



## **COUNCIL AGENDA May 3, 2023 – 9:00 AM**

### **MEETING DETAILS**

**In-Person Meeting Location:** Mulmur Township Offices, located at 758070 2<sup>nd</sup> Line East  
**Phone Connection:** 1 647 374 4685 Canada / 1 647 558 0588 Canada  
**Video Connection:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84829988171>  
**Meeting ID:** 848 2998 8171

PAGE	<b>1.0</b>	<b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>
	<b>2.0</b>	<b><u>LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</u></b>
	<b>3.0</b>	<b><u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u></b>
		Recommendation: THAT Council approve the agenda.
5	<b>4.0</b>	<b><u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u></b>
		Recommendation: THAT the Minutes of April 5, 2023 are approved.
	<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>DISCUSSION ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES</u></b>
	<b>6.0</b>	<b><u>DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS</u></b>
	<b>7.0</b>	<b><u>PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD</u></b>
	<b>8.0</b>	<b><u>PUBLIC MEETINGS</u></b>
16	<b>8.1</b>	<b>Development Charges (9:05 a.m.)</b>
	<b>9.0</b>	<b><u>REPORTS FOR DECISION</u></b>
20	<b>9.1</b>	<b>NDCC Fuel Tank Removal</b>
		Recommendation: THAT Council receives the report of John Willmetts, Director of Public Works, On North Dufferin Community Center Tank Removal
		AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the removal of the decommissioned / abandoned fuel tank to a maximum cost of \$15,000, to be funded from Tax Rate Stabilization.
		AND FURTHER THAT if contamination is found that staff reports back to Council.

22            **9.2        Maple Grove Market – Harvest Festivals**

Recommendation: THAT Council grant an exemption to the Township of Mulmur Noise By-Law No. 28-2020 for Friday July 29, 2023 and September 30, 2023 at the Maple Grove Market to allow for amplified noise.

23            **9.3        Staff Reports and Environmental Impacts**

Recommendation: THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Staff Reports and Environmental Impacts;

AND THAT Council provide direction on a 3-month pilot program implementing an environmental rating system as part of “Growing a Sustainable Mulmur”.

26            **9.4        Fire Training Motion**

Recommendation: WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College closed in March 2021 with fire training now being run independently out of 28 Registered Training Centres in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS mandatory minimum certification standards for firefighters came into force on July 1, 2022;

AND WHEREAS all existing and new firefighters (volunteer and fulltime) must reach these new certification standards by July 1, 2026;

AND WHEREAS fire departments will need to invest approximately \$3,500 to certify each new firefighter before they are ready to work as a full service firefighter;

AND WHEREAS each fire department has varying recruitment schedules due to volunteer turn over;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur recommend that the fire boards servicing the Township of Mulmur create a training reserve account, with allocation being budgeted each year to address the additional costs of training and ensure that annual budgets remain more consistent and without undue hardship of the ratepayers;

AND THAT Council recommend any surplus funds left in the 2023 training budgets be transferred to such reserve account;

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the Shelburne District Fire Board, Rosemont District Fire Board and Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board for consideration.

28           **9.5     Fireworks Survey Results**

Recommendation: THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Fireworks Survey Results;

AND THAT Council direct staff to draft an amendment to the fire by-law to prohibit fireworks use during periods of fire ban.

71           **9.6     Mansfield Ski Club**

Recommendation: THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Snow Making Operations;

AND THAT Council direct staff to draft an amendment to the Township Noise By-law to exempt the sound arising from snow-making equipment at a ski hill.

**10.0    COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS**

- 77           **10.1   Honeywood Cemetery Board: September 14, 2022**
- 79           **10.2   Shelburne & District Fire Board Minutes; February 7, 2023**
- 85           **10.3   Economic Development Committee Minutes: April 19, 2023**
- 88           **10.4   Mansfield Parks Committee Minutes: April 25, 2023**
- 91           **10.5   Mulmur Police Service Board Minutes: April 26, 2023**

Recommendation: THAT Council receives the Committee Minutes and Reports as copied and circulated.

**10       REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

- 94           **11.1   Provincial Policy Statement & Draft Regulations Under the Planning Act**
- 98           **11.2   Environmental Assessment Front Ending Agreement**
- 101          **11.3   NDCC Financial Analysis**
- 104          **11.4   Parkland Dedication Background Report**
- 106          **11.5   Correspondence: Walk for Alzheimer's**
- 108          **11.6   Correspondence: Maple Leaves Forever**
- 109          **11.7   Correspondence: Green Communities Canada Survey**
- 111          **11.8   MMAH: Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act**
- 113          **11.9   Support for the Township of Mulmur Bill 5 Resolution**

Recommendation: THAT Council receives the information items as copied;

**12.0    ENDORSEABLE MOTIONS**

- 117          **12.1   Region of Waterloo: Protecting the Privacy of Candidates and Donors**
- 119          **12.2   City of Stratford: Funding and Support for VIA Rail Services**

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**12.3 Township of Puslinch: Roadside Litter on the 401**

Recommendation: THAT the following items be endorsed: \_\_\_\_\_

**13.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**13.1 CAO Performance Review**

**13.2 Organizational Structure**

**13.3 North Dufferin Community Centre**

**14.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

**15.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS**

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**15.1 2023 Tax Rate By-law**

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**15.2 Parkland Dedication By-law**

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**15.3 Water Connection By-law**

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**15.4 Development Charges Amending By-law**

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**15.5 Confirmatory By-Law**

Recommendation: THAT By-Laws 15.1 to 15.5 be approved.

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Recommendation: THAT Council adjourns the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ to meet again on May 10, 2023 for the Joint Council meeting with the Township of Melancthon and June 7, 2023, for the next regular meeting of Council.

*Note: A closed session training session on the Responsibilities Under the Statutory Standard of Care - Safe Drinking Water Act will take place following the Council meeting.*



## **COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **April 5, 2023 – 9:30 AM**

**Council Present:** Mayor Horner, Deputy Mayor Hawkins, Councillor Clark, Councillor Cunningham, Councillor Lyon

**Staff Present:** Tracey Atkinson – CAO/Clerk/Planner, John Willmetts, Director of Public Works, Heather Boston - Treasurer, Roseann Knechtel - Deputy Clerk

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:22 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 Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon**

THAT the minutes of March 1, 2023 are approved.

**CARRIED.**

#### **5.0 DISCUSSION ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**

#### **6.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS – NONE**

#### **7.0 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

A question was received regarding noise at Mansfield Ski Club. Staff responded that it is anticipated for discussion at the May 3, 2023 Council meeting.

A question was received regarding operating a business and renting a house on a property. Staff responded offering to meet with the resident to explain permitted uses.

A written question was received regarding incorporating environmental impacts into staff reports. Staff responded that previous Council direction was given to include environmental impacts within budget considerations.

Direction was given to staff to bring back more information on including environmental impacts within staff reports.

A written request was received from Headwaters Communities in action to proclaim April 16 - 22, 2023, as National Volunteer Week.

**Mayor Janet Horner Proclaimed April 16 - 22, 2023, as National Volunteer Week.**

WHEREAS, 24 million Canadians give their time through formal or informal types of volunteering, contributing close to 5 billion volunteer hours per year; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in Mulmur mentor our children, support those feeling isolated, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in Mulmur have stepped up during the COVID-19 pandemic to support families, friends, neighbours, and strangers, people standing up to systemic racism, and people sharing insights on how to create a more just and equitable society; and

WHEREAS, Mulmur's volunteers are individuals, families, workers, retirees, community members of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the collective result of the work done by our city's volunteers is that Mulmur is a more desirable place to live; and

WHEREAS, volunteers serve on Boards, help host community festivals, stock shelves at food banks, deliver meals to seniors, help in schools, plant community gardens; and

WHEREAS, organizations in Mulmur that rely on volunteers are the fundamental backbone of what helps to make our community thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Horner, Mayor of Mulmur, do hereby proclaim April 16 - 22, 2023, as National Volunteer Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

## **8.0 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **8.1 Kathleen Wynne**

Council welcomed Kathleen Wynne, who presented on behalf of “Women of Ontario Say No”, with respect to Bill 5 to stop harassment of local leaders.

#### **Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark**

WHEREAS Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member’s Bill on August 10, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member’s seat if the Commissioner’s Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP’s); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP’s); and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED.**

### **8.2 RJ Burnsides, Chris Knechtel, P.Eng, Senior Vice President Municipal Services and Structures**

Council welcomed Chris Knechtel, who provided an overview of the company, explained the process surrounding bridge inspections and provided an overview of Mulmur’s current infrastructure.

Knechtel recommended placing load restrictions of 15 tonne on 5 structures to address bridge conditions.

A presentation was made on a 100 ft Acrow Panel Bridge that can be split and used in multiple locations, being Bridge 21 and Bridge 12.

Discussion ensued on bridge rehabilitation, County owned structures on Townline roads, preservation of rural character and the Acrow bridge.

Council recessed 11:03 a.m. and returned at 11:14 a.m.

**Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham**

WHEREAS Council's Procurement Policy allows for purchases made under exceptionally advantageous conditions that only arise in the very short term in the case of unusual disposals;

NOWHEREFORE Council approve the purchase and installation of a used prefabricated Acrow Panel (300 Series) bridge from W.G. Kelly Construction in the amount of \$85,000 (plus HST), subject to inspection and confirmation of installation costs satisfactory to the Township Engineers, to be funded from Bridge Reserves;

AND FURTHER THAT Council support the recommendation to place Load Limits of 15 tonne on Bridges 12, 15, 25, 26 and Culvert A.

**CARRIED.**

**9.0 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

**9.1 Restatement of Mulmur's 2023 Budget per O.Reg 284/09**

**Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham**

THAT Council receive and approve the report of Heather Boston, Treasurer, Restatement of Mulmur's 2023 Budget per O.Reg. 284/09.

**CARRIED.**

**9.2 2023 User Fees and Charges**

Discussion ensued on fees for arrears statements and copies of bills.

Direction was given to amend the user fees and charges to include a fee of \$10 for mailed arrears statements and to remove the fee for statements of accounts.

**Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham**



THAT Council receive the report of Heather Boston, Treasurer, Schedule of User Fees and Charges, as amended.

**CARRIED.**

### **9.3 Fire Training Resolution**

Discussion ensued on the effects of training costs on the 2023 fire board budgets. Direction was given to staff to draft a new motion related to training costs as they stand today and the impacts on municipal fire board budgets.

#### **Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon**

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Fire Training Motion;

AND THAT Council direct staff to formulate a new motion for consideration.

**CARRIED.**

### **9.4 Strategic Planning**

Discussion ensued on grant eligibility and the framework for community conversations and the creation of a new strategic plan.

#### **Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham**

THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk and Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Strategic Planning Initiatives;

AND THAT Council direct staff to move forward with facilitating community conversations as approved within the 2023 Council Budget.

### **9.5 Rural Medicine**

Discussion ensued on rural medicine and physician recruitment.

#### **Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham**

THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson CAO/Clerk/Planner;

AND THAT Council request the County of Dufferin consider an action item within the Dufferin County Strategic Plan to expedite the attraction of physicians in Dufferin County;

AND THAT Council appoint Mayor Janet Horner, to the Physicians Recruitment and Retention Task Force to further relationship building with local physicians.

**CARRIED.**

## **9.6 Development Charges Background Report**

Discussion ensued Bill 23 legislated changes to apply Development Charges to second dwellings, and zoning provisions surrounding second dwellings.

Direction was given to staff to bring back greater information surrounding second dwelling zoning and size restrictions.

### **Moved by and Seconded by**

THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson CAO/Clerk/Planner;

AND THAT Council direct staff to undertake an amendment to the Development Charges By-law to remove the exemption for second detached dwellings.

**CARRIED.**

Council recessed at 12:55 p.m. and returned at 1:37 p.m.

## **10.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS**

**10.1 Dufferin County Council Minutes: February 9, 2023**

**10.2 Dufferin County Council Minutes: February 23, 2023**

**10.3 Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee Minutes: February 28, 2023**

**10.4 Dufferin County Council Minutes: March 9, 2023**

**10.5 Rosemont District Fire Board Minutes: March 20, 2023**

**10.6 Joint Council Meeting (Mulmur & Melancthon) March 21, 2023**

**10.7 Economic Development Committee Minutes: March 22, 2023**

**10.8 Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee Minutes: March 28, 2023**

### **Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham**

THAT Council receives the Committee Minutes as copied and circulated.

**CARRIED.**

## **10.9 Motions from the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee**

### **Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon**

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee Motions to Council

AND THAT Council direct staff to consult with the public, residents of Mansfield and the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee on park development in Mansfield;

AND THAT Council approve the installation of hydro to the Honeywood Baseball Diamond, not to exceed a cost of \$4,000, to be funded through Development Charges;

AND FURTHER THAT Council support the storage and placement of one pickleball set at the Thomson Trail Park.

**CARRIED.**

## **11.0 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

- 11.1 NDCC Financials Report**
- 11.2 2023 1<sup>st</sup> QTR Building Report**
- 11.3 2023 1<sup>st</sup> QTR Bylaw Enforcement Report**
- 11.4 Spring Townhall Agenda: April 15, 2023**
- 11.5 Correspondence: The Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank**
- 11.6 Correspondence: Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance**
- 11.7 Correspondence: Strawberry Supper Report**
- 11.8 County of Dufferin Notice of Public Meeting**
- 11.9 Dufferin Climate Action Plan: 2022 Report Card**
- 11.10 Shelburne Public Library: 2023 Budget**
- 11.11 NVCA: February Board Highlights**
- 11.12 NVCA: March Board Highlights**
- 11.13 Dufferin Board of Trade Press Release**
- 11.14 Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment PC 225 22 – Agricultural Policies**
- 11.15 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks: Environmental Assessment Modernization**
- 11.16 Ministry of the Attorney General: Provincial Offences Act Modernization**

Discussion ensued on item 11.1. Direction given to staff to draft a report with operating and depreciated capital numbers for circulation as part of the next Council meeting.

Discussion ensued on 11.5. Direction given to invite Shelburne food bank to give a delegation to Council.

**Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham**

THAT the Township of Mulmur appoint Councillor Patricia Clark to the Ontario Climate Caucus;

AND THAT meeting notes are to be provided back to Council.

**CARRIED.**

**Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark**

THAT Council receives the information items as copied;

AND THAT Council direct staff to send letters of response as discussed for items 11.5, 11.6 and 11.7.

**CARRIED.**

**Moved by Horner and Seconded by Clark**

WHEREAS the Niagara Escarpment Commission has initiated a Plan Amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan under the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act, R.S.O. 1990 and Regulation 828/90 Development within the Development Control Area and requested comments on or before April 24, 2023

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Mulmur supports the amendment to allow on-farm diversified uses on prime and non-prime agricultural lands within the Escarpment Control area;

AND FURTHER THAT the Township recommends that the Niagara Escarpment Plan extends the Agricultural Systems Mapping to more clearly designate prime and non-prime agricultural lands within the Niagara Escarpment Plan area.

**CARRIED.**

**12.0 ENDORSEABLE MOTIONS**

- 12.1 Municipality of Calvin: School Board Accommodation Review**
- 12.2 Municipality of Trent Lakes: Oath of Office**
- 12.3 Niagara Region: Declarations of Emergency for Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction**
- 12.4 Town of Cobourg: Homeless and Unsheltered Persons**
- 12.5 County of Huron: Call to Action – Review of the Cannabis Act**
- 12.6 Municipality of Chatham-Kent: Support for Bill 5**
- 12.7 Township of Amaranth: Resolution regarding County Planning Services**
- 12.8 Dufferin County Council: Highway 10 Traffic and Road Safety Study**
- 12.9 Township of Lucan Biddulph: Future Accuracy of Permanent Register of Electors**
- 12.10 Town of Essex: Proceeds from Tax Sales**
- 12.11 Municipality of North Perth: School Bus Arm Cameras**
- 12.12 Town of Grimsby: Barriers for Women in Politics**
- 12.13 Town of Carleton Place: Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women**
- 12.14 Association of Ontario Road Supervisors: Enbridge Gas Locate Fees**

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon**

THAT Council endorse the following resolutions: 12.1, 12.5, 12.8, 12.14;

AND THAT Council direct staff to draft letters of endorsement for circulation to applicable agencies.

**CARRIED.**

**Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark**

WHEREAS, Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;

AND WHEREAS, third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities;

AND WHEREAS, this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;

AND WHEREAS, if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;

AND THAT, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;

AND FURTHER THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, Sylvia Jones MPP Dufferin-Caledon, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**CARRIED.**

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

**13.1 Senior of the Year**

- 13.2 CAO Performance Review**
- 13.3 Staffing Update**

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon**

THAT Council adjourn to closed session at 3:33 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for three (3) matters relating to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, 239(2)(b).

**CARRIED.**

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins**

THAT Council do rise out of closed session and into open session at 4:14 p.m. with the following motions/directions:

THAT Council amend the closed session agenda to include item 13.3 Staffing Update;

AND THAT Council do declare Janice Irwin as the 2023 Senior of the Year and direct staff to forward said nomination to the Province.

**CARRIED.**

**14. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 14.1 Mansfield Recreation**
- 14.2 Fireworks Survey (May)**
- 14.3 Development Charges Public Meeting (May)**
- 14.4 Clean Water Training (May)**
- 14.5 Mansfield Ski Club Noise (May)**
- 14.6 Primrose Elementary School Graduation: Academic Excellence Award**

Councillor Andrew Cunningham was appointed to present the Academic Excellence Award at Primrose Elementary School on June 26, 2023.

**15. PASSING OF BY-LAWS**

- 15.1 Traffic Bylaw**
- 15.2 User Fees and Charges**
- 15.3 Confirmatory By-Law**

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins**

THAT By-Law 15.1 be approved;

AND THAT By-law 15.2 be approved as amended;

AND FURTHER THAT By-law 15.3 be approved.

**CARRIED.**

**21.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark**

THAT Council adjourns the meeting at 4:21 p.m. to meet again on April 15, 2023 for the Spring Townhall Meeting, and May 3, 2023 for the next regular meeting of Council.

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**Janet Horner, Mayor**

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**Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk**



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY-LAW**

The Corporation of the Township of Mulmur will be holding a Public Meeting pursuant to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, to consider an amendment to the Development Charges By-law. This Notice is provided in accordance with Section 12 of the *Development Charges Act*.

**The Public Meeting will be held at 9:05 a.m. on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Township Office.**

Copies of the draft by-law and Development Charges Background Study are available for review at Township Office and on the Township's website. Anyone wishing to address Council with respect to the proposal may do so at the Public Meeting. Persons unable to attend the Public Meeting may provide written comments up until the time of the Public Meeting.

**Purpose of the By-law**

Development Charges are municipal fees levied against new development to finance the growth related capital costs associated with meeting the service requirements of the new development. The purpose of Development Charges is to ensure that new growth pays for capital costs associated with servicing new development without placing a burden on existing taxpayers. The proposed By-law would remove the exemption for second detached dwellings in accordance with legislative changes.

**Lands Affected**

This By-law affects all of the lands within the Township of Mulmur.

**Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Planner  
Township of Mulmur  
758070 2<sup>nd</sup> Line East, Mulmur Ontario, L9V 0G8  
705-466-3341**





## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** COUNCIL  
**FROM:** Tracey Atkinson CAO/Clerk/Planner  
**MEETING DATE:** April 5, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Development Charges Background Report (Second Dwellings)

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### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide background information related to development charges and updated information regarding applicability of charge to second dwelling building permits and seek direction on implementation.

### **BACKGROUND**

Amongst other changes, Bill 23 changed the applicability of Development Charges to second dwellings and also removed the authority under section 41 of the Planning Act to apply site plan control to residential developments of less than 10 units.

The Planning Act still provides express authority to municipalities to enter into section 29 community improvement agreements, section 39 garden suite agreements, section 40 parking exemption agreements, section 41 site plan control agreements for greater than 10 units, section 51(26) subdivision agreements and section 53(4) consent agreements. There are various other agreements available to municipalities under the Municipal Act.

The Township has historically entered into "Consent" or "Development" agreements to implement building envelopes. The scope of these agreements is limited to addressing matters raised through the proposed development such as implementing mitigation measures provided for in an Environmental Impact Assessment supporting a severance. The Township has also used zoning to implement site specific setbacks and vegetative/fencing buffers to attain rural character and address conflict between neighbors.

### **ANALYSIS:**

#### **DEVELOPMENT CHARGE EXEMPTIONS**

Amendments to the Planning Act and Development Charges Act as a result of Bill 23 allow up to 3 units on any lot where residential uses are permitted in fully municipally serviced areas. To date, there are no areas in Mulmur with full municipal services, being

a water system and sewage disposal system, and as such the legislative change does not increase the number of permissible units in Mulmur, and specifically Mansfield.

Section (2) (3.1-3.3) of the Development Charges Act continues to exempt Development Charges from second units within an existing dwelling and extended the legislation to third units within existing dwelling.

Section (2) (3.1-3.3) also exempts a residential dwelling in a detached structure, but only “on a parcel of urban residential land”. As such, detached residential units are subject to a Development Charge in Mulmur.

Section 2 of O. Reg 82/98, which sets out exceptions relating to the creation of additional dwelling units no longer apply as this section references clause 2 (3)(b) of the Development Charges Act, which was removed through Bill 23 amendments. The section of the Ontario Regulation previously exempted second dwelling units where they were located in ancillary buildings (not attached to the main dwelling), where the gross floor areas was equal or less than the existing dwelling. This means that the exemption no longer limits the application of a Development Charge to detached second dwellings.

When the Township’s Development Charges By-law was updated in 2021 through by-law 46-2021, the exemption section was updated to reflect the legislation in effect at the time, and exempted second (detached) dwellings that were smaller than the existing dwelling.

The legislative change allows the Township to apply a Development Charge to all detached second dwellings, regardless of their size. The Township would be required to amend the Development Charge by-law to make the charge applicable to all detached second dwellings.

### SITE PLAN CONTROL APPLICABILITY

The Township’s zoning by-law currently permits a range of detached dwellings, but includes a provision that such development is subject to site plan control.

The current provisions are as follows:

#### **3.3.2 Detached Additional Single Dwellings**

Where an additional detached single dwelling is permitted, such dwelling shall comply with the following provisions:

- i) Minimum lot size shall be 2.0 ha.
- ii) The gross floor area of the additional single dwelling shall be no more than 50% of the gross floor area of the principal single detached dwelling, and no more than 80 m<sup>2</sup>, and shall not exceed the lot coverage for all accessory structures in subsection 3.2.3.
- iii) **Such dwelling shall only be permitted where there is a site plan agreement between the owner and Township.**

- iv) A detached accessory dwelling unit shall not be permitted if there is already more than one dwelling unit.

The “Severability Provision of section 1.5 of the zoning by-law states that

**1.5 SEVERABILITY PROVISION**

A decision of a Court that one or more of the provisions of this By-law are invalid in whole or in part does not affect the validity, effectiveness, or enforceability of the other provisions or parts of the provisions of this By-law.

As staff are aware that a portion of the by-law is invalid due to legislative changes, site plan control is no longer applicable to second dwellings. At the time of the next housekeeping by-law this provision should be removed. While the provisions of section 1.5 reference a court decision, it is the opinion of staff that site plan should not be applied, regardless of a housekeeping amendment, as the Township does not have the authority to require it.

Staff have made note of the amendment requirement at the time of the next housekeeping by-law.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

1. Growing a Sustainable Mulmur

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The current Development Charge expires in 2029. Township is required to undertake a study and create a new Development Charge by-law should it desire to continue to charge. Mulmur is permitted to do amendments or full replacements at any time. The Township allocates funds each year to fund full updates undertaken by a consultant.

The proposed amendment is simple and can be undertaken by the Clerk/Planning staff.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson CAO/Clerk/Planner;

AND THAT Council direct staff to undertake an amendment to the Development Charges By-law to remove the exemption for second detached dwellings.

Respectfully submitted;

Tracey Atkinson

Tracey Atkinson, BES MCIP RPP, M.M Dipl  
CAO/Clerk/Planner



## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** COUNCIL  
**FROM:** John Willmetts, Director of Public Works  
**MEETING DATE:** May 3, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** North Dufferin Community Center Tank Removal

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## **PURPOSE:**

To inform Council of the need to have an underground, decommissioned fuel oil tank removed.

## **BACKGROUND:**

While installing the conduit to supply hydro to the ball diamond. A Decommissioned / Abandoned fuel oil tank was discovered along the west wall of the Arena.

Ontario regulations require you to remove an unused underground storage tank.

### **Tank Removal Regulations**

Given the potential risk to health and the environment, and the associated liability to property owners, removal of underground fuel storage tanks is highly regulated. The Technical Standards & Safety Authority (TSSA) for the Province of Ontario regulates transportation, storage, handling and use of fuels to ensure conformance with the Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000 (TSSA Act 2000).

Fuel storage tank removals must be completed by a qualified Licensed Petroleum Contractor whose personnel are licensed in compliance with the TSSA Act, 2000 and who work in accordance with applicable Regulations, Codes and Standards.

Following removal of a fuel tank, an environmental assessment report must be completed in accordance with the requirements specified in the TSSA Fuels Safety Division Liquid Fuels Handling Code and "Environmental Protocols for Operating Fuel Handling Facilities in Ontario" and signed by a Qualified Person (e.g. Professional Engineer or Geoscientist). If contamination is discovered upon tank removal, remediation must be completed in accordance with O. Reg. 341 and O. Reg. 153.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

### *Strategic Plan Goals*

1. *Responsible growth*
2. *Wider awareness*
3. *Local access to services*
4. *Cost containment*
5. *Community participation*

### **FINANCIAL IMPACTS:**

The estimated cost for the tank removal as per the Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000 (TSSA Act 2000) with no leaks is approximately \$15,000.

If contamination is discovered upon tank removal, remediation must be completed in accordance with O. Reg. 341 and O. Reg. 153.

The amount for the remediation is unknown, as the extent of the contamination if any is unknown.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receives the report of John Willmetts, Director of Public Works, On North Dufferin Community Center Tank Removal

AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the removal of the decommissioned / abandoned fuel tank to a maximum cost of \$15,000, to be funded from Tax Rate Stabilization.

AND FURTHER THAT if contamination is found that staff reports back to Council.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Willmetts*

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John Willmetts,  
Director of Public Works



**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk  
**MEETING DATE:** May 3, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Maple Grove Market – Harvest Festivals

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to seek exemption from Council's noise by-law to permit amplified noise for two events at Maple Grove Market.

**BACKGROUND:**

Maple Grove Market is seeking Council's permission to permit amplified noise at two events in 2023 being:

Strawberry Festival: July 19, 2023  
Harvest Festival: September 30, 2023

The festivals plan to include a band as well as host local vendors.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

Council's Strategic Plan Goal of Growing a Connected Mulmur identifies supporting community events to bring residents together through public/private partnerships and publicizing all events in Mulmur through the available channels.

2. Growing a Connected Mulmur: Communication with and social connectivity within the Mulmur community.

**FINANCIAL IMPACTS:**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council grant an exemption to the Township of Mulmur Noise By-Law No. 28-2020 for Friday July 29, 2023 and September 30, 2023 at the Maple Grove Market to allow for amplified noise.

Respectfully submitted,

*Roseann Knechtel*

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk



## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk  
**MEETING DATE:** May 3, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Staff Reports and Environmental Impacts

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### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide options for Council consideration on including environmental considerations within Staff Reports.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On July 6, 2022 Council passed the following motion which directed staff to include identify climate change options for Council consideration at the time of budgeting.

#### **Moved by Boxem Seconded by Clark**

WHEREAS the impacts of climate change are being felt in Mulmur and will continue to intensify, posing acute and lasting risks to people, business, and natural ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS these risks include, but are not limited to, extreme weather, threats to human health and wellbeing, economic disruption, food and water insecurity, social instability and threats to all other life on earth;

AND WHEREAS Mulmur has a crucial role to play in responding to, changing and mitigating the contributions to climate change through responsible planning and budgeting;

AND WHEREAS Council's Strategic Plan identifies a priority path of "Growing a Sustainable Mulmur: being proactive in sustainable initiatives to ensure the long term well-being of Mulmur";

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur's Official Plan provides a policy for growth management where land use patterns shall "minimize negative impacts to air quality and climate change, and promote energy efficiency";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Mulmur declare a Climate Emergency for the purpose of recognizing and

deepening our commitment to protecting our economy, ecosystems, and community from climate change;

AND THAT, in response to this Climate Emergency, Council seeks to limit its contributions to the climate crisis, by way of the following actions:

1. That Council review the current Strategic Plan action items for “Growing a Sustainable Mulmur” to reprioritize commitments and identify additional areas to take action.
2. That Council direct staff to identify climate change options at budget time for Council consideration.
3. That Council direct staff to arrange training on climate change and climate lens adaptation to be scheduled in 2023.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities for their information and potential action. **CARRIED.**

On April 5, 2023 Council received a question from the public regarding incorporating environmental impacts into staff reports. Direction was given to staff to bring back more information on the inclusion of environmental impacts within staff reports.

#### **ANALYSIS:**

Following consultation with the County of Dufferin and partnering municipalities, Council has various options for consideration:

1. Maintain status quo with environmental considerations being presented within budgeting deliberations and capital projects.
2. Imbedding each pillar of Council’s Strategic Plan into a standalone heading. When there are environmental considerations to be presented, they would therefore fall under the heading of “Growing a Sustainable Mulmur”. As such, the existing “Financial Impact” heading would be moved into the “Growing a Prosperous Mulmur”. As with the new Council Agenda Format, Strategic Plan Headings would only be included at such time that considerations were to be presented to avoid having sections with no information or the word “none”.
3. Maintaining existing headings and implementing a standalone environmental impact heading.

Township staff do not have the environmental expertise to fully depict or quantify environmental impacts within their report. In addition, environmental considerations could vary significantly based on the report writer. To achieve more consistent messaging Council may wish to consider the following options:

1. Including written comments provided by the report writer, such as ‘there may be environmental impacts associated with the proposed recommendations, including



but not limited to...'. This option is not recommended as it would depict the opinion and bias of the report writer and would not provide consistency in the presentation of information.

2. Including a Rating System such as a colour rating. Example: Red: Negative Environmental Impacts, White: Neutral, Green: Positive Environmental Impacts

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

4. Growing a Sustainable Mulmur: Being Proactive in Sustainable Initiatives to ensure the long term well being of Mulmur (includes Resources/Financial/People).

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACTS:**

There may be financial impacts related to retaining an expert to assess impacts related to non-development files. Environmental impact assessments related to development applications under the Planning Act are at the cost of the applicant.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Staff Reports and Environmental Impacts;

AND THAT Council provide direction on a 3-month pilot program implementing an environmental rating system as part of "Growing a Sustainable Mulmur".

Respectfully submitted,

*Roseann Knechtel*

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk



## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk  
**MEETING DATE:** May 3, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Fire Training Motion

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### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to present a draft motion for Council consideration.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On April 5, 2023 Council directed staff to draft a new motion for consideration addressing the increased training costs being incurred by local volunteer fire departments.

### **ANALYSIS:**

The Province has established a newly mandated Firefighter Certification, giving a deadline of July 1, 2026 for all new and existing firefighters to reach the new certification standards. With the closing of the Ontario Fire College in 2021, there are now 28 Registered Training Centres located across Ontario.

Consultation was undertaken with the Rosemont and Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Chiefs with respect to training costs, recruitment and impacts of the newly mandated training certifications. Consultation showed that fire departments maintain varying training and recruit plans. For example, some departments may recruit as vacancies arise while others plan recruitment campaigns every few years. Training plans/budgets may also vary, with some departments budgeting to send all firefighters for the required training all at once, while others plan to send a few firefighters every year to meet the 2026 deadline.

Fire Chiefs confirmed approximate training costs of \$3,500 per firefighter to reach the required certification. These costs will vary depending on what training centre is utilized, and if the department chooses to pay wages, accommodation, mileage etc.

In addition to the full certification program, existing firefighters also have an opportunity to apply for "Legacy" status and/or challenge the certification exams at a significantly reduced cost.

Due to the varying administration of training and recruitment, the needs of each department will differ. It is therefore suggested that a training reserve be established for each fire board to meet the individual needs of their departments, assist in budgeting, and limit the impact on ratepayers.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

1. Growing a Prosperous Mulmur: Responsibly managing the fiscal resources of Mulmur and providing opportunities for success.
3. Growing a Supportive Mulmur: Providing local services to support the needs of Mulmur residents and businesses.

**FINANCIAL IMPACTS:**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College closed in March 2021 with fire training now being run independently out of 28 Registered Training Centres (RTC) in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS mandatory minimum certification standards for firefighters came into force on July 1, 2022;

AND WHEREAS all existing and new firefighters (volunteer and fulltime) must reach these new certification standards by July 1, 2026;

AND WHEREAS fire departments will need to invest approximately \$3,500 to certify each new firefighter before they are ready to work as a full service firefighter;

AND WHEREAS each fire department has varying recruitment schedules due to volunteer turn over;

NOWTHEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur recommend that the fire boards servicing the Township of Mulmur create a training reserve account, with allocation being budgeted each year to address the additional costs of training and ensure that annual budgets remain more consistent and without undue hardship of the ratepayers;

AND THAT Council recommend any surplus funds left in the 2023 training budgets be transferred to such reserve account;

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the Shelburne District Fire Board, Rosemont District Fire Board and Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

*Roseann Knechtel*

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk



## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk  
**MEETING DATE:** May 3, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Fireworks Survey Results

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### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to present the results of the Mulmur Fireworks Survey to Council for consideration.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The following reports and motions are included to provide context to the history of Council's fireworks discussions.

1. Schedule A – October 6, 2021 Staff Report and Council Motion (page 31)
2. Schedule B – February 2, 2022 Staff Report and Council Motion (page 34)
3. Schedule C – March 2, 2022 Draft By-law (Not Passed) (page 40)
4. Schedule D – September 7, 2022 Notice of Motion (Withdrawn) and Council Motion (page 46)
5. Schedule E – 2023 Fireworks Survey Results (page 51)

### **ANALYSIS:**

Mulmur does not currently have a by-law regulating the use of fireworks.

### **NOISE**

The Township's Noise By-law exempts fireworks from being subject to a noise complaint on Victoria Day and Canada Day. Based on community response, Council may also wish to consider the following:

- The addition of New Years to the noise exemption
- Making the noise from all fireworks exempt from noise complaints

### **PERMITS**

If Council wishes to move forward with permits to allow fireworks use, an amendment to the Township's noise by-law would be required to exempt the noise arising from fireworks displays authorized by the Township.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

Enforceability of a regulatory by-law is not currently feasible given the Township's policy to operate on a reactive complaint-based process. Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers (MLEO) require concrete proof of infractions to prove a violation, enforce and place charges. If Council wishes to move forward with a regulatory by-law, amendment to the current by-law enforcement policy and tendering of new by-law enforcement services and officers may be required.

## **FIRE BY-LAW**

Amending the Township's Fire By-law to prohibiting fireworks use during periods of fire bans would help address resident concerns surrounding fire and would allow the Township to recoup the costs of responding to fires as a result of illegal fireworks during a fire ban by invoicing the property in violation.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

1. Growing a Prosperous Mulmur
2. Growing a Connected Mulmur
4. Growing a Sustainable Mulmur

## **FINANCIAL IMPACTS:**

Implementing a permit system to allow for fireworks use could act as a revenue stream for the municipality.

Regulating the use of fireworks will increase by-law enforcement costs. By-law enforcement is currently a contracted service with the Town of Orangeville. Attendance at a property following a complaint may not provide enough evidence to move forward with enforcement. In order to enforce a regulatory by-law the Township may need to employ an by-law enforcement officer to patrol during evenings, weekends and holidays.

Encouraging residents to call the OPP non-emergency line to report disturbances will have a minimal impact on the Township's contributions to police services.

Amendment to the fire by-law to prohibit fireworks use during period of fire ban will ensure the costs associated with fire response do not fall upon the general tax base, but instead upon the property in violation.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Fireworks Survey Results;

AND THAT Council direct staff to draft an amendment to the fire by-law to prohibit fireworks use during periods of fire ban.

Respectfully submitted,

*Roseann Knechtel*

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk

Schedule A – Staff Report: October 6, 2021 (page 31)

Schedule B – Staff Report: February 2, 2022 (page 34)

Schedule C – Draft By-law (Not Passed March 2, 2022) (page 40)

Schedule D – September 7, 2022 Notice of Motion (page 46)

Schedule E – 2023 Fireworks Survey Results (page 51)



## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk  
**MEETING DATE:** October 6, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Fireworks Regulations

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### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of bylaws and practices regulating the use of fireworks in surrounding municipalities.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Mulmur Township does not currently have a bylaw regulating the use of fireworks. Noise By-law 28-2020 prohibits any sound which is likely to cause a nuisance or to disturb other persons and exempts the sound arising from fireworks on Victoria Day and Canada Day.

At the August 4, 2021 meeting, Council requested staff research bylaws and practices regulating the use of fireworks.

### **ANALYSIS:**

Regulations of neighbouring municipalities are listed below:

**Town of Grand Valley** – does not regulate fireworks.

**Town of Mono** – regulates fireworks on municipal lands.

**Township of Melancthon** – allowed at all times of the year, exempt from the noise by-law.

**Township of Amaranth** – does not regulate fireworks.

**Township of East Garafraxa** – does not regulate fireworks.

**Town of Shelburne** - allowed on Victoria Day, Canada Day and Diwali (1 day preceding/following).

**Town of Orangeville** – allowed on Victoria Day and Canada Day (1 day preceding/following), requires permit from Fire Chief for exhibition fireworks.

**Town of Caledon** – allowed on Victoria Day and Canada Day (1 day following), requires permit from Fire Chief for exhibition fireworks.

**Township of Clearview** – allowed on Victoria Day and Canada Day (7 days preceding and 1 day following), requires permit from Fire Chief for exhibition fireworks.

**Town of New Tecumseth** - allowed on Victoria Day and Canada Day (5 days preceding/following), requires permit for exhibition fireworks.

**Township of Essa** - allowed on Victoria Day and Canada Day (1 day preceding/following), requires permit from Fire Chief for exhibition fireworks

Staff have confirmed with the OPP that police respond to fireworks complaints when received.

At this time, staff are reviewing the current bylaws to ensure that enforceability is feasible and within the Township's ability. It is important that staff have the necessary tools and powers to enforce Council's bylaws and address resident concerns in a timely manner.

Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers cannot enforce bylaws where a violation cannot be determined based on unconfirmed reports. Concrete proof of infractions is therefore required to initiate the bylaw enforcement process.

Staff therefore recommend that Council do not move forward with regulating fireworks use, as they are primarily set during non-business hours, at dusk and on weekends and holidays, making enforcement nearly impossible from a staffing level.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

2. Growing a Connected Mulmur: Communication with and social connectivity within the Mulmur community.

**FINANCIAL IMPACTS:**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receive the report titled Fireworks Regulations;

AND THAT Council encourage residents to call the OPP non-emergency line to report disturbance caused by fireworks.

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to draft an amendment to the Noise By-law #28-2020 to exempt fireworks.

Respectfully submitted,

*Roseann Knechtel*

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk



**October 6, 2021 Council Motion**

**Moved by Boxem and Seconded by Clark**

THAT Council receive the report titled Fireworks Regulations;

AND THAT Council direct staff to return to Council at a later date with recommendations for inclusion in Noise By-law #28-2020 or the development of a bylaw regulating the use of fireworks in the municipality.

	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Councillor Boxem	Y	
Councillor Clark	Y	
Councillor Cufaro	Y	
Deputy Mayor Hawkins	Y	
Mayor Horner	Y	

**CARRIED.**



## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk  
**MEETING DATE:** February 2, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Fireworks Regulations

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### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the possibilities for regulating the use of fireworks in the Township.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Mulmur Township does not currently have a bylaw regulating the use of fireworks, except Noise By-law 28-2020 which prohibits any sound which is likely to cause a nuisance or to disturb other persons and exempts the sound arising from fireworks on Victoria Day and Canada Day.

At the regular meeting on October 6, 2021 staff presented a report providing an overview of fireworks regulations in Dufferin and Simcoe County, recommending that fireworks be exempt from Noise By-law #28-2020 and that residents be encouraged to call the OPP non-emergency line to report disturbance caused by fireworks.

Council directed staff to further investigate regulatory possibilities with Mulmur's Fire Departments and passed the following motion:

#### **Moved by Boxem and Seconded by Clark**

THAT Council receive the report titled Fireworks Regulations;  
AND THAT Council direct staff to return to Council at a later date with recommendations for inclusion in Noise By-law #28-2020 or the development of a bylaw regulating the use of fireworks in the municipality. **CARRIED.**

As part of this report and review process, staff undertook the following steps:

- Consultation with the Fire Chief's from Rosemont, Shelburne and Mulmur-Melancthon;
- Consultation with the Township solicitor's surrounding the liability of non-enforcement; and
- Review of enforcement requirements under the Provincial Offences Act.

On January 12, 2022 Council reviewed the By-law Enforcement Policy and approved the amendments presented by the Township solicitor. The amendments were made to address municipal liability by establishing a formal policy and consistent approach to by-law enforcement.

### **ANALYSIS:**

The current exemptions in the Noise By-law do not give consideration to other celebratory occasions including but not limited to: New Years, Civic Holiday, Labour Day, weddings, birthdays as well as various cultural and religious holidays.

Consideration must also be given to the negative implications of fireworks including, but are not limited to personal safety, environmental, wildlife, disturbance to neighbouring properties, and potential fire hazards.

Consultation with Mulmur's three servicing fire departments have shown that they do not have the ability to enforce a regulatory fireworks bylaw due to delayed response time and cost for service.

Staff have investigated the following preliminary considerations for the development of a regulatory by-law and at this time do not feel the municipality has the staffing capabilities to enforce a regulatory bylaw.

#### **#1: Who can enforce the bylaw?**

- OPP – available 24/7
- Fire Department – on-call 24/7
- Staff – available Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

#### **#2: Is the municipality willing to fund enforcement?**

- Cost for OPP – Calls for service including disturbance and noise complaints, are included in Mulmur's service agreement with the OPP.
- Cost to the Fire Departments – Dispatch for fireworks are not currently included in the service agreement with Tilsonburg Fire Dispatch and would incur a charge to the Township. In addition, the cost of firefighters to respond would run approximately \$665/hr per truck that attends. The Township would not be able to recover these costs through insurance as they do for motor vehicle collisions and/or fires.
- Cost for Staff – Enforcement during regular business hours would not incur any additional cost to the Township. Additional costs would be incurred if enforcement were enhanced outside of regular business hours to a 24 hour/emergency service level.

#### **#3: Do staff have the ability to enforce the by-law?**

- Fireworks are generally lit in the evenings, on holidays and weekends, which fall outside of staff's regular business hours. If the Township wanted to undertake enforcement without 24/7 staffing, the Township would need to rely on complainant evidence and a certified statement of facts to enforce the by-law and serve a warning, fine and/or charge under the Provincial Offences Act. Without evidence or a certified statement of fact, staff would be unable to initiate enforcement of the by-law.

#### **#4: What does enforcement include?**

- Application of the by-law - Mulmur receives a written complaint and confirms by-law infraction.
- Investigation – The MLEO attends the property to collect evidence of infraction and non-compliance. If evidence of non-compliance cannot be found, the file is closed.
- Requesting compliance – Upon collection of evidence, the MLEO would provide education and initiate the enforcement process.

## SCHEDULE B

- Prosecution – When the MLEO is unable to achieve compliance through warnings and orders, offences would be advanced to the court system and prosecuted through the Provincial Offences Act (POA) or set fines.
  - To prosecute an offense under Part 1 of the POA, the MLEO would serve a Certificate of Offence to the offending party and file the offence with the court office to commence proceedings. If upon the evidence and case presented through the POA, a defendant is found guilty, then a fine/penalty may be set by the Chief Judge of the Ontario Court of Justice.
  - To prosecute an offense through set fines the Township would be required to make an application and obtain approval through the Ministry of the Attorney General. The by-law would be registered and site the relevant chapters under the Municipal Code or Act. Any amendments to registered by-laws would be required to go through this process.

### **Enforcement Considerations through By-law Amendments:**

- Noise By-law Amendment to provide for an exemption for fireworks on all public holidays, and 48 hours prior to the holiday; or
- Noise By-law Amendment to remove all fireworks exemptions;
- Fire By-law Amendment be made to prohibit fireworks during fire bans;

### **Enforcement Considerations through a Regulatory By-law:**

- Prohibit fireworks on all municipal lands;
- Prohibit fireworks within 50m of a place where explosives, gasoline or highly flammable substances are commercially manufactured, stored or sold;
- Prohibit fireworks within 50m of a hospital, nursing home, long term care facility, retirement home, licensed group home;
- Provide exemption for safe fireworks – Example: sparklers;
- Provide exemption for emergency warning and signaling purposes;
- Provide for Council exemption under an application process;
- Enforcement through the Township of Mulmur staff;
- Penalties to be set and prosecuted under the POA.

### **Enforcement Considerations through Education:**

- Promote and encourage attendance at organized public fireworks events in neighbouring towns;
- Provide enhanced information surrounding fireworks use in Township communication materials;
- Encourage residents to call the OPP non-emergency line for fireworks complaints.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

1. Growing a Prosperous Mulmur: Responsibly managing the fiscal resources of Mulmur and providing opportunities for success.
2. Growing a Connected Mulmur: Communication with and social connectivity within the Mulmur community.
4. Growing a Sustainable Mulmur: Being Proactive in Sustainable Initiatives to ensure the long term well being of Mulmur (includes Resources/Financial/People).

**FINANCIAL IMPACTS:**

**OPP:** There would be no additional cost to rate payers for the OPP to enforce noise complaints related to firework activity.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** The costs associated with Fire Department enforcement include the additional cost for dispatch and \$665/hr for every truck that attends. Amendment to the Fire-Bylaw would allow for the collection of costs associated with fires started as a result of prohibited fireworks use.

**STAFF:** The cost for staff enforcement includes the cost of regular wages, time and overtime for hours scheduled outside of regular working hours.

**POA:** Historically, the costs for prosecution through POA range between \$2,000 - \$10,000 depending on the amount of staff time and legal support required.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

After careful consideration and input from the Fire Chiefs, Township Solicitor and review of the current enforcement and prosecution frameworks, it is recommended:

THAT Council direct staff to draft amendments to the Noise By-law #28-2020 to exempt the sound arising from fireworks on all public holidays, and 48 hours prior to the holiday;

AND THAT Council direct staff to draft an amendment to the Fire By-law #18-2014 to prohibit fireworks use during restricted periods;

AND FURTHER THAT Council support enhanced education measures through the Township communication channels and encourage residents to call the OPP non-emergency line to report disturbance caused by fireworks.

Respectfully submitted,

*Roseann Knechtel*

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk

Schedule – Chief Waterfield, Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department

## SCHEDULE B

Date: October 21, 2021

Roseanne, further to our conversation about a Fireworks bylaw in the township. It is my opinion that a Fireworks discharge bylaw would be very challenging to enforce.

Due to the fact that the township does not have 24hr/7day a week bylaw enforcement staff to be able to respond to such complaints would be the first challenge. The OPP would be the next possible option but, due to the low volume/frequency of these calls for service they would be deemed a low priority call and would see a long delay for a response from them.

Having them tasked to the fire department would also be extremely challenging. For example, a call would have to be logged through our dispatch service which is currently not in our service agreement with Tillsonburg Fire Dispatch and would likely incur a charge to the township. There would then be the cost of firefighter and or officers to respond to these calls which would also endure a cost. The Fireboard currently charges \$665/hr per fire truck that attends a call for service. Usually, this charge is submitted to an insurance company for a motor vehicle collision or a fire that occurs. Finally, there would be a delay in the response to the fireworks complaint that would cause another challenge to the enforcement of the bylaw. This would require the complainant to provide a statement of fact to have a possible charge served under the bylaw. Council would also have to appointment members of the department to the bylaw for enforcement.

**February 2, 2022 Council Motion**

**Moved by Boxem and Seconded by Clark**

WHEREAS fireworks complaints have been received with regards to disturbance to neighbours, livestock and wildlife;

AND WHEREAS Council support enhanced education measures through the Township communication channels;

AND WHEREAS Council feels it necessary to limit the use of fireworks in the Township of Mulmur;

NOW THEREFORE Council direct staff to draft a regulatory bylaw prohibiting the use of fireworks with the exception of Victoria Day and Canada Day from sunset to 11PM as well as prohibit the sale of fireworks in the municipality.

	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Councillor Boxem		N
Councillor Clark		N
Councillor Cufaro	Y	
Deputy Mayor Hawkins	Y	
Mayor Horner	Y	

**CARRIED.**

## SCHEDULE C

### **March 2, 2022 Council Motion**

**Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Horner**

	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Councillor Boxem	Y	
Councillor Clark		N
Councillor Cufaro		N
Deputy Mayor Hawkins		N
Mayor Horner		N

**NOT CARRIED.**





## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR

### BY-LAW NO. \_\_\_\_\_-22

#### BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS

**WHEREAS** Section 121 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipality may prohibit and regulate the same of fireworks and the setting off of fireworks;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 121 of the Municipal Act, provides that a municipality may prohibit the activities described in Section 121 above, unless a permit is obtained from the municipality for those activities and may impose conditions for obtaining, continuing to hold and renewing the permit, including requiring the submission of plans;

**AND WHEREAS** Council for the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur deems it necessary for the safety and well-being of the community to prohibit and regulate the setting off of fireworks and for requiring permits within the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur;

**NOW THEREFORE** THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

#### 1.0 DEFINITIONS

**CONSUMER FIREWORKS** – means pyrotechnic devices classified under the Explosives Regulations C.R.C., c. 599, as amended, as fireworks, which comprises low hazard fireworks generally used for recreation.

**COUNCIL** – means the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur

**DESIGNATED DAYS** – means Victoria Day and Canada Day.

**DESIGNATED PERIOD** – means Victoria Day and Canada Day between dusk and 11:00 PM

**DUSK** – means the time just before night when the day is losing its light by it is not yet dark.

**EXHIBITION FIREWORKS** - means pyrotechnic devices classified under the Explosive Regulations C.R.C., c. 599, as amended, as fireworks which comprises high hazard fireworks generally used for recreation.

**FIREWORKS** – means a class of explosive pyrotechnic devices.

**MOTOR VEHICLE** – means any automobile, motorcycle, motor assisted bicycle, and any other vehicle propelled or driven otherwise than by muscular power.

**TOWNSHIP** - means the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur.

**VEHICLE** – mean any motor vehicle, trailer, traction engine, farm tractor, road building machine, bicycle, motorized snow vehicle and any vehicle drawn, propelled or driven by any kind of power including muscular power.

## **2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 2.1 No person shall set off any fireworks within the Township except during the designated period.
- 2.2 No person shall offer for sale or sell fireworks or from an outdoor location or from any motor vehicle, vehicle, outdoor stand, tent or trailer.

## **3.0 EXEMPTIONS**

- 3.1 The setting off of Consumer Fireworks for personal display is permitted between dusk and 11:00 p.m. on Victoria Day or Canada Day on lands belonging to a private resident, occupied by the owner, tenant or an authorized person of the residence.
- 3.2 In the event of inclement weather on the designated days of Victoria Day or Canada Day, makes it impractical to set off fireworks, the next day following Victoria Day or Canada Day shall be included as part of the designated period.
- 3.3 The sale or setting off of pyrotechnical signalling devices for marine, military, railway or highway purposes shall not be deemed to be, respectively, the sale or setting off of fireworks.

## **4.0 PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Notwithstanding the provision of this by-law, permits for the setting off or sale of fireworks, may be granted by obtaining a permit. Any application to obtain a permit shall be in accordance with Schedule A to this By-law.

## **SCHEDULE C**

- 4.2 Permits may be suspended or revoked by the Township if the conditions are not being met, or it would be unsafe to allow the fireworks sale or display.

### **5.0 PENALTIES**

- 5.1 Every person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and liable upon conviction to a penalty as authorized by the Provincial Offences Act.

### **6.0 VALIDITY**

- 6.1 Should any provision of this By-law be declared, by a Court of competent jurisdiction, to be invalid or illegal for any other reason, such offending section or part shall be deemed to have been severed from this By-law and the remaining sections or parts shall continue in full force and effect and shall remain valid and binding.

### **7.0 ADMINISTRATION**

- 7.1 For the purposes of this By-law, Council delegates its licensing authority and the administration of this By-law to the Clerk.

### **8.0 SHORT TITLE**

- 8.1 This By-Law shall be known and cited as the "Fireworks By-law".

### **9.0 EFFECTIVE DATE**

- 9.1 This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the day of passage hereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND and THIRD TIME, and passed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of MARCH, 2022.

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK**



## Fireworks Permit Application

Under Section 121 of the Municipal Act

Schedule A to By-Law \_\_\_\_-2022

### **PURPOSE**

☐ SALE OF FIREWORKS

☐ USE OF FIREWORKS

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### **OWNER INFORMATION**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **CONTACT INFORMATION (if different from owner)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. Permit fee as indicated in the Township's Schedule of Fees.
2. Written authorization from the landowner(s), where the applicant is not the landowner.
3. The applicant agrees to provide notification to landowners within 120 metres of the property at least 7 days in advance. A copy of the notification will also be provided to the Clerk.

## SCHEDULE C

4. The applicant agrees to provide adequate access for emergency services including but not limited to Fire, EMS and OPP.
5. The applicant agrees to provide a site plan to the Municipality's satisfaction showing location of the sale / setting off of fireworks in relation to other features on the property, lot lines and neighbouring structures.
6. The applicant acknowledges and agrees that the requirements of all other applicable statutes, regulations and by-laws (e.g. the noise by-law, fire by-law, etc.) must be adhered to.
7. The applicant agrees that it shall not be entitled to use municipal property, including roads, facilities and parks without the identification of such property being explicitly included within this agreement.
8. The property can be inspected at any time.
9. The Township may require any additional information to ensure the public's safety and may impose additional conditions on the issuance of a permit as deemed advisable in the circumstance of the application.
10. The permit may be modified or revoked at any time if there are reasonable grounds to believe that conditions are not being met, or it would be unsafe to allow the fireworks sale or display.

I the undersigned am the authorized agent and/or the applicant. My signature certifies that I have read and do understand the permit regulations attached to this application form, and agree to abide by these regulations.

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**Signature of Applicant/Authorized Agent**

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**Date**

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**Signature of Municipal Office Representative**

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**Date**

## Mulmur Township Council Meeting – August 3, 2022

Notice of Motion: Cancellation of All Fireworks in Mulmur Council

Submitted By: Patricia Clark, Councillor

### Background

Section 121 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipality may prohibit and regulate the sale of fireworks and the setting off of fireworks.

The following Motion was tabled at the March 2022 Council Meeting, and not approved:

*The following sounds are exempt from this by-law, and shall not constitute a contravention of this by-law:....(e) sound arising from fireworks on Victoria Day and Canada Day before 11pm;"*

Therefore, the Noise Bylaw 28-2020 remains in effect. By-law 28-2020 does not explicitly permit fireworks, but rather states that firework noise is exempt from noise complaints on Victoria and Canada day, (meaning that the Township is silent on fireworks, but that the noise from fireworks can be considered a noise complaint on any other day of the year).

It is Council's procedure that it must be six months before a motion can be revisited. Therefore, this Notice of Motion is being presented at the August Mulmur Council meeting for discussion in September 2022.

As the current Noise By-Law still permits fireworks on Victoria Day and Canada Day, the potential harm to livestock, pets, wildlife, and humans will still be significantly affected by permitting fireworks to be used even twice a year.

The research on the harmful effects is well documented and a brief report follows citing the research, concerns, and references.

### What the research tells us

#### Fireworks can trigger PTSD in humans

For some people, fireworks aren't reason to celebrate. The random explosion of fireworks can trigger a startled response in people who have post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The mental health condition develops in some people after they witness a shocking, scary, or dangerous event. For the Veteran suffering from PTSD, especially combat-related PTSD, it can cause an immediate flashback to a place and time when explosions threatened life and limb... a place where comrades did lose their lives... a place they would prefer not to remember... a time they have difficulty forgetting.

#### Effects on animals

##### Physical damage to the hearing organs of animals

The hearing of many animals is much more sensitive than it is in humans, so the explosions of fireworks are not only more disturbing to them, but they can damage their hearing more

severely. Fireworks can emit sounds of up to 190 decibels (110 to 115 decibels above the range of 75 to 80 decibels where the damage to the human ear begins). Fireworks generate a higher noise level than firecrackers, gunshots (140 decibels), and some jet planes (100 decibels).

### Fear and Stress

Firework explosions can produce a blind panic in animals that can lead to serious injury, deep-rooted, debilitating fears, or even death. This is, in part, because the events do not last long enough for animals to become accustomed to the explosions.

In addition to these harms, the noises caused by fireworks harm animals by causing fear. In fact, repeated exposure to unexpected, unpredictable loud noises can cause phobias in many animals, increasing panic reactions to loud noises in the future.

It is estimated that one-fifth of disappearances of animals who are companions to humans are due to very loud sounds, mainly fireworks and storms.

### Harmful effects by chemical particles

In addition, firecrackers are poisonous, and their explosion releases harmful particles such as fine dust (PM10) that is toxic to inhale. It can worsen existing diseases and cause others. Therefore, fireworks represent a danger both to animals who live in areas where they explode, or in relatively distant locations when the wind transports the particles. There is also a risk of ingestion of the residue of fireworks and firecrackers. The proximity of the animals to the areas where the firecrackers are made often causes burns and damage to the eyes.

### Effects on dogs, cats, livestock, birds, fish, other creatures

The chemicals are dangerous for cats and dogs, just as they are for humans with respiratory diseases such as asthma.

**Dogs** will show signs of overwhelming anxiety as they are unable to escape from the sound. Noises caused by fireworks and firecrackers can lead to loss of hearing and tinnitus. Dogs are known to suffer irreversible hearing loss caused by proximity to the noise of gunfire.

The effects on **cats** are less obvious, but their responses are similar to those of dogs, such as trying to hide or escape. However, regardless of the fear they have, they have a higher risk of being poisoned.

**Horses** can easily feel threatened by fireworks due to their hypervigilance since they are constantly on high alert due to possible predators. Horses also act quite similarly to dogs and cats, showing signs of stress and fear, and trying to flee or escape. It is estimated that 79% of horses experience anxiety because of firecrackers, and 26% suffer injuries from them. Horses and farm livestock are easily frightened by loud noises and sudden bright lights and can be at risk of injuring themselves on fencing, farm equipment or fixtures and fittings within their housing if startled. Sometimes they react to fireworks by trying to jump fences and flee to dangerous areas where they can be run over by cars.

Pregnant **farm animals** sometimes miscarriage.

Research shows that fireworks have a profound effect on **wildlife**. The noise of firecrackers can cause **birds** tachycardia and even death by fright. They can break their necks as they fly into buildings in panic. Birds and small mammals will abandon their nests in fear, they can become disorientated and never return to their homes. As a result, their babies could face starvation or fall victim to predators.

The suffering continues out in the wild, where many **squirrels** and **other creatures** are distressed by the explosions. They abandon their nests and then are left so disorientated that they cannot find their way back to them.

Days after the fireworks displays, the **fish** can ingest the toxic debris of fireworks that land in the ponds, rivers, and streams. They can endure long and painful deaths.

**Ducks, swans, and Canadian Geese** can suffer too. Researchers have found fireworks are correlated to anxiety, disorientation, stress, and fear. Waterfowl can consume or get entangled in debris left behind by the fireworks.

### Other Options

In a news report on CBC dated July 3, 2017, it commented on the low-noise pyrotechnics in Banff Alberta.

*Banff, a resort town situated in the Rocky Mountains of Alberta, switched to low-noise pyrotechnics in order to lessen the stress on wildlife and pets, according to Corrie DiManno, the deputy mayor.*

*"We wanted to minimize the impact on wildlife in the townsite and obviously the surrounding national park, as loud fireworks can be stressful to them," DiManno told the Globe and Mail. "And for us, moving to special-effect pyrotechnics helps us to walk the walk, so to speak. We consider ourselves leaders in this environment preservation so we wanted to make sure that we were doing all we can."*

*The process of launching fireworks requires two stages, according to the Globe and Mail's report. The first stage includes the firing of the propellant charge, which shoots the fireworks into the air. The second stage contains the explosive charge and the material that makes colorful patterns. The noise level of the fireworks depends on the chemical composition of the explosive charge and how tightly it's wrapped.*



*Quiet fireworks aren't a new invention, but they're gaining popularity in parts of Europe, the Globe and Mail notes. Collecchio, a town in Italy, banned regular fireworks in 2015. In Britain, venues near residents, wildlife or livestock only allow for quiet fireworks.*

*According to the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), shelters across the U.S. report an increase in the number of lost animals after the Fourth of July, as panicked dogs and cats flee from the booms and bangs of typical fireworks. In Canada, Banff received praise from Twitter users, including the president of PETA, Ingrid Newkirk.*

### **Draft Notice of Motion for Mulmur Council**

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WHEREAS Mulmur is a rural township with significant wildlife, many farms housing livestock, families with pets, and possible residents suffering from PTSD; and

WHEREAS the research unquestionably supports the significant risk of harm to animals and humans from both the sound associated with the fireworks and the toxic debris left behind; and

WHEREAS even though low-noise pyrotechnics may be an option to prevent the fear and anxiety associated with the noise, it still leaves the toxic debris which will poison any animal when ingested; and

WHEREAS Mulmur values the health and well being of our residents, livestock, and wildlife over the enjoyment of recreational fireworks;

BE IT MOVED THAT Council direct staff to draft a new by-law for consideration at a future Council Meeting, to permanently prohibit year-round the setting off of fireworks, and the sale from outdoor locations in the Township of Mulmur, and include the rationale as noted in the background of this report.

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The content for this report has been taken from the following websites and research papers:

[www.animal-ethics.org/how-fireworks-harm-nonhuman-animals/](http://www.animal-ethics.org/how-fireworks-harm-nonhuman-animals/)  
<https://www.all-creatures.org/articles2/ar-how-fireworks-harm.html>  
<https://www.animal-ethics.org/fireworks-harm-nonhuman-animals>  
<https://ctablog.ca/4-dangerous-impacts-of-fireworks>  
[www.animaladvocatesscpa.com/blog/post/fireworks-impacts-on-pets-and-wildli](http://www.animaladvocatesscpa.com/blog/post/fireworks-impacts-on-pets-and-wildli)  
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[animaladvocatesscpa.com](http://animaladvocatesscpa.com)  
<https://plantbasednews.org/opinion/death-fear-pain-animals-fireworks-not-vegan>  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/calgary-fireworks-envir...>

**September 7, 2022 Notice of Motion**

**Moved by Clark and Seconded by Boxem**

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**MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

**September 7, 2022 Council Motion**

**Moved by Hawkins Second by Boxem**

THAT Council direct staff to develop a survey on the potential restriction of fireworks to be brought back to Council for consideration.

**CARRIED.**



## **TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR FIREWORKS SURVEY RESULTS**

A survey circulated to all property owners in the Township in January 2023 with the Interim Tax Bill. The survey was also promoted on Township communication channels including the newsletter and social media accounts.

The survey was open to residents and landowners within the Township of Mulmur. Collection began in January 2023 and was closed March 14, 2023 when the Township was no longer receiving responses.

Note: written comments submitted by residents and included below are verbatim and have not been altered.

### **Summary of Submissions**

Total Number of Survey Responses	340
Ineligible Submissions	4 (1 Test, 3 Non-Resident)
<b>Total Eligible Submissions</b>	<b>336</b>

### **Q1 – Contact Information**

Information provided to the Township within this section is not included to protect the personal and private contact information of respondents.

### **Q2 – Which type of fireworks should be permitted in Mulmur (Check all that apply)**

Fireworks should not be permitted: 29.25% (98 respondents)

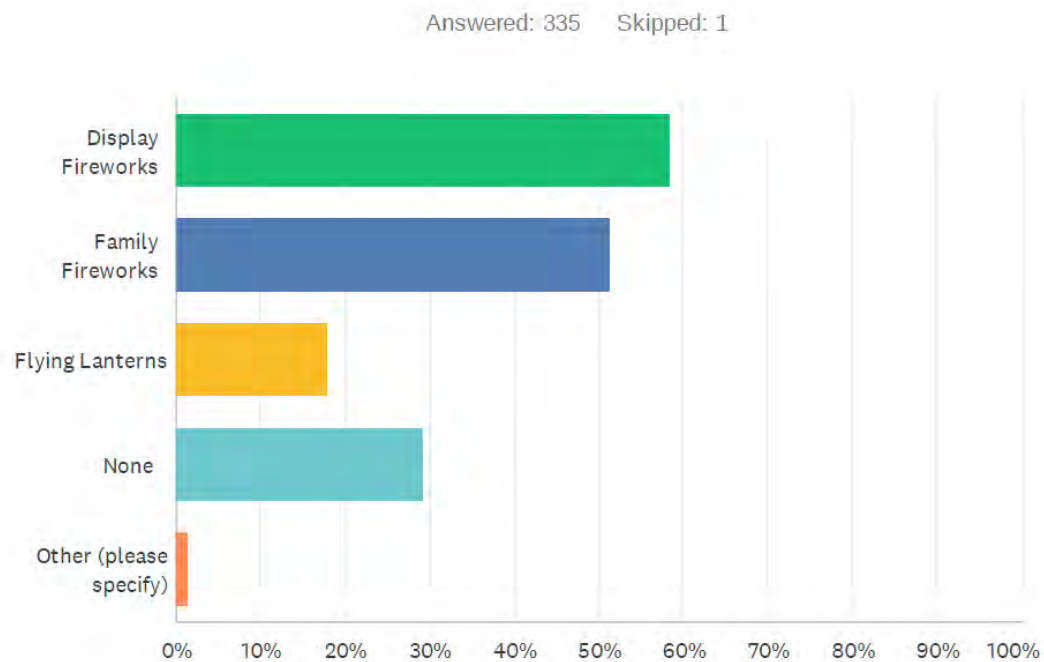
**Fireworks should be permitted 70.75% (238 respondents) being:**

- 58.51% (196) - Display Fireworks
- 51.34% (172) - Family Fireworks
- 17.91% (60) - Flying Lanterns
- 1.49% (5) – Other

### **Other Comments:**

1. All of the above, but it wont let me select that.
2. Sparklers
3. Only permitted in residential towns such as Mansfield. Or commercial properties with permit such as Pine River or Mansfield Ski Club
4. Display fireworks only at scheduled public events
5. Only organized community events or with permits

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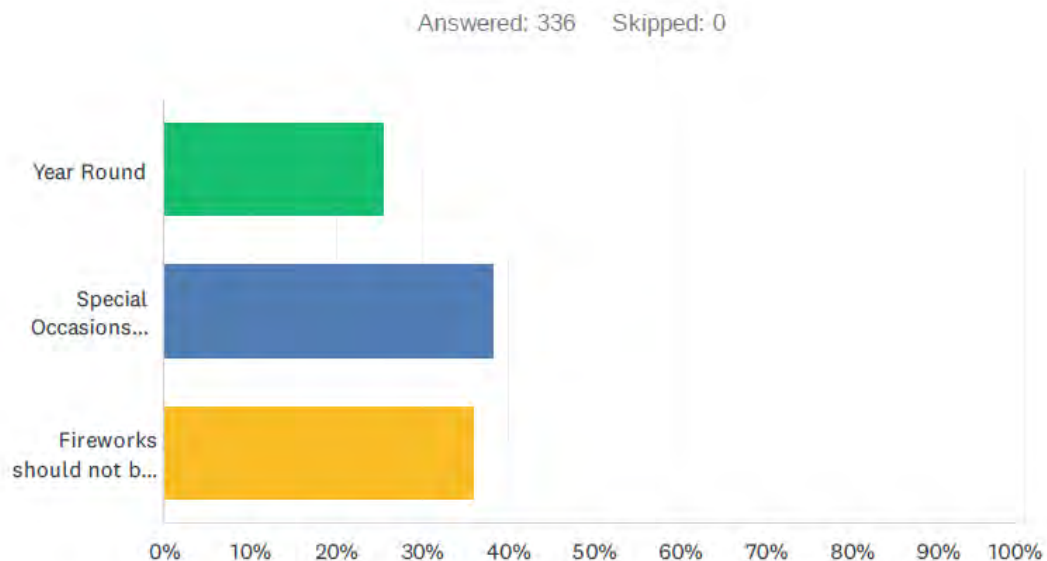


### Q3 – If permitted, when should fireworks be allowed?

Fireworks should not be permitted: 36.01% (121)

**Fireworks should be permitted: 63.99% (215) being:**

- **Special Occasions: 38.39% (129)**
- Year Round: 25.6% (86)



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### Q4 / Q5 – Should fireworks be permitted on specific holidays?

No: 32.11% (105)

**Yes: 67.89% (222) being:**

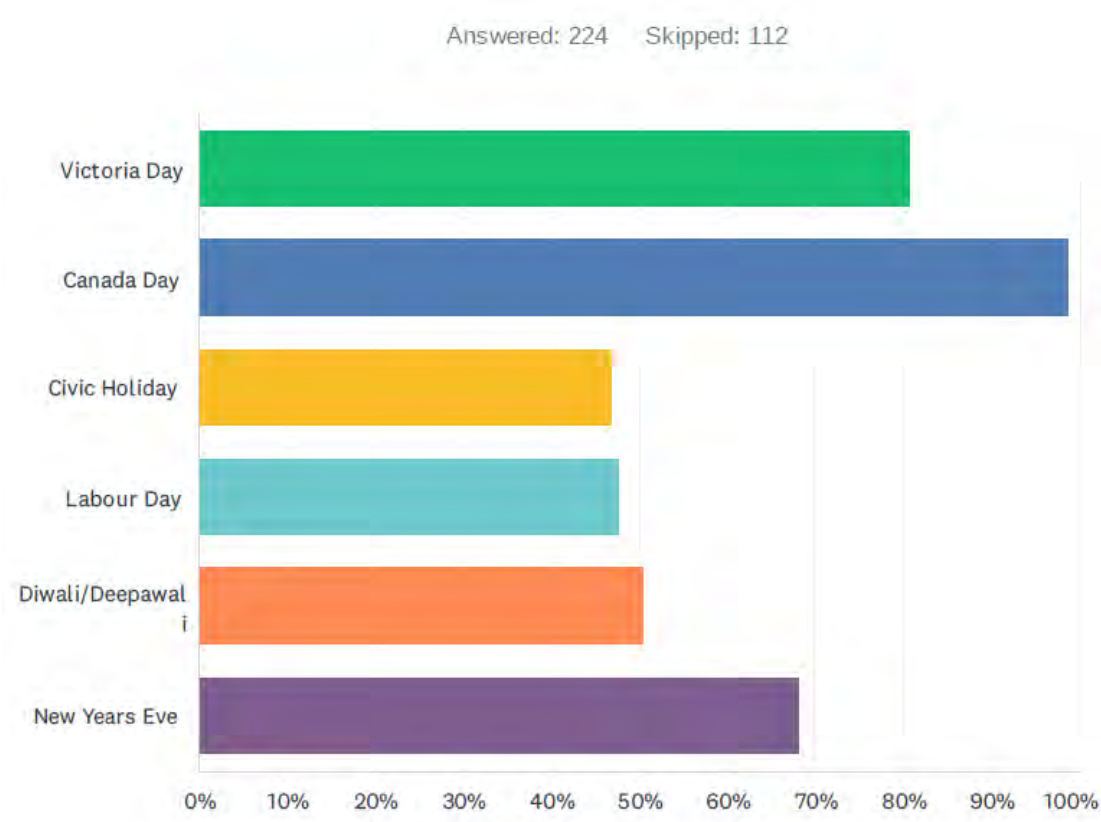
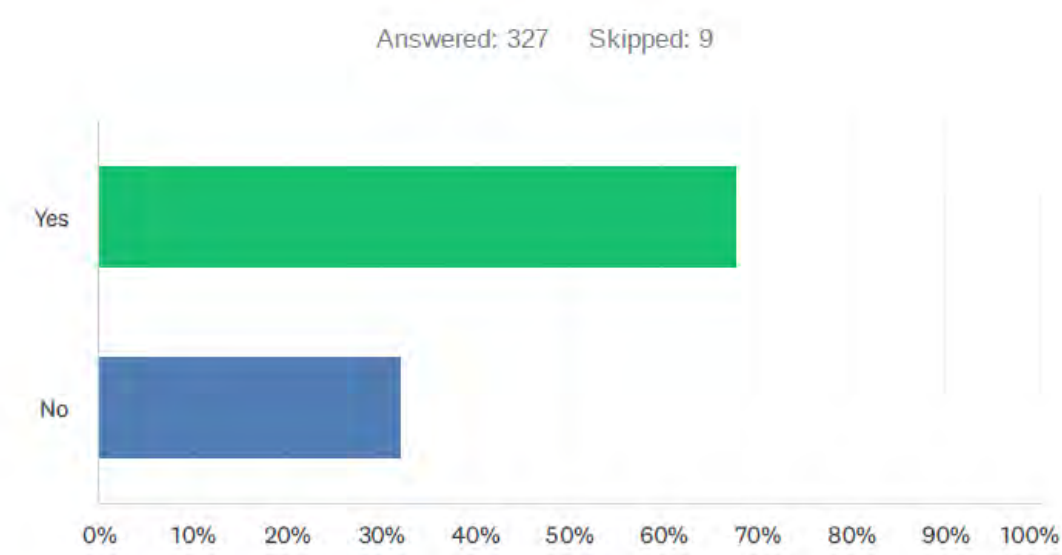
- 98.66% (221) – Canada Day
- 80.8% (181) – Victoria Day
- 68.3% (153) – New Years Eve
- 50.45% (113) – Diwali/Deepawali
- 47.77% (107) – Labour Day
- 46.88% (105) – Civic Holiday

#### Other Comments:

1. Birthdays and parties
2. None
3. All day everyday, let's not go down this road of restrictions
4. None, give a little, take a mile...time for all or NOTHING
5. With notification to Township and Neighbours
6. Should be allowed year round and not just on holidays.
7. Any time
8. Only in special areas that are controlled
9. Family Day
10. Only in winter with snow cover
11. None
12. None
13. Any holiday
14. If a group or family would like to celebrate an event and include fireworks, I don't see an issue with it.
15. Only if put on by the town
16. Keep religious holidays out of it
17. None
18. Any day including holidays
19. Any day
20. People like communal displays as a celebratory bonding event
21. Guy fawkes night
22. Special family occasions with permission of township
23. 1) my birthday, 2) if I win the lotto day, 3) if king Charles gets a day, I'd say no to that one
24. Guy fawkes night
25. Family day weekend, thanksgiving weekend, Christmas
26. Sparklers only
27. On selected holidays ONLY in certain designated areas

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- 28. Only display fireworks
- 29. Any of the above, but only community events or by special permit



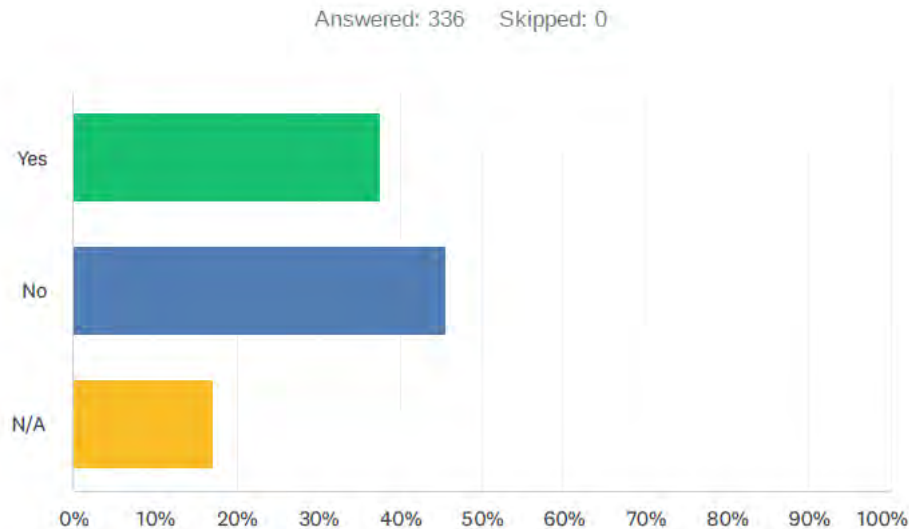
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### Q6 – Do you think the Township should require permits to set off fireworks?

**No: 45.54% (153)**

Yes: 37.50% (126)

N/A: 16.96% (57)



### Q7/Q8 – Does the current use of fireworks in Mulmur impact you?

No: 46.53% (154)

**Yes: 53.47% (177) being:**

- Pets: 73.63% (134)
- Noise: 64.29% (117)
- Sleep: 43.41% (79)
- Safety: 35.71% (65)
- Livestock: 32.42% (59)
- Other: 26.37% (48)
- Mental Health: 22.53% (41)
- Property Damage: 19.78% (36)
- Light: 10.99% (20)

#### Other Comments:

1. Wildlife disturbance
2. Nesting birds
3. Wildlife endangering
4. Environment

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5. Risk of grass and other fires as a result of fireworks
6. Birds, wildlife
7. Wild animals
8. Pollution
9. Wildlife
10. I would be more interested in police to slow down motorcycle and racing cars it's like being t a race track
11. There is a high risk for fire on neighbouring roofs and trees. Especially during droughts! Why are you permitting fireworks during dry spells in the township? No one is adhering to the bylaws regarding fire and fireworks and no one is enforcing the bylaws! Why waste the taxpayers cash having sub committee meetings to pass bylaws if there is no enforcement?
12. Wildlife is impacted
13. Wildlife
14. Climate (bad for environment)
15. Environment
16. Fire during dry times
17. Wild life
18. Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and war-related stress
19. Letting of fireworks in a subdivision should be illegal. They are very disruptive to pets and people
20. There are people in Mansfield who let off fireworks almost every weekend and destroy our evenings with the noise. Also see remnants of fire work casings often in the park and on the path that links the two subdivisions
21. Wildlife
22. Wild fire risk
23. Concerns for people's safety
24. The shock of fireworks kills animals
25. Our dogs are stressed each time there are fireworks here..as much as we use to love the fireworks, out hearts break to see our own dogs in our neighbourhood so terrified. So for this reason only, we wish we had no fireworks in residential areas...so many of our friends and neighbours feel the same way too...love the fireworks as humans, but not when we see our canine family suffer.
26. Wildlife
27. Wildlife
28. Fireworks are a joyful occasion
29. Wildlife
30. WILD LIFE
31. Fireworks are expected at the traditional events in a year, but random setting off of fireworks can be rather annoying/cause for concern
32. I once saw someone set off a paper lantern. It rose into the air and drifted off out of you. It was found a half a kilometer later, and luckily did not land on anyone's house.
33. Wildlife
34. Environmental and waste of money
35. Wildlife, including birds



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36. Very worried about property damage with fireworks going off in neighbourhoods
37. Forest fire risk
38. It is very harmful to wildlife
39. Concerns with possible fires
40. None
41. Mental health :cheerfulness:people are enjoying themselves
42. Potential property damage! SO many accelerants
43. Scare horses cause injury
44. Disruptive impacts on wildlife
45. Disruption to wildlife habitat
46. I worry about our cattle and horses on the days that fireworks are set off. Not happy when they panic and run fences.
47. We have no fire hydrants and a volunteer firefighters, too much risk
48. There have been none near me in the past 12 years but if there were, some of the above would be a concern.

### Q9 – Should the Township look for alternatives to traditional fireworks?

**No: 65.06% (203)**

Noiseless/silent fireworks: 21.15% (66)

Lightshows: 18.59% (58)

Other: 10.26% (32)

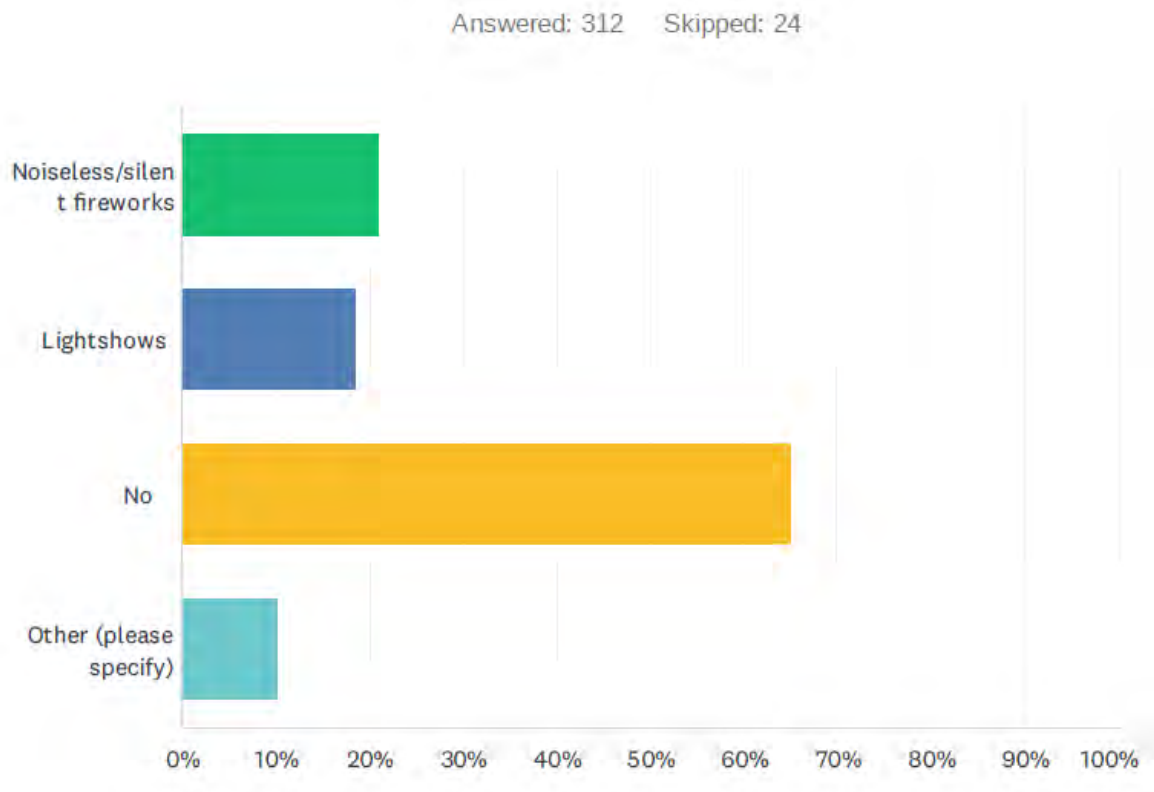
#### Other Comments:

1. Star gazing as a planned event at times when we have expected meteor showers
2. There are more important concerns
3. Controlled by township
4. No use at all
5. Solutions need to be environmentally responsible
6. Lighted drone displays
7. We wouldn't be opposed to alternatives but don't feel traditional fireworks need to be banned
8. Yes, look into alternatives and allow regular fireworks
9. We need more policeman
10. I have never heard of silent fireworks. But it that's an option, possibly
11. Fireworks should one be in town parks
12. NO NONE ALLOWED
13. Music or other

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14. Drone
15. Professionally staged only
16. No more light pollution. Find another way to celebrate, it can be done and done well
17. Not sure an alternative exists
18. Sometimes the noise is half of the entertainment
19. If they don't harm anything, yes!
20. The township should not waste resources addressing foolish issues and start doing what it can to limit climate impact
21. Drone light shows !!
22. Not aware of other options, therefore, no comment at the moment
23. People need to adapt to change. Fireworks are noisy and waste of both money and resources. I'm sure we can celebrate without using fireworks
24. I guess, I don't know... I'd like to just be able to answer YES but there is no option
25. Parades, Community event during day with youth focus
26. Only professional displays by certified operators
27. Drones
28. If they can firework then yes they should replace it with something above
29. At community parks, but approved personnel for Canada day
30. Even the noiseless fireworks leave debris which animals consume and die
31. Collaborate with other larger venues in Dufferin and encourage people to join the larger group with less environmental sensitivities
32. Drones! Example:  
<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&url=https://www.dronelightshow.ca/&ved=2ahUKEwjC4drX8cz8AhX-kokEHTnBuUQFnoECCAQAQ&usg=AOvVaw35WsMmknoksBeZK-CUXEkY>

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### Q10 – Other Comments, Concerns or Suggestions

1. More problems and costs will be created by regulating fireworks.
2. People do not set fireworks every night. Usually it happens on weekends on summer time because they hold parties or family gatherings. During winter time it happens only on New Year's eve. It is our simple right to have entertainment and happiness in our lives. We have way too many restrictions already. Fireworks brings joy to kids and to adults.
3. I don't believe that fireworks are the best way to entertain the community and think money is best spent on other planned community events. If fireworks are used they should be in community settings and away from livestock and wildlife. China is the worlds largest manufacturer and exporter of fireworks. Is this where we want our municipal funds to go? There must be alternative entertainment ideas that can support and bring together our community, without setting off explosives into the sky.
4. Allowing fireworks by permit would be pointless. The main hazard is idiots (and there are many) burning down the escarpment. The escarpment will burn with or without a permit. The sale/purchase and use of fireworks should be banned outright, and there should be a significant fine for non-compliance.
5. Some things should just e left alone
6. I think fireworks as a fire hazard and waste of money
7. Why the extra expense? Scares and disturbs wildlife. Everybody complains about the noise and want to save the environment, here is a start! Mulmur Township is already in danger of losing its untouched beauty.

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8. Mainly irritating for noise and pet upset when fireworks going off. Summer evenings by individuals/groups celebrating private events.
9. Believe it or not the main concern should be towards the nesting and migrating birds, otherwise the noise does not bother us. Another exception is the fall out toxic? Hmmm
10. 1) Dealing with aftermath of clean up from neighbours setting off fireworks, ash/paper all over rooftops, vehicles and ground having to be picked up or hosed down (property damage). @)Neighbours with no respect for others that have to work. setting off fireworks at late hours 11pm, 2am etc 3) It would be beneficial that any fireworks events should be controlled in designated, suitable areas, appropriate with professional handlers, controlled by the township or local authorities for all celebrations
11. Fireworks are a completely irresponsible and frivolous way of stating one's interest in some sort of celebration. I live directly across the road from the town hall on second line. I am bordered to the north and south by a multi culture of softwood and hardwood forests. Our planet is experiencing an unprecedented increase in temperatures and extreme weather events that are extremely dangerous in themselves let alone adding free falling sparks and unsupervised use of fireworks and any ignition generating apparatus (lighters and matches et cetera) All combustible materials used for this type of display of cheer are completely inappropriate and highly dangerous for wildlife, Silva culture , the environment and private property. PLEASE DONOT USE PYROTECHNICS AS A WAY TO CELEBRATE ANYTHING!
12. We are OK with permits, but the permit cost needs to be based on the size type of the event.
13. To regulate is just one more example of our over-regulated nation!
14. Who will enforce rules??we don't have by-law enforcement
15. Please do not ban any fireworks. We live away from Toronto and major cities for a reason.
16. I think we have too many laws and I don't see what fireworks are hurting to anybody or anything
17. Our livestock is frightened by seasonal fireworks
18. I think it would be great to celebrate special events like Canada Day and New Years Eve as a community
19. Please leave well enough alone. There is absolutely NO reason why the township of Mulmur should concern itself with fireworks. If Mulmur residents are troubled by fireworks, they should deal with it themselves, or if danger is involved, they should call the police. The last thing we need is more money going out to pay for firework permits.
20. Fireworks are not only unnecessary they have many adverse impacts. Besides the issues listed in question 8, fireworks can cause fires, they pollute and they adversely impact wildlife and other animals.
21. We already have more than enough noise and light pollution in the township. Fireworks are a scourge, bad for the environment, livestock, pets, wildlife...the list is endless, no benefits that I can think of though.
22. Current noise is from personal fireworks in peoples backyards

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23. Would like permit to include basic guidelines for firework use and safety. Permits are not a perfect solution but at least will allow those willing to follow basic consideration on timing and use opportunity to continue celebrating with fireworks.
24. This is a non issue in the country. Space and minor use would onyl impact a vocal minority of population
25. We need to consider the negative effects of fireworks on the local wildlife
26. Just regulate appropriately
27. Cant people just enjoy the quiet time in the country?! Do we have to impart every inch of this planet with noise and pollution, there are other ways to celebrate. thank you for asking us about this issue.
28. Our concern is livestock and safety
29. We are out in the country. We are not in the city. Let's just be normal.
30. Airshows should not be allowed either. They cause ++ pollution and impact animals and livestock. Thanks for this survey. I would love to see more surveys from Mulmur Township
31. We pay taxes to maintain roads, etc. We don't require additional government overreach. Thankyou
32. Fireworks should be prohibited when fire risk dictates. Sadly, common courtesy of respecting ones neighbor is all too rare. This will likely result in mandates. Rules are required for those lacking common sense.
33. Permits should be required for Display Fireworks
34. I feel that it can be very dangerous if livestock is frighten as they can run/bolt and breakdown or go through fences in their panic, get onto a busy road and cause a fatal vehicle accident. Also I worry with backyard private fireworks that there is the possibility that a firework or flying lantern could land on roof or other part of a property and start a fire. I am deeply against private fireworks and believe they should be banned. Only authority run and operated public displays should be allowed on a few traditional holidays
35. Keep up the great work Mulmur!
36. Regarding Question 6. Display fireworks should require a permit. Permits should not be required for family or small gathering fireworks. A reasonable limit could be set after which a permit would be required. As a suggestion, Limit could be set based on a combination of attendance and number of fireworks to be set off, ie. The more people attending it is assumed that the fireworks display would be proportionally larger.
37. Restrict the hours of setting off
38. Glad the Township is doing this. To me, the biggest emphasis should be on safe operation of fireworks, recognizing the climate is warming, drought is more common and hence the fire risk is becoming higher.
39. THERE SHOULD BE A FIREWORKS BAN IN DROUGHT/DRY CONDITIONS REGARDLESSOF HOLIDAYS. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT FIRES/SMOKE IN CLOSEPROXIMITY TO OUR HOUSE BY NEIGHBOURS WHO DON'T SEEM TO CARE. FLYINGLATERNS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED FOR OBVIOUS REASONS - WE HAVE MANY DRYFIELDS & FORESTS AT RISK.
40. Just FYI: We will be building on our Mulmur property later this year and have no objections to any kind of fireworks in the township.
41. Don't take the fun out of it - but be safe, you're only young once!

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42. The Township should NOT interfere in peoples lives. A friendly reminder to neighbourhood when fireworks are planned would be a courtesy. Please, let people be response for themselves
43. Permits on fireworks? Taxing fun? Who thought of that?
44. RE # 4 when heard, always think initially it is gunshots and am very concerned about effect on animals and birds and also possible fire hazards. Do we not have enough "explosions" going off in our world without creating more for entertainments purposes?
45. Any property near Dufferin Forest should be restricted
46. Display fireworks should be allowed but should require a permit from the town. Family fireworks should be permitted but not after 11:00 pm or before 8:00 am.
47. We used to host an annual fireworks party at the farm - May 24th long weekend. That was the one time in the year we used fireworks.
48. I only concern the flying lanterns may easily get property fires or forest fires
49. Fireworks should only be allowed before 11pm.
50. Fire works are not a problem in mulmur township should be looking at a taxes reduction for noise pollution and the lack of police
51. I don't believe in government permits. Liability laws are enough to protect 3rd parties.
52. You will obviously do what you want and will get quorum for what the "town" wants. But I will tell you, it is not safe to have indiscriminate fireworks during droughts and dry spells. You will start a fire on someone's roof or on a neighbour's treeline/copse. Stop it! It is absolutely ridiculous to have fireworks permitted during dry spells! We have trouble putting out fires during dry spells. Why would you have boombastic private neighbourhood fireworks during dry spells and droughts? Irresponsible! Not only that, the town should make sure that anyone who wants a private fireworks display on their property should firstly, have the appropriate site for it. Secondly, provide an endorsement of multi liability insurance and fire insurance of several million of dollars. And, there should be random inspections during the summer WHEN THE FIREWORKS DISPLAYS ARE RUNNING! Bonfire infractions and fireworks displays always happen on the long weekends and at night - why are the bylaw officers not doing spot checks during those times! Why are they not working on the long weekends and during holidays. Come on! Let's get on with it. It was a problem before the pandemic and our complaints were ignored. And bylaw infractions for bonfires and fireworks were worse during lockdown. Come on! I say no fireworks during dry spells and droughts. That means from May 1 to September 30th. If you are going to permit the fireworks, the council should make sure the resident provides a multimillion dollar insurance endorsement to the township for the event and post it on the website so we are apprised when the fireworks will be displayed. Please let's get on with responsible community government and stop these fire risks!
53. Flying lanterns should not be permitted at any time
54. Fireworks are used very minimal, so I do not have a problem with them.
55. I don't find fireworks a problem due to their minimal use.
56. Thank you councillor Clarke for asking the public.
57. I used to love fireworks until I learned how detrimental they can be to pets and wildlife. We need to preserve our community and it's peacefulness, and consider



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- the pets and abundant wildlife that we live with, first and foremost. Wildlife can be especially terrified by fireworks not to mention pets and livestock.
58. Fireworks and flying lanterns over forested areas are a potential forest fire hazard also farmer fields with certain crops is permitted should only be in controlled areas
  59. STOP WASTING TAX PAYERS MONEY ON RIDICULOUS SURVEYS. HOW ABOUT FIXING 10TH SIDEROAD FROM AIRPORT ROAD TO PRINCE OF WALES AND CLEAN THE SNOW AND SAND BETTER. THIS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE PEOPLES SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH.
  60. Fire hazard is a concern. Should only be allowed with sufficient snow cover.
  61. I have a direct neighbour shoot fireworks directly over my property causing my horses to almost go through the fences. It was an extremely dry year and a distinct fire hazard. People don't think before using fireworks. Please leave them for the urban centre displays.
  62. -
  63. THE AREA IS HEAVILY FORESTED WITH DRY LEAVES ON THE GROUND AS WELL AS DRY EVERGREEN NEEDLES. IT WOULD BE HIGHLY IRRESPONSIBLE TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO SHOOT FIREWORKS AND START FIRES. THERE ARE MANY OTHER WAYS HOW PEOPLE CAN CELEBRATE SPECIAL OCCASIONS WITHOUT ENDANGERING SAFETY.
  64. Flying lanterns should be prohibited for fire safety reasons.
  65. How would you enforce a ban on fireworks
  66. In my opinion, Fireworks have been out of control. Ok for specific holidays with permits. They are not meant for regular use. Animals especially affected by them
  67. Hold the persons responsible of irresponsible use, for example, lighting off on random summer nights past midnight. Canada Day and Victoria Day
  68. There are plenty of well-supervised responsible firework displays already available on appropriate dates. A specific ethnic group that wishes otherwise should follow the same responsible framework as outlined above... an appropriate date and site, well-supervised and responsibly performed.
  69. Not familiar enough with their use. A real concern however is the use of fireworks that could lead to grass or forest fires, especially during a dry season.
  70. Light up the sky with colour on holidays and special occasions 😊
  71. Let tax payers enjoy their beliefs and traditions, North America is becoming a 3rd world country with all these policies We are becoming a communist country, it's bullshit what I see my country turning into because of a few people that are miserable Pretty soon we might have to remove Christmas and Halloween at this rate Geeeeeeze
  72. We live in a country setting not in the city where you have 4 feet between you and your next door neighbour and have 20 feet dept of back yard. If you have 1/2 acre or more there should not be an issue at all.
  73. Thank you for reviewing this
  74. I thought paper lanterns were always illegal? Ban them all!
  75. Consideration for property owners with pets, livestock
  76. having a bylaw is beside the point- people don't know the rules, it is a don't ask/don't tell situation. people will set off fireworks as they please. and a bylaw is unenforceable. Having suggested guidelines is as about as effective as you are going to get.

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77. I would like to hear some positive response regarding the removal of the landscaping business operations across the road from me! Please let's respect our communities
78. Questions 3 and 4 are conflicting. I don't think they should be set off any day but I think that if fireworks were only permitted on holidays then residents could take appropriate action to keep their animals and pets in the house/barn and safe. If I didn't have pets that hated the noise I may feel differently about fireworks.
79. Honestly, the fact that this survey is deemed necessary is ridiculous. Firstly, fireworks have been in use in our country since before I was born and it was never an issue anywhere that I've lived, which as a military veteran includes the cities of Toronto, Calgary, Kingston and Newmarket, as well as rurally in AB, ON and NFLD. Secondly, the vast majority of Mulmur is rural and as such there is more noise from hunters using guns, and the artillery/small arms fire coming from Base Borden. How is fireworks even an issue! Surely there must be other things far more important for people and our Council to be concerned with addressing.
80. I live in Honeywood, my dog does not like the noise, kept me away in the summer but I really feel they are a summer tradition that should not stop. Thanks
81. I think fireworks should be allowed at a specific location like a park where people can gather to watch rather than at people's private residences.
82. It's a great tradition, nice way to get the community together. It would be interesting to explore an alternative that is a) reusable b) environmentally made and disposed of c) less chemicals. For the price of professional fireworks you can do a lot of things that might give a better return.
83. I am against fireworks in our rural community because of fire hazards, threat to pastured livestock etc. Nobody checks the website if only certain days are permitted, no enforcement available. This should not end up as a policing issue. People do the strangest things and please for forgiveness after. The simplest act is to not permit them at all.
84. Is the Township doing them I'm OK with that as long as safety precautions are taken. I don't agree with private individuals/families using fireworks even with a permit. Too high fire risk
85. I think finding ways to connect with friends, family, neighbour's and community is wonderful and necessary. We however also have to be more cognizant of how we do this and how it affects others, the environment and the life around that isn't just human. Fireworks and lightshows although exciting and beautiful have detrimental impact to the animals we share this land with along with our pets. We have to find ways to celebrate that are in harmony with our surroundings not opposed to them.
86. Fireworks notifications should be mailed/delivered to every household prior to event; private fireworks displays should be fined
87. Thank you for taking steps to address the use of fireworks in Mulmur. Fireworks are extremely distressing and cause risk to our environments. Please seriously consider stopping or restricting use like other townships/communities are doing.
88. Fireworks time has come and gone. Too many people are abusing it. They need to be banned.
89. If an alternative firework were approved, I think it would still leave the door open for some setting off of unapproved fireworks. Easier to just say "no" across the board to avoid grey areas and pleas of ignorance. Unless the fines were extreme, I'm not convinced there would be complete adherence.



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90. Given the fire risks involved with fireworks in a rural setting, they should only be allowed with proper supervision at the Township office and/or Mansfield ball park.
91. Whatever decision is agreed upon, survey should be reviewed every 3-5yrs as demographics change. Thanks
92. People who set off fireworks here tend to be visitors or occasional tenants (Mulmur is their 2ndhome). They fire them ALL weekend and at midnight. I have horses and a licensed dog kennel. My visiting dogs often have fear of fireworks and to have to medicate them ALL weekend is unfair to them. Be nice to say you only have from 8-10 pm to fire them and be end of it all. Fireworks should be set off at least 55 ft from the house so in town no fireworks are safe as it pertains to property damage. How is Mulmur going to man those violators. I know if I called fire or police on these occasions, the phone would be busy and there would not be enough workers to come out to ticket violators. Trust is, they have better things to do - keep our stores and constituents safe from criminals.
93. I think that if people can target practice and unload firearms in the area all day long at any given time, I don't think fireworks on occasion are not a concern. With the exception of new years, maybe a timeframe would be beneficial. Sort of coinciding with the noise bylaw, after 11 could get you in trouble.
94. Looking into alternatives is a wonderful idea, just don't take the fun out of a true fireworks show.
95. the ban as of april 2022 in Caledon could be the model as can the Nov 2022 decision to ban fireworks in Brampton.
96. For the sake of our wildlife, please either go to none or silent!
97. A fire hazard risk should be only reason to ban fireworks, there should be a provision in dry conditions to temporarily ban use of fireworks to prevent grass/forest fires.
98. I'm ok with fireworks on the above noted holidays. It's the people that abuse their right, and set them off until 2 am on any weekend in the summer. It is extremely disruptive to neighbours. Victoria Day and Canada Day are ok with my family
99. I think alternatives to traditional fireworks are a good place to start. A lot of people enjoy them. It would be good if the town could find alternatives and put on the shows for holidays. At least if it's the town putting it on, people can be aware of the date and make other arrangements for pets, themselves, etc. It becomes difficult if multiple people on a line are doing fireworks throughout an entire holiday weekend and "rapid fire" of the fireworks. I also am some what concerned about potential damage to property.
100. LEAVE PEOPLE ALONE THERE IS A REASON WE LIVE IN THE COUNTRY. PEOPLE NEED TO MIND THERE OWN BUSINESS
101. Doubt that a permit system would work but people need to know how to handle them safely at home. Definitely would support move to noiseless as less harmful to pets and wildlife.
102. I have neighbours that routinely light off fireworks in the summer. I don't have a problem in reasonable hours, but this doesn't happen. One time it was at 12:30 at night. Another time it was late in the evening and it appeared that the fireworks got out of control and we were concerned that the evergreen trees separating our property would catch fire. Not sure how to manage this but people need to keep them to reasonable times, and under control (ie, don't light them off if there is a strong wind)

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103. We love how fireworks look, but they're much too dangerous for wild/domestic animals. If there is an environmentally friendly alternative, we'd love it :) Thanks for asking.
104. My primary objection is the risk of fire.
105. Fireworks are a very occasional occurrence. The very few occasions they are let off generate little or no inconvenience for us, in fact they are a delight to see. We would be very disappointed to see them restricted or god forbid, banned. Fireworks o
106. There are other ways of celebrating with music, dance, outdoor theatre or movies. We need to be considerate of our farming community that have livestock affected by the noise and light.
107. Occasional fireworks do not bother us, though happy for rules to be changed if they bother other residents. Does not impact us either way. I do NOT think fireworks should be allowed for some special occasions (eg Victoria day) and not others (eg Diwali).
108. The township absolutely should permit family fireworks for special occasions / holidays without the need for a permit. If banned in a rural area, what problem is being solved ?
109. Our dog gets very distressed from the noise of fireworks even when indoors. My neighbors set them off and they have damaged two of our vehicles. It is difficult to sleep for myself and my children when they are going off at 11pm or later. I feel that this survey should not be permitted to have fireworks
110. I can't see a huge problem if allowed any day. The novelty just isn't there to expect people firing them off at all times. Besides, they are not readily available for purchase except on certain holidays like Canada Day or Victoria Day.
111. Common sense goes a long way ! We don't need more rules and regulations !
112. we suggest fireworks remain allowed without permits
113. Fireworks are good family fun a couple times a year.
114. Fireworks are normally for celebrations, whether it be a specific holiday, a birthday/retirement/anniversary celebration or a family gathering. They can be enjoyable and bring smiles to people's faces. So many things are being regulated lately and eliminated from everyday life which had brought enjoyment and comradery. Let's continue to allow people to express their happiness and partake in these types of celebrations. Thanks for the opportunity to engage in this survey.
115. Why is "the threat of wildfire" not listed?? ALL FIRES SHOULD BE PROHIBITED as the majority of residents now have no appreciation for the risk and severity of impact. The natural environment does not need yet another invasive human activity, nor do residents who value what is left of the natural environment want to see more encroachment.
116. Given the amount of forested and agricultural land in Mulmur, combined with relative dry/drought conditions I am very concerned about the fire risk posed by indiscriminate use of fireworks by the general public. Use of fireworks should be limited to municipality sponsored events at controlled sites.
117. I think fireworks could be done on a permit basis with a small fee for special occasions and holidays. That will deter people from setting them off unnecessarily but will still allow people to use them for celebrations.
118. The garbage that people leave in public parks, the streets and on private properties (the church tree field in Mansfield) after they set off fireworks is ridiculous. In this day and age the fact that people are littering at all and worse in spaces used by

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children and families is unacceptable. This needs to be addressed. Plus the fact that people trespass onto private property because they think of it as an empty field in town is also unacceptable and a major disturbance to the people who live beside these properties. I have also unfortunately witnessed drunk individuals setting off fireworks in the streets of Mansfield, so something needs to be done to enforce these activities. I enjoy firework displays but there is a time and a place and if the town invested in some silent firework shows then maybe this would help curb the reckless activities in town.

119. Fireworks should be banned in residential areas. I have witnessed pets running off in fear. I have been woken up numerous times because of fireworks in our area, our dog freaks out every time, can you imagine the effects on wildlife. I believe they should be only allowed with permits, which should be at a cost of no less than 1000 dollars, which should include notification of the event to neighbors. Very little common sense these days!
120. A by-law can't be enforced so don't bother. Perhaps a permit requirement and education might help control the issues around fireworks but I expect not.
121. The tide is turning against loud displays. I think families should be able to have fireworks, whether I like them or not; but a permit for commercial use seems reasonable. Seeking alternatives that aren't incendiary seems like a good idea.
122. If things stay the same, I won't be overly concerned, but it makes sense to reduce usage to limit nuisance bother to others and the risk of fire or injury to humans or wildlife (especially in the case of wire-framed lanterns).
123. Not everything needs regulation in this world.
124. I am not in favour of everybody being able to set off fireworks at any time they wish.
125. Fireworks are fun and enjoyable all year round
126. Occasional display fireworks operated by a pro would be nice. Responsible and safe use of fireworks should be strongly encouraged...thx
127. Please spend funds on more productive ways to increase service and overall well being of Mulmur residents
128. There are too many fireworks and too much light pollution in Mulmur Township. Less is better.
129. Let people live their lives and have fun! Fun doesn't hurt anyone.
130. Fireworks are unnecessary and have too many negative side effects to wildlife and the environment to allow them. They should not be allowed, period.
131. Fireworks have been enjoyed by many for years and most people use a common sense approach to using them, at the traditional occasions. The random, inconsiderate folks may be causing undue distress for neighbours and the township. Perhaps having to register for setting off fireworks would help encourage appropriate timing and use.
132. Fireworks are a fun for families. The unfortunate change, the last number of years, has been the size and scope of fireworks and the frequency of use by families. They are now heard in the week and many weekends during the summer and now other seasons. Personal and fire safety is an issue.
133. While I don't think permitting is necessary, education and policy is required. Areas for use should be determined and made available. Communication and enforcement of non-permitted times and locations should also be resourced (ie: fire bans, wooded areas, other risks)

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134. My main concern is for animals: domestic and wildlife. Mulmur is mostly rural with a health wildlife population - let's respect and protect that. We can go to larger population centers where display fireworks are done on holidays like Canada Day. But they should not be allowed on private property, nor anywhere in Mulmur.
135. Frankly, it's a lot of money allocated for something that has a great impact on pets and wildlife. Not to mention, the waste considering its money literally, going up in smoke. Money that could be spent on community events more lasting.
136. I know this is a contentious issue, but I've been against fireworks for years. They are a complete waste of resources and money. With everything that's going on in the world the least we can do is get rid of fireworks.
137. Ban when fire risk is extreme, require they be set off a certain distance from a wooded area, put in a after sunset and before midnight time restriction
138. I think the reason you are collecting personal information should be clearly stated. You should state WHY you are interested in our opinions. Question 3 and 4 don't make sense to me. For 3, If I'm saying I'm in favour of fireworks in question 2, then why would there be an option for "fireworks should not be permitted" in question 3, since I already said that in question 2? Also, for question 3, you say holidays and your examples don't include Gov't holidays. I don't agree with any of the options offered in 3 and it's a mandatory question!!! So I have to answer something that is going to give you false input. I have to wait until question 5 to answer it. You could wrap 4 and 5 into one question. Why does question 6 have an option for N/A? If it's not applicable, then isn't it basically a no? What does N/A refer to? Question 9 says Should the township look for alternatives. There's no option for me to say YES. Maybe I don't know what alternatives I am thinking of, I just want to say YES, township should look for alternatives. What was the logic behind the mandatory questions. why those ones? Basically you're saying, of all these questions, these are the ones we NEED answered for our information gathering exercise. So if people only answered questions 1, 3 and 6 it would be sufficient? Also, wouldn't this have been a perfect opportunity to request express consent offer an check box for people to opt into the email list and newsletters in a continued effort to engage with residents???You're collecting information already, can't you just add a check box with a friendly opt instatement?
139. Have designated areas within the township where individuals can go to set off recreational fireworks. These area would ideally be where the least amount of negative impacts occurs(noise)
140. Questions 2 and 3 limit response options therefore control survey result. I would prefer to choose that fireworks be allowed BUT only on specific Holidays that are relevant to all residents on the same days and therefore controlled and presented by the township.
141. When fireworks explode they release chemicals that are carcinogenic and/or toxic to humans, animals, and plants. These chemicals pollute the air, water, and soil. The noise and light from fireworks disrupt and frighten wildlife, including nesting birds. Light shows as an alternative can also be problematic as can artificial light in general. [www.darksky.org/light-pollution/wildlife](http://www.darksky.org/light-pollution/wildlife)
142. If fire works are limited to specific holidays and put on by the township then no need for permits. In my opinion, individual residences should not be allow to set off fire works for any reason. It's a fire and safety hazard.

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143. As a retired, professional firefighter, I have seen many home fireworks displays gone bad. Personal injury and property damage. Never underestimate the carelessness of some negligent and/or drunken people. I really can't comprehend how the sale of fireworks at corner retail stands has not been prohibited by the Government of Ontario. When done by certified professionals, fireworks displays are awesome and can be enjoyed by everyone SAFELY.
144. Forest fire risk is too high. Many people are simply too irresponsible to be trusted to follow rules and safety guidelines. NO fireworks.
145. The noise from exploding fireworks can be terrifying. Panicked pets can bust through door screens or even windows to run away. Frightened cows and horses can easily trample through fences. Animals are often seriously injured in their attempts to escape, including lacerations ,sprains and broken limbs. Many dogs are fearful of fireworks. When frightened, dogs who are normally friendly can sometimes act out of character. This places members of the public, including children, at risk of being bitten. Fireworks also frighten, disorient and disturb wild animals. When scared from dens and roosting sites, wildlife can run into busy streets or fly into buildings. This often has fatal results. Fireworks can also interrupt their natural feeding and breeding behaviours and even cause them to abandon their young. When accidentally ingested, the debris from exploded fireworks can cause life-threatening illness. Animals can be poisoned by the chemicals or suffer from gastrointestinal obstruction.
146. Pets be mindful of the animals pls
147. Ontario bylaw permits fireworks and we are part of Ontario. If people are following the safety guidelines, there shouldn't be any issues. If someone has a pet that doesn't like the sound, put it in the house like I used to do with my dogs. Fireworks have been around for many years without hassle. I think people have too much time on their hands for consistent complaining.
148. As above, the concern of fires is huge with "live fireworks" .I do think sparklers should be permitted on listed choices of holidays.
149. Thousands in vet bills spent after fireworks. Horses are terrified of fireworks and this should not be permitted!!
150. As much as fireworks are wonderful it is evident from the current research that they are harmful to livestock, wildlife, and humans who suffer from ptsd or individuals who may not have ptsd but are traumatized by loud noises. It's time for Mulmur to ban fireworks and protect our residents, local wildlife, and livestock.
151. At the right time...in the right area (where noise and light already exists due to street lights and/or density) fireworks should be permitted. With restrictions on timing, permit required. And limited to special holidays synonymous with fireworks such as Victoria Day and July 1
152. Mulmur recently issued a Climate Change emergency. Allowing fireworks does not support that policy.
153. Only display fireworks that have a permit on holidays should be allowed
154. The big offenders are those from the city that visit on long weekend and set them off EVERY long weekend including Thanksgiving and Easter, at all hours with ZERO regard for the effect it has on pets, wildlife and livestock!!
155. Thank you for asking the Community.
156. bad for livestock and the environment
157. Celebrations with the use of fireworks should always be welcome in the community

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158. Fireworks displays Re extremely disruptive to bird navigation, polluting and unnecessary
159. Fireworks have become so regular now that it is not a treat like it used to be on holidays. People in our neighbourhood set them off whenever. Also the increase in pets that escape from fear is incredible. That also becomes safety issues when scared animals are loose.
160. Fireworks should not be allow due to the dry conditions of the pine forest. Due to the amount of forests in the area. Noisy. Disturbs our animals.
161. To date, there have been no fireworks around my home so there hasn't been a real impact. However, during Diwali, we visited friends in a Caledon subdivision and we were shocked at the unsafe fireworks practice in that area, with many families lighting off fireworks on their driveways, very close to people, cars and homes. Our car was hit by fireworks, as was the garage of the home we visited. I am pleased Mulmur is considering its policy related to fireworks. If they are allowed, I recommend very strict guidelines related to safety and location. I don't think it is necessary to allow fireworks on private property, especially without permits. I do support occasional, community fireworks which are properly staffed and safe.
162. I love fireworks!





**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk  
**MEETING DATE:** April 5, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Mansfield Ski Club Snow Operations

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to present Council with greater information surrounding noise levels and exemptions for snow making operations.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2022 the Township received a noise complaint with respect to the snow making equipment at the Mansfield Ski Club. On December 14, 2022 Council passed the following motion:

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins**

THAT Council do rise out of closed session and into open session at 1:50 pm with the following motion:

THAT Council direct Staff to invite Mansfield Ski Club to the next Council meeting to discuss noise from snow making equipment. **CARRIED.**

On February 1, 2023, Council received a presentation from Jason MacArthur, General Manager of the Mansfield Ski Club and passed the following motion:

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins**

THAT Council receive the presentation of Jason MacArthur, General Manager, Mansfield Ski Club.

AND THAT Council direct staff to conduct a review of the Township's Noise By-law. **CARRIED.**

**ANALYSIS:**

The Mansfield Ski Club (MSC) has provided the Township with a letter from the supplier (Snowmakers), as well as sound readings from around the property.

The Ministry of Environment considers noises of less than 60 decibels as being an acceptable level and therefore not considered as a noise emission or noise pollution. In addition, the Environmental Protection Act, O. Reg. 524-98 exempts mobile equipment

used for snowmaking from provincial noise guidelines or requiring Environmental Compliance Approvals. Examples of typical noises and decibel levels are as follows:

**Faint to moderate sounds**

- 20 decibels – watch ticking
- 30 decibels – whispering
- 40 decibels – refrigerator
- 50 decibels – moderate rainfall
- 60 decibels – dishwasher

**Loud sounds**

- 70 decibels – city traffic
- 80 decibels – noisy restaurant

**Very loud sounds**

- 90 decibels – lawn mower
- 100 decibels – chainsaw
- 110 decibels – car horn
- 120 decibels – rock concert
- 130 decibels – jet engine 100 feet away
- 140 decibels – shotgun blast

The report from Snowmakers highlights a maximum decibel reading of 76 dB at point of contact for the equipment at MSC, with noise dropping drastically at 150'. In addition, the decibel readings taken by the Mansfield Ski Club show a maximum decibel reading of 72 dB with an average readings between 43-66 dB.

MSC was unable to obtain information from neighbouring ski clubs with respect to their snowmaking equipment and noise levels.

The use of snowmaking equipment is essential to shill hill operations in Ontario. As such, many municipalities provide noise exemptions to ski hills for the use of snowmaking equipment to ensure continued operations and economic development.

Example of such neighbouring municipalities with noise exemptions for snowmaking equipment or ski hill operations include:

- The Town of Blue Mountains
- Township of Springwater
- Oro-Medonte
- Grey Highlands

Under the Municipal Act, municipalities can regulate, enforce and exempt noises through a by-law, including setting limits or exempting noise from a specific location or type of source.



**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

1. Growing a Prosperous Mulmur: Responsibly managing the fiscal resources of Mulmur and providing opportunities for success.
4. Growing a Sustainable Mulmur: Being Proactive in Sustainable Initiatives to ensure the long term well being of Mulmur.

**FINANCIAL IMPACTS:**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Snow Making Operations;

AND THAT Council direct staff to draft an amendment to the Township Noise By-law to exempt the sound arising from snow-making equipment at a ski hill.

Respectfully submitted,

*Roseann Knechtel*

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk

Schedule A – Snowmakers Letter (page 74)

Schedule B – Mansfield Ski Club Decibel Reading Locations (page 76)



February 17, 2023

Mansfield Ski Club Ltd  
628213 Side Rd 15  
Mansfield, ON L9V 0T9, Canada

Dear Sir/Madam,

With more than 20 years of experience in ski resorts, I am a representative for the SMI company for all of Eastern Canada.

At SMI, we have been making snow for over 45 years and we are one of the world's leading players located in North America.

We develop snowmaking solutions for ski resorts and other organizations around the world.

Our products and our development teams are world class and we have provided our know-how and our equipment for several of the last Olympic games and to many other customers such as:

- Ski Bromont
- Vail
- Sochi
- Salt Lake City
- Whistler
- Pyeongchang
- Beaver creek
- And a lot more

Most snowmaking around the world is done at night, as temperatures are colder at night and the sun affects the transformation of water into snow less. If the snow is not made during its cold periods, most ski resorts would not be able to open and operate.

This is why our machines are designed taking into account the location factors that attract ski resorts, that is to say close to residences inhabited all year round or sporadically in season. We also have several customers who use our machines in urban areas (Montreal, Saint Bruno, Saint Hilaire, Ottawa,...)

Here are the measurements in decibels of snowmaking equipment present at Mansfield Ski Club:

Polecat

50' front : 74db

150' front : 65db

50' side : 67db

75' side : 63db

50' back : 74db

Super Polecat Tower

50' front : 76db

150' front : 64db

50' side : 70db

75' side : 67db

50' back : 75db

Grizzly

50' front : 72db

150' front : 58db

50' side : 68db

75' side : 65db

Exceeded 150' the measurements drop drastically. The noise emitted by the machines is a whirring noise which is not shrill as with other systems that exist in some stations.

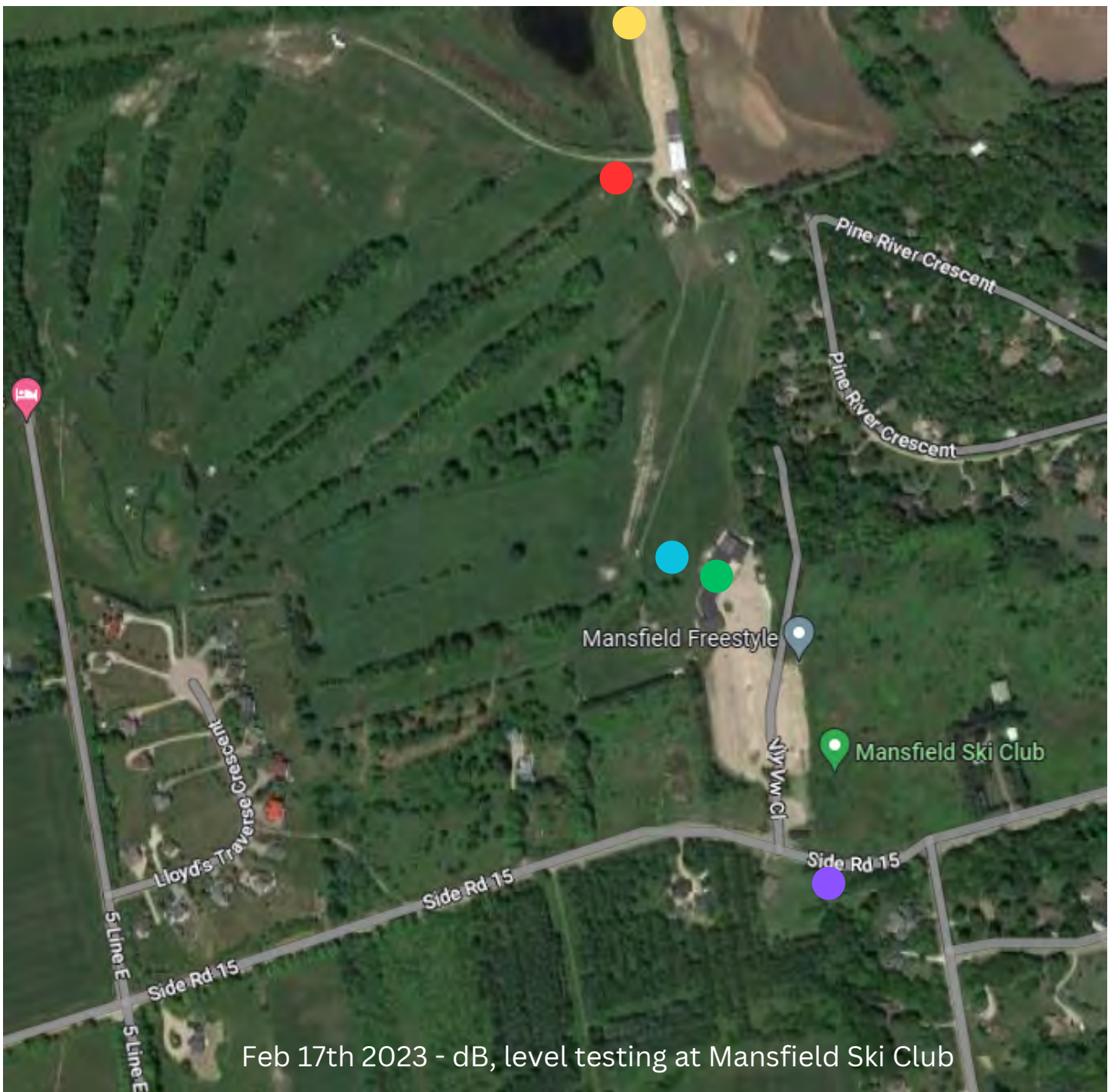
Please contact us if you have any questions or comments.

With our best regards and  
Our thoughts filled with snow



Nathanaël Golberg  
514 754 2004

## Schedule B



9:18am Lower Lot and dB max 61, Avg 48



9:15am Ski Patrol and dB max 49, Avg 43



10am 50m from fan gun and dB max 72, Avg 66



10am Main Chalet and dB max 58, Avg 56



9:24am Mountain Rd and dB max 57, Avg 55

*Minutes of Honeywood Cemetery Board Meeting  
Held on Wednesday, September 14 2022 at the home of Harold & Marg Ritchie*

Those Present: Glenn Laverty, Member                      Elizabeth Weatherall, Chair/Member  
Harold Ritchie, Member/Caretaker                      Kimberlee Adams, Member  
Kim Fraser, Secretary-Treasurer                      Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk/Planner

The meeting commenced at 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order by Secretary-Treasurer and Notation of Attendance

Motion to Appoint Board Chair

Moved by Laverty, seconded by Ritchie, that Elizabeth Weatherall be appointed as Board Chair

Motion Carried.

Elizabeth accepts the position

Motion to Appoint Caretaker

Moved by Adams, seconded by Laverty, that Harold Ritchie be appointed as Caretaker.

Motion Carried.

Harold accepts the position

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Members of the Board are required to state any pecuniary interest in accordance with the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Motion to Approve Agenda

Moved by Adams, seconded by Weatherall, Be it resolved that the meeting agenda dated September 14, 2022 be approved as presented and circulated. Motion Carried.

Motion to Approve Previous Minutes

Moved by Laverty, seconded by Ritchie, Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular board meetings held July 24, 2019 and December 5, 2019 be approved as presented and circulated. Motion Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

Additional trees for Parkette.

Moved by Weatherall, seconded by Laverty. To plant three (3) trees and contact JJJ. Motion Carried.

Financial Report

Disbursements and income report presented. Maintenance account showing a current bank balance of \$13,880.33.

Pay honorarium to secretary-treasurer for 2020/2021/2022

A Plot and Niche listing report presented.

An updated plot and columbarium fee schedule circulated and reviewed.

Moved by Adams, seconded by Atkinson, Be it resolved that the Board receive the financial reports and paid accounts as presented by the Secretary-Treasurer. Motion Carried

Caretakers Maintenance Report

A load of gravel needed. Ask to promote niches on Mulmur website and social media.

Moved by Lavery, seconded by Atkinson: Be it resolved that the Board receive the verbal report from the Caretaker. Motion Carried

New Business

Memorial Decoration Day June 2023 – revisit in April 2023

Pictures on Columbarium ends

Acknowledge resignation from Ron Wilson

Share approved board minutes with council and public

Next Meeting Discussions and Adjournment

April 2023 – Decoration Day

Adjournment

Moved by Adams, seconded by Lavery: Be it resolved that we now adjourn at 8:23pm to meet in April 2023 or at the call of the chair. Motion Carried.

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Chair



## **SHELburne & DISTRICT FIRE BOARD**

February 7, 2023

The Shelburne & District Fire Department **Board of Management** meeting was held in person at 114 O'Flynn Street and electronically (Zoom ID 852 8210 0477) on the above mentioned date at 7:00 P.M.

### **Present**

As per attendance record.

#### 1. **Opening of Meeting**

1.1 Vice-Chair, Gail Little, called meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

#### 2. **Additions or Deletions**

The following item(s) be added to the agenda:

9.2 Closed Session

#### 3. **Approval of Agenda**

##### 3.1 **Resolution # 1**

Moved by B. Neilson – Seconded by M. Davie

### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Board of Management approves the agenda as amended.

**Carried**

4. **Approval of Minutes**

4.1 **Resolution # 2**

Moved by D. White – Seconded by F. Nix

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Board of Management adopt the minutes under the date of January 3, 2023 and January 20, 2023 as circulated.

**Carried**

5. **Pecuniary Interest**

5.1 No pecuniary interest declared.

6. **Public Question Period**

6.1 Firefighter Narine asked questions of the Board regarding on-going legal matters.

The Vice-Chair advised FF Narine that he would receive a response from the Board within a week.

7. **Delegations / Deputations**

7.1 No delegations present.

8. **Unfinished Business**

8.1 **2023 Operating and Capital Budgets**

**Resolution # 3**

Moved by F. Nix – Seconded by W. Mills

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Shelburne and District Fire Board of Management adopt the 2023 Operating Budget in the amount of \$810,529.39 which represents a 37.97% increase over 2022; and further that this request be circulated to the participating municipalities.

**Carried**



**Resolution # 4**

Moved by W. Mills – Seconded by D. White

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne and District Fire Board of Management adopt the 2023 Capital Budget in the amount of \$350,000 as per option 1 and that this request be circulated to the participating municipalities.

**Carried**

9. **Unfinished Business**

9.1 HR Committee

**Resolution # 5**

Moved by: J. Horner – M. Davie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board Joint Board of Management appoints the following members to the HR Sub-committee:

1. Shane Hall
2. Janet Horner
3. Gail Little
4. Melinda Davie

**Carried**

9.2 Procurement Committee

Deferred to next meeting.

9.3 RLB Review Engagement Letter

**Resolution # 6**

Moved by F. Nix – Seconded by B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management receives the Review Engagement Letter from RLB LLP;

AND THAT the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign the letter.

**Carried**

#### 9.4 OFM 30 Recommendations, Response and Recommendation # 6

The Chief will review for the next meeting.

#### 9.5 Consulting Services for a Telecommunications Review Project

Provided for information for the Board. The Fire Department will need to upgrade their communication system in the future. The Chief would like to see the municipalities start exploring grant options.

#### 10. **Chief's Report**

##### 10.1 **Monthly Reports (January 2023)**

There was a total of 27 incidents for the month of January.

##### 10.2 **Update from the Fire Chief - Verbal**

#### 11. **Future Business:**

11.1 Nothing at this time.

#### 12. **Accounts & Payroll – November & December 2022**

##### 12.1 **Resolution # 7**

Moved by F. Nix – Seconded by D. White

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The bills and accounts in the amount of \$43,634.92 for the period of December 29, 2022 to February 1, 2023 as presented and attached be approved for payment.

**Carried**

#### 8.2 **Closed Session**

##### **Resolution # 8**

Moved by – Seconded by G. Little

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Shelburne & District Fire Board do now do “in camera” to discuss the following:

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

**Carried**

##### **Resolution # 9**

Moved by B. Neilson – Seconded by W. Mills

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

We do now rise and report progress at 9:44 p.m.

**Carried**

13. **Confirming and Adjournment**

13.1 **Resolution # 10**

Moved by W. Mills – Seconded by B. Metzger

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

All actions of the Board Members and Officers of the Shelburne and District Fire Board of Management, with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Board on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; And each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Board Members and Officers at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.

**Carried**

13.2 **Resolution # 11**

Moved by D. White – Seconded by W. Mills

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Board of Management do now adjourn at 9:46 pm to meet again on March 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.

**Carried**

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved:

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Nicole Hill  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Gail Little  
Vice Chairperson

## SHELBURNE & DISTRICT FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Meeting Attendance Record Under Date of February 7, 2023

<b>Municipality / Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Township of Amaranth</b>		
Brad Metzger	X	
Gail Little	X	
<b>Town of Mono</b>		
Melinda Davie	X(v)	
Fred Nix	X	
<b>Township of Melancthon</b>		
Darren White	X	
Bill Neilson	X	
<b>Town of Shelburne</b>		
Wade Mills	X	
Shane Hall		X
<b>Township of Mulmur</b>		
Earl Hawkins	X(v)	
Janet Horner	X(v)	
<b>Staff</b>		
Ralph Snyder – Fire Chief	X	
Jeff Clayton – Deputy Chief	X	
Nicole Hill – Sec/Treas.	X	



## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES April 19, 2023 – 9:30 AM**

Present: Darryl Stansfield, Chair  
Diana Morris  
Lisa Thomson  
Janet Horner  
Roseann Knechtel, Secretary  
Donna Funston, Secretary

Absent: Savannah Rogers

### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

### **2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by Morris and Seconded by Thomson**

THAT Council approve the agenda.

**CARRIED.**

### **3.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Moved by Horner and Seconded by Thomson**

THAT the minutes of March 22, 2023 are approved.

**CARRIED.**

### **4.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS – NONE**

### **5.0 ADMINISTRATION**

#### **5.1 2023 Business Excellence Award Nominations**

Discussion ensued, and the Committee identified Mulmur businesses for nominations in all categories. The Committee agreed the Dufferin Board of Trade certificates are to be hand delivered by a Committee member, with Township promoting the nominations on the Township communication channels.

**Moved by Horner and Seconded by Thomson**

THAT the Economic Development Committee support the Dufferin Board of Trade Business Excellence Awards through the purchase of a ticket for Chair Darryl Stansfield to attend on behalf of Mulmur.

**CARRIED.**

## **5.2 2023 Economic Development Breakfast**

The Committee agreed on a \$10 ticket with online registration and payment options being made available. Direction was given to amend the poster to include registration information, timing and identify the small and home-based business topic.

## **5.3 2023 Mulmur Summer Market**

Committee members discussed possible locations and timing. This item is to be brought forward at the next meeting for further discussion.

## **5.4 International Plowing Match**

Item deferred pending additional information and costing from Dufferin Board of Trade and the IPM.

## **5.5 Digital Passport Creation: 2023 Farm Passport Program**

The Committee agreed to defer the Farm Passport Tour to 2024, pending the development of a digital passport. Chair Stansfield will report back to the next meeting with passport options.

Members agreed to move forward with a sandwich competition for 2023. Possible business inclusions are Smoke Shack, Fam Burger, Super Burger, Champ Burger, Rosemont General Store, Maple Grove Market, Mrs. Mitchell's and Burger Bus.

Staff will move forward with the development of the program and obtaining business approvals for inclusion.

## **5.6 Other - None**

## **6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS - NONE**

## **7.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **7.1 EDC Breakfast**

### **7.2 2023 Summer Market**

### **7.3 International Plowing Match**

### **7.4 Mulmur Sandwich Competition**

## **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Thomson and Seconded by Morris**

THAT Council adjourns the meeting at 11:10 a.m. to meet again on May 24, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., or at the call of the Chair.

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**MINUTES**  
**MANSFIELD PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**April 25, 2023 7:30 PM**

Present: Emerson Pendleton, Chair  
Andrew Cunningham  
Gavin Longmuir  
Mandy Little  
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Longmuir**

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED.**

**3. PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES**

**Moved by Pendleton and Seconded by Little**

THAT the minutes of March 28, 2023 be approved.

**CARRIED.**

**4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - NONE**

**5. ADMINISTRATION**

**5.1 Mansfield Community Park**

**Site Tour**

Members conducted a site tour of the Mansfield Community Park noting repairs and improvements made over the years.

**Spring Maintenance**

Members discussed spring maintenance and noted garbage cans still need to be placed, litter at the playground and a hole in the roof of the home dugout, and a broken window on the lime shed.



Members discussed batter box repair, and Emerson noted the men's team would do the repair. Public Works will provide the instructions and ensure materials are placed at the diamond.

### **Mansfield Baseball Signage**

Members discussed replacing old signage and installing signage on the dug outs and pavilion. Staff will draft signage and get quotes for committee review at the next meeting.

### **Fall 2023 Community Baseball Tournament**

Members discussed proceeds of the fall baseball tournament and agreed funds will be donated to Mansfield Minor Ball to use towards purchase of equipment for use at the Honeywood Baseball Diamond.

## **5.2 Thomson Trail Park**

### **Playground Grand Opening Event**

Members agreed the event would be hosted from 1-3pm and requested a porta potty be available for use at the event, along with coffee and timbits or cupcakes.

### **Pickleball**

Members were provided an update that one pickleball set will be available for use at the Thomson Trail Park in June. The Township will provide communications and social media to promote its use.

### **Parking Lot**

Members discussed the creation and size of a parking lot at Thomson Trail Park. Members are suggesting that

## **5.3 Maes Cres Park**

### **Other**

Members noticed dead and dying trees located at the park and expressed desire to have trees addressed in 2023.

## **6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **6.1 2023 Baseball Tournament**

### **6.2 Thomson Trail Park Grand Opening**

### **6.3 Pickleball**

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Longmuir**

THAT the Committee adjourns the meeting at 7:35 p.m. to meet again in person at the Thomson Trail Park on June 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

**CARRIED.**



**MINUTES  
POLICE SERVICE BOARD  
April 26, 2023 - 9:00AM**

Present: Jeff Sedgwick – Chair, Provincial Appointee  
Cheryl Russel – Chair, Mulmur Member  
Andrew Cunningham – Council Representative  
S/Sgt John Buligan – OPP  
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary

**1. Call to Order**

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Oath of Office**

Members Jeff Sedgwick, Cheryl Russel and Andrew Cunningham took the oath of office.

**3. Appointment of a Chair**

**Moved by Russel Seconded by Cunningham**

THAT Jeff Sedgwick be appointed Chair of the Mulmur Police Services Board for 2023.

**CARRIED.**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Russel**

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED.**

**5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Moved by Russel and Seconded by Cunningham**

THAT the Mulmur Police Services Board Minutes dated July 27, 2022 be approved.

**CARRIED.**

**6. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - NONE**

**7. ADMINISTRATION**

## **7.1 Welcome and Introduction**

Members provided introductions and welcomed S/Sgt John Buligan.

## **7.2 Dufferin County Telecommunications Reception – Municipal Project**

Members discussed the proposed Dufferin telecommunications project and sought OPP input. S/Sgt Buligan confirmed OPP experience minor reception issues with cell phones and would benefit from greater cell phone coverage.

## **7.3 Illegal Dumping**

Members discussed the uptick in illegal dumping. S/Sgt Buligan advised OPP would collaborate with by-law enforcement and suggested a media release be created.

OPP can enforce under the Highway Traffic Act, Environmental Protection Act, as well as mischief if caught in the act. If discovered after the fact, individuals are encouraged to contact by-law enforcement and the Township. OPP will patrol hot spot areas and can issue verbal warnings when there is not enough evidence to enforce.

## **7.4 Traffic Monitoring: Spring 2023**

Members discussed traffic calming techniques and areas of concern identifying Mansfield / Airport Road (early morning), County Road 17/10 Sideroad, River Road, and 15 Sideroad temporarily, once new speed limits are installed.

Roseann Knechtel will advise S/Sgt Buligan when the new speed limits on 15 Sideroad come into effect.

The Mulmur Police Service Board requested OPP make the following areas a priority for traffic enforcement in Mulmur:

1. Airport Road and Mansfield
2. County Road 17 / 10 Sideroad
3. River Road

## **7.5 OPP Strategic Plan**

S/Sgt Buligan advised the Board that the new OPP Strategic Plan is anticipated to be completed in May 2023.

## **7.6 Detachment Commander Reports**

S/Sgt Buligan presented the 2022 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and 2023 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Detachment Reports noting an increase in violent crime. Buligan made note of a new pilot project that will allow administrative staff to assist with Part 3 paperwork as a way to encourage greater Part 3 enforcement.

Member discussed traffic enforcement and the benefits of Paid Duty. OPP confirmed greater enforcement is guaranteed through Paid Duty. OPP will produce comparable enforcement numbers for budget considerations at the next meeting.

Members received the 2022 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and 2023 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Mulmur Detachment Reports.

## **8.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **8.1 2024 Budget Requests**

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Russel and Seconded by Cunningham**

THAT the meeting adjourn at 10:00 am to meet again on June 16, 2023 at 9:00 am for the Joint Police Services Board meeting and on September 27, 2023 at 9:00 am for the next regular Mulmur Police Services Board.

**CARRIED.**



# INFORMATION

## Draft Regulations under Planning Act

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This information report provides information on proposed Minister's Regulations under the Planning Act.

### Site Plan for Residential Developments of 10 or Fewer Units

- ERO number: 019-6822
- Commenting period: April 6, 2023 – May 21, 2023
- Proposal: Restricts use of Site Plan control to residential developments with greater than 10 units and non-residential development, except for specific circumstances, such as green initiatives.

Impact on Mulmur: Site Plan Control has been delegated to staff, (in accordance with previous legislation) and is set out in the Township's Official Plan and Site Plan control by-law. An update to the site plan control by-law will be further explored following the effective date of the proposed regulation.

### Bill 97: Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023

- ERO number: 019-6821
- Commenting period: April 6 – May 6, 2023
- Proposal:
  - New definition of employment lands
  - Delay site plan and zoning fee refunds until July 1, 2023 (application dates) and create Minister's regulation making authority in the future if needed
  - Create regulation making authority for Site Plan Control circumstances not exempt
  - Enable additional appeals to interim control by-laws and time frames
  - Enable Ministry powers related to subsequent zoning orders (MZO)
  - Modify the definition of employment
  - Create regulation-making authority to modify PPS application on case-by-case basis, and transitional policies for new policy statement.
  - Restrict zoning by-laws from requiring more than one parking space for additional dwelling units.
  - Introduces Provincial Land and Development Facilitators and associated powers
- Impact on Mulmur: Minimal impact is anticipated as the Township is prepared for the refunding and has limited interim control and MZO. Other matters are not detailed enough at this stage to understand the impact. Section 3.14.2.10 of Mulmur's zoning

by-law will need to be amended to reflect parking space requirements for additional dwelling units as the by-law currently requires 2 spaces.

New Provincial Planning Policy Instrument (to replace the Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan)

- ERO number: 019-6813
- Comment period: April 6 – June 5, 2023
- Proposal:
  - Requires a larger range and mix of housing options may impact future development. “Housing options” definition includes a much broader range of housing types, (2.1.4a) and “additional needs housing” (2.2.1.b.1).
  - Specific population and employment targets are removed. Official Plan residential designations to reflect at least 25 years opposed to “up to 25 years”. (2.1.1)
  - Municipal Comprehensive Reviews have been removed but requires individual target for intensification and new/expanded settlements and upper tier allocations and target setting. (6.2.7, 2.3.5) New settlement creation and settlement area expansion can be considered at any time and the tests to expansion requires servicing, MDS and other criteria. (2.3.4). Criteria such as directing settlement expansion to lower CLI classifications has been replaced with agricultural impact assessment.
  - Introduction of service managers (2.2) role in housing assessment and options.
  - Conservation and redevelopment of existing rural housing stock not required. (1.1.4.1, 2.5.1c). Rural settlement are no longer required to be the focus of growth in rural areas. (1.1.4.2, 2.5.1.h)
  - Clarification that resource based recreational housing is not intended as permanent residents (2.6.1.b)
  - New permitted use on rural lands is multi-lot residential development, where site conditions are suitable for appropriate sewage and water services. (2.6.1.c). Development is not required to be compatible with the rural landscape (2.6.2)
  - Municipalities can consider employment area conversions, and the definition of employment is to exclude mixed uses and focus on more industrial. New policies for designating, protecting and planning for employment areas. Townships shall update OP mapping of employment areas (2.8)
  - Enhanced policies for energy conservation, air quality and climate, including requirement to plan and prepare and consider in development of infrastructure and facilities. Additional promotion and supportive policies included. (2.9)
  - New infrastructure policy “leverage the capacity of development proponents, where appropriate” (3.1.1.b)
  - Slight changes to water and sewage policies, including that planning authorities should assess long term impacts of individual services. Partial services are still permitted for minor rounding out infilling. (3.6.5)
  - Enhanced stormwater management policies (3.6.8)
  - New requirement to plan for waste management systems to facilitate integrated waste management (3.7)

- Section 1.7, Long Term Economic Prosperity is to be removed in its entirety.
- Natural Heritage policies and related definitions to be released when ready for review.
- Enhanced water policies, including protection drinking water supplies outside of municipal supplies. (4.2). New encouragement to undertake watershed planning (4.2.3)
- The “agricultural system approach” and prime agricultural areas shall be designated. The lands are to be identified by the province or under the guidance thereof. (4.3.1)
- A dwelling plus 2 subordinate units may be permitted in prime agricultural areas, subject to criteria (4.3.2.5). The additional residential units may be severed if they meet the lot creation policy. (4.3.2.5)
- Additional lot severances in prime agricultural areas from lands existing January 1, 2023, to a maximum of three new lots subject to new criteria (4.3.3.1). No provisions are permitted to lessen policy 4.3.3.1.a.
- Surplus dwelling severance policies remain with respect to sterilizing the remnant parcel. (4.3.3.1.b)
- Policies with respect to extraction of aggregates in agricultural areas increase requirements to rehab to agricultural. (4.5.4)
- Enhanced Cultural Heritage and Archeological policies (4.6)
- Municipalities shall identify hazardous lands and sites (5.2.1)
- Removal of definition of “affordable housing”, “low- and moderate-income households”, “special needs”, “high quality”, “comprehensive review”, “recreation” “reserve capacity” “provincial and federal requirements”, “provincial plan” “designated growth areas”, “residential intensification” and removal of many natural heritage and environmental definitions.
- New/significantly changed definitions “additional needs housing”, “housing options”, “agricultural impact assessment”, “compact built form”, “complete communities”, “employment area”, “protected heritage property” “large and fast growing municipalities”, “low impact development”, “public service facilities”, “specialty crop area” “strategic growth areas”, “urban growth centres”, “watershed planning”, “water resource system” and transit related definitions
- Impacts on Mulmur:
  - Additional policies would be required to provide increased emphasis on accessibility, social equality and overall quality of life
  - Additional policies on watershed and infrastructure planning.
  - It appears that Natural Heritage may be pulled out of the PPS and become a stand-alone policy for which the Township would need to ensure compliance with.
  - Determination regarding servicing capacity and ability to round-out settlements and policy implications for Mansfield and Mansfield North Rec Area as well as rural multi-lot areas
  - Significant analysis and anticipated policy changes for agriculture, rural areas lot creation, additional residential units and employment areas.
  - Possible additional study requirements/plans for watershed, natural heritage identification, stormwater, energy/climate, etc.



## Next Steps

Township staff had a meeting scheduled with Ministry staff on April 20, 2023 and identified the following matters.

- Clarification required whether surplus dwelling severance are in addition or within the permitted three lots to be considered from agricultural properties. Additional consideration on how this may impact rural lot creation is warranted. No clarification was provided on whether Township's could set minimum parcel size for farms.
- Clarification on revised terminology of "parcel of urban land" to be replaced with "parcel of land" (related to additional dwelling units being permitted through draft policy 4.3.2), meaning all properties, including those outside of urban residential areas may have legislated permission for a main dwelling, two ancillary units and additional clarification is required relating to permission for a farm help dwelling.
- Clarification was provided regarding refund provisions noting that they would only apply to applications deemed complete after July 1, 2023, not January 2023 as previously released.
- Clarification is required on whether additional lot creation policies would apply to previously sterilized lands.

The number of changes proposed to the planning regime and various policies impacting growth/density and natural heritage may have significant implications for Mulmur. Staff are exploring options such as an Interim Control By-law under section 38 of the Planning Act, to freeze certain development applications outside of settlement areas to allow sufficient time to study the impacts on allowing housing options and lot creation outside of settlement areas.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Atkinson

Tracey Atkinson, BES MCIP RPP, M.M Dipl  
CAO/Clerk/Planner



# INFORMATION

## Environmental Assessment Front Ending Agreement

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This information report is to provide an update on regarding the front-ending of costs related to undertaking an Environmental Assessment in relation to municipal water services in Mansfield.

### **BACKGROUND**

On August 3, 2022 Council received a presentation by the Township's Engineer. The following is an excerpt from the minutes:

#### **4.1.1 Gord Feniak: Mansfield Water System – 9:30 am**

Gord Feniak of RJ Burnsidess presented the impacts of future growth in Mansfield on the existing water system. Feniak explained the environmental assessment process for a larger storage reservoir and new well to examine natural, social and economic impacts.

Feniak recommended moving forward with the Class EA and drilling a test well as it will be an inevitable requirement of growth and costs should be shared equally by all new development.

Council discussion ensued regarding options to accommodate all anticipated growth, current reservoir capacity, and the costs to current users.

Feniak confirmed that developers should pay the costs of capital, preferably through development charges.

#### **Moved by Boxem and Seconded by Cunningham**

THAT Council receive the report of Gord Feniak, R.J. Burnsidess, Mansfield Water System;

AND THAT Council direct staff to explore developer contribution options.  
CARRIED

On November 2, 2022, Council passed the following motion:

**Moved by Clark Seconded by Cunningham**

THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson, Planner, entitled Environmental Assessment and Development Charges Update;

AND THAT Council direct staff to update the Development Charge to introduce an area-specific water charge prior to the July 3, 2024 five year anniversary.  
CARRIED

The Township has reviewed Bill 23 amendments to the Development Charges Act and had further discussions regarding Development Charges and Municipal Act water charges.

The Township's Solicitor has drafted a front-ending agreement to implement the direction of Council. A by-law and agreement for the Environmental Assessment are included in the agenda package under By-laws.

In order to ensure that the entire subdivision can proceed without being held up due to the unknown results of the Environmental Assessment, the connection fee needs to be updated. Additional information regarding the connection charge is provided in the R.J. Burnside letter dated April 12, 2023. A by-law to amend the Connection Fee By-law is included in the agenda package under By-laws.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

1. Growing a Prosperous Mulmur

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Details of the front-ending agreement and anticipated costs are included in the draft front-ending agreement.

Respectfully submitted;

Tracey Atkinson

Tracey Atkinson, BES MCIP RPP, M.M Dipl  
CAO/Clerk/Planner

Attachment: Gord Feniak, P. Eng. R.J. Burnside Letter Re Mansfield Water System, Connection Charges, April 12, 2023



April 12, 2023

**Via: Email**

Tracey Atkinson  
CAO/Planner  
Township of Mulmur  
758070 2<sup>nd</sup> Line East  
Mulmur ON L9V 0G8

Dear Tracey:

**Re: Mansfield Water System, Connection Charges**  
**Project No.: 300052761.1000**

Further to your direction we are providing an estimate of the cost per lot for water connections in Mansfield:

**Cost of Water System Expansion** – As discussed in previous correspondence, the existing water system has sufficient supply for some limited growth, but it does not have capacity for all of the areas that are currently designated in the Official Plan. A new well or wells will have to be added. Also, the reservoir provides minimal volume for fire fighting and will need to be expanded as more houses are added to the community. My colleague Jeff Paznar provided an estimate of the costs in his email on January 31, 2023. His total estimate of \$9,176,400 will definitely be affected by unknowns such as the location and capacity of future wells, and whether or not the additional water storage can be fit onto the existing storage site. However, this estimate is the best number that is currently available. It will be refined when an Environmental Assessment is carried out to provide the Township with a comprehensive plan for the water system.

**Number of Future Lots in Mansfield** – In consultation with the Township it has been estimated that the expected growth associated with the currently approved Official Plan is approximately 223 lots. This includes three larger development parcels and some limited infill.

**Cost per Lot** – The total cost of the required water system expansion divided by the number of lots amounts to \$41,150 per lot.

**Recommendation** – As we have discussed, it would be equitable for the Township to charge a connection fee of \$41,150 per lot to any new development in Mansfield. This number should be adjusted for inflation going forward and will be refined when an Environmental Assessment has been completed.



# INFORMATION

## NDCC Financial Analysis

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This information report provides background information related to the annual capital and operating costs to run the North Dufferin Community Centre (NDCC) and fair charges for use by out-of-area users.

### **BACKGROUND**

Information items were included in the February 1 and April 5, 2023 agenda packages.

### **ANALYSIS**

There are several ways to determine the fair share of contributions from the Township of Melancthon.

	<b>Cost</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Net Operating Budget 2023</b>	94,000	31,333	35,720	47,000
<b>Capital Calculations 2023</b>				
<b>Asset Management Capital</b>	58,150	19,383	22,097	29,075
<b>2023 Capital Budget</b>	30,000	10,000	11,400	15,000
<b>Amortization</b>	43,538	14,513	16,544	21,769

Using a 10-year average of participation rates by minor hockey and figure skating is a reasonable approach and would result in a contribution of 38%.

Using a 38% contribution ratio on the 2023 budget would result in capital contribution of \$35,720.

Asset management calculations are a more appropriate way of addressing capital costs, as it considers the future value of asset costs, whereas amortization does not. Using an asset management approach, the capital contribution should be approximately \$22,100.

Combining the operation and capital contributions would result in a 2024 contribution of approximately \$60,000.

Since Melancthon is not interested in a governance nor management role, the annual capital and operational budgets are completely within the authority of Mulmur. As such, it would be fair to use an agreed upon starting value and index opposed to Melancthon being exposed to financial implications outside of their control.

Further analysis is still required to consider the implications of a user fee for out of area users. Non-resident fees for nearby arenas range from \$15-25 per hour, 6-20% and \$36/person as shown in the chart below.

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Non-Resident Fee</b>
Orangeville	20%
Essa (Angus)	N/A
Shelburne	\$36 per person (with roster) 6% (without roster)
Grand Valley	\$25/hr
Grey Highlands (Markdale and Flesherton)	\$17/hr for prime \$15/hr for minor
Dundalk	N/A

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

As per the analysis above, the Township should seek to achieve a 38% contribution from Melancthon Township for both operation and capital. The Township will be responsible for 62% of the operational and capital costs unless it implements user fees for users outside of Mulmur and Melancthon or is able to reduce its net costs (through increased utilization, grants or decreased expenses).

Respectfully submitted;

**Tracey Atkinson**

Tracey Atkinson, BES MCIP RPP, M.M Dipl  
CAO/Clerk/Planner

Schedule A – 2012-2022 NDCC User Information

## SCHEDULE A

### NDCC

### 2023 User Analysis

#### Minor Hockey / Figure Skating Usage by Municipality

Municipality	Minor Hockey										
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Mulmur	43	40	32		39	25	33	38			44
Melancthon	73	55	36		40	32	31	37			47
Other	46	31	39		41	40	38	44			44
Totals	162	126	107	0	120	97	102	119	0	0	135

Municipality	Figure Skating										
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Mulmur	6	5	5		4	9	11	14	12	12	10
Melancthon	12	10	13		6	8	16	15	11	11	11
Other	17	9	0		1	0	6	7	6	6	4
Totals	35	24	18	0	11	17	33	36	29	29	25

Municipality	Total											Average	% Share
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23		
Mulmur	49	45	37	0	43	34	44	52	12	12	54	34.73	31%
Melancthon	85	65	49	0	46	40	47	52	11	11	58	42.18	38%
Other	63	40	39	0	42	40	44	51	6	6	48	34.45	31%
Totals	197	150	125	0	131	114	135	155	29	29	160	111.36	



# INFORMATION

## Parkland Dedication

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This report is to present the proposed amendments to the Parkland Dedication By-law.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Recent changes to the Planning Act and Bill 23, initiated a staff review of Mulmur's Parkland Dedication By-law. As such staff identified areas of the by-law that required updating and strengthening.

Parkland dedication is one of the ways that Townships fund growth-related costs of land for parks and other recreational purposes, either through land or cash-in-lieu of land. The dedication of parkland is a requirement under the Planning Act and allows the Township to ensure that its park system grows along with the community. Like many municipalities in Ontario, Mulmur has seen a significant increase in land values. Mulmur's current cash-in-lieu flat rates are no longer reflective of up-to-date land values.

### **ANALYSIS:**

To date, parkland dedication has only been applied through planning applications including but not limited to consent, subdivision and site plan. Strengthening the Township's requirements for parkland dedication is coming at a time when projected growth and development in Mulmur is forthcoming. To be able to fully utilize the tools of the Planning Act and parkland dedication the following amendments to the Parkland Dedication By-law are being proposed:

- Strengthening/adding definitions;
- Including a section identifying lands not acceptable for parkland conveyance;
- Applying parkland dedication (cash-in-lieu) to new development and redevelopment where parkland has not previously been conveyed;
- Increasing the flat rate cash-in-lieu amount and including annual indexing;
- Including a section on market value appraisals;
- Including a section identifying previous conveyances;
- Amending exemptions to remain consistent with legislation.

Consultation with local real estate agents confirm that 2–4-acre vacant building lots in Mulmur, sell between \$350,000 – \$400,000.

The current cash-in-lieu flat rate is \$5,000 and is equivalent to a market value appraisal of \$100,000. The proposed by-law is looking to increase the cash-in-lieu flat rate to



\$10,000, equivalent to a market value appraisal of \$200,000, as well as include annual indexing.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

1. Growing a Prosperous Mulmur: Responsibly managing the fiscal resources of Mulmur and providing opportunities for success.
3. Growing a Supportive Mulmur: Providing local services to support the needs of Mulmur residents and businesses.
4. Growing a Sustainable Mulmur: Being Proactive in Sustainable Initiatives to ensure the long term well being of Mulmur (includes Resources/Financial/People).

**FINANCIAL IMPACTS:**

Fully utilizing the tools available in the Planning Act and adjusting cash-in-lieu flat rates to be more in line with current market values will ensure the Township is able to accumulate sufficient funds to maintain, acquire and develop parks and recreation for its residents.

Annual indexing will ensure rates continue to rise with the Consumer Price Index.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Parkland Dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

*Roseann Knechtel*

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk

## Roseann Knechtel

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**Subject:** FW: Walk for Alzheimer 2023

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**From:** Maxine Deacon-Morant  
**Sent:** Monday, April 3, 2023 11:57 AM  
**To:** Info <[info@mulmur.ca](mailto:info@mulmur.ca)>  
**Subject:** Walk for Alzheimer 2023

Hello Township of Mulmur.

Please see information below from the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County.

The IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's is back **in-person** this year after a three-year hiatus. It will be held on **Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** at Island Lake Conservation Area, 673067 Hurontario Street, Orangeville. starting at 8:00 am.

It promises to be bigger, better, and more impactful. Our financial goal is \$60,000 and walkers' goal is 200 people. To achieve these targets, we need your help.

We are seeking sponsors to achieve our financial and invite your organization to create a team to participate in the walk. Sponsorship opportunities are outlined in the file attached. Teams can be a minimum of two people with no maximum limit. The team goal is \$3000 and individual goal is \$250.

**Create your team, visit the link below to register and start collecting.**

[http://www.alzgiving.ca/site/TR?pg=entry&fr\\_id=4360&ga=2.25375677.1211022364.1678128588-1894810967.1664983403](http://www.alzgiving.ca/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=4360&ga=2.25375677.1211022364.1678128588-1894810967.1664983403) .

Thanks for your continued support and generosity as we work to support people living with Dementia and their care partners.

Regards,  
Maxine

**Maxine Deacon-Morant | Community Engagement Coordinator**

Alzheimer Society Dufferin County

25 Centennial Rd. Unit 1 Orangeville, Ontario L9W 1R1

519-941-1221 ext. 104 Cell: 519-288-2151 Fax: 519-245-1788

[awareness@alzheimerdufferin.org](mailto:awareness@alzheimerdufferin.org) | <http://www.alzheimer.ca/dufferincounty>

# Who are you walking for?

Register Today and Join Us!  
Saturday, May 27, 2023  
[alzheimer.ca/dufferincounty](http://alzheimer.ca/dufferincounty)



## Roseann Knechtel

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**Subject:** FW: Forever maple

Message:: March 30, 2023

Sent By Email: CONTACT FORM

Mayor Janet Horner  
Township of Mulmur and  
Board Member - Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA)

SUBJECT: Maple Leaves Forever Resolution

Ken Jewett, founder of the charity Maple Leaves Forever (MLF) and Mulmur resident, presented the keynote address at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the NVCA on January 27, 2023. We were pleased to see the interest in MLF's mandate: to promote and support the planting of native Canadian Maple trees grown from locally sourced seed. I was also pleased to see you again and congratulate you on your second term as Mayor of Mulmur!

At the AGM, Christopher Baines, as incoming board member, and Councillor with the Town of Collingwood asked if a council resolution committing to plant native maple trees would help. We answered with a resounding yes!

We are seeking your support in obtaining a commitment from the Township of Mulmur to always plant native maples when a maple tree is called for in your municipality. We have included a fact sheet on the native maple tree and drafted the following resolution that you may use to seek support from your council:

The Township of Mulmur recognizes the importance of the native maple tree, our arboreal emblem and we commit to always plant native maples whenever a maple is called for in any municipal planting projects.

Ken wanted to add a personal pitch: "THIS IS A COST-FREE MOVE --AND IT IS JUST SO CANADIAN. I URGE YOU TO ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION FOR YOUR MUNICIPALITY. IN RETURN, YOU WILL BE LISTED ON OUR HONOUR ROLL LIST, 'OUR MUNICIPALITY BELIEVES IN THE NATIVE CANADIAN MAPLE'".

Please let me know if you have any questions, or require more information. We hope to see your municipality on our honour roll list soon!

Sincerely,

Deb Pella Keen  
Executive Director  
Maple Leaves Forever  
cc. Ken Jewett, Founder, MLF

**Subject:** FW: Greenbelt Survey: 2 Billion Trees

Dear Greenbelt partner,

The Foundation is collaborating with Green Communities Canada (GCC) to plant trees in Greenbelt communities and enhance natural cover in the Greenbelt and the health and connectivity of Greenbelt forests.

We invite you to join us in establishing urban forests in your community.

GCC is putting an application into the Federal 2 Billion Trees Program for multiple Greenbelt locations and tree planting events. This [SURVEY](#) will capture the information from prospective community partners by identifying potential sites within Greenbelt communities, number of trees, and resource needs. GCC will provide training and technical support. At this point, a survey submission signals community interest and does not constitute a partnership commitment.

We encourage you to reach out and engage your community partners to fill out the survey and be part of the application. Surveys must be completed by May 8th, 2023. For more information visit GCC's [National Mini Forest Pilot](#) or contact Emily Amon, Green Infrastructure Manager at [Eamon@greencommunitiescanada.org](mailto:Eamon@greencommunitiescanada.org)

### **Benefits of Trees and Urban Forests in the Greenbelt**

The impact of tree plantings in the Greenbelt has many benefits:

- Increase natural cores and corridors to increase biodiversity
- Stabilize shorelines and watersheds to support climate resilience in vulnerable communities
- Catalyze the native plant industry and forest-based economies in southern Ontario
- Support Indigenous-led education and conservation initiatives

Enhancing near urban and urban forests can connect people to nature, support culturally significant uses and values and provide jobs. The Foundation has partnered with two organizations who are helping to advance these goals. Forest Ontario is planting half a million trees by 2023 and Green Communities Canada is planting mini-forests in near urban communities in the Greenbelt.

### **Mini Forests**

CGG helps communities plant 'mini forests' in urban areas that increase and enhance. An innovative tree planting method (modeled after the Miyawaki forest technique), sites will be transformed into dense, diverse, native planted forests that grow at an accelerated rate. Mini forests provide a host of ecosystem services, such as reduced heat island effect, improved stormwater drainage, increased habitat, improved air quality, mental health benefits, and carbon sequestration. Mini forests require little long-term maintenance and make it possible to plant greater quantities of trees in smaller plots.

Green Communities Canada's mini forest program works with local partners to identify appropriate mini forest sites, prepare the site, and engage community volunteers for planting events. The events will attract media and political attention and raise awareness of the benefits.

### **Green Communities Canada**

Green Communities Canada has been leading a community-based climate action movement since 1995, working together with non-profit organizations from across the country to advance transformative, equitable, and lasting change. As a member-supported organization, our mission is to connect community-based climate action groups through a national network to share resources, co-create innovative programming, and elevate our collective impact.

### **The Greenbelt Foundation**

The Greenbelt Foundation's mission is to protect and restore the natural integrity of the Greenbelt and connected ecosystems. We are a leader in Near Urban Nature conservation. We anchor our research, policy and engagement work in on-the-ground restoration projects. The Foundation is also helping conservation Authorities plant 500,000 trees in the Greenbelt in 2022-23.

### **The Southern Ontario Nature Coalition**

Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Government of Ontario supported the Greenbelt Foundation in convening the Southern Ontario Nature Coalition (SONC) to outline actions needed to create a Near-Urban Nature Network in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Actions support the need to plant 54 million trees across the region, a minimum target for maintaining healthy forests.

Sincerely,

Shelley Petrie

Program Director

Greenbelt Foundation

Greenbelt Foundation, 720 Bathurst st, Toronto, Ontario M5S2R4, Canada

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234-2023-1754

April 6, 2023

Good afternoon,

Today, our government announced further action to tackle the housing supply crisis and reach our goal of 1.5 million homes by 2031. The *Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act* is the latest in a series of steps our government is taking to increase housing supply and help more Ontarians find a home they can actually afford.

Despite external economic challenges that are slowing down new home construction, including inflation and soaring interest rates, Ontario's plan to build more homes faster is working – with the highest number of housing starts in more than 30 years in 2021 and 2022, and the highest number of rental housing starts on record last year.

Details about the range of measures in our plan can be found in the [news release here](#).

As part of the plan, our government is introducing a new province-wide planning policy document that would provide municipalities with more flexibility, reduce duplication, create more homes in urban and rural communities, support local economies and create jobs while continuing to protect the environment (including existing Greenbelt protections), and public safety. It would also require coordination between municipalities and school boards to consider school and childcare needs earlier in the planning process, so that families moving to new housing can expect that local schools will be available for their children.

Ontario is undertaking a 60-day consultation on the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement until June 6, 2023 <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6813>.

In addition, the plan contains numerous actions to further tackle Ontario's housing crisis, including:

- A \$6.5 million investment to appoint an additional 40 adjudicators and hire five staff to improve service standards and continue to reduce active applications and decision timeframes at the Landlord and Tenant Board. This increase more than doubles of the number of full-time adjudicators at the Landlord Tenant Board.

- Proposed changes to make life easier for renters, with changes that would, if passed, clarify and enhance tenants' rights to install air conditioners. We are proposing to further strengthen protections against evictions due to renovations, demolitions and conversions, as well as those for landlord's own use.
- Proposed changes to the *Planning Act*, *City of Toronto Act*, and *Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Act* to support the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement as well as other housing supply priorities.
- Doing more to protect first-time home buyers and their savings by expanding deposit insurance for First Home Savings Accounts held at Ontario credit unions.
- We are exploring a cooling-off/cancellation period on purchases of new freehold homes, and a requirement that purchasers of all new homes receive legal advice on their purchase agreements when they make one of the biggest purchases of their lives – a new home.

These and other related consultations can be found through the [Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Regulatory Registry](#).

Our plan was informed by AMO's 2022 A Blueprint for Action and ROMA's 2022 Task Force Report on Attainable Housing and Purpose-Built Rentals. These changes build on our continued work to provide a solid foundation to address Ontario's housing supply crisis over the long term and will be supplemented by continued action in the future.

The housing supply action plan is the latest in a series of steps our government is taking to increase housing supply and help more Ontarians find a home they can afford. We look forward to continued collaboration with our municipal partners to create the homes that Ontarians need today, tomorrow and in the decades to come.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark  
Minister

c. Chief Administrative Officer



## Roseann Knechtel

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**Subject:** FW: Chatham-Kent Support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act  
**Attachments:** D-1-2-Chatham-Kent-Re-Resolution-2023-122-4.1-Support-Bill-5.pdf; D-1-3-Mulmur-Township-Re-Resolution-in-support-of-Bill-5.pdf

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**From:** Kyra Dunlop <[kdunlop@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:kdunlop@thebluemountains.ca)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2023 2:17 PM

**Subject:** FW: Chatham-Kent Support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

Good afternoon Roseanne,

Further to the attached correspondence considered at the April 24, 2023 Special Meeting of Council, Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the Municipality of Chatham Kent motion regarding Support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022, and the Township of Mulmur motion of April 6, 2023 regarding Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022, as follows:

WHEREAS Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member's Bill on August 10, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP's); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's); and all Ontario Municipalities.

AND THAT Council direct staff to circulate the motion to Grey County and its lower tier municipalities for consideration



**Kyra Dunlop**

Deputy Clerk

Town of The Blue Mountains, 32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

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April 27, 2023

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk

via email – [rknechtel@mulmur.ca](mailto:rknechtel@mulmur.ca)

Dear Roseann,

Please be advised that the Council of the County of Lennox and Addington endorsed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting held April 26, 2023:

That the April 5, 2023 - Resolution re: **Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022** (Township of Mulmur) be endorsed.

*CARRIED*

*(signed) Warden Henry Hogg*

I trust that County Council's support may be beneficial in your pursuit of this matter.

Sincerely,



Tracey McKenzie  
Clerk



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April 18, 2023

Roseann Knechtel  
Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator  
Township of Mulmur  
758070 2<sup>nd</sup> Line E  
Mulumur, ON L9V 0G8

Re: Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

Dear Ms. Knechtel,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on April 11, 2023, the Town of Gore Bay Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolutions from the Township of Mulmur.

15532

***Moved by Paulie Nodecker***

***Seconded by Dan Osborne***

***THAT Gore Bay Council supports agenda item 7.4 of correspondence received from the Township of Mulmur regarding support of Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.***

***Carried***

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact my office.

Yours truly,

Stasia Carr  
Clerk

## Roseann Knechtel

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**Subject:** FW: Bill 5 Resolution: Mulmur Council  
**Attachments:** Township of Mulmur and County of Dufferin Resolutions regarding Bill 5.pdf

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**From:** Denise Holmes <dholmes@melancthontownship.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2023 12:07 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Bill 5 Resolution: Mulmur Council

Good afternoon,

At the meeting of Melancthon Township Council held on April 20, 2023, Council passed the following resolution:

*Moved by White, Seconded by Neilson*

**Be it resolved that:** "Council support the Township of Mulmur and County of Dufferin resolutions regarding Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022; And that this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the local Members of Parliament, the local Members of Provincial Parliament and the Honourable Stephen Blais and all Ontario Municipalities." **Carried.**

Thank you.

***Denise B. Holmes, AMCT***  
***CAO/Clerk, Township of Melancthon***  
***519-925-5525 Ext. 101***

**The Administration Office will be open to the public Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be no public access between 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. as the Office will be closed.**

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April 24, 2023

Area Members of Provincial Parliament  
Sent via email

Dear Area Members of Provincial Parliament:

**Re: Councillor J. Erb Notice of Motion**

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on April 19, 2023, approved the following motion:

**WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all individuals wishing to be a candidate in a municipal or school board election to file Nomination Paper - Form 1 with the municipal clerk;**

**AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all candidates who sought election to a municipal council or school board to file Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report Candidate – Form 4 with the municipal clerk;**

**AND WHEREAS Form 1 requires candidates to provide their qualifying address;**

**AND WHEREAS Form 4 requires candidates to list the name and home address of any donor contributing over \$100.00**

**AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act specifies that these documents are not protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and requires the municipal clerk to make Form 4 available on a website;**

**AND WHEREAS there has been concern expressed about those who hold public office and those who support them that they have been the subject of unnecessary attention and excessive scrutiny;**

**AND WHEREAS the requirement to publish the personal home address of donors to specific candidates may discourage individuals from**

engaging in the democratic process to elect municipal and school board politicians.

**THEREFORE, BE RESOVLED THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo calls on the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario to protect the privacy of candidates and donors by removing the requirement for their street name, number and postal code to be listed on publicly available forms.**

**AND FURTHER THAT for verification purposes, the addresses of all candidates and all donors over \$100 be submitted to the municipal clerk on separate forms that are protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will not be published.**

**AND FINALLY, that this resolution be forwarded to the Area Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, and all Ontario municipalities.**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Rebekah Harris, Research/Administrative Assistant to Council, at [RHarris@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:RHarris@regionofwaterloo.ca) or 519-575-4581.

Regards,



William Short

Regional Clerk/Director, Council and Administrative Services

WS/hk

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario  
Ontario Public School Boards' Association  
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association  
Ontario municipalities



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November 28, 2022

Right Hon. Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

[justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Resolution – Funding and Support for VIA Rail Services

At their November 14, 2022, Regular Council meeting, Stratford City Council adopted a resolution petitioning the federal government to adequately fund and fully support VIA Rail Canada in increasing the frequency, reliability and speed of VIA Rail service.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your consideration. We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Tatiana Dafoe  
Clerk

Encl.  
/ja

cc: Premier Doug Ford  
MPP Matthew Rae  
MP John Nater  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
All Ontario municipalities



**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD**  
**Resolution: Funding and Support for VIA Rail Service**

**WHEREAS** The Corporation of the City of Stratford supports the National Transportation Policy and Section 5 of the *Canada Transportation Act*, S.C. 1996, c. 10 (as amended), which states in part:

*"a competitive, economic and efficient national transportation system that meets the highest practicable safety and security standards and contributes to a sustainable environment, makes best use of all modes of transportation at the lowest cost is essential to serve the needs of its users, advance the well-being of Canadians, enable competitiveness and economic growth in both urban and rural areas throughout Canada. Those objectives are achieved when:*

*(a) competition and market forces among modes of transportation, are prime agents in providing viable and effective transportation services;*

*(b) regulation and strategic public intervention are used to achieve economic, safety, security, environmental or social outcomes*

*(c) rates and conditions do not constitute an undue obstacle to the movement of traffic within Canada or to the export of goods from Canada;*

*(d) the transportation system is accessible without undue obstacle to the mobility of persons, including persons with disabilities; and*

*(e) governments and the private sector work together for an integrated transportation system."*

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has stated: "*we are serious about climate change*" and "*smart investments in transit help connection communities .... We will continue to work with communities and invest in the infrastructure they need today and into the future*";

**WHEREAS** Abacus data has indicated that Canadians are focused on building transit to reduce congestion and connect communities;



**WHEREAS** the Canadian Transport Commission main finding at public hearings in 1977 was that there should be no further reductions to passenger rail services;

**WHEREAS** the frequency of VIA trains running in Canada has been reduced significantly since 1977, causing a subsequent significant drop in ridership;

**WHEREAS** there is a need for balanced transportation with more using transit and less using automobiles;

**WHEREAS** the changing demographic relating to house prices, housing affordability will require further expansions of transit;

**WHEREAS** there is a need to visit tourist sites located along rail lines;

**WHEREAS** the annual cost of congestion to the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area economy alone is between \$7.5 and \$11 billion;

**WHEREAS** there are 10 million more vehicles on the road today than there were in 2000; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Stratford requests the support of this resolution from all communities served by VIA;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of The City of Stratford recommends to the Government of Canada to adequately fund and fully support VIA Rail Canada in increasing the frequency, reliability and speed of VIA rail service in 2022 and successive years.

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Adopted by City Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford on November 14, 2022

The Corporation of the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1  
Attention: City Clerk, 519-271-0250 extension 5329, [clerks@stratford.ca](mailto:clerks@stratford.ca)



Hon. David Piccini, MPP  
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April 26, 2023

RE: 11.1 Mayor's Updates - 11.1.1 Mayor Seeley gave an update on the upcoming spring clean-up day being the second weekend of May.

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 12, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2023-127:**

Moved by Councillor Bailey and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**That Council receive the Mayors and Council member updates for information; and**

**That Council direct staff to send notice to the MECP requesting that the litter on the roadside of the 401 be cleaned up in accordance with the Ministry initiative "Act on Litter Ontario"; and**

**That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario.**

**CARRIED**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Courtenay Hoytfox  
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR

### BY-LAW NO. - 2023

BEING A BYLAW TO ADOPT THE ESTIMATES OF ALL SUMS REQUIRED DURING THE YEAR AND TO STRIKE THE RATES OF TAXATION, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST IN DEFAULT OF PAYMENT THEREOF FOR THE YEAR 2023

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur has, in accordance with the *Municipal Act* 2001, Section 312, as amended, considered the estimates of the Municipality and now find it necessary that the following sums be raised by means of taxation for the year 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 312 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended provides that the Council of a local municipality shall, after the adoption of the estimates for the year, pass a bylaw to levy a separate tax rate on the assessment in each property class;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 312(4) of the said Act require tax rates to be established in the same proportion to tax ratios;

**AND WHEREAS** certain regulations require reductions in certain tax rates for certain classes or subclasses of property;

**AND WHEREAS** tax ratios determining the relative amount of taxation to be borne by each property class has to be set by the County of Dufferin;

**AND WHEREAS** the Assessment Roll updated and adopted Current Value Assessment upon which the 2023 taxes are to be levied, as revised by the Court of Revision, as follows:

<u>ASSESSMENT CLASS</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>
Residential	817,167,600
Commercial Full (Occupied)	11,582,800
Commercial New Construction	0
Vacant Units & Excess land	525,700
Vacant Land	179,000
Industrial (Occupied)	400,900
Industrial New Construcion	0
Industrial Small Scale Farm Busn 2	48,300
Industrial Small Scale Farm Busn 1	50,000
Vacant Units & Excess Land	0
Vacant Land	0
Full, Shared PIL	58,500
Full, Shared PIL Excess Land	0
Pipeline	39,500
Farmlands	200,290,200

Managed Forests  
**Total**

54,445,000  
**1,084,787,500**

**NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur enacts as follows:**

THAT the estimates be adopted and the following amounts be levied therefore in the manner as set out hereinafter:

**Municipal, General Purposes                      \$4,469,688**

AND THAT tax rates for the Township of Mulmur's portion of the tax bill are hereby adopted to be applied against the whole of the assessment for real property as set out in the following table:

<b><u>ASSESSMENT</u></b>	<b><u>TAX RATE</u></b>
Residential	0.501741%
Commercial Full (Occupied)	0.612124%
Commercial New Construction	0.612124%
Vacant Units & Excess Land	0.428487%
Vacant Land	0.428487%
Industrial (Occupied)	1.103027%
Industrial New Construction	1.103027%
Industrial Small Scale Farm Busn 2	1.103027%
Industrial Small Scale Farm Busn 1	1.103027%
Vacant Units & Excess Land	0.772119%
Vacant Land	0.772119%
Full, Shared PIL	1.103027%
Full, Shared PIL Excess Land	0.772119%
Landfill	0.592807%
Pipeline	0.422516%
Farmlands	0.110383%
Managed Forests	0.125435%

AND FURTHER THAT every owner be taxed according to the tax rates in this bylaw, together with such tax rates as are properly set by the County of Dufferin for County purposes and the Province of Ontario for education purposes, and such taxes shall become due and payable as follows:

1. Final Billing: That the taxes shall become due and payable in two instalments as follows:

First final instalment due and payable on August 23, 2023;  
Second instalment due and payable on October 25, 2023;

2. The above referenced due dates shall not apply where a schedule of monthly pre-authorized payments has been set up to the satisfaction of the Treasurer.
3. In the event that the Provincial "OPTA" system does not have the necessary date to provide on Commercial and Industrial tax capping to permit processing tax bills for these installment dates then the Treasurer is authorized to process tax bills for the

remaining tax classes and to establish later tax installment due dates for the Commercial and Industrial tax classes on a separate tax bill.

4. A penalty at the rate of 1.25% will be charged on the first day of each calendar month thereafter in which default continues, on all unpaid instalments of taxes until December 31, 2023, after which the interest rates of 1.25% per month for each month or fraction thereof will be added. The penalty rate charge shall not apply if a schedule of monthly pre-authorized payments has been set up to the satisfaction of the Treasurer.
5. The Treasurer shall add all or any arrears for special charges such as development charges, fees regarding registered tax properties, water operating and water capital, etc. Service charges for cutting weeds pursuant to any statute or by-law to the respective properties chargeable thereto and that the same shall be collected by the collector in the manner as other rates or levies.
6. The Treasurer may mail or cause the same to be mailed to the resident or place of business of such person indicated on the last revised assessment roll, a written or printed notice specifying the amount of taxes payable.
7. The taxes are payable at the Municipal Office, 758070 2<sup>nd</sup> Line East, Mulmur, Ontario L9V 0G8.

This bylaw shall come into force and effect upon the date of the final reading thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED ON THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY, 2023.

.....  
JANET HORNER, MAYOR

.....  
TRACEY ATKINSON, CAO/CLERK



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR

### BY-LAW NO. - 2023

#### BEING A BY-LAW TO REQUIRE THE CONVEYANCE OF LAND OR CASH-IN-LIEU OF PARKLAND FOR PARKS OR OTHER PUBLIC RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

**WHEREAS** sections 42 and 51.1 and 53 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c P.13 (the 'Planning Act'), as amended, provides that local municipalities may, by by-law, require the conveyance of land or payment of money in lieu of the conveyance of land, be conveyed to the local municipality for park or other public recreational purposes as a condition of development or redevelopment of land, the subdivision of land, or the granting of provisional consent;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur has adopted policies within its Official Plan pertaining to the conveyance of land or cash-in-lieu thereof to the Township;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur desires to repeal and replace By-law 41-2018 with an updated by-law to provide for the conveyance of land and cash-in-lieu thereof for park and other public recreational purposes;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **1.0 SHORT TITLE**

1.1 This By-law may be referred to as the Parkland Dedication By-law.

#### **2.0 DEFINITIONS**

**Appraiser** means a certified professional appraiser of real estate who is designated as an Accredited Appraiser by the Appraisal Institute of Canada (AIC), and who is a member in good standing of the AIC;

**Building** means a building as defined in the Ontario Building Code, O Reg. 332-12, as amended, or any successor thereto;

**Building Code Act** means the Building Code Act, S.O. 1992 c. 23 and includes any amendments thereto, successor legislation, and where the context requires includes precursor legislation;

**By-law** means the Parkland Dedication By-law;

**Cash-in-lieu** means a payment of money for parks and other public recreational purposes, collected in lieu of a conveyance of land which would otherwise be required to be conveyed pursuant to the parkland provisions of the Planning Act as incorporated into this by-law;

**Cemetery** means land set aside to be used for the interment of human remains and includes a mausoleum, columbarium or other structure intended for the interment of human remains;

**Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)** means the Chief Administrative Officer as appointed by By-law for the Township of Mulmur.

**Commercial Purposes** means the use of non-residential land, buildings or structures for offices, sales and services, other than for Agricultural, Industrial, or Institutional purposes;

**Council** means the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur;

**Develop** means:

- a) The construction, erection or placing of one or more buildings on land;
- b) The making of an addition or alteration to a building that has the effect of substantially increasing the size by increasing the Gross Floor Area of the *building* by fifty-percent (50%) or more, or by substantially increasing the usability thereof;
- c) The addition of one or more new Dwelling Unit(s);
- d) The laying out and establishment of a commercial parking lot;
- e) The regulatory actions undertaken by the Township to carry out the approval of Planning Act applications including but not limited to provisional consent, plan of subdivision and site plan control as the Planning Act permits;
- f) “Developed”, “Development”, “Redevelop”, “Redeveloped” and “Redevelopment” have their corresponding meanings;

**Dwelling Unit(s)** means any building that is used or designed for use as a domestic establishment in which one or more persons may sleep and prepare and serve meals;

**Gross Floor Area** has the same meaning given to Floor Area, Gross in the Township of Mulmur Comprehensive Zoning By-law;

**Industrial Purposes** means the use of land, buildings or structures used for or in connection with:

- a) Manufacturing, producing, fabricating, processing, storing or distributing goods;
- b) Research or development in connection with manufacturing, producing, fabricating or processing goods;
- c) Retail sales by a manufacturer, producer, fabricator, or processor of goods they manufacture, produce, fabricate or process, if the retail sales are at the site where the manufacturing, producing, fabricating or processing takes place; or
- d) Office or administrative purposes if they are:
  - i. Carried out with respect to manufacturing, producing, fabricating, processing, storing or distributing of goods; and
  - ii. In or attached to the *building* or structure used for that manufacturing, producing, fabricating, processing, storing or distributing;

**Institutional Purposes** means the use of land, buildings or structures for a public or non-profit purpose including a religious, charitable, educational, health or welfare purpose, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may include such uses as a school, hospital, places of worship, recreation facilities, community centres and government buildings;

**Land** means for the purposes of this *By-law*, the lesser off the area defined as:

- a) The whole of a parcel of property or parcels of property associated with the Development or Redevelopment; or
- b) The whole of a lot(s) or a block(s) on a registered plan of subdivision or a unit(s) within a vacant land condominium that is associated with the Development or Redevelopment;
- c) For Industrial or Commercial Redevelopment, the portion of property where the Development or Redevelopment is occurring;

**Market Value** means the value of Land determined in accordance as nearly as may be with section 14 of the Expropriations Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. E. 26, as amended or any successor thereto, as of the day before the day of the issuance of the first building permit for the Development;

**Parkland** means land for parks and other public recreational purposes

**Planning Act** means the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. P.13 and includes any amendments thereto, successor legislation, and where the context requires includes precursor legislation;



**Place of Worship** means a premises used by one or more religious groups for the practice of religious services;

**Record of Site Condition** means a record of site conditions under Part XV.1 of the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. E.19, as amended, or any successor thereto;

**Temporary** means a *building* or structure constructed, erected or placed on land with the explicit understanding that such *building* or structure is to be demolished by a set time, as indicated in a legal agreement with the Township;

**Township** means the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur;

### **3.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 3.1 All lands within the geographic limits of the Township is hereby established as an area for which the conveyance of a portion of *Land* or the payment of *cash-in-lieu* of such conveyance, shall be required as a condition of Development or Redevelopment.
- 3.2 The Township may determine, at its discretion, whether it seeks a conveyance of a portion of *Land* for *Parkland*, a payment of *cash-in-lieu*, or both.
- 3.3 No person shall *Develop* or *Redevelop* *Land* with the Township unless they have first conveyed a portion of the *Land* to the Township for *Parkland*, or paid *cash-in-lieu* of such conveyance, in accordance with this *By-law*.
- 3.4 Any costs associated with a conveyance of a portion of *Land* for *Parkland* purposes, or a payment of *cash-in-lieu*, as required under this *By-law*, including but not limited to costs related to the preparation and registration of document, surveys or reference plans, appraisals, and any applicable taxes, shall be borne by the property owner seeking to *Develop* or *Redevelop* the *Land* at no cost to the Township.
- 3.5 Any requirement to convey a portion of *Land* to the Township for park and other recreational purposes is fulfilled only when title of that portion of the *Land* is transferred to the Township.

### **4.0 CONVEYANCE OF LAND**

- 4.1 Where it has been determined that a portion of the *Land* will be required to be conveyed to the Township as *Parkland*, the following shall apply:
  - a) Where *Land* in the Township is to be *Developed* or *Redeveloped* for *Commercial* or *Industrial* purposes, 2 per cent (2%) of the total area of the *Land* shall be conveyed to the Township;

- b) Where *Land* in the Township is to be *Developed* or *Redeveloped* for residential purposes, the greater of:
  - a. a rate of one hectare (1 ha) per 600 *dwelling units*; or
  - b. a rate of five per cent (5%) of the total area of the *Land* shall be conveyed to the Township.
- c) Where *Land* in the Township is to be *Developed* or *Redeveloped* for any use other than for *Commercial, Industrial, Institutional* or residential purposes, a portion of the *Land* at a rate of five per cent (5%) of the total area of the *Land* shall be conveyed to the Township.
- d) With respect to a *development* or *redevelopment* that includes affordable residential units or attainable residential units, as defined in subsection 4.1 (1) of the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, or residential units described in subsection 4.3 (2) of that Act, the community benefits charge applicable to such a *development* or *redevelopment* shall not exceed the amount determined under subsection (32) multiplied by the ratio of A to B where,
  - a. “A” is the floor area of all *buildings* that are part of the *development* or *redevelopment* minus the floor area of all affordable residential units, attainable residential units and residential units described in subsection 4.3 (2) of the *Development Charges Act, 1997*; and
  - b. “B” is the floor area of all *buildings* that are part of the *development* or *redevelopment*.

4.2 Where a *Development* or *Redevelopment* will include a mix of uses, and two or more of the requirements under section 4.1 of this *By-law* may apply to the *Development* or *Redevelopment*, the area of the *Land* required to be conveyed to the Township as *Parkland* shall be determined solely in accordance with whichever single requirement under section 4.1 of this *By-law* applies to the *Development* or *Redevelopment* which results in the greatest total area of the *Land* being required to be conveyed to the Township for *Parkland*.

## **5.0 ACCEPTANCE OF LANDS FOR PARKLAND CONVEYANCE**

- 5.1 Any portion of *Land* required to be conveyed to the Township for *Parkland* shall be:
  - a) Free of encumbrances except as may be satisfactory to the Township; and
  - b) In a condition satisfactory to the Township and in accordance with the requirements of the Town’s Official Plan and other policies respecting the acquisition of real property.
- 5.2 The Township may require that a *Record of Site Condition* be filed in respect of the *Land* prior to accepting the conveyance of a portion of the *Land* for *Parkland* required under this *By-law*.
- 5.3 The following *Lands* shall not be accepted by the Township for *Parkland* conveyance:

- a) *Lands* designated as Natural Area, Escarpment – Natural Area or Escarpment – Protected Area, in the Township’s Official Plan or Niagara Escarpment Plan.
- b) Any natural heritage feature or hydrologic feature identified by the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) as significant, or as identified as provincially or locally significant through other Provincial, County, local authority or an Environmental Impact Study including but not limited to:
  - Hazardous or flood prone *lands*;
  - Wetlands and woodlots retained for conservation purposes;
  - Steep or unstable slopes;
- c) Any *Land* having unsuitable soil conditions for intended recreation facilities;
- d) Stormwater management facilities;
- e) *Lands* that are deemed to be contaminated;
- f) *Land* for trails or active transportation purposes;
- g) *Lands* used for utility corridors or any other infrastructure; and
- h) Any *land* containing an easement, encumbrance, or right-of-way use that limits or restricts the Township’s use of the *land*.

## **6.0 PAYMENT OF CASH-IN-LIEU**

- 6.1 Where it has been determined that the payment of *cash-in-lieu* will be required as an alternative to the conveyance of *Land* for *Parkland*, the Township shall require the conveyance of the *cash-in-lieu* equivalent to that required by section 4, to the Township.
- 6.2 As a condition of *Development* or *Redevelopment* of *Lands*, the Township shall require the conveyance of *land*, *cash-in-lieu* or a combination of both to the Township in accordance with section 4.
- 6.3 Notwithstanding section 4 of this *By-law*, for *Development* or *Redevelopment* of *Lands* other than *Commercial* or *Industrial purposes*, the Township may collect *cash-in-lieu*, at a flat rate value of \$10,000 per lot, adjusted annually without amendment to this *by-law*, on the first day of January in each year, beginning with January 1, 2024, in accordance with the then most recent Statistics Canada Quarterly, Construction Price Index (Toronto).
- 6.4 Any payment of money required under this *By-law* shall be made in the form of certified cheque, bank draft, electronic funds or wire transfer or another form acceptable to the Township.
- 6.5 All money received by the Township in lieu of the conveyance of a portion of *Land* for *Parkland*, or received on the sale of any property that has been conveyed to the Township pursuant to this *By-law*, shall be paid into a special

account established in accordance with section 42(15) of the *Planning Act*, and only as permitted under the *Planning Act*.

- 6.6 If payment of *cash-in-lieu* is required, no person shall apply for a building permit under the *Building Code Act* or construct a *building* on the *Land* proposed for *Development* or *Redevelopment* unless the payment has been made or arrangements for the payment satisfactory to the Township have been made.

## **7.0 DETERMINATION OF MARKET VALUE**

- 7.1 Where the payment of *cash-in-lieu* is required in lieu of a conveyance of a portion of the *Land* for *Parkland*, the person who seeks to *Develop* or *Redevelop* the *Land* may elect to have the *Market Value* of the *Land* to be used in calculating any payment required.
- 7.2 Where the owner has elected to use the *Market Value* in calculating the payment required, the owner shall obtain and furnish the Township with an appraisal of the *Market Value* of the *Land* from an *Appraiser*, at no expense to the Township. All appraisals must comply with the current Canadian Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (CUSPAP) as adopted by the Appraisal Institute of Canada. No limiting conditions will be accepted that restricts distribution of the appraisal report, in part or in whole, to the owner(s) of the subject property, any representative of the owner(s), or representative of the Township.
- 7.3 Where the Township is satisfied with the *Market Value* determined by the appraisal submitted in accordance with this *By-law*, that value shall be used in the determination of the payment required.
- 7.4 Where the Township is not satisfied with the *Market Value* determined by the appraisal submitted in accordance with this *By-law*, the Township may obtain its own appraisal of the *Market Value* of the *Land* from an *Appraiser*.
- 7.5 Where the Township has obtained its own appraisal under section 7.4 of this *By-law*, the owner of the *Land* may agree to fix the *Market Value* of the *Land* in accordance with the appraisal obtained by the Township, or the Township and the owner of the *Land* may agree to fix the *Market Value* of the *Land* at another amount, which shall in no case be less than the lowest estimate of *Market Value* in either appraisal or more than the highest estimate of *Market Value* in either appraisal.
- 7.6 Where the Township has obtained its own appraisal under section 7.4 of this *By-law*, and the Township and the owner of the *Land* cannot agree on the *Market Value* of the *Land* to be used in determining the required payment, the *Market Value* may be fixed in accordance with subsections 42(10) and 42(13) of the *Planning Act*.

- 7.7 Appraisals submitted to or obtained by the Township for the purpose of this *By-law* shall be considered valid for a maximum period of six (6) months from the date the appraisal was completed, or such lesser time as may be specified in the appraisal.

## **8.0 PREVIOUS CONVEYANCE OR PAYMENT IN LIEU**

- 8.1 If *land* has been conveyed or is required to be conveyed for park or other public purposes, or *cash-in-lieu* has been received or is owing, under this *By-law* or as a condition imposed under section 51.1 or 53 of the *Planning Act*, no additional conveyance or payment in respect of the *land* subject to the earlier conveyance or payment may be required in respect of subsequent *Development* or *Redevelopment* unless:
- a) There is a change in the proposed *Development* or *Redevelopment* which would increase the density of *development*; or
  - b) *Land* originally proposed for *Development* or *Redevelopment* for *Commercial* or *Industrial* purposes is now proposed for *Development* or *Redevelopment* for other purposes.
- 8.2 Where a change referred to in section 8.1 has occurred, any conveyance that has previously been made or is required to be made for *Parkland*, or any payment of money in lieu of such conveyance has previously been made or is required to be made, as the case may be, shall be deducted from the portion of the *Land* required to be conveyed for *Parkland*, or the payment of *cash-in-lieu* of such conveyance required under this *By-law*.

## **9.0 EXEMPTIONS FROM GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 9.1 This *By-law* does not apply to the following classes of *Development* or *Redevelopment*:
- a) *Development* or *Redevelopment* of *Land* owned by and used for the purposes of the Township, County of Dufferin, Provincial or Federal governments;
  - b) *Development* and *Redevelopment* of *Land* owned by and used by a Board of Education as defined in the Education Act, RSO 1990, c E.2, as amended or any successor thereto;
  - c) *Development* and *Redevelopment* of a hospital as defined in section 1 of the Public Hospitals Act as amended or any successor thereto;
  - d) *Development* or *Redevelopment* that consists solely of the replacement of any *building* destroyed or demolished, provided however a *building* permit for the replacement of such *building* must be submitted within 2 years of demolition, and further provided that there may be no increase to the total number of *Dwelling Units* or expansion of the size of the *Gross Floor Area* of the original *building*, by more than fifty-percent (50%);

- e) The enlargement of an existing residential *dwelling unit* provided that the enlargement does not result in more than three (3) *dwelling units*, or increase the *Gross Floor Area* by more than fifty-percent 50%;
- f) *Development* or *Redevelopment* consisting solely of an Additional Residential *Dwelling Unit* permitted by the Township's Official Plan or Zoning By-law;
- g) *Development* or *Redevelopment* that consists solely of a *temporary building* or structure;
- h) Non-residential *buildings* or structures used for an agricultural purpose;
- i) *Development* or *Redevelopment* of a *Place of Worship* or of a *Cemetery* or burial ground exempt from taxation under the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 2990, c. A.31, or any successor thereof;
- j) *Development* or *Redevelopment* of non-profit housing, attainable housing units and affordable housing units required by an inclusionary zoning (IZ) by-law;
- k) Such other *land* uses, projects or specific *Development* or *Redevelopment* as may be exempted by resolution of *Council*;
- l) Any other such exemption as may be identified in the *Planning Act*, as amended, from time to time.

## **10.0 ADMINISTRATION**

- 10.1 The authority to determine whether a conveyance of a portion of the *Land* associated with *Development* or *Redevelopment* for *Parkland* or the payment of *cash-in-lieu* of such conveyance is required, is hereby delegated to the CAO, any successor thereto, or an officer or employee of the Township designated by the CAO, or their successor.
- 10.2 The determination of whether a conveyance of a portion of the *Land* for *Parkland* or the payment of *cash-in-lieu* of such conveyance, shall be made in accordance with the relevant policies of the Township's Official Plan, and generally in accordance with any other policies and guidelines established by the Township from time to time for that purpose.
- 10.3 The Treasurer shall maintain a record of all *lands* and *cash-in-lieu* received and including all expenditures from the *cash-in-lieu Parkland* Reserve Fund. The *cash-in-lieu parkland* dedication records and associated financial statements shall be reported to *Council* and made available to the public on an annual basis pursuant to this *By-law* in accordance with the requirements of subsection 42 (16) of the *Planning Act*.
- 10.4 *Council* retains the authority to determine at its discretion an alternative process to that set out in this *By-law* to determine the *Market Value* of the *Land*.

## **11.0 SEVERABILITY**

- 11.1 If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provision or part of a provision of this *By-law* to be invalid, illegal, unenforceable or of no force and effect, it is the

intention of *Council* in enacting this *By-law* that the remainder of this *By-law* will continue in force and be applied and enforced in accordance with its terms to the fullest extent possible according to law.

**12.0 REPEAL**

12.1 That By-law 41-2018, being the Parkland Dedication By-law, is hereby repealed immediately upon the coming into force of this Parkland Dedication By-law.

**13.0 EFFECTIVE DATE**

13.1 This by-law shall come into force and effect upon date of the enactment.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED on this 3rd day of MAY, 2023.

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JANET HORNER, MAYOR

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TRACEY ATKINSON, CAO/CLERK



## **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR**

### **BY-LAW NO. - 2023**

#### **BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 25-2010 BEING THE MANSFIELD WATER WORKS BY-LAW**

**WHEREAS** on August 3, 2010 the Council of the Township of Mulmur passed By-law #25-2010 being a by-law to establish municipal water works known as the Mansfield Water Works to service a part of the Township;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur deems it desirable to amend By-law 25-2010 to amend the Mansfield Capital Cost Charge and consolidate By-law 26-2002 being the Mansfield Water Works Area Definition By-law;

#### **NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. THAT section 6.22 is amended by including "The water meters for the municipal water system in the Hamlet of Mansfield shall be read March 31<sup>st</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 or as close to these dates as possible. Billing for these meters shall be carried out the first part of the following month." to the beginning of the section.
2. THAT Schedule "B" (Mansfield Water Works Area) is amended by deleting "See By-Law 26-02, as amended from time to time".
3. THAT Schedule "B" (Mansfield Water Works Area) is amended by adding Schedule A of By-law 26-2002.
4. THAT Schedule "D" (Mansfield Capital Cost Charge) is amended by replacing the table with the following "The water capital cost charge per unit being connected to the Mansfield Water Works System be \$41,150 adjusted annually without amendment to this by-law, on the first day of January in each year, beginning with January 1, 2024, in accordance with the then most recent Statistics Canada Quarterly, Construction Price Index (Toronto)."
5. THAT By-law 26-2002 being the Mansfield Water Works Area Definition By-law is hereby repealed.
6. THAT this by-law shall come into force and effect upon date of the enactment.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED on this 3rd day of MAY, 2023.



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JANET HORNER, MAYOR

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TRACEY ATKINSON, CAO/CLERK



## **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR**

### **BY-LAW NO. - 2023**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 30-19, AS AMENDED, THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY-LAW FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR**

**WHEREAS** Section 2(1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997 ("Act") enables the Council of a municipality to pass By-laws to impose development charges against lands located in the Township to pay for increased capital costs where the development of the land would increase the need for municipal services as designated in the By-law and the development requires one or more of the actions set out in Section 2(2) of the Act;

**AND WHEREAS** The Corporation of the Township of Mulmur has determined that the development of lands within the Township will increase the need for municipal services and Council has confirmed its intent to provide the said services;

**AND WHEREAS** a Development Charge is intended to ensure that the increase in the need for services attributed to the anticipated growth will be met;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur (hereinafter called "the Council") has determined that certain amendments should be made to the Development Charge By-law of the Township of Mulmur, being By-law 30-19;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council has given Notice of its Development Charges proposal in accordance with Section 12(1) of the Act, and held a public meeting on May 5, 2023 and is satisfied that no further notice is required;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. THAT Section 6.2.2 is hereby amended by deleting "or structure ancillary to such dwelling".
2. THAT Section 6.2.4 is deleted in its entirety.
3. THAT Section 6.2.5 is amended by striking "or in a building ancillary to such dwelling".
4. THAT Section 6.2.5 is further amended by deleting Item 3 from the table.

5. THAT Section 6.4 is deleted in its entirety.
6. THAT this By-law shall come into force upon the date of passage hereof and take effect on the day after the last day for filing appeals. Where objections to the By-law are received in accordance with the provisions of the Development Charges Act, 1997, c.P 13, as amended, the By-law shall come into effect upon the approval of the Ontario Land Tribunal.

PASSED on this 5th day of MAY 2023.

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JANET HORNER, MAYOR

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TRACEY ATKINSON, CAO/CLERK



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR

### BY-LAW NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2023

BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR FOR  
MAY 3, 2023

**WHEREAS** Section 5(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by Council;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 5 (3) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, provides that municipal powers shall be exercised by by-law;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. All actions of the Council and Committees of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur for the aforementioned date in respect to every report, motion, by-law or other action passed and taken by Council or Committees of Council, including the exercise of natural person powers, are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed by its separate by-law.
2. The Mayor of the Township and the proper officers of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action, to obtain approvals where required and except where otherwise provided, to execute all documents necessary in that behalf.

PASSED on this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of MAY 2023.

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JANET HORNER, MAYOR

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TRACEY ATKINSON, CAO/CLERK