



Council Minutes September 2, 2026 – 9:00 AM

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

Staff Present: Tracey Atkinson, 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

On September 30th, we observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—a time to reflect, remember, and honour the experiences of Indigenous Peoples across this land. Today, we gather on the traditional territories of the Tionontati (Petun) and the Treaty 18 lands of the Anishinaabe peoples, whose enduring relationship with the land spans thousands of years.

We acknowledge the profound and painful legacy of colonization, including the residential school system and its lasting impacts on First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities. These truths are not confined to the past—they continue to shape the present.

In recognition of this day, we renew our commitment to the ongoing journey of reconciliation. This is not a single act, but a sustained effort to listen, learn, and act in partnership with Indigenous peoples. We are grateful for the wisdom, the strength of survivors, and the voices of those who never returned home. Their stories guide us toward healing.

Let us move forward with humility and resolve, working together to build a future grounded in respect, equity, and mutual understanding. May this acknowledgement be more than words—may it be a call to action.

Council began the meeting with a moment of silence.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council approve the agenda.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

That the minutes of August 5, 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 Greg Lloyd: Pine River Fishing Area Trail

Council welcomed Greg Lloyd, who spoke on the work completed over the last 3+ years to bring a 1km trail connecting the east and west parking lots at the Pine River Fishing Area. Greg will remain the steward for the trail, but hopes the trail can be incorporated as part of the Bruce Trail in the future.

Council presented Greg with a certificate of appreciation for his hard work and commitment to making Mulmur a better place to live, work and grow.

7.2 Jan Irwin: Mulmur Moments Commemorative Photo Book

Council welcomed Jan Irwin who presented Council with a copy of the Mulmur Moments Commemorative Photo Book in recognition of Mulmur's 175th Anniversary. Jan thanked all who contributed to the book and shared a sneak peek of some of the images. A copy of the book is available for purchase.

Council thanked Jan and all who were involved in putting the book together.

7.3 Shannon McGrady: Shelburne Public Library

Council welcomed Shannon McGrady from Shelburne Public Library who presented on the breadth of services offered, the economic benefit and the social return on investment. Council thanked Shannon McGrady for the presentation.

Council recessed at 10:08 a.m. and returned at 10:18 a.m.

8.0 Public Question Period

Cheryl Russel voiced anger at the Town of Shelburne's motion regarding the Shelburne Library Board taking control of the library board.

9.0 Deputations

9.1 Graham Jones: Terra Nova Multi-Use Court

Council welcomed Graham Jones who presented on behalf of a group with respect to the Terra Nova Multi-Use Court. Graham confirmed residents are not asking for the project to be stopped, but rather that staff report back to Council before the facility opens on the following items:

1. Acoustic and layout assessment
2. Specified noise mitigation plan
3. Engineered drainage plan
4. Berm and planting specifications
5. Setbacks on a scaled as-built design
6. Operating conditions by resolution
7. Staff report on the donation
8. Site traffic plan and a no parking zone
9. That the above specifications be adopted by Council resolution

Graham noted that he remains glad and committed to participating in the fall site meeting. Council requested the asks be submitted in writing and thanked Graham for his delegation.

10.0 Reports for Decision

10.1 Traffic By-law Amendment

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council approve the Traffic Amending By-law to remove the 15-tonne gross vehicle weight restriction on Bridge 12.

Carried.

10.2 Open-Air Fire By-law

Direction was given to staff to add definitions for a Special Event and Controlled Burn, and to add the word campfire into the Outdoor Fire Container definition.

10.3 Data Centres

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

Whereas the Township of Mulmur is concerned with the potential impacts of a Data Centre;

And whereas the Township's Official Plan and strategic priorities include the protection of its environment, agricultural lands, water resources, tranquility and rural character;

And whereas Mulmur is at the head of the headwaters and is traversed by the Niagara Escarpment, being a World Biosphere, and will consider development that

is of a compatible scale and servicing level and contributes positively to the community;

And whereas Mulmur prioritizes the protection of its water resources, and the Mulmur Official Plan identifies vulnerable aquifers and water resources, and provides protection for water;

And whereas Mulmur Township does not have full municipally serviced industrial lands;

Now therefore be it resolved that Mulmur Council receives the Town of Orangeville's resolution regarding Regional Water Resources and Infrastructure;

And that Mulmur Council direct staff to bring forward a by-law to prohibit data centres on all lands within the Township of Mulmur;

And that Mulmur Council does not object to County staff undertaking a Regional Water Resource and Infrastructure study, which may be collectively used to support interim control by-laws by the local municipalities or prohibitions;

And that this resolution be circulated to the County of Dufferin, all local municipalities within Dufferin County and the Member of Provincial Parliament, the County of Simcoe, Clearview Township and Adjala-Tosorontio and the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Carried.

10.4 Joint Audit Compliance Committee

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council approve the by-law establishing a Joint Audit Compliance Committee for the 2026-2030 term of office.

Carried.

11.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

11.1 Economic Development Committee Minutes: August 6, 2026

11.2 Dufferin County Council Minutes: July 9, 2026

11.3 Dufferin County Council Minutes: August 13, 2026

11.4 NVCA Summer Update

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Lyon

That Council receive the committee minutes and reports.

Carried.

12.0 Information Items

- 12.1 Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency Correspondence**
- 12.2 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Consultation under the Municipal Accountability Act, 2026**
- 12.3 Niagara Escarpment Commission: Request for Comments**

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council receives the information items as copied.

Carried.

13.0 Endorsable Motions

- 13.1 Town of Shelburne: Shelburne Public Library**

Direction to staff to bring a report back to Council.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council receive the report from the Town of Shelburne;

And that staff be directed to provide a report with more information at a future meeting.

Carried.

Council recessed at 12:00 p.m. and returned at 12:09 p.m.

14.0 Closed Session

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council adjourn to closed session at 12:09 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for:

- three (3) matters related to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board under section 239(2)(e); and
- one (1) matter related to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board under section 239(2)(c).

Carried.

- 14.1 Terra Nova Multi-Use Court Correspondence**
- 14.2 Q2 2026 Legal Claims Against the Municipality**
- 14.3 Q2 2026 By-law Enforcement**
- 14.4 Land Acquisition: Honeywood Arena**

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council do rise out of closed session into open session at 1:00 p.m. with the following motion:

That Council approve the Closed Session Minutes of June 3, 2026;

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

Carried.

15.0 Items for Future Meetings

15.1 Fill By-law

15.2 Service Allocation Policy

15.3 Mono-Mulmur Road Agreement

15.4 Open-Air Fire By-law

15.5 Shelburne Library Board Report

15.6 Housekeeping Zoning Amendment

16.0 Adjournment

16.1 Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Lyon

That Council approve the September 2, 2026 Confirmatory By-law;

And that Council adjourns the meeting at 1:02 p.m. to meet again on October 7, 2026, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk