



Council Minutes September 3, 2025 – 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 9:03 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 of Elders, 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 Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council approve the agenda.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That the minutes of July 2, 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 inquired about the status of Dufferin County's Road Revitalization Plan. Mayor Horner confirmed the County's intention to assume 10 Sideroad and download County Road 19 at some point in 2026.

Cheryl Russel questioned how the rates are determined in the proposed Automated Speed Enforcement By-law. Roseann Knechtel, Clerk, confirmed the Province sets the rates.

Barb Bailie questioned the role of the Township of Essa in the Automated Speed Enforcement process. Mayor Horner confirmed Mulmur has contracted their services.

Ross Bailie questioned whether the municipality approved the construction on the east side of the 4th Line. Staff confirmed they will investigate the area in question.

8.0 Public Meetings

8.1 Official Plan Public Meeting

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council recess the regular meeting at 9:14 a.m. to hold a public meeting pursuant to Section 17 of the Planning Act, as amended, to present and obtain public input on the Township's Draft New Official Plan.

Carried.

The Mayor stated that the public meeting is to present and receive comments on the Township's first draft of the new official plan.

Tracey Atkinson, Planner, presented the first draft of the New Official Plan, noting the previous work on creating a Garden Township, the 2024 Provincial Planning Statement, mapping appendices, the update to definitions, a brief overview of each section, and outlined next steps.

The following public comments were received:

- Steven Middleton – It would be beneficial to include a mapping overlay of protected areas and aggregate resources to show areas of conflict.
- Cheryl Russel – Are the proposed changes to the ARA included in the Plan? Atkinson confirmed that only the required studies as of today's date are included.
- Madeline – When is the deadline for comments? Atkinson confirmed the deadline for comments is before Council's decision.

The following Council comments were received:

- Ensure we balance lot creation, finances and the environment.
- Consider adding visitable housing options.
- Are there types of recreation that are not permitted?
- Additional second dwelling size restrictions.
- Include an agricultural systems map as an appendix.

Staff are directed to take all Council and public comments into consideration during the next draft.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council adjourns the public meeting and returns to the regular meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Carried.

Council recessed the meeting at 9:59 a.m. and returned at 10:07 a.m.

9.0 Reports for Decision

9.1 Christ Church, Whitfield

Council discussed the potential costing and setback requirements for servicing.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council direct staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Diocese of Toronto, Anglican Church of Canada to include criteria and intentions to acquire the land and best-effort recovery of costs related to the possible sale of lands.

Carried.

9.2 Mansfield Water System Financial Plan

Council discussion on capital requirements and funding.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council approve the 2025-2034 Financial Plan for the Mansfield Water System, as presented, in support of the Municipal Drinking Water Licence renewal.

Carried.

9.3 Ontario Municipal Ice Storm Assistance Grant (MISA)

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

Whereas the Township of Mulmur has eligible costs directly linked to the March 2025 ice storm, the Council of the Township of Mulmur hereby requests assistance under the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance program;

And that Heather Boston, Director of Corporate Services & Treasurer is hereby given delegated authority to verify and attest to the accuracy of the attached application package.

Carried.

9.4 Gravel Road Conversion Policy

Council discussion on environmental impacts and confirmed Council's continued approval for each potential road segment.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council approves the Gravel Road Conversion Policy and direct staff to develop implementation procedures.

Carried.

9.5 Pickleball Courts

Council discussion on potential court amenities and costing.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Clark

That Council direct staff to further discussions, entering into a Memorandum of Understanding to accept the generous donation and commence procurement.

Carried.

9.6 HR Policy Amendment

Council directed staff to move item 9.6 HR Policy Amendment to the Closed Session Agenda for further discussion.

10.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

- 10.1 Shelburne Public Library Minutes: June 17, 2025**
- 10.2 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Minutes: June 27, 2025**
- 10.3 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Media Release**
- 10.4 Ontario Climate Caucus June Meeting Notes**
- 10.5 Dufferin County Council Minutes: June 26, 2025**
- 10.6 Dufferin County Council Minutes: July 10, 2025**

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council receives the committee minutes and reports.

Carried.

11.0 Information Items

- 11.1 Kraft Hockeyville Survey Results**
- 11.2 Assessment Analysis on Non-Assumed Roads**
- 11.3 Strada Aggregates**

Direction given to staff to examine public consultation opportunities.

- 11.4 Street Art Impacts and Results**
- 11.5 Automated Speed Enforcement By-laws**
- 11.6 Honeywood Community Facility Correspondence**
- 11.7 OPP 2nd Quarter Report**
- 11.8 Ministry of Natural Resources: Proposed Updates to the Aggregates Resource Act**

Direction given to staff to coordinate comments.

- 11.9 Ministry of Natural Resources: Geologic Carbon Storage Act, 2025**
- 11.10 Hunter and Associates: NDACT Arbitration Review**
- 11.11 NVCA Information Report**
- 11.12 Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board: Provincial Funding**
- 11.13 Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board: Provincial Offences System**
- 11.14 Township of Amaranth: County Road 109 Corridor Study**
- 11.15 Norfolk County: Bill C-2**
- 11.16 Town of Orangeville: H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign**

- 11.17 Township of Armour: Standardized Family Health Teams**
- 11.18 Northumberland County: Procurement and Trade Advocacy**
- 11.19 City of Mississauga: Exotic Animals**
- 11.20 Town of Goderich: Protection of Agricultural Land**
- 11.21 Town of Kingsville: Bill 17**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council receives the information items;

And further that the following items be endorsed: 11.16

Carried.

12.0 Closed Session

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Lyon

That Council amend the closed session agenda to include the HR Policy Amendment discussion.

Carried.

- 12.1 Committee Applications**
- 12.2 Land Acquisition for EA Infrastructure**
- 12.3 Fire Service Negotiations**
- 12.4 HR Policy Amendment**
- 12.5 CAO Performance Review**

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

That Council adjourn to closed session at 11:22 a.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for three (3) matters relating to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; one (1) matter relating to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by 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)(b)(c)(k).

Carried.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council do rise out of closed session into open session at 12:47 p.m. with the following motion:

That Council appoint Christina Walsh to the Mulmur Parks Advisory Committee;

And that Council direct staff to proceed as discussed;

And further that Council approve the amendment to the Human Resources Policy as amended.

Carried.

13.0 Items for Future Meetings

13.1 County Road 19 Speed Limits and Intersection

13.2 Procurement Policy Amendments (Q3 2025)

13.3 2025 Road Safety Budget

13.4 LIC Annual Reporting (Q3 2026)

13.5 Mulmur Township Events Report

13.6 Mulmur 175 Update

13.0 Passing of By-laws

14.1 Administrative Penalties for Automated Speed Enforcement By-law

14.2 Screening and Hearing Officer By-law

14.3 Hearing Officer Appointment By-law

14.4 Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That By-law 14.1 to 14.4 be approved.

Carried.

15.0 Adjournment

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Clark

That Council adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m. to meet again on October 1, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk