CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon held a hybrid meeting on the 15th day of October, 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. 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 Harvest Dinner and Comedy Show is this Saturday at the Horning's Mills Hall and that tickets for the Comedy Show are still available for purchase.

Additions

Quote from Shannon Catton, North-South Environmental regarding comments on the Strada Monitoring Report Response (Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk)

Nuisance Beaver Program (Deputy Mayor McLean)

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 Neilson, Seconded by Plowright, that Council approve the minutes of the September 24th, 2026 Special Council Meeting and October 1st Council Meeting as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

Township of Clearview – NEC Comment Request for Duntroon Quarry

Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk advised that she reached out to the Township of Clearview regarding their position on the Duntroon Quarry Application that the NEC was requesting comments on. The Township of Clearview advised that an Official Plan Amendment Application will need to be filed with them and that they have not made comment on the NEC application.

Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege

None.

Public Question Period

None.

Public Works

Report from Kaitlin Dinnick, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator – Horning's Mills Paved Shoulder Update

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson, that Council receive the Report of Kaitlin Dinnick, Deputy Clerk/ Planning Coordinator dated October 15th, 2026, entitled Horning's Mills Paved Shoulder Update; AND THAT Council authorize the additional asphalt repair and resurfacing work identified as Option 2, at an additional cost of $31,534.80 plus applicable HST, for a total project cost of $102,410.37 plus applicable HST. Carried.

Staff were directed to bring back information regarding potential savings on the Argyle Street Road Project to the next Council meeting.

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Planning

Other

Nothing for this matter.

Climate Change Initiatives

Nothing for this matter.

Dufferin OPP Detachment Board – Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur

Letter to Council from the 3M Police Service Board regarding Concerns Related to E-Scooters

Al Blundell, Chair of the 3M Police Service Board spoke to the letter and concerns regarding E-Scooters. Mr. Blundell provided Council with the Thanksgiving Long Weekend Statistics.

County Council Update

Deputy Mayor McLean provided Council with an update on County Council. Mayor White advised that there will not be any more County Council meetings this term.

Committee/Board Reports & Recommendations

Nothing for this.

Board, Committee & Working Group Minutes

Nothing for this.

Items for Information Purposes

1. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – Media Release – NVCA to Focus on Service Excellence and Watershed Leadership while Preparing for Transition to Regional Conservation Authority
2. Grand River Conservation Authority – Summary of the General Membership Meeting – September 25th, 2026

3. Shelburne Food Bank – Granted Charitable Status by the Canada Revenue Agency as of August 2026
4. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks – Issuance of Permit to Take Water No. 8115-DY2LPA for Strada Aggregates Inc. for the Shelburne South Pit
5. Town of Shelburne – Letter from Council of the Town of Shelburne to the Council of the Township of Amaranth regarding the CDRC Board of Management

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Plowright, that correspondence items 1-5, for information purposes, be received as information, except for items 3, 4 & 5, pulled for further discussion. Carried.

Councillor Neilson spoke to item 3.

Councillor Neilson spoke to item 4. Councillor Plowright, Mayor White and Deputy Mayor McLean also spoke to item 4. Staff were directed to circulate this item to all Dufferin Municipalities and the other Municipalities that Council delegated to.

Deputy Mayor McLean spoke to item 5. Councillor Plowright spoke to this item as she was at the CDRC Board of Management meetings.

General Business

Notice of Intent to Pass By-law

None.

New/Other Business/Additions

Invitation to Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition, to visit Melancthon/Dufferin County – Discussion and Direction

Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk provided Council with an update regarding this item and asked if Council would like Ms. Stiles to attend this term of Council or next as November 5th is potentially available. Council agreed that Ms. Stiles visit can be within either term of Council, but they want to be able to provide at least 2 weeks notice of the meeting to ensure the public is aware. Denise will advise if the November 5th date gets confirmed.

Quote from Shannon Catton, North-South Environmental regarding comments on the Strada Monitoring Report Response (Denise Holmes)

Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk advised that Ms. Catton requires additional funding in order to review the new comments from Strada. Staff were directed to advise Ms. Catton to proceed with the review and passed the following motion:

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson, that Council accepts the Quote from Shannon Catton, Norther-South Environmental for $3084.9, plus HST and that the funds be taken out of the Quarry Reserve Fund. Carried.

Nuisance Beaver Program (Deputy Mayor McLean)

Deputy Mayor McLean advised that County Council made the decision for the lower-tier municipalities to be responsible for the Nuisance Beave Program starting in 2027. Staff were directed to put this on the first Committee of the Whole Meeting for the new term of Council to discuss. Staff were further directed to provide the Committee with a breakdown of the existing program.

Unfinished Business

Reports/Updates from Members of Council & Administrative Staff

None.

Delegations

5:45 p.m. – Ajeet Pal Singh Sran – Purpose of Delegation – 1. To Review the Drainage Bill which was (is) more than the estimate given; 2. To request to wave the fire department invoice

Mr. Sran was not in attendance for his delegation.

Council took a break at 5:45pm and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

Committee of Adjustment

6:00 p.m. – Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson, that Council adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and go into Committee of Adjustment and reconvene as Council. Carried.

6:15 p.m. – Chris Johnston, By-law Enforcement Officer – By-law Enforcement File Update – this Delegation will be held in Closed Session due to Section 239(2) – (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and (e) – litigation or potential litigation.

This item took place in closed session.

Closed Session

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean, that Council move into a Closed Session Meeting at 6:14 p.m. pursuant Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reasons; (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and (e) – litigation or potential litigation. Carried.

Rise With or Without Report from Closed Session

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean, that Council rise at 7:20 p.m. with Report. Carried.

The report being directives to staff.

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 October 15st, 2026 and it be given the required number of readings and numbered 44-2026. Carried.

Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean, that Council adjourn this meeting at 7:21 p.m., to meet again on Thursday, November 5th, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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MAYOR CLERK