



Council Minutes June 4, 2025 – 9:30 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 9:21 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 12.3 Fire Board Negotiations.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

That the minutes of May 7, 2025 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 questioned if the Township will be moving forward with paid duty in 2025. Tracey Atkinson, CAO spoke to the Township's costs associated with

commencing Automated Speed Enforcement, confirming that paid duty has not yet been scheduled.

Council directed staff to schedule paid duty commencing in June to a maximum of \$10,000.

Andy Glenn - Springwater Lakes Association, asked Council to consider covering the 2025 costs of calcium and the removal of dead trees at the entrance as the Association did not anticipate the costs associated with the 2025 ice storm.

Director of Infrastructure Chris Wolnik spoke to maintenance of unassumed roads and tree locations.

Council directed staff to provide a report at a future meeting on assessment and taxation for properties on unassumed roads.

Lou Acri expressed concern on the condition of a culvert on the 3rd Line. Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure confirmed public works will investigate the concerns.

8.0 Presentations

Council recognized the awards from the Ontario Public Works Association in conjunction with RJ Burnside and WJ Kelly for the bridge 12 and 21 replacement projects.

8.1 Stevenson Memorial Hospital: Eric Hanna, CEO

Council welcomed Eric Hanna, CEO at Stevenson Memorial Hospital who presented goals to move the hospital forward following the third-party review. Hanna noted a decrease in ER visits over the years, investment in new positions, enhancing partnerships, increased education, and the addition of new and enhanced programs and services. 30-40% of Mulmur's population attend Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council receive the presentation from Eric Hanna, CEO of Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

Carried.

9.0 Reports for Decision

9.1 Shelburne & District Fire Department 2024 Annual Report

Council welcomed Chief David Pratt who presented the Shelburne & District Fire Department 2024 Annual Report.

Council discussion ensued on the costs associated with medical oversight and if there is a demand for this level of service in Dufferin.

Chief Pratt noted the Department's goal to host greater training sessions in the future and the introduction of a cadet program instead of annual recruitment.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council receive the 2024 Shelburne & District Fire Department Annual Report from Chief Pratt.

Carried.

9.2 Community Safety & Wellbeing Plan

Council welcomed Anna Vanderlaan who presented the County of Dufferin 2025-2028 Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan highlighting the plan's development through public consultation, priority and focus areas, next steps and performance measurements.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council receive the County of Dufferin 2025-2028 Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan as presented by Anna Vanderlaan.

Carried.

Council recessed at 10:37 a.m. and returned at 10:48 a.m.

9.3 2024 Financial Statement

Council welcomed KPMG's Matthew Betik, who presented the Township's 2024 Financial Statements highlighting capital acquisitions, operating expenses, revenue, amortization and a clean audit opinion.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council approve the 2024 Township of Mulmur financial statements presented by Matthew Betik, KPMG as amended to add further grant detail to the notes.

Carried.

9.4 Authors in the Hills of Mulmur

Mayor Horner declared a conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers at 10:48 a.m. Deputy Mayor Hawkins assumed the position of Chair.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council support the 2025 Authors in the Hills of Mulmur event through a Community Grant to a maximum amount of \$500 to offset insurance costs;

And that the Authors in the Hills of Mulmur be encouraged to apply for future funding through the Township's Community Grant Program;

And further that the Township continue to provide the following services:

- Continued access to the tables and chairs free of charge
- Continued ticket sales and social media advertising through Township communication channels
- Waiving of fees for Special Occasion Permit Letters

Carried.

Mayor Horner returned to the Council Chambers at 11:13 a.m. and reassumed the position of Chair.

9.5 Parks Committee Mandate

Council directed staff to amend the mandate to name the following specific parklands within the mandate:

- Honeywood Community Memorial Park
- Thomson Trail Park
- Maes Cres Park
- Mansfield Community Park
- Violet Hill Parkland

Council directed staff to increase membership to 3 community representatives at large encouraging Honeywood and Violet Hill representation.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

That Council approve the changes to the name and mandate for the Mulmur Parks Advisory Committee as amended to encourage representation from Violet Hill and Honeywood and name the specific parklands.

Carried.

9.6 NDCC Flooring Project

Council discussed timing and locations for rubber floor replacement at the NDCC.

Council directed staff to maintain rubber in the washrooms until changeroom additions are completed and survey the community on Kraft Hockeyville funding options.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

That Council direct staff to proceed with tendering to replace the NDCC flooring in 2025.

Carried.

Council recessed at 12:30 p.m. and returned at 1:18 p.m.

10.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

- 10.1 Rosemont District Fire Board Minutes: March 14, 2025**
- 10.2 Shelburne Public Library Board Minutes: March 18, 2025**
- 10.3 Shelburne District Fire Board Minutes: April 1, 2025**
- 10.4 Dufferin County Council Minutes: May 8, 2025**
- 10.5 Dufferin County Council Minutes: May 22, 2025**
- 10.6 NVCA Minutes: March 17, 2025**
- 10.7 NVCA Minutes and Highlights: March 28, 2025**
- 10.8 NVCA Minutes and Highlights: April 25, 2025**
- 10.9 NVCA Minutes and Highlights: May 23 2025**
- 10.10 NVSPA Minutes: April 25, 2025**
- 10.11 NVCA Media Release**
- 10.12 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Minutes: May 20, 2025**
- 10.13 Economic Development Committee Minutes: May 23, 2025**
- 10.14 Honeywood Cemetery Board Minutes: April 17 2025**
- 10.15 Campaign Cabinet Update: May 2025**

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council receives the committee minutes and reports.

Carried.

11.0 Information Items

- 11.1 Mulmur Strategic Plan Update**
- 11.2 Office Plan Update Report**
- 11.3 County of Simcoe: Procurement Notice**
- 11.4 2025 Field of Dreams Correspondence**
- 11.5 OPP: 2025 1st Quarter Report**
- 11.6 OPP: Municipal Policing Unit and Financial Services Memo**
- 11.7 Hill n Dale/Mulmur Township: Garden & Landscape Information Series**
- 11.8 Township of Melancthon Strada Correspondence**
- 11.9 Town of Shelburne Fire Service Report**

- 11.10 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Bill 17
- 11.11 UGDSB: Community Planning & Facilities Partnership
- 11.12 County of Dufferin: Critical Ground Support
- 11.13 Township of Mulmur and Municipal Bill 5 Comments
- 11.14 Strong Mayor Resolutions
- 11.15 Town of Mono: Shelburne Library Funding Formula
- 11.16 Town of Blue Mountains: Ontario Cider Tax Rate
- 11.17 Township of West Lincoln: Canadian Economy Resolution
- 11.18 Township of Amaranth: BetterHomes in Dufferin

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council receives the information items;

And further that the following item be endorsed: 11.14, 11.17

Carried.

Council recessed at 3:24 p.m. and returned at 3:29 p.m.

12.0 Closed Session

- 12.1 Climate Change Risk Assessment
- 12.2 Claims Against the Municipality
- 12.3 Fire Board Negotiations

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council adjourn to closed session at 3:30 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for two (2) matters relating to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board and one (1) matter related to a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board under section 239(2)(e)(k).

Carried.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council do rise out of closed session into open session at 4:38 p.m. with the following motion:

That Council do rise without report.

Carried.

13.0 Items for Future Meetings

- 13.1 Street Art Impacts / Results (Q3 2025)
- 13.2 County Road 19 Speed Limits and Intersection
- 13.3 Fire Service Delivery Review
- 13.4 Senior of the Year Presentation
- 13.5 HR Policy
- 13.6 Assessment Analysis on Non-Assumed Roads
- 13.7 Procurement Policy Amendments
- 13.8 Traffic Calming Budget

14.0 Passing of By-laws

- 14.1 LIC BetterHomes in Dufferin By-law
- 14.2 Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That By-law 14.1 be approved as amended;

And that by-law 14.2 be approved.

Carried.

15.0 Adjournment

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m. to meet again on July 2, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk