



2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Electors in the Township of Melancthon will be voting electronically, by internet or telephone, in the 2026 Municipal Election. Voting will commence on Friday, October 16, 2026 at 10:00 am to Monday, October 26, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. Vote from any touch-tone telephone, cell phone, computer or other device connected to the internet. A Voter Information Letter will be mailed to residents directly in October, providing them with a Personal Identification Number (PIN) which will allow them to vote 24 hours a day during the voting period from any touch-tone telephone, cell phone, computer or other device connected to the internet.

ARE YOU ON THE VOTER'S LIST??? Contact the Township Office to make sure you are on the list!

Want to Run for Council?

You can file your **Nomination Form** in the Clerk's Office starting **Friday, May 1, 2026**, right up until **2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2026**.

 **Election Day: Monday, October 26, 2026**

Keep an eye on the Township website under **Council** → **Election** for updates and important details as we get closer to voting time.

Township of Melancthon 2027 Tree Seedling Program

The Township of Melancthon, in partnership with the **Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA)**, is pleased to offer a **Tree Seedling Program** for Spring 2027 distribution.

If you're interested in ordering seedlings, be sure to **submit your order form to the Township Office by November 16, 2026**.



 **Order forms and full program details will be available on our website by October 15, 2026.**

 **Visit:** melancthontownship.ca

 **Order Deadline:** November 17, 2026

Dog Tags & Responsible Pet Ownership

Dog tags help pets get home safely and quickly if they wander off. Residents are reminded that all dogs must be properly licensed and under the control of their owners at all times. Please remember that owners are responsible for any costs associated with dogs running at large, including impound or enforcement fees, which may be billed back to the owner.

If you find a dog at large:

-  During office hours — please contact the Municipal Office 519-925-5525
-  After hours — contact AgapiK9 at 519-942-1508 – please leave a message if no one answers and they will return your call. Please note that after-hours pickup may not always be immediately available overnight.



TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

2026 FALL WINTER NEWSLETTER

Address: 157101 Highway 10, Melancthon, Ontario L9V 2E6

Telephone: (519) 925-5525 **Fax:** (519) 925-1110

Email: info@melancthontownship.ca

Website: www.melancthontownship.ca

Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Office is Closed Statutory Holidays and Fridays during the month of August, including the Friday before Labour Day, if the Friday falls in September). Please note the Office will be open on Friday, August 21st as it is an Election year and that is Nomination Day.

Please Sign up for the Township email list – go to the Township website and at the top of the page, click on "sign up for Municipal News" and follow the directions and like us on Facebook.

Property Tax Billing by Email is Now Available

We're excited to share that you now have the option to receive your property tax bills **electronically**—straight to your email inbox!   The Form can be found under the Treasury Tab on the Township's Website. If you would like to sign up, please fill out the form and send it to info@melancthontownship.ca

Melancthon Council Award for Community Leadership

The Melancthon Council Award for Community Leadership is presented to a Melancthon resident who has made exceptional and outstanding contributions to the well-being of their community.

Congratulations to this year's recipients, **Janet Burke & Sheila Hardy**. The Award was presented to Ms. Burke & Ms. Hardy, at the Horning's Mills Community Park on June 20th, 2026, as part of the Melancthon Day Festivities.



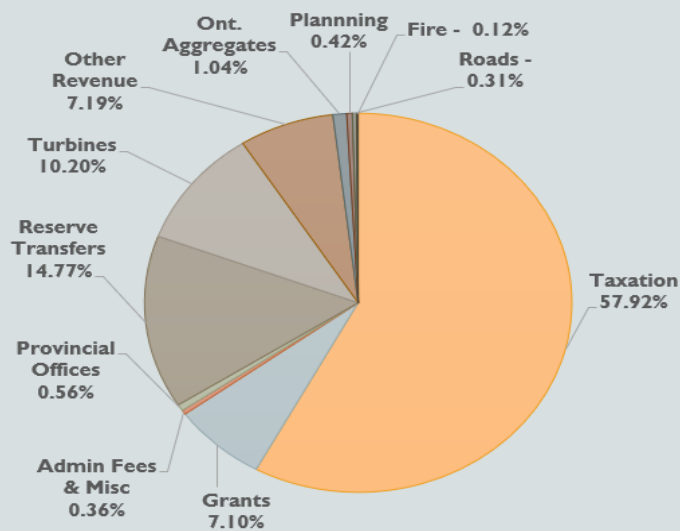
Melancthon Day 2026

To mark Melancthon's 173rd birthday, the festivities began with a lively BBQ at Corbetton Park on Friday, June 19th. The fun continued on Saturday, June 20th with family-friendly events at Horning's Mills Park, and the weekend wrapped up on a delicious note with Breakfast in Riverview on Sunday, June 21st. **Thank you to all of our Melancthon Day Volunteers for making Melancthon Day a huge success!!**

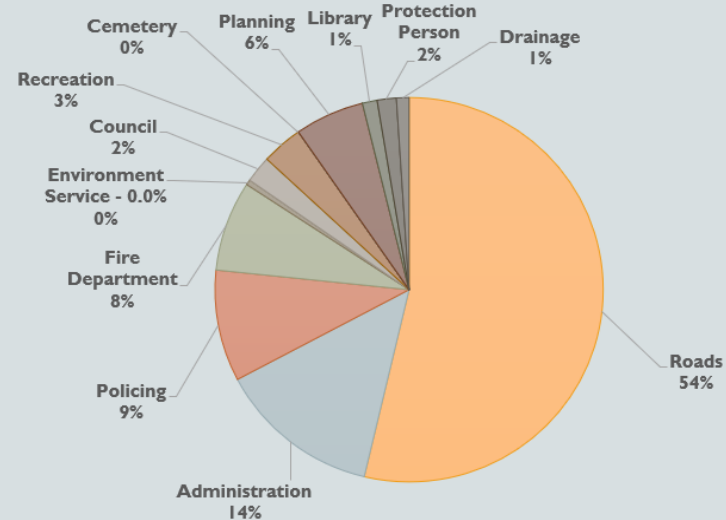


2026 Budget Bits & Highlights

2026 Revenue breakdown



2026 Expense Breakdown



2026 Budget Release

Council has officially approved the **2026 Municipal Budget**, with:

- **Total Expenses:** \$6,454,442
- **Total Revenues:** \$2,749,782
- **Amount to be Raised through Taxation:** \$3,704,660

Capital Projects for 2026

The budget includes several key infrastructure and equipment investments:

- **Pulverize and Pave** – approximately a 2km section of 7th Line SW from 077152 to .5kms South of 270 Sideroad
- Refinishing **Argyle Street** in Corbetton
- **Paved Shoulders** in Horning's Mills at the South End of the Village
- Addition of a **tractor** to the municipal fleet (was budgeted for in 2025)

These capital projects are partially funded through:

- The **Canada Community-Building Fund** (formerly the Gas Tax Fund) – Thank you to the Federal Government
- The **Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)** – *Thank you to the Provincial Government*

Community Contributions

Council wishes to sincerely acknowledge the support of our community partners:

- **TransAlta, Plateau Wind, and Dufferin Wind Power**
Their Community Contributions, provided through wind project developments, have been included in the 2026 Budget to help fund initiatives that improve the quality of life for all residents.
- **Strada Aggregates Inc.**
Thank you for your generous **Community Development Contribution** in support of **Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank**.

Protect What Matters — Be Battery Safe!

From toys and tools to laptops and smoke detectors, batteries help power our everyday lives. But when batteries are thrown in the garbage or recycling bin, they can become a serious fire risk. That's why Melancthon Township partnered with Call2Recycle and the Recycle Your Batteries, Canada! program to help keep our community safe and environmentally friendly. ♻️

Find a battery drop-off location or learn more at RecycleYourBatteries.ca/battery-safety/. Battery drop-off is available at the Township Office.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT IS AVAILABLE!

Visit the Township website to complete the form. We offer a Due Date Plan or Monthly Plan

For questions or assistance, contact the Tax Department.



Promote Your Business in the Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT) Business Directory

The **DBOT Business Directory** provides a **free opportunity** for businesses to promote their products and services to residents and visitors across Dufferin County.

The directory is a self-serve platform, allowing businesses to create and manage their own listings and keep their information up to date. The Township encourages local businesses to take advantage of this valuable resource and add their business to the directory today.

Get Started

Create your listing:

<https://business.dufferinbot.ca/member/newmemberapp/?clearcache=1>

Update an existing listing:

<https://business.dufferinbot.ca/login/> and login into your account.

View the directory:

<https://business.dufferinbot.ca/list>

The Township Public Works Department has been hard at work completing much-needed improvements to the Horning's Mills Cemetery. The Caretaker Building has been repaired, painted, and updated with new windows, giving the building a clean and refreshed new look. Upgrades have also been made to the cemetery road, and repairs to tombstones throughout the cemetery are ongoing.



Books are just the beginning! Free entry by using your Library Card

Borrow a pass today and get free entry to the MOD, the ROM, Ontario Parks, and Credit Valley Conservation Parks.



Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank – Senior's Market

The Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank is hopefully to continue the Senior's Market Next Year from May to October on **the last Thursday of each month** at the **Melancthon Township parking lot!** Please donate to your local foodbank to support those in need.

Phone: 519-925-2600 Ext. 350

Email: shelburnefoodbank@gmail.com

Website: shelburnefoodbank.ca

Helping our seniors access fresh, healthy food—close to home. ❤️