



Official newsletter of Mulmur Township



Mayor's Message

THANKFUL

Many of us spent our Thanksgiving with a small family group and a tiny turkey. I had never cooked such a small bird and we still had lots of leftovers! We talked about the things that we were thankful for - good health, food to eat, family, challenging work and friends. We also talked briefly about the winter ahead and what lies in store for our economy as the virus continues to spread when more of our activities move indoors. Our view ahead was not as positive as our reflection had been.

Mulmur families use the services of many small businesses located in the township and nearby. On the Mulmur-Melanchton Facebook page, long term and new-to-Mulmur residents ask questions about everything from local internet suppliers, pickling supplies, dog groomers, firewood to tutoring. These are the local small businesses that will need your support as winter arrives. Please make sure to buy from them when you can.

The County released the results of a study that they conducted in August and September with Dufferin's business community. Year to year sales are down in some industries but those businesses that have been able to pivot to online sales, different selling models, new product lines are actually seeing an increase in sales. [Insert link to study here.](#) Good internet will be essential for our Mulmur businesses to participate in our "Post Covid economy".

We are thankful that Mulmur was fortunate to be the recipient of 2 projects to bring fibre to the township in the latest round of Swift funding. We are meeting this month with AhTel!, the Internet Service Provider that was one of the successful bidders in Mulmur. The great irony is that the owner of AhTel! was familiar with Mulmur and chose to bid on the work because he has been a long time motorcycle rider on River Road. We are thankful!

Details & Updates

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

DRAFT RECREATIONAL MASTER PLAN

Sierra Planning has presented the first draft of a Recreational Master Plan at the September Council Meeting. If you would like to review the draft Plan, it is available for your review at mulmur.ca.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

A Recreation Master Plan: Feedback Questionnaire, will be released shortly. We want to know your comments and priorities, in order to invest in the right recreation for Mulmur residents.

If you have any questions, please contact the Municipal Office at 705.466.3341 ext.234

MANSFIELD SKI CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Mansfield Ski Club most recent submission has been peer reviewed by the agencies and review team. The Township has provided comments back to the applicant. A summary of the Pine River Chalet resident group delegation and the Township response to their questions and concerns will be included on the website under current proposals once complete. A draft site plan agreement is anticipated to be brought to council in early 2021.

2020 WATER RATE STUDY AND FINANCIAL PLAN

A draft Township of Mulmur 2020 Water Rate Study and O. Reg. 453/07 Financial Plan was presented at the October 7 Council Meeting by Watson and Associates.

Council will be considering a rate structure that includes a Base Charge and Constant Rate (per m³ of water consumption with a 20-year phase-in funding for annual lifecycle costs. The final report and financial plan will be presented at the **November 4th** Council meeting.

SHEPHERD'S CUPBOARD FOODBANK

Council made a \$500 donation to the Foodbank to help during COVID-19. Your continued support and donations are greatly appreciated. Please consider donating directly to the Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank.

DUFFERIN FOUNDATION GRANT

Mulmur Council is pleased to have approved a Mulmur Community Foundation Agreement. This exciting news will provide a means for Mulmur residents to donate funds to the Mulmur Community Foundation so that funds can be given out to people and/or projects within Mulmur Township. All donations will receive tax receipts. The new Mulmur Community Foundation is part of the larger Dufferin Community Foundation Grant and is a great way to give back to the community.

COVID- 19 UPDATE

A COVID-19 Assessment Centre is located at 140 Rolling Hills in Orangeville. Please note, this Assessment Centre is by appointment only. Follow @HeadwatersHCC on Facebook and the headwatershealth.ca website for the latest information on appointments and capacity. Please see <https://www.dufferincounty.ca/resident-updates> for important COVID-19 Resources and Information for Residents,

SPECIAL EVENTS BY-LAW REVISIONS

Please be advised that Council is reviewing the Special Event Permit By-law and considering amendments to the by-law in conjunction with the Noise By-law. A revised by-law will be brought forward at a future meeting

Next Council Meeting November 4th, 2020

9am on Zoom