



Council Minutes August 5, 2026 – 9:30 AM

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

Regrets: Mayor Horner

Staff Present: Tracey Atkinson, Roseann Knechtel, Chris Wolnik

1.0 Call to Order

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:28 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.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That the minutes of June 3, 2026 are approved.

Carried.

5.0 Discussion Arising out of the Minutes - None

6.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Council Clark declared a conflict of interest to item 11.8 Z06-2026 Notice of Public Meeting.

7.0 Public Question Period

Cheryl Russel inquired what the deadline would be to submit comments if Council moves meetings to a webinar format. Roseann Knechtel, Clerk confirmed the deadline would be set through Council's Procedural By-law, but would anticipate it being the day prior to the meeting.

Steven Middleton inquired about public consultation and communication guidelines for changes related to land use, noting paving of gravel roads, applications for data centres, and recreational facilities. Tracey Atkinson, CAO, confirmed that an update to the Township's communication policy is scheduled as part of Council's strategic plan.

8.0 Presentations

8.1 Cole Carlson – Special Olympics (9:45 am)

Council recognized Cole Carlson for his role in Special Olympics Dufferin and the Dufferin Polar Plunge since 2022. Cole was the top fundraiser for the Dufferin Polar Plunge in both 2025 and 2026.

Constable Jeff McLean noted the Dufferin County Polar Plunge for Special Olympics has raised approximately \$450,000 to date, with Cole raising almost \$3,000 by himself this past year. Dufferin County OPP presented Cole with a wrestling belt in honour of being the top fundraiser in 2026.

Council presented a certificate and thanked Cole for his enthusiasm, sportsmanship and dedication, showing true leadership and community spirit.

8.2 North Dufferin Baseball League Certificate

Councillor Cunningham presented a certificate to Council from the North Dufferin Baseball League in recognition of their 175th Anniversary.

9.0 Reports for Decision

9.1 Council Meeting Recordings

Council reviewed the platform's capabilities, chat features, and discussed piloting the program.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council direct staff to move Council Meetings to a webinar-based platform for a trial period of 3 months;

And that staff continue to maintain a limited recording retention, removing the recordings once the minutes are approved.

Carried.

9.2 Mansfield Water Hydrant Replacement

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council approve the hydrant replacement project at a maximum cost of \$24,000 to be funded by the Water Capital Reserves.

Carried.

10.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

- 10.1 NVCA Board Minutes: May 2026**
- 10.2 NVCA Board Minutes: June 2026**
- 10.3 NVCA 2027 Budget**

Direction was given to staff to invite the NVCA to present their budget in the fall.

- 10.4 NVCA Asset Management Plan**
- 10.5 Shelburne Public Library Minutes: May 26, 2026**
- 10.6 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Minutes: June 30, 2026**
- 10.7 Economic Development Committee Minutes: June 29, 2026**
- 10.8 Shelburne District Fire Board Minutes: May 5, 2026**
- 10.9 Rosemont District Fire Board Minutes: October 31, 2025**
- 10.10 Rosemont District Fire Board Minutes: June 5, 2026**
- 10.11 Rosemont District Fire Department 2025 Annual Report**
- 10.12 Dufferin County Council Minutes: May 28, 2026**
- 10.13 Dufferin County Council Minutes: June 11, 2026**
- 10.14 Dufferin County Council Minutes: June 25, 2026**
- 10.15 Campaign Cabinet Meeting Notes**

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council receive the committee minutes and reports.

Carried.

11.0 Information Items

- 11.1 2026 Q2 Communication Report**
- 11.2 2026 Q2 Planning Report**
- 11.3 2026 Q2 Grant Report**
- 11.4 2026 Q2 Financial Report**
- 11.5 Dufferin County OPA No. 5**
- 11.6 Z04-2026 Notice of Passing**
- 11.7 Z05-2026 Notice of Passing**
- 11.8 Z06-2026 Notice of Public Meeting**
- 11.9 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: O. Reg. 509-20 Community Benefits Charges and Parkland**

- 11.10 Ontario ERO: Communal Drinking Water and Wastewater System Municipal Consent Requirements
- 11.11 Ontario ERO: Updating and Modernization of Operational Policies Supporting the Delivery of the Provincial Aggregate Resources Act Program
- 11.12 Ministry of Natural Resources: Aggregates Recourse Act Updates
- 11.13 Hunter and Associates: Open AI Query on the Fisheries Significance to Georgian Bay of the Nottawasaga River and the Pine and Boyne Tributaries and Horning's Mills Lake
- 11.14 2025 Dufferin OPP Detachment Board Annual Report
- 11.15 New Tecumseth: Intimate Partner Violence
- 11.16 Town of Caledon: Tick-Borne Diseases
- 11.17 Town of Halton Hills: Modernizing Invasive Plant Rules
- 11.18 Municipality of Trent Lakes: Accuracy of Municipal Voters' Lists
- 11.19 Town of Parry Sound: School Board Governance Consultation
- 11.20 Township of Amaranth: National Agricultural Soil Health Strategy
- 11.21 Town of Orangeville: Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties
- 11.22 Town of South Bruce: Outdoor Education as an Essential Part of Public Education
- 11.23 Municipality of Calvin: Request for Provincial Review of CVA-Based Apportionment for Shared Municipal and Provincially Mandated Services

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council receives the information items as copied;
And that the following items be endorsed: 11.16 - 11.23.

Carried.

Council recessed at 10:43 am and returned at 10:56 am

13.0 Items for Future Meetings

- 13.1 Fill By-law
- 13.2 Service Allocation Policy
- 13.3 Open Air Burning By-law
- 13.4 Mono-Mulmur Road Agreement

14.0 Passing of By-Laws

14.1 Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

That by-law 14.1 be approved.

Carried.

15.0 Adjournment

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council adjourns the meeting at 11:04 a.m. to meet again on September 2, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk