



## **Council Minutes June 3, 2026 – 9:00 AM**

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

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

### **1.0 Call to Order**

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

### **2.0 Land Acknowledgement**

June marks National Indigenous History Month — a time to honour and celebrate the rich cultures, histories and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples across Ontario and Turtle Island. We also mark the longest day of the year, known as the Summer Solstice, taking place concurrently with National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21.

We therefore 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 Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon**

That the minutes of May 6, 2026 are approved.

**Carried.**

### **5.0 Discussion Arising Out of the Minutes - None**

### **6.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests - None**

## **7.0 Presentations**

### **7.1 Senior of the Year: David Jazwinski**

Council recognized June as Seniors Month and welcomed David Jazwinski as Mulmur's 2026 Senior of the Year. Dave is one of the volunteer community leaders behind the development and operation of the outdoor rink at Thomson Trail Park in Mansfield.

Dave is passionate about providing a community space that can be enjoyed by all ages in the winter months, and has implemented countless improvements in the initial set-up and on-going maintenance of the outdoor rink. Whether it's working on the rink liner placement during start-up, after-hours flooding using his custom-made flooding tool or using his own snow blower to clear on-ice snow accumulation, he is constantly volunteering his support. Dave has been on the outdoor rink committee since the rink's first season and has advocated for the reuse of materials from the NDCC, end board enhancements and netting. Dave has spent upwards of 50 days per winter maintaining the ice for the local community and the many visitors to enjoy. His contribution to community building through sports and fitness is incredible. Thank you Dave, for all that you do to make our community better!

### **7.2 Upper Grand District School Board: Dilip Parmar and Ralf Mesenbrink**

Council welcomed Dilip Parmar and Ralf Mesenbrink from the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB), who spoke to the Board's short-term and long-term accommodation plans, priority projects, and confirmed that the Province approved the construction of a 328-student school in Mansfield, which is scheduled to open in September 2028.

Council discussed capacity and enrollment pressures at Primrose Elementary School, green construction options, daycare spaces, and playground equipment. The UGDSB noted that a boundary review is still pending

Council thanked Dilip Parmar and Ralf Mesenbrink, Upper Grand District School Board, for the presentation and information.

### **7.3 Dufferin County Building Services: CBO Becky McNaughton**

Council welcomed Dufferin County CBO Becky McNaughton, who presented on the services offered by the Dufferin County Building Department, enforcement measures, changes to the Ontario Building Code, and community efforts and collaborations.

Council congratulated Becky McNaughton and her team for their work and efforts.

Council recessed at 9:54 a.m. and returned at 10:02 a.m.

## 8.0 Public Question Period

Cheryl Russel commended Mayor Horner for her efforts at County Council to address concerns related to the County Road 19/County Road 17 intersection. Russel also congratulated staff on the creation of Mulmur Mondays.

Lou Acri inquired about garbage pickup accommodation. Mayor Horner recommended calling Dufferin County Waste Services to receive accommodation.

Lee Benson inquired if the donation of the multi-purpose recreational pad was contingent on being located in Terra Nova, expressing her opinion that the donation is degrading the surrounding properties. Benson also expressed concern about drainage on her property. Tracey Atkinson, CAO, confirmed the donation was contingent on being located in Terra Nova and confirmed that the Township has undergone studies and community conversations to determine the recreational needs of Mulmur as a whole.

## 9.0 Reports for Decision

### 9.1 Terra Nova Multi-Use Pad

Council reviewed the chronology of the decision-making process surrounding the donation of the multi-use recreational pad in the settlement area of Terra Nova, noise mitigation measures, and additional avenues for community input. Tracey Atkinson, CAO, confirmed an additional communitywide survey is scheduled to be circulated in July as part of the Recreation Master Plan Update.

Council reviewed the work completed by staff to address resident concerns, including but not limited to lighting, fencing, buffering, tree plantings, and noise mitigation.

A recorded vote was requested by Deputy Mayor Hawkins

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

That Council direct staff to continue to work with contractors and residents to address concerns related to the donation of the multi-use recreational pad in Terra Nova.

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

**Carried.**

## **9.2 NDCC Capital Expenditures**

Council discussed renovations, fundraising, and proposed uses for the North Dufferin Community Centre, noting options for procurement, additional fundraising campaigns and potential collaboration with the Township of Melancthon for project-specific items.

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

Whereas staff have applied for grants and will continue to apply for grants for the upgrades and addition to the NDCC facility;

And whereas grant matching funds are required and can be collected through donations, fundraising, sponsorship, taxes, reserves, and Melancthon capital contributions;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council supports the Norduff Room Kitchen Refresh and Venting and Fire Suppression Upgrades, in principle;

And that Council direct the Treasurer to include the kitchen renovation projects as part of the 2027 budget considerations if grant funding is not approved in 2026;

And that Council direct staff to request the Township of Melancthon to consider contributing to the kitchen renovation projects as part of their 2027 budget;

And that the procurement of a 2027 budgeted kitchen renovation projects includes tendering that identifies options for donated/in-kind services or materials.

**Carried.**

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

Whereas staff have applied for grants and will continue to apply for grants for the upgrades and addition to the NDCC facility;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council supports the accessible upgrades to the NDCC, subject to grant approval or community partner funding;

And that Council direct staff to monitor grant decisions and liaise with community partners regarding support for the construction of an accessible viewing area.

**Carried.**

## **9.3 Mansfield Water System: Well 3 Improvements**

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

That Council approve the Well 3A communications improvement project at a maximum cost of \$26,000 to be funded by the Water Capital Reserves.

**Carried.**

## **10.0 Committee Minutes and Reports**

- 10.1 Economic Development Committee Minutes: May 5, 2026**
- 10.2 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Minutes: May 13, 2026**
- 10.3 Dufferin County Council Minutes: April 15, 2026**
- 10.4 Dufferin County Council Minutes: April 23, 2026**
- 10.5 Dufferin County Council Minutes: April 30, 2026**
- 10.6 Dufferin County Council Minutes: May 14, 2026**
- 10.7 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Minutes: April 24, 2026**
- 10.8 Shelburne Library Board Minutes: April 28, 2026**
- 10.9 Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting Notes: April 2026**
- 10.10 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department 2025 Annual Report**

**Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham**

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

**Carried.**

Council recessed at 12:00 p.m. and returned at 12:04 p.m.

A public disruption occurred during the Council meeting.

Council recessed at 12:14 p.m. and returned at 12:21 p.m.

Council directed staff to refrain from posting the Council meeting recording and to bring a report to the August Council meeting with respect to meeting recordings.

## **11.0 Information Items**

- 11.1 Q1 Communications Report**
- 11.2 Delegation of Authority Policy Updates**
- 11.3 Strategic Plan Bi-Annual Review**
- 11.4 2026 Mulmur Post-Secondary Grant Awards**
- 11.5 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Illegal Truck Yards**
- 11.6 Ministry of the Solicitor General: Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act, 2026**
- 11.7 Dufferin County: Receipt of Mulmur Resolution**
- 11.8 Sylvia Jones, MPP: Police Records Check**
- 11.9 Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus: Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle**

- 11.10 Western Ontario Warden's Caucus: Support of Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform**
- 11.11 Town of Bruce Mines: Opposition to Bill 97**
- 11.12 Town of Shelburne: Opposition to Bill 97**
- 11.13 Prince Edward County: Opposition to Bill 97**
- 11.14 Township of Stone Mills: Opposition to Bill 97**
- 11.15 Township of Springwater: Opposition to Bill 100**

**Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark**

That Council receives the information items as copied;

And that the following items be endorsed: 11.9, 11.10, 11.11, 11.12, 11.13, 11.14.

**Carried.**

Council recessed at 12:45 p.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m.

## **12.0 Public Meetings**

### **12.1 Primrose Business Park Public Meeting**

**Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon**

That Council recess the regular meeting at 1:31 p.m. to hold a public meeting pursuant to Section 34 and 51 of the Planning Act, as amended, to present and obtain public input on the Primrose Business Park Subdivision.

**Carried.**

Council welcomed Ray Duhamel, Jones Consulting Group, Planner for the applicant of the Primrose Business Park Development. Duhamel presented on the proposed subdivision, zoning, servicing and permitted uses.

Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Planner, spoke to the planning application process and confirmed staff are still in discussions to finalize the applications and expects another submission to be submitted later this month.

Public comments were received from Janine and Steve Bent, who expressed concern with the proximity and impacts to their home, including but not limited to dust from construction and impacts to their well. The Bent's noted representatives approached them to buy their land during COVID, but the offer was offensive and did not allow them to make a lateral move.

Cheryl Russel expressed the concern that permitted uses and businesses be restricted in the Primrose Business Park due to the proximity to residential dwellings and a school.

Council comments included:

- The creation of a block abutting the house and school for buffering and to remove the business park core zoning in this area.
- Concern with the responsibility of water issues in the future; and the
- Desire to work with residents for permitted uses abutting the residential lot

**Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark**

That Council adjourns the public meeting and returns to the regular meeting at 2:40 p.m.

**Carried.**

**13.0 Closed Session**

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark**

That Council adjourn to closed session at 12:22 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for:

- two (2) matters related to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board under section 239(2)(e)

**Carried.**

**13.1 Closed Session Minutes: April 1, 2026**

**13.2 Q1 2026 By-law Enforcement Report**

**13.3 Q1 2026 Legal Claims**

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins**

That Council do rise out of closed session and into open session at 12:48 p.m. with the following motion:

That Council approve the closed session minutes of April 1, 2026;

And that Council direct staff to proceed as discussed in closed session.

**Carried.**

**14.0 Items for Future Meetings**

**14.1 Fill By-law**

**14.2 Service Allocation Policy**

**14.3 Fire Department By-law Consistency**

**14.4 Council Meeting Recordings**

**15.0 Passing of By-Laws**

- 15.1 Building Services Agreement**
- 15.2 Delegation of Authority Amendment**
- 15.3 Confirmatory By-Law**

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon**

That by-laws 15.1 to 15.3 be approved.

**Carried.**

**16.0 Adjournment**

**Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark**

That Council adjourns the meeting at 2:46 p.m. to meet again on August 5, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.

**Carried.**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk**