

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 16th day of October, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor James McLean (Virtual), Councillor Ralph Moore, Councillor Bill Neilson and Councillor Ruth Plowright were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and Kaitlin Dinnick, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator were also present. Mayor White presided and called the meeting to order.

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

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayor White shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Announcements

Councillor Plowright advised that the next event at the Horning's Mills Hall is a Pop-up Pub Night with a band, darts and cards on October 25th at 7 p.m. and provided an update on booking availability for rentals at the Hall.

Councillor Neilson advised that the next meeting for Strada Aggregates discussions is on October 18th at the Mulmur Township Office (Basement) host by Mono Mulmur Citizens' Coalition.

Additions

Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk:

- 1) Email from Kaitlin DeVore – Request for Speed Limit Reduction on County Rd 17
- 2) By-law to Delegate Site Plan Approval to Staff
- 3) Draft Town Hall Meeting Agenda

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 October 2, 2025 Council Meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

None.

Public Works

2025-2026 Winter Operations Plan

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright, that Council adopt the Township of Melancthon Winter Operations Planning Document for the Winter Season 2025-2026 as presented. Carried.

Councillor Neilson asked when the start date of the Winter Plan is and Staff advised it starts December 1st, 2025.

Other

Addition: Email from Kaitlin DeVore – Request for Speed Limit Reduction on County Road 17

Council discussed the email in length and Staff were directed to send the email to the County of Dufferin, the Infrastructure and Emergency Management Committee for and the 3M Police Service Board for further discussion. It was discussed that the Township could put the Black Cat Radar out to collect data.

Planning

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Climate Change Initiatives

None.

Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur

Al Blundell, Chair of the 3M Police Service Board provided Council with an update.

County Council Update

Deputy Mayor McLean provided an update on last weeks County Council Meeting.

Correspondence

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board – May 20, 2025
2. Heritage Advisory Committee – September 8, 2025
3. Infrastructure & Emergency Management Committee – September 11, 2025

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

Items for Information Purposes

1. Dufferin County Resolution Regarding the Challenges of Growth, Tariffs and Economies
2. Letter from the Office of the Solicitor General Regarding the Review of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Cost Recovery Model
3. Dufferin County Media Release – Important Changes Coming to 9-1-1 Medical Call Dispatch in Dufferin County
4. Township of Southgate Resolution Regarding the Consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion
5. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority September 2025 Board Meeting Highlights
6. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Media Release - NCVA's 2026 Proposes Leaner and More Efficient Budget
7. Letter from the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks Regarding the Transition of the Blue Box System to a Producer Responsibility Organization
8. Ministry of Environment – Notification of Application for Permit to Take Water at 437159 4th Line, Melancthon – Strada Aggregates Inc.

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore, that correspondence items 1-8, for information purposes, be received as information, except for items 1,3,6,& 8, pulled for further discussion. Carried.

Councillor Moore spoke to Items 1, 3, and 6.

Councillor Neilson spoke to Item 8. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk advised that our hydrogeologist will be reviewing this application to provide the Township with comments, and the Township will be requesting an extension to the deadline. If the extension is not granted than the Township will file an objection until we receive peer reviewer comments.

General Business

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

By-law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement Between the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon and Strada Aggregates Inc./ Strada Financial Inc. – Cost Recovery Agreement

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright, that leave be given to introduce a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon and Strada Aggregates Inc./Strada Financial Inc. and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 34-2025. Carried.

Addition – By-law to Delegate Site Plan Approval Authority to Staff

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright, that leave be given to introduce a By-law to Delegate Site Plan Approval Authority to Staff and it be hereby read a first and second time and numbered 35-2025. Carried.

New/Other Business/Additions

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – Draft 2026 Business Plan and Budget Booklet

Council discussion ensued on this item.

Proclamation – November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month & November 25th is International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Mayor White shared the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month and November 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and

WHEREAS violence is the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals. Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 31 femicides in Ontario since November 26th, 2024; and

Whereas 37 different cities and towns in Ontario had a femicide occur in their community last year; and

WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian and South East Asian women and girls continue to experience high rates of violence, including femicide; and

WHEREAS men's violence has taken the lives of women and girls across the lifespan with femicide victims in the 2023/24 femicide list ranging between the ages of 2 months old to 89 years old; and

WHEREAS this month and throughout the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, we acknowledge our community's support of the Wrapped in Courage campaign and commitment to ending gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for greater investment and action to end gender-based violence in our community and throughout Ontario by all three levels of Government; and

WHEREAS a Wrapped in Courage Campaign flag will be raised during Woman Abuse Prevention Month in recognition that the courage of a woman alone is not enough, it takes an entire community to end gender-based violence; and

Now, therefore, I, Mayor Darren White, on behalf of the Council of the Township of Melancthon proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2025 shall be known as "The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women" and urge all citizens to recognize this day by taking action to support survivors and becoming part of Ontario wide efforts to end gender-based violence.

Report from Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer – Request for Financial Assistance: Ice Storm March 28th, 2025

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Moore, that Whereas, the Township of Melancthon has eligible costs directly linked to the March 2025 ice storm, the council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon hereby requests assistance under the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance program.

Further that Sarah Culshaw – Treasurer is given delegated authority to verify and attest to the accuracy of the attached application package. Carried.

Remuneration for Meetings that are not Board or Committee Meetings (Deputy Mayor McLean)

Deputy Mayor McLean spoke to this item. Staff were directed to put this on the next Committee of the Whole Agenda for further discussion.

Recognition of a Heroic Act on October 5, 2025 (Councillor Moore)

Councillor Moore spoke to an event that took place at the North Dufferin Community Centre where someone had a cardiac episode and three community members stepped up and assisted. Township of Mulmur is going to be recognizing these individuals at their next Council meeting.

Addition

Draft Town Hall Meeting Agenda

Council discussed changing the format of the meeting so that the Trillium Grant Recognition is completely separate from the Town Hall meeting. Staff will amend the draft agenda.

Unfinished Business

Six Nations of the Grand River Political Liaison Meetings - November 24, 2025

It was discussed that Council will attend this delegation virtually at the Township Office in the Council Chambers and during the delegation Council will request a date to go to the Six Nations of the Grand River in person and spend the day with their Council.

Reports/Updates from Members of Council & Administrative Staff

Denise Holmes CAO/Clerk – Administration Updates

Denise advised Council that the Heritage Tab has been created on the Township Website to showcase the projects that the Heritage Advisory Committee has been working on.

Delegations

5:30 p.m. – Larry Taman and Jim Funston on behalf of Melancthon Against Quarries – Presentation to Council (please refer to Delegation Request Form in the Agenda package)

Larry Taman and Sherri Webster spoke on behalf of Melancthon against Quarries and had three requests for Council which were discussed at length. Council engaged in conversation with the delegates following the delegation.

Closed Session

None.

Third Reading of By-laws

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright, that By-laws 34-2025 and 35-2025 now be read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and engrossed in the By-law Book. Carried.

Notice of Motion

None.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Neilson, 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 October 16, 2025 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 36-2025. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Moore, Seconded by Plowright, that Council adjourn this meeting at 6:59 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK