



**Council Minutes
March 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 9:02 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 Cunningham

That Council approve the agenda.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That the minutes of February 4, 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 the use of recycled aggregates in 2026 capital projects. Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure confirmed a report to Council is anticipated.

8.0 Presentations

8.1 2025 Mansfield Water Annual Report

Council welcomed Joe Miedema, P. Eng. General Manager of Dufferin Water Co. Ltd., who presented the 2025 annual water reports for the Mansfield Water System.

Miedema spoke to the costs associated with the generator failure during the Spring 2025 ice storm and provided an overview of the annual testing and flow rates of the system.

Council applauded and thanked Meidema for his work and dedication.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council receives and approves the 2025 annual and summary reports of the Mansfield Well Supply under the Drinking Water Systems Regulation O. Reg. 170 as amended and submitted by Joe Miedema, P. Eng. General Manager of Dufferin Water Co. Ltd.

Carried.

Council recessed at 10:21 a.m. and returned at 10:36 a.m.

9.0 Reports for Decision

9.1 Traffic Calming and Speed Reduction Policy

Council discussion ensued on the potential impacts of traffic calming and speed reduction on other road networks and directed staff to amend the policy to include ramifications as part of the development and evaluation of traffic calming and speed reduction (Sections 5.2, 6.1 and 7.0).

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council approves the Traffic Calming and Speed Reduction Policy substantially in the form attached hereto;

And that the 2013 Speed Policy is hereby repealed.

Carried.

9.2 2026 Community Grants

Council reviewed the applications received to date and discussed offering a second intake in the fall.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council amends the Community Grant Policy to adjust the deadline for submissions to March 1st, with a second intake deadline of October 1st if funding remains available;

And that Council approve the following 2026 grant applications:

- Main Tract Trail Rehabilitation: \$500
- Headwater Farm Fresh Guide: \$500

Carried.

10.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

- 10.1 Shelburne District Fire Board Minutes: December 2, 2025**
- 10.2 Dufferin County Council Minutes: January 29, 2026**
- 10.3 Dufferin County Council Minutes: February 5, 2026**
- 10.4 Dufferin County Council Minutes: February 11, 2026**
- 10.5 Dufferin County Council Statutory Minutes: February 12, 2026**
- 10.6 Dufferin County Council Minutes: February 12, 2026**
- 10.7 NVCA Board Minutes: January 2026**
- 10.8 Shelburne Public Library Board Minutes: January 20, 2026**
- 10.9 Campaign Cabinet Update: February 2026**

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Lyon

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

Carried.

11.0 Information Items

- 11.1 OPP Detachment Board Q4 2025 Report**
- 11.2 MMAH - Mulmur Official Plan Correspondence**
- 11.3 Dufferin County Road Transfer Deferral Notice**
- 11.4 Stevenson Memorial Hospital Correspondence**
- 11.5 Upper Grand District School Board Funding Announcement**
- 11.6 Public Meeting Notice: Z26-01 556024/556034 Mulmur-Melancthon TL**
- 11.7 Lee Benson - February 9, 2026 Correspondence**
- 11.8 Town of Mono: OCIF Resolution**
- 11.9 Town of Orangeville: Bill 21 Resolution**
- 11.10 Township of Melancthon: Fire Board Resolution**
- 11.11 Township of Perry: Reduced Rate Distribution of Library Resources**
- 11.12 Municipality of Magnetewan: Bell Fibre Resolution**
- 11.13 Township of Papineau-Cameron: Veterinary College Resolution**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council receives the information items as copied;

And that the following items be endorsed: 11.9 and 11.11

Carried.

12.0 Closed Session

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council adjourn to closed session at 11:45 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).

Carried.

Mayor Horner left the meeting at 11:45 a.m. and Deputy Mayor Hawkins assumed the position of Chair.

12.1 Fire Service Negotiations

12.2 UGDSB Negotiations

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council do rise out of closed session into open session 12:28 p.m. and direct staff to invite the UGDSB to attend an upcoming Council meeting.

Carried.

13.0 Items for Future Meetings

13.1 New Official Plan

13.2 Circular Materials Blue Cart Recycling (Councillor Clark)

13.4 Fire Department By-law Consistency

13.5 Recycled Aggregates Report

13.6 Service Allocation Policy

14.0 Passing of By-Laws

14.1 Automated Speed Enforcement Repealing By-law

14.2 Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That By-laws 14.1 to 14.2 be approved.

Carried.

14.0 Adjournment

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

That Council adjourns the meeting at 12:29 p.m. to meet again on April 1, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk