



Council Minutes February 5, 2025 – 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 9:00 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 Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council approve the agenda.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That the minutes of January 8, 2025 are approved.

Carried.

5.0 Discussion Arising out of the Minutes - None

6.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Deputy Mayor Hawkins declared pecuniary interest to item 14.2 Fence Viewer Appointing By-law.

7.0 Presentations

7.1 Bob Donaldson – Robert and Margaret Donaldson Family Foundation

Council welcomed Bob Donaldson, who presented a donation cheque to the Honeywood Arena Renovation Fund. Council thanked the Donaldson family for their generous donation and contributions to the community.

8.0 Public Question Period

Cheryl Russel asked how much funding Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department received through the Fire Marshal's Public Safety Council grant and what it will be used for.

Councillor Lyon confirmed the Department received \$1,041.88 in educational books and training materials to assist with firefighter certifications.

Cheryl Russel asked if the Mayor was in attendance at the Attorney General and Ministry of Transportation delegations made at the ROMA conference and what the outcomes were.

Mayor Horner confirmed she was in attendance for both delegations and that the Ministry of Transportation will be looking into solutions to address concerns on Highway 10 and the Shelburne By-pass.

Vivienne Bent asked that the Garden of Eden Road receive additional ice blading.

Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure, confirmed levels of service exceeded minimum maintenance standards and explained the plowing/ice blading techniques. Wolnik confirmed the Township is working with the Township of Clearview to address resident concerns.

Alison Miller thanked public works employees for their assistance and asked Council to reconsider reimbursement for the costs of the tow truck.

Council discussion ensued on plow routes and road agreements.

9.0 Reports for Decision

9.1 Honeywood Road Safety Report

Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure, noted actions taken to date and presented additional traffic and pedestrian safety options for consideration including paid duty enforcement, rumble strips, creating a community safety zone and installation of concrete planter barriers.

Council discussion ensued on County of Dufferin approval requirements, flashing crosswalks and timelines for completion.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council direct staff to investigate further the following options:

1. Work with OPP to determine the proposed patrolling schedule within the approved budget and assess the benefits of additional patrolling in this area;
2. Work with the County to implement a community safety zone throughout Honeywood;
3. Work with the County to further explore the feasibility of adding concrete planter barriers along CR21 to improve safety of pedestrians.

And that staff return to Council with concrete answers for implementation in the summer of 2025.

Carried.

9.2 Human Resource Policies and Delegated Authority for Office Closures

Heather Boston, Treasurer, presented a report seeking approval to change the Township's Human Resource Policies and Delegated Authority By-law to allow for office closures and staff to work from home during inclement weather.

Council discussion ensued on the impacts of office closures, operational efficiencies with limited staff, and equality across departments.

Direction was given to staff to provide greater clarity for arena closures.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council approve the Human Resource Policies as presented.

Carried.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Clark

That Council delegate the authority to the CAO to close Township facilities on June 30, 2025.

Carried.

Council recessed at 10:47 a.m. and returned at 10:57 a.m.

9.3 Environmental Education

Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure, proposed municipal conversations with Primrose Elementary School to gauge the desire for environmental programming.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council direct staff to work with Primrose Elementary School to assess interest and potentially develop and deliver an environmental education activity to one grade prior to the end of 2024-2025 school year.

Carried.

10.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

- 10.1 Dufferin County Council Minutes: December 12, 2024**
- 10.2 Dufferin County Council Minutes: January 6, 2025**
- 10.3 Dufferin County Council Minutes: January 9, 2025**
- 10.4 Shelburne & District Fire Board Minutes: December 3, 2024**
- 10.5 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Minutes: January 21, 2025**
- 10.6 Economic Development Committee Minutes: January 16, 2025**
- 10.7 Economic Development Committee: 2024 Annual Report**
- 10.8 Campaign Cabinet Update**
- 10.9 NVCA End of 2024 Business Minutes**
- 10.10 NVCA Minutes: January 2025**

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Lyon

That Council receives the Committee minutes and reports.

Carried.

11.0 Information Items

- 11.1 2024 Annual Statement of Development Charge Reserve Funds**
- 11.2 2024 Annual Investment Activity Report**
- 11.3 2024 Council and Committee Remuneration**
- 11.4 2024 Annual Procurement Report**
- 11.5 2024 Q4 Grant Report**

Direction was given to staff to include funding amounts in future reports.

- 11.6 2024 Q4 Planning Report**
- 11.7 OPP 2024 4th Quarter Report**

Council requested the Police Services Board provide greater information on victim services.

- 11.8 Alison Miller: Garden of Eden Correspondence**
- 11.9 Vivienne Bent: Garden of Eden Correspondence**
- 11.10 CryNot Proclamation Request: National Human Trafficking Awareness Day**

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 the Council of the Township of Mulmur, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2025, as "Human Trafficking Prevention Awareness Day" in the Township of Mulmur.

Carried.

- 11.11 Town of Shelburne: MTO Bypass Media Release**
- 11.12 County of Dufferin: Receipt of Fire Service Delivery Review Correspondence**
- 11.13 NVCA Opinion**
- 11.14 City of Peterborough: Bill 242**
- 11.15 County of Frontenac: Tile Drainage**
- 11.16 Northumberland County: Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development**
- 11.17 Town of Aylmer: Cycling Lanes**
- 11.18 Town of Halton Hills: Sovereignty of Canada**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council receives the information items;

And that Council direct staff to respond to resident correspondence as discussed;

And further that the following items be endorsed: 11.15, 11.16, 11.17, 11.18

Carried.

12.0 Closed Session

- 12.1 NDCC Agreement**
- 12.2 By-law Enforcement**

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council adjourn to closed session at 11:36 a.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for one (1) matters relating to a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations and one (1) matter related to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a municipal or local board employee under section 239(2)(b)(k).

Carried.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council do rise out of closed session into open session at 1:29 p.m. with the following motion:

That Council direct staff to proceed as discussed in closed session.

Carried.

13.0 Items for Future Meetings

- 13.1 Fire Service Delivery Review (March)**
- 13.2 The Fields Estates - Subdivision Draft Conditions**
- 13.3 Street Art Impacts / Results (Q3 2025)**
- 13.4 County Road 19 / County Road 17 Intersection**
- 13.5 Energy Retrofit LIC**
- 13.6 Speed Limits on County Road 19**

14.0 Passing of By-laws

- 14.1 Livestock Valuator Appointing By-law**
- 14.2 Fence Viewer Appointing By-law**
- 14.3 Delegated Authority By-law**
- 14.4 Confirmatory By-Law**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That By-Laws 14.1 be approved;

And that 14.3 be approved as amended.

Carried.

Deputy Mayor Hawkins declared pecuniary interest at 1:42 p.m. and left the room.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That By-Laws 14.2 and 14.4 be approved.

Carried.

Deputy Mayor Hawkins returned to the room at 1:43 p.m.

15.0 Adjournment

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

That Council adjourn the meeting at 1:43 p.m. to meet again on March 5, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk