



Council Minutes April 2, 2025 – 9:30 AM

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

Regrets: Councillor Clark

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

1.0 Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

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

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council approve the agenda as amended to include item 9.1 Ice Storm Update/Discussion.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That the minutes of March 5, 2025 are approved.

Carried.

5.0 Discussion Arising out of the Minutes - None

6.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Mayor Horner declared pecuniary interest to item 12.3 Citizen Awards.

7.0 Public Question Period

Carl Cosack thanked staff for their efforts on the ice storm and provided an update on NDACT's work to date on the Strada Aggregates application for a quarry in Melancthon. Cosack confirmed that NDACT did not oppose Strada's filing of the formal ARA application in January 2025 stating that the spirit of the agreement can still be maintained with concerns being resolved prior to the Step 2 filing.

Council committed to publicizing and sharing materials they receive related to the Strada Aggregates application.

Deputy Mayor Hawkins left the room at 10:16 a.m. and returned at 10:18 a.m.

Council thanked NDACT for their efforts and work to date.

8.0 Presentations

8.1 Mrs. Mitchells 45th Anniversary

Council recognized Mrs. Mitchell's Restaurant on their 45th anniversary. Once a humble one-room schoolhouse, Mulmur Township School Section 2, the restaurant is named for the school's last teacher, who taught when the school closed its doors in 1968.

Mrs. Mitchell's Restaurant was opened in 1980 by Jim and Maureen Baufeldt, and became a beloved local institution, now proudly celebrating its 45th year in business. Their daughter, Heidi Baufeldt, continues to honor her mother's dedication, maintaining the restaurant's reputation for exceptional service and evolving the menu with seasonal delights.

The 45th anniversary provides the perfect opportunity to reflect on the Baufeldt family's commitment to preserving the schoolhouse's history. They were taught its rich story directly from Mrs. Mitchell herself, understanding the building's role in the community's survival through two World Wars and the Great Depression. The Orange Lodge across the road, now home to "Granny Taught Us How," further adds to the hamlet of Violet Hill's historic charm. And now, the celebration of 45 years adds another layer to that history.

9.0 Reports for Decision

9.1 Ice Storm Update / Discussion

Staff provided an update on ice storm damage, hydro outages, and the potential for upcoming severe weather impacts.

Council discussed the emergency shelter at the NDCC, hydro outages and debris management.

Council recessed at 10:49 a.m. and returned at 10:58 a.m.

9.2 Honeywood Kraft Hockeyville Discussion

Council was notified of the change of location to the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex due to the power outages and ice storm damage in Honeywood.

9.3 Procurement & Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

Whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;

And whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes the importance of supporting Canadian businesses and workers through responsible procurement practices;

And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power but are bound by international trade agreements;

And whereas trade agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) impose restrictions on municipalities, and prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers in procurement decisions above certain thresholds;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Mulmur commits to considering Canadian suppliers for goods and services when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so for procurements under trade agreement thresholds;

And that the Township of Mulmur commits to continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so;

And that the Township of Mulmur calls upon the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services, and infrastructure projects.

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The Prime Minister of Canada
- The Premier of Ontario

- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

Carried.

10.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

- 10.1 Shelburne Library Board Minutes: January 21, 2025**
- 10.2 Shelburne District Fire Board Minutes: February 4, 2025**
- 10.3 NVSPA Minutes: February 2025**
- 10.4 NVCA Minutes: February 2025**
- 10.5 Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting Notes: February 2025**
- 10.6 Rosemont District Fire Board Minutes: March 14, 2025**
- 10.7 Mono-Mulmur-Melancthon Dufferin OPP Detachment Board Information Report**
- 10.8 Economic Development Committee Minutes: March 17, 2025**
- 10.9 Mansfield Parks Committee Minutes: March 20, 2025**
- 10.10 Mansfield Parks Committee Motion: Baseball Diamonds**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council receive the motion of the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee;

And that Council direct staff to review the Recreational Master Plan and research ball diamond availability and future needs prior to the 2026 budget process.

Carried.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council receives the Committee minutes and reports.

Carried.

11.0 Information Items

- 11.1 NDCC Closures Information Report**
- 11.2 Upper Grand District School Board Notice of Expropriation**
- 11.3 Upper Grand District School Board Development Charges**
- 11.4 Enbridge Correspondence**
- 11.5 Strada Correspondence**

- 11.6 NVCA E-Permitting
- 11.7 NVCA Mapping
- 11.8 Dufferin County: Advanced Left Turn Resolution
- 11.9 Dufferin County: CWELCC Resolution
- 11.10 NVCA Amalgamation Resolution and FAQs

A recorded vote requested by Councillor Cunningham.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council for the Township of Mulmur receive and endorse the correspondence from NVCA opposing an amalgamation with LSRCA given no expert analysis has been presented to support such a proposal to move away from watershed-based Conservation Authorities;

And that that Council for the Township of Mulmur appoint Patricia Clark to vote at a forthcoming meeting called to consider the amalgamation proposal.

	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Yay</u>
Councillor Clark		Yay
Councillor Cunningham	Nay	
Councillor Lyon		Yay
Deputy Mayor Hawkins		Yay
Mayor Horner		Yay

Carried.

- 11.11 Township of Melancthon: Invitation to Sylvia Jones MPP
- 11.12 Township of Bradford West Gwillimbury: Landlord Tenant Reforms
- 11.13 Town of Mono: Crime Stoppers Resolution
- 11.14 Township of Amaranth: Planning Authority Resolution
- 11.15 Township of Amaranth: Building Permit Record Searched
- 11.16 Township of Amaranth: Buy Local Resolution
- 11.17 Township of Amaranth: Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition
- 11.18 City of Sarnia: Carbon Tax Resolution
- 11.19 Bruce Couty: Municipal Response to Tariffs Resolution

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council receives the information items;

And further that the following item be endorsed: 11.17

Carried.

12.0 Closed Session

- 12.1 Council Training
- 12.2 NDCC Agreements
- 12.3 Citizen Awards

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council adjourn to closed session at 10:58 a.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for one (1) matter relating to the purpose of educating or training members; one (1) matters relating to a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations; and one (1) matter relating to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees under section 239(3.1) and 239(2)(b)(k).

Carried.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

That Council do rise out of closed session into open session at 2:01 p.m. with the following motion:

That staff be directed to proceed as discussed in closed session.

Carried.

Mayor Horner returned to the room at 2:02 p.m. and advised that she declared a personal conflict of interest to item 12.3 Citizen Awards.

13.0 Notice of Motion

A recorded vote was requested by Deputy Mayor Hawkins

Moved by Horner Seconded by Lyon

Whereas that following the lowering by the County of the speed limit on Highway 124 outside Shelburne, County Road 19 and County Road 17 have become the “unofficial bypass” for Shelburne;

And whereas an official bypass route for the Town of Shelburne has not yet been chosen;

And whereas the Road Rationalization Study was conducted and adopted by Council prior to the recent unintended consequence of the aforementioned speed limit change;

And whereas the volume of traffic on the County Road 19/County Road 17 route has dramatically increased since July 2024 leading to unsafe traffic conditions along this route;

Therefore the Township of Mulmur asks in the interests of road safety, that the County pause downloading County Road 19 to Mulmur Township until a Shelburne bypass is completed.

	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Yay</u>
Councillor Clark		Yay
Councillor Cunningham		Yay
Councillor Lyon		Yay
Deputy Mayor Hawkins		Yay
Mayor Horner		Yay

Carried.

14.0 Items for Future Meetings

14.1 Street Art Impacts / Results (Q3 2025)

14.2 County Road 19 Speed Limits and Intersection

14.3 Energy Retrofit LIC

15.0 Passing of By-laws

15.1 2025 Final Tax Rate Levy By-law

15.2 Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

That By-Laws 15.1 and 15.2 be approved.

Carried.

15.0 Adjournment

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Lyon

That Council adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. to meet again on May 7, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk