



**Council Minutes
May 6, 2026 – 9:30 AM**

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

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

1.0 Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:15 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.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That the minutes of April 1, 2026 are approved.

Carried.

5.0 Discussion Arising Out of the Minutes - None

6.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests - None

7.0 Public Question Period

Cheryl Russel asked if the New Draft Official Plan provides minimum distance setbacks for fly rock and public health protection. Tracey Atkinson confirmed that MDS setbacks refer to agricultural uses, and if an application is received, the Township would request the required studies, including those that would protect

public health. Recommendations for studies may include setbacks or other provisions.

Steven Middleton asked if the Township could specify what is included in a blasting impact study. Tracey Atkinson spoke to draft provincial regulations surrounding defined core and contingent studies.

Steven Middleton sought clarification on the New Official Plan with respect to climate change and the conservation authority's role. Tracey Atkinson confirmed that the appropriate sections have been included, but the Township is still waiting for greater information from the province.

8.0 Reports for Decision

8.1 Escarpment Corridor Alliance: Jarvis Strong (9:30 a.m.)

Council welcomed Jarvis Strong from the Escarpment Corridor Alliance. The Alliance is a regional land trust that was formed 4 years ago to focus on the Blue Mountains and Grey Highlands area. The Alliance has now grown to include the Pine River Area with a goal of conservation based on watershed basins.

Council discussed possible fragmentation with multiple organizations working towards the same goal and potential impacts on agricultural operations. Jarvis Strong confirmed the Alliance works closely with conservation authorities, the Bruce Trail and municipalities and are looking to build connections with the agricultural community. Jarvis Strong described the Alliance as an alternative partner when met with red tape at a provincial level, or for those who do not wish to work with a government agency.

Staff invited Jarvis Strong and the Escarpment Corridor Alliance to meet and discuss future activity in Mulmur.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council receives the presentation from Jarvis Strong and The Escarpment Corridor Alliance (ECA);

And that Council recognize the ECA as a nonprofit community organization working in the Township of Mulmur to benefit both residents and the natural assets of the Township.

Carried.

8.2 2025 Financial Statements: Matthew Betik, KPMG

Council welcomed KPMG's Matthew Betik, who presented the Township's 2025 Financial Statements. Betik presented a clean auditor's report and stated Mulmur

is in a good financial position. Betik highlighted the Township's reserve funds, the reasonable replacement of assets and a good cash flow.

Council sought clarification on account names and administrative corrections to the disposal of tangible capital assets.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council approve the 2025 Township of Mulmur financial statements as amended and presented by Matthew Betik, KPMG.

Carried.

9.0 Reports for Decision

9.1 Roof Repairs – Administrative Building

Council discussed the timing of the roof replacement, material options and reserve amounts to fund the repairs.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council direct staff to re-roof the north section of the roof at the Township Administration Office building with a metal roof with an upper limit cost of \$ 40,000 funded through the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve or the Administration Building Reserve.

Carried.

Council recessed at 10:08 a.m. and returned at 10:27 a.m.

9.2 Road Safety: County Road 19/ County Road 17 Intersection

Council reviewed road safety actions taken to date, noting that works are underway.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

Whereas the County of Dufferin supports the protection of its residents and their visitors through actions that improve road safety in Dufferin County;

And whereas the County of Dufferin authorized a Road Safety Audit for the intersection of County Road 17 and County Road 19 in June 2025;

And whereas several of the recommendations of the Road Safety Audit have been implemented;

And whereas the Township of Mulmur supports the County of Dufferin's commitment to further examine and review road safety at the intersection of County Road 17 and County Road 19;

And whereas the Township of Mulmur has identified this intersection as a priority area for road safety;

Now therefore be it resolved that following the review, staff be directed to continue to work with the County of Dufferin staff to collaborate further, enhancing safety at the intersection, and to move to implement additional actions as identified in the Triton Report of 2025 or any additional studies;

And further be it resolved that this motion be forwarded to the County of Dufferin Council and appropriate County staff for consideration and action.

Carried.

10.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

10.1 Dufferin County Council Minutes: March 26, 2026

10.2 Dufferin County Council Minutes: April 9, 2026

10.3 Economic Development Committee Minutes: March 25, 2026

10.4 Shelburne Public Library Board Minutes: February 17, 2026

10.5 NVCA Hearing Board Minutes

10.6 NVCA Board Minutes: March 2026

10.7 Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting Notes: February 2026

10.8 Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting Notes: March 2026

10.9 Campaign Cabinet Update: April 2026

10.10 Shelburne Library Board Minutes: March 31, 2026

10.11 Shelburne & District Fire Department: 2025 Annual Report

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

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

Carried.

11.0 Information Items

11.1 New Official Plan Report

11.2 2026 Municipal Elections Report

11.3 2nd Line West Parking Restrictions

11.4 Q1 2026 Grant Report

11.5 Q1 2026 Planning Report

11.6 Q1 2026 Financials

- 11.7 Comments on ERO 026-0302**
- 11.8 2025 Paid Duty Report**
- 11.9 Circular Materials Correspondence**
- 11.10 Proclamation Request: Sexual Violence Prevention Month**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

Whereas, Sexual Violence Prevention Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts people of all ages, genders, and ethnicities;

And whereas, in 2025, the prevalence of sexual assault was three times higher among women than men, and many populations—including Indigenous women, women with disabilities, and lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals—face disproportionately higher risk;

And whereas, sexual assault continues to be significantly underreported, with only 8.6% of victims reporting the most serious incident to police—compared to 28% of physical assault victims—meaning the true prevalence of sexual violence is far greater than reported figures reflect;

And whereas, victims of sexual assault are some of the most vulnerable and silent people in society, and it is vital that our community actively works to learn about and promote available services and supports for survivors;

And whereas, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, support survivors, and speak out against harmful attitudes and actions;

And whereas, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing sexual violence through increased education, awareness, and community involvement.

Now therefore, the Council of the Township of Mulmur does hereby proclaim May 2026 as "Sexual Violence Prevention Month" in the Township of Mulmur, and urges all citizens to recognize the ongoing commitment of individuals and organizations in our community who actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence, and for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action, and support one another to create a safer environment for all.

Carried.

- 11.11 Sylvia Jones, MPP: Funding Notices**
- 11.12 Shelburne Air Cadets Funding Request**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council direct staff to contact the Shelburne Air Cadets, providing information on the Community Grant Program and offering opportunities to use the North Dufferin Community Centre at no cost for the 2026 season.

Carried.

- 11.13 MECP Site Inspection: Mulmur Office and Public Works Lands**
- 11.14 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Buy Ontario Directive**
- 11.15 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: O. Reg. 584/06**
- 11.16 Town of Mono: Opposition to CVC Consolidation**
- 11.17 Town of Aurora: Redistribution of Provincial Land Tax and GST**
- 11.18 City of Peterborough: Guaranteed Basic Income**
- 11.19 Dufferin County: Highway 10 Operational Performance Review**
- 11.20 Association of Ontario Road Supervisors: Health and Safety**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council receives the information items as copied;

And that the following items be endorsed: 11.17, 11.18 and 11.19

Carried.

12.0 Items for Future Meetings

- 12.1 UGDSB Delegation (June)**
- 12.2 Primrose Industrial Park Public Meeting (June)**
- 12.3 Dufferin County Building Services Agreement (June)**
- 12.4 Service Allocation Policy**
- 12.5 Fire Department By-law Consistency**

13.0 Passing of By-Laws

- 13.1 2026 Library Services Agreements**
- 13.2 Traffic By-law Amendment**
- 13.3 New Official Plan**
- 13.4 Confirmatory By-Law**

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

That by-laws 13.1 and 13.2 be approved;

And that by-law 13.3 be approved as amended with:

Section 9.7 is amended by striking “consistent with section 4.5.2.1 of the PPS, demonstration of need for mineral aggregate resources, including any type of supply/demand analysis shall not be required notwithstanding the availability, designation or licensing for extraction of mineral aggregate resources locally or elsewhere. As much of the mineral aggregate resources as is realistically possible shall be made available as close to markets as possible.”

And further that by-law 13.4 be approved.

Carried.

14.0 Adjournment

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council adjourns the meeting at 12:33 p.m. to meet again on June 3, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk