

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

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Deputy Mayor James McLean, Councillor Bill Neilson, and Councillor Ruth Plowright were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, and Kaitlin Dinnick, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator, were also present. Councillor Ralph Moore was absent with prior notice given. 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 Easter at the Horning's Mills Hall is on Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m.

Mayor White advised that he will be presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Captain Andrew Horvath for his Retirement from the Canadian Armed Forces on behalf of Council after the Council Meeting tonight.

### **Additions**

Mayor White – Red Bridge Discussion

### **Deletions**

None.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson**, 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 McLean, Seconded by Neilson**, that Council approve the minutes of the March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Council Meeting as circulated. Carried.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

North of 89 Alliance Cobstock

Township Staff advised that North of 89 Alliance had reached out asking what the security requirements were for Cobstock. Council advised that they follow the security requirements in their special occasions permit and to have volunteers at the entrances/exits only on the days where alcohol will be served.

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

None.

### **Public Question Period**

None.

### **Public Works**

Accounts ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 & March 2026

**Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson**, that Council receive the Public Works Accounts Ending December 31, 2025 and March 2026 as presented. Carried.

Other

None.

### **Planning**

Applications to Permit

There were no questions about the applications on the spreadsheet.

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**

Deputy Mayor McLean provided Council with a County Council Update.

### **Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes**

1. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board – January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026
2. Heritage Advisory Committee – January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026
3. Parks & Recreation Board – February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

**Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright**, that Council receive the Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes Items 1-3 as information. Carried.

### **Items for Information Purposes**

1. County of Dufferin – Notice of Public Meeting for Application to Amend County of Dufferin Official Plan – 476420 3<sup>rd</sup> Line, Melancthon (Chipwoods Park)
2. Town of Shelburne – Increased Capacity of the Town of Shelburne’s Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) – Notice of Completion – Correction

3. Niagara Escarpment Commission – Approval of Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment PC 225 22 – Agricultural Policies Amendment
4. Township of Amaranth – Resolution regarding Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex Board

**Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright**, that correspondence items 1-4, for information purposes, be received as information, except for items 1 & 4, pulled for further discussion. Carried.

Councillor Neilson spoke to item 1. Councillor Plowright and Deputy Mayor McLean asked questions regarding the public meeting.

Deputy Mayor McLean and Councillor Plowright spoke to item 4.

### **General Business**

#### **Accounts ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 & March 2026**

**Moved by McLean, Seconded by Plowright**, that Council receive the General Accounts Ending December 31, 2025 and March 2026 as presented. Carried.

#### **Notice of Intent to Pass By-law**

None.

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

##### Others/Additions

##### Mayor White – Red Bridge Discussion

Mayor White addressed Council regarding concerns about the condition of the Red Bridge. He requested Council's approval for himself and Deputy Mayor McLean to formally communicate these concerns and advocate for Grey County and Dufferin County to initiate discussions on the removal of the bridge, as well as to include the structure on Melancthon–Southgate Townline in those discussions.

#### **Unfinished Business**

##### Email From Debra Jones regarding Proposal to the Township of Melancthon for Implementation for a Free Online Business Directory for Dufferin County

Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk advised that she has had a resident reach out willing to help with this and advised that this might be something that the administrative summer student could take on.

##### Amendments to the Township Salvage Yard By-law 56-2019 (Mayor White)

This item was deferred.

##### Report from Deputy Mayor McLean – Remuneration Report for Council

Deputy Mayor McLean advised that a Staff Report would be in the next agenda package.

##### Town Hall Meeting April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Topics

Deputy Mayor McLean advised that he would like Road Safety added to the agenda for the Town Hall Meeting. Council would also like to see an item regarding the future of Parks and Recreation in the Township.

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

Denise Holmes, CAO Clerk – TAMPO Update

Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk advised Council that TAMPO will be attending the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Council meeting.

**Delegations**

None.

**Third Reading of By-laws**

None.

**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 April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 18-2026. Carried.

**Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting**

**Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean**, that Council adjourn this meeting at 5:30 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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MAYOR

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CLERK