<sup>nd</sup> Line SW and 260 Sideroad and asked if there were going to be any placed at 2<sup>nd</sup> Line SW and County Road 17.

**Harvey Lyon** – he wanted to clarify as to where we are at with the ARA Comments for the Strada application and is it possible that the Government could approve this application without the peer reviews being done and he wanted to know Council's position on the matter.

## **Public Works**

### **Accounts – October, 2025**

#### **Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright**

That Council receive the Public Works accounts as presented. Carried.

#### **Other**

Nothing for this matter.

### **Planning**

#### **Report from Liam Morgan, Township Planner regarding Strada Aggregates Inc. – ARA Application – Township of Melancthon Letters of Objection**

#### **Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean**

That Council receive Report P2025-07 as information and directs Staff to submit the letter provided in Appendix A to the Applicant, Ministry of Natural Resources Staff and to the ERO #025-1005 commenting portal on behalf of the Township of Melancthon. Before Mayor White called for the vote, he asked for questions or concerns on the Report/Letter. There were a couple concerns raised from Councillor Neilson regarding the Eastern Meadowlark as there was no reference to this in our objection letter. Staff will take these concerns back to our Solicitor to see if these concerns should be added and if so, they will be added. Councillor Neilson also advised that there may be a need for a correction in the Township's Peer Review of the Permit to Take Water Application with regard to the two rivers that were referenced in the Report, and that the second reference to the Boyne River should be the Pine River. This was noted by Staff, and they will bring this up to the Hydrogeologist who prepared the Peer Review. Staff advised that the PTTW objection letter and Peer Review were already submitted to the Ministry. Mayor White then called for the vote, and it was carried.

#### **Other**

Nothing for this matter.

### **Strategic Plan**

Nothing for this matter.

### **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 Library Board Minutes – September 16, 2025

#### **Moved by McLean Seconded by Plowright**

That Council receive the Shelburne Library Board Minutes – September 16, 2025 as information. Carried.

#### **Items for Information Purposes**

1. MECP Land Policy – Amendments to the Excess Soil Regulation and Records of Site Condition Regulation
2. Joint Fire Services Meeting Summary Notes – September 16, 2025
3. Town of Grand Valley – Final Draft of Official Plan and Zoning By-law as Special Council Meeting
4. Town of Grand Valley resolution supporting Melancthon's resolution regarding the Consultation on the Future of Natural Gas Expansion in Ontario
5. Township of Mulmur – Information regarding the Mandate and Organizational Structure for fundraising at the North Dufferin Community Centre
6. NVCA Media Release – NVCA Receives Grant from Province of Ontario to improve water quality
7. Town of Shelburne resolution supporting Melancthon's resolution regarding the Consultation on the Future of Natural Gas Expansion in Ontario
8. County of Dufferin resolution regarding Melancthon's resolution on Public Safety Along County Road 124 in Shelburne
9. County of Dufferin resolution regarding County Council's response to a Melancthon Resident's concern about County Road 17
10. County of Dufferin email regarding the Strada Aggregates Application to Permit to Take Water correspondence from Melancthon Township
11. NVCA Meeting Highlights – November 28, 2025
12. Kevin Powers, Project Advocacy Inc. regarding Strada Aggregates Permit to Take Water

#### **Moved by Moore, Seconded by McLean**

That correspondence items 1-12, for information purposes, be received as information, except for items 5 & 8, pulled for further discussion. Carried.

Councillor Plowright pulled item number 5 and spoke to it and advised that she would like to sit on this Committee. The Clerk will look into it and put it on the next Agenda.

Councillor McLean pulled item number 8 and provided an update to Council and those in the gallery regarding the public safety along County Road 124 in Shelburne.

### **Items for Council Action**

#### **1. 2026 ROMA Conference – Request for Delegations**

Staff were directed to request Delegations for the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Agriculture, and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The reasons for the Delegations will be aggregate in the Township for MOE, MNR, and MOA and Highway 10 Safety for MTO and Development Charges and Dufferin County Housing for MMAH.

## 2. Grand River Conservation Authority – 2026 Draft Budget for Consultation

There were no questions or concerns about the budget as the increase is minimal. Deferred to budget deliberations.

## 3. Kristine Pedicone – Resignation from Township of Melancthon Heritage Advisory Committee

### **Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright**

That Council accept, with regret, the resignation of Kristine Pedicone from the Township of Melancthon Heritage Advisory Committee and extends our thanks for her valuable contributions to the Board Staff to be directed to advertise for this vacancy on the Board. Carried.

## **General Business**

### **Accounts – October 2025**

### **Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson**

That Council receive the General Accounts as presented. Carried.

## **New/Other Business/Additions**

### **Grant and Donation Requests Policy Report – Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer**

### **Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore**

That Council approve the Grant and Donation Application Policy, including the application process, to implemented by January 1, 2026, and that the budget amount for community grants and donations be established annually during the Township's regular budget deliberations. Carried.

The deadline for 2026 will remain at February 1, 2026, as outlined in the Report, but will be changed to November 1<sup>st</sup> for 2027 and beyond.

### **Melancthon Against Quarries Delegation from October 16, 2025 – Discussion of their Three Asks (Councillor Ruth Plowright)**

Councillor Plowright spoke to this matter. She went through each of the asks and requested Council to address them as there wasn't an opportunity to do this at the last meeting. Discussion ensued on the asks and there will be follow up with our Solicitor on some of the asks.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Town Hall Meeting – November 10, 2025 – Draft Agenda and PowerPoint Presentation**

There were no further changes to the Draft Agenda or the PowerPoint Presentation.

## **Reports/Updates from Members of Council & Administrative Staff**

Councillor Neilson provided an update on the Shelburne and District Fire Board meeting held on November 4, 2025.

Councillor Moore provided an update on the last Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex Board Meeting and the 2026 Budget.

## **Delegations**

The following Delegations took place during the meeting:

5:30 p.m. – Brian Milne, Mayor and Derek Malynyk, Fire Chief, Township of Southgate attended Council and reviewed the renewal of the Fire Protection Agreement with Council. Staff were directed to put the By-law and Agreement on the next Council Agenda to be passed.

6:00 p.m. – David Germain, Township Solicitor and David Donnelly, Donnelly Law, who was invited by Council to attend regarding the Strada Aggregates Applications. This Delegation was held in Closed Session for Solicitor/Client Privilege.

Council took a break at 6:14 p.m. and reconvened at 6:24 p.m.

### **Closed Session**

#### **Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore**

That Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 6:24 p.m. pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reasons: (f) advice that is subject to Solicitor/Client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – Strada Aggregates Applications, (b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees - Application for the Horning's Mills Hall Board Vacancies and Nominations for the Student Volunteer Award. Carried.

### **Rise from Closed Session**

#### **Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore**

That Council rise at 8:13 p.m. with Report. Carried.

The Report being that Staff carry out the directives given in Closed Session.

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#### **Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright**

That the Council of the Township of Melancthon wishes to engage the services of David Donnelly, as Co-Counsel for the Strada Aggregates Applications, effective immediately. Carried.

### **Third Reading of By-laws**

There were no By-laws brought forward for adoption at this meeting.

### **Notice of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion brought forward at this meeting.

### **Confirmation By-law**

#### **Moved by Moore, Seconded by Neilson**

That leave be given to introduce a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon at its Council meeting held on November 6, 2025 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 38-2025. Carried.

### **Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting**

#### **Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore**

That Council adjourn this meeting at 8:13 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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MAYOR

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CLERK