

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 4th day of June, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Darren White, Councillor Bill Neilson and Councillor Ruth Plowright were present. Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, and Becky Cunningham, Administration and Finance Assistant, were also present. Absent was Deputy Mayor James McLean with prior notice. 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

None

Additions

None

Deletions

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright, that Council approve the Agenda as circulated. 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 Plowright, Seconded by Neilson, that Council approve the minutes of the May 21st, 2026 Council Meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

Natural Heritage Peer Review of 2025 Strada Bonnefield Biological Survey Results

The CAO/Clerk provided Council with an update on the cost to have the Natural Heritage Peer Reviewers review the 2025 Strada Bonnefield Biological Survey Results and provide comments. Council directed staff to proceed with having the review completed.

Shelburne Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron – Request for Financial Support for Costs Associates with Annual Parade

Councillor Plowright advised that the CDRC Board discussed the matter and has decided to offer the Squadron the use of the arena in exchange of services.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

During the Public Question Harvey Lyon asked the status of the review of the Official Plan. The CAO/Clerk advised that it is still in process, the open house was held and the meeting date for the statutory public meeting had not been set, once it has it will be posted on the website.

Public Works

Accounts

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright, that Council receive the Public Works Accounts as presented. Carried.

Other

Nothing for this matter

Planning

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

Chair Blundel provided Council with an update from the May 27th, 2026 3M Meeting.

County Council Update

County of Dufferin – County Council Highlights May 14th, 2026

Nothing to report

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

1. Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board Minutes – May 18, 2026
2. Melancthon Parks and Recreation Board – April 27, 2026
3. Shelburne Public Library Board April 28, 2026

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

Councillor Plowright raised concerns about new audit requirements for boards.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Town of Shelburne Resolution – Opposition to Bill 97

2. RJ Burnside and Associates – Drainage Superintendent Services – January 1 – March 26, 2026
3. Letter from Sylvia Jones, MPP regarding Police Record Checks
4. Letter from Ministry of the Attorney General regarding Follow-up to “Tailgate Event” Permits
5. Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department 2025 Annual Report
6. GRCA – Consolidation of Cas – Transition Committees
7. Hon. Robert J. Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs Letter to the Town of Caledon regarding the Town’s Official Plan Amendment 1

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright, that correspondence items 1-7, for information purposes, be received as information, except for items 4&7, pulled for further discussion. Carried

Tailgate Event Permits-

Councillor Plowright suggested that when the Township is drafting the Municipal Alcohol and Drug Policy, they include Tailgate Events as well.

Hon. Robert J. Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs Letter to the Town of Caledon regarding the Town’s Official Plan Amendment 1

Councillor Neilson spoke to the matter.

Items for Council Action

1. Niagara Escarpment Commission Request for Comments – APP-2026-00101 – 518693 County Road 124

There are no comments from the Township Planning Department on this application.

2. Resignation of Sue Shier from the Horning’s Mills Community Hall Board

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson, That we accept, with regret, the resignation of Sue Shier from the Horning’s Mills Community Hall Board and thank her for her service on the Board. Carried.

General Business

Accounts

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

New/Other Business/Additions

None.

Unfinished Business

Councillor Ralph Moore Resignation from Council

Motion to declare seat vacant

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson WHEREAS on May 13, 2026 the CAO/Clerk of the Township of Melancthon received written notification from Councillor Ralph Moore of his resignation from Council, effective June 1, 2026;

AND WHEREAS Council accepts Mr. Moore's resignation and wishes to express its sincere appreciation for his years of service and dedication to the Township of Melancthon, including his contributions to the various Boards and Committees on which he served;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 262(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, the Council of the Township of Melancthon hereby declares the Office of Councillor vacant. Carried.

Legal Opinion from Stephen Christie regarding filling the Vacancy – Discussion & Direction

Council discussed options to fill the seat or leave it open. This was deferred until all of Council is available to discuss.

Comments from Bret Lemieux, Bluewater Geoscience Consultants Inc. regarding his review of the Shelburne Strada, Annual Compliance Report

Mayor White advised he has requested a call from the Premier to discuss the matter.

Councillor Neilson requested the comments be sent to the Township's legal team, Kyle Seeback MP, Sylvia Jones MPP, and the County of Dufferin and the Ministry of the Environment and expressed his concerns on the matter.

Direction was given to send a letter to the Ministry demanding that the Ministry of Environment take immediate actions to suspend Strada's Permit to Take Water and have a Ministry Compliance Officer go do an immediate inspection and that a Report be sent to Council as soon as possible.

Further discussion in closed session with our Solicitors on this matter.

Strada did provide a letter in response to Mr. Lemieux's letter, and it will be in the next Agenda package.

TAMPO Membership (Councillor Plowright)

Councillor Plowright spoke to the matter and requested the Township join TAMPO.

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson, that Council approves the Township of Melancthon joining TAMPO and authorizes the payment of any applicable membership fees. Carried

Amendment to the Township Salvage Yard By-law (Mayor White)

Nothing new for this matter it was deferred.

An update on progress of the work at Northen Iron and Metal was given.

Melancthon Township Business Directory

Deferred.

Reports/Updates from Members of Council & Administrative Staff

Councillor Neilson gave an update from the Shelburne and District Fire Board meeting held on June 2, 2026.

Delegations

6:00 p.m. – David Germain, Thomson Rogers and David Donnelly, Donnelly Law, Township Solicitors regarding the Strada Aggregates Applications

This Delegation was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. as Council was ahead of schedule it was moved up to 6:00 p.m. This Delegation took place in Closed Session.

Closed Session

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson, that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 6:00p.m. pursuant Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reasons: (f) – Advice that is subject to Solicitor-Client Privilege – Strada Aggregates Applications and By-law Complaint Matter update. Carried.

Rise With or Without Report from Closed Session

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright, that Council rise at 7:04 p.m. with Report. Carried.

The report being the directions given to Staff in Closed Session.

During the meeting, Council took a break at 5:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Notice of Motion

None.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright, 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 June 4th, 2026 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 28-2026. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by Neilson, that Council adjourn this meeting at 7:05 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, June 18th, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

MAYOR

CLERK