



Council Minutes February 4, 2026 – 9:00 AM

Council Present: Mayor Horner, Deputy Mayor Hawkins, Councillors Clark Cunningham and Lyon

Staff Present: Tracey Atkinson, Heather Boston, Roseann Knechtel, Chris Wolnik

1.0 Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting upon the traditional Indigenous lands of the Tionontati (Petun) and Treaty 18 territory of the Anishinaabe peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place and we also recognize the contributions Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening our community, province and country as a whole.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council approve the agenda.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That the minutes of January 14, 2026 are approved.

Carried.

5.0 Discussion Arising Out of the Minutes - None

6.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests - None

7.0 Public Question Period

Cheryl Russel inquired about when the residents affected by the Dufferin County Road transfers will be notified. Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure, confirmed the Township has received notice of the transfers occurring on June 1st and that the County is responsible for all notifications to residents.

8.0 Reports for Decision

8.1 Servicing Allocation Policy

Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure, presented the draft servicing allocation policy, confirming that the policy does not affect developments that have already received approval or where allocation is detailed in a separate agreement. Council discussed water capacity in Mansfield, and the impacts current developments will have on the system's capacity.

Direction was given to make the necessary updates for approval at the next meeting.

8.2 Recreation Master Plan Update Discussion

Council discussed past, current and future recreational opportunities, providing the following comments on the 2026 Recreation Master Plan Update and the following parks:

- Honeywood Community Memorial Park
- North Dufferin Community Centre
- Violet Hill Parkland
- Thomson Trail Park
- Maes Cres. Park
- Mansfield Community Park
- The Fields Estates
- Terra Nova Municipal Lands
- Other Considerations

Council recessed at 10:43 a.m. and returned at 10:54 a.m.

9.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

9.1 Dufferin County Council Minutes: December 11, 2025

9.2 Dufferin County Council Minutes: January 8, 2026

9.3 Dufferin County Council Minutes and Highlights: January 22, 2026

9.4 Economic Development Committee Minutes: January 8, 2026

9.5 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Minutes: January 21, 2026

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council receives the committee minutes and reports as copied and circulated.

Carried.

10.0 Information Items

- 10.1 Council Pregnancy and Parental Leave Policy Update**
- 10.2 2025 Annual Investment Report**
- 10.3 2025 Annual Development Charges Report**
- 10.4 2025 Council and Committee Renumeration Report**
- 10.5 2025 Procurement Report**
- 10.6 Dufferin County Road Transfer Notice**
- 10.7 Notice of Public Meeting: Z01-2026 Mujunen**
- 10.8 Adjala-Tosorontio Official Plan Notice**
- 10.9 CryNot Proclamation Request**

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

Whereas, the Rotary Club of Orangeville and Compass Community Church formed a volunteer-driven group called CryNot (Compass Rotary Youth - No Trafficking) to raise awareness and promote education about the threat of human trafficking in our area; and

Whereas, the mission of CryNot is to reduce and eliminate human trafficking by raising awareness, fostering collaboration among like groups and organizations, education, and equipping responsible adults with connections and resources available to defeat the Human Trafficking threat;

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Janet Horner, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2026, as "Human Trafficking Prevention Awareness Day" in the Township of Mulmur.

Carried.

- 10.10 City of Peterborough: Sustainable Police Funding**
- 10.11 Dufferin County: Scrap Tire Resolution**
- 10.12 Town of Fort Frances: Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program**
- 10.13 Town of Aylmer: Justice and Protection of Canada's Children**
- 10.14 Grenville OPP Detachment Board: School Bus Safety**
- 10.15 Northumberland County: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund**
- 10.16 Terra Nova Pickleball Court Correspondence**

Direction was given to respond and keep residents informed of the process moving forward.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council receives the information items as copied;

And that the following items be endorsed: 10.10, 10.11, 10.13, 10.14, 10.15.

Carried.

11.0 Closed Session

11.1 Fire Service Negotiations

11.2 Council Code of Conduct

11.3 Whitfield Church MOU

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council adjourn to closed session at 11:13 a.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for:

- two (2) matters related to a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board under section 239(2)(k); and
- one (1) matter related to a personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees under section 239(2)(b).

Carried.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council do rise out of closed session into open session at 12:41 p.m. with the following motion:

Whereas the Township of Mulmur desires stability in its fire budgeting and to secure sustainable fire services with the Town of Shelburne;

And whereas the Town of Shelburne intends to re-establish the provision of fire protection services as a direct municipal service of the Town, and the Township of Melancthon and Town of Shelburne have given notice of their withdrawal under the 1991 and 2019 agreements;

And whereas the Town of Shelburne has indicated a willingness to enter into a negotiated arrangement on a fee-for-service basis, and Mulmur is equally willing to further negotiate an agreement for the long-term stability of fire services;

And whereas the Township of Mulmur maintains that the 1991 Fire Protection Agreement is the governing agreement, notwithstanding the 2019 execution of an agreement, and out of an abundance of caution, the Township of Mulmur wishes to provide notice under the 2019 Fire Protection Agreement in the event that it is later determined that the 2019 agreement is the governing agreement;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. Without prejudice to the Township's position that the 1991 Fire Protection Agreement governs and without admission, the Township of Mulmur hereby gives written notice, effective February 28, 2026, of its intention to terminate its participation in the joint Fire Board in accordance with the requirements

under the 2019 Fire Protection Agreement, subject to entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Shelburne to enter into a fire protection services agreement;

2. This resolution and the notice hereby provided shall not be interpreted or relied upon as acknowledgment, concession, or confirmation that the 2019 Fire Protection Agreement governs, nor shall it derogate from the Township's position that the 1991 Fire Protection Agreement is the binding governing agreement.

Carried.

12.0 Items for Future Meetings

- 12.1 New Official Plan**
- 12.2 OPP Detachment Board Update (Councillor Cunningham)**
- 12.3 Circular Materials Blue Cart Recycling (Councillor Clark)**
- 12.4 Fire Department By-law Consistency**
- 12.5 Recycled Aggregates Report**

13.0 Passing of By-laws

- 13.1 2026 Final Tax Rate By-law**
- 13.2 Pregnancy and Parental Leaves for Members of Council By-law**
- 13.3 Confirmatory By-Law**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That By-laws 13.1 to 13.3 be approved.

Carried.

14.0 Adjournment

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council adjourns the meeting at 12:46 p.m. to meet again on March 4, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk