



Council Minutes April 1, 2026 – 9:00 AM

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

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

1.0 Call to Order

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

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

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

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

That Council approve the agenda as amended to include item 8.2 Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That the minutes of March 4, 2026 are approved.

Carried.

5.0 Discussion Arising Out of the Minutes - None

6.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Clark declared a personal conflict of interest to item 11.4 - 2026 Senior of the Year.

7.0 Public Question Period

Cheryl Russel asked if Council will be scheduling paid duty in 2026. Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure, confirmed that funding provided from the Province to offset the Automated Speed Enforcement program will be used for Paid Duty.

Cheryl Russel asked if a report on the 2025 paid duty will be available in the Council packages moving forward. Chris Wolnik confirmed that staff will request the report from the OPP.

Ross Bailie thanked Public Works for placing spring road closure signs at 5 Sideroad and 5th Line.

Lou Acri asked for more information on waste pickup and expressed concern with seniors managing the new blue bins, and for those who need to move the carts to different locations. Deputy Mayor Hawkins echoed the concern and Tracey Atkinson, CAO highlighted assistance available for physical disabilities and smaller carts. Staff are monitoring concerns to assist residents.

Lou Acri also expressed concern about the potholes and road conditions on 10 Sideroad. Chris Wolnik confirmed that staff are working to address the spring road conditions. Residents are encouraged to report issues to ensure the appropriate work orders are created.

Steven Middleton, Mono informed Council that MC2 is co-hosting a town hall meeting with the Town of Mono Council. Guest speaker Andrew McCammon, Executive Director of Ontario Headwaters Institute, will speak on watershed management and health, threats to Mono, and what Mono residents can do.

8.0 Reports for Decision

8.1 Recycled Aggregates Report

Council discussed how the use of recycled aggregate will prolong the length of the Township's gravel pit and potential revenue streams.

Moved by and Lyon Seconded by Cunningham

That Council approve the recycled aggregates pilot during the upcoming construction season and that staff report back to Council with the findings and recommendations for future use.

Carried.

8.2 Building Homes and Improving Transportation Act, 2026

Council discussed concerns regarding the proposed approvals of non-municipal utilities, municipal liability and responsibility.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council direct staff to submit comments to the Environmental Registry of Ontario in opposition to ERO 026-0302.

Carried.

9.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

- 9.1 Shelburne District Fire Board Minutes: February 3, 2026**
- 9.2 Economic Development Committee Minutes: February 27, 2026**
- 9.3 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Minutes: February 27, 2026**
- 9.4 Dufferin County Council Minutes: February 26, 2026**
- 9.5 Dufferin County Council Minutes: March 12, 2026**
- 9.6 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Minutes: March 18, 2026**
- 9.7 Rosemont District Fire Department: Spring 2026 Newsletter**
- 9.8 Campaign Cabinet Update: March 2026**

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council receives the committee minutes and reports.

Carried.

10.0 Information Items

- 10.1 User Fees and Charges By-law Amendments**
- 10.2 Election Sign By-law Amendments**

Council reviewed the proposed by-law amendments and directed staff to amend section 4.5 (c) to read “1 metre of another Election Sign when placed directly ahead of or behind the Election Sign”.

- 10.3 Municipal Emergency Control Group Amendments**
- 10.4 Circular Materials Garbage Carts Information Report**
- 10.5 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks: Conservation Authority Amalgamation**
- 10.6 Monica Watson: 5th Line Bridge Correspondence**
- 10.7 Rev. Robert Graham: Water Usage Correspondence**

Direction was given to staff to respond on Council’s behalf.

- 10.8 Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment PC 225 22- Agricultural Policies**
- 10.9 Ontario Permitting “Bring Your Own” Alcoholic Beverages at Outdoor Public Events**
- 10.10 Township of Melancthon: Z26-02 Public Notice**
- 10.11 Thomson Rogers Shelburne & District Fire Board Notice**

- 10.12 Z02-2026 Public Meeting Notice**
- 10.13 Upper Grand District School Board 2026 Municipal Election**
- 10.14 Joint Candidate Information Sessions**
- 10.15 Notice of Nomination Period for Interested Candidates**

- 10.16 York Region: Circular Materials Resolution**
- 10.17 Township of McNab/Braeside: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant**
- 10.18 Town of Whitby: Comprehensive Review of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework**
- 10.19 Township of North Dumfries: Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025**

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

That Council receives the information items as copied;
And that the following items be endorsed: 10.19

Carried.

Council recessed at 10:39 a.m. and returned at 10:50 a.m.

11.0 Closed Session

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council adjourn to closed session at 10:50 a.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for:

- two (2) matters related to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees under section 239(2)(b);
- one (1) matter related to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board under section 239(2)(e); and
- one (1) matter related to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board under section 239 (2)(c).

Carried.

- 11.1 Staff Compensation**
- 11.2 Land Acquisitions (NDCC)**
- 11.3 Claims Against the Township**
- 11.4 2026 Senior of the Year**

Councillor Clark declared a personal conflict of interest to item 11.4 - 2026 Senior of the Year and left the room at 12:44 p.m.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council do rise into open session at 12:49 p.m. with the following motion:

That David Jazwinski be nominated to the Province as Mulmur's 2026 Senior of the Year.

Carried.

Councillor Clark returned to the room at 12:51 p.m.

12.0 Items for Future Meetings

12.1 Circular Materials Blue Cart Recycling

12.2 New Official Plan

12.3 Fire Department By-law Consistency

12.4 Service Allocation Policy

12.5 UGDSB Delegation (June)

13.0 Passing of By-Laws

13.1 User Fees and Charges Amending By-law

13.2 Signs on Municipal Highways By-law

13.3 Municipal Emergency Control Group Amending By-law

13.4 Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That by-law 13.2 be approved as amended;
And that by-laws 13.1, 13.3 and 13.4 be approved.

Carried.

14.0 Adjournment

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council adjourns the meeting at 1:03 p.m. to meet again on May 6, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk