



Council Minutes October 1, 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 9:00 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 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 September 3, 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 if staff had the results of the OPP Paid Duty. Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure, confirmed results have not been received yet.

Cheryl Russel sought clarification on timelines for completion of the works outlined in the Dufferin County Road Safety Audit reports. Mayor Horner has been advised that work is to be completed this fall in Honeywood and at the intersection of County Road 19 / County Road 17.

Cheryl Russel brought internet service concerns to the attention of Council, advising that Xplore may no longer be available to residents in Mulmur as of December 1, 2025. Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure, confirmed the last update received from Rogers was still forecasting 2026 installation.

Moved by Horner and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council direct staff to forward a letter to the Premier of Ontario, Sylvia Jones, MPP and Xplore expressing our concerns regarding the change in internet service in Mulmur.

Carried.

Madeline inquired if Mulmur had been approached regarding lands for the National Defence Radar site. Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Planner, confirmed the Township has not been contacted.

Madeline inquired about the provincial process related to special economic zones. Mayor Horner noted that sometimes lower-tier governments do not have much say.

8.0 Reports for Decision

8.1 Campaign Cabinet

Council discussion on the North of 89 Alliance governance structure and issuance of receipts.

Direction was given to staff to provide a report on funds raised to date.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council update the mandate of CC as provided for in Schedule A to this report.

Carried.

8.2 2026 Council Meeting Dates

Council provided staff direction to amend the 2026 Council meeting dates to recess in July 2026 and meet again on August 5, 2026.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That the 2026 Council meeting dates be approved as amended.

Carried.

8.3 Automated Speed Enforcement

Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure, noted the request from the Township of Essa for joint advocacy.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council directs staff to pause further action on the ASE pilot program pending proposed provincial legislation;

And further advocate with Essa Township to the province for the continued use of speed cameras as a tool to improve road safety;

And further that staff be directed to determine a strategy for their alternatives as they become clear in proposed legislation.

Carried.

8.4 Road Safety Budget

Council discussion occurred on options for the remaining road safety budget.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council direct staff to fund the peer review of a traffic calming policy of approximately \$6,000, with the remainder being used for Paid Duty on weekends.

Carried.

Council recessed at 10:30 a.m. and returned at 10:40 a.m.

8.5 Township and Municipal Event Policy

Council discussed the criteria presented in the report and directed staff to include the following:

- Include committee oversight in Township events
- Move event partnership to the middle column
- Meeting the majority of criteria within a column is sufficient; not all criteria are required.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council direct staff to continue to draft guidelines for municipal, community, and partnership-based events guidelines based on the criteria provided in the report.

Carried.

8.6 Shelburne Fire Board Motions and Update

Council discussed past agreements, motions and events as well as the potential impact of the new agreement.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council receive the information.

Carried.

9. Committee Minutes and Reports

- 9.1 Shelburne District Fire Board Minutes: June 3, 2025**
- 9.2 Campaign Cabinet September Summary**
- 9.3 Dufferin County Council Minutes: August 28, 2025**
- 9.4 Dufferin County Council Minutes: September 2, 2025**
- 9.5 Dufferin County Council Minutes: September 11, 2025**
- 9.6 Economic Development Committee Minutes: September 11, 2205**
- 9.7 Shelburne Public Library Board Minutes: July 15, 2025**
- 9.8 Shelburne Public Library MOU: Town of Shelburne Report**

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council receives the Committee minutes and reports.

Carried.

10.0 Information Items

- 10.1 Strategic Plan Update**
- 10.2 Budget Information Report**
- 10.3 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department 2024 Annual Report**
- 10.4 Dufferin County Road Safety Audit: Honeywood**
- 10.5 Dufferin County Road Safety Audit: County Road 19/County Road 17**
- 10.6 Dufferin County Road Rationalization Plan**
- 10.7 Town of Mono Greenwood Report and TIS**
- 10.8 Township of Melancthon: Strada Aggregates Notice**
- 10.9 MC2 Public Meeting**
- 10.10 Township of Melancthon NDCC Donation**
- 10.11 Ontario Medical Association Correspondence**
- 10.12 Township of Amaranth: Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate**
- 10.13 Township of Larder Lake: Fire Certification Deadline**

10.14 Township of Melancthon: Enbridge Gas
10.15 Municipality of Brighton: Electoral Reform

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council receives the information items;

And further that the following items be endorsed: 10.12 and 10.15

Carried.

Council recessed at 12:23 p.m. and returned at 1:22 p.m.

11. Closed Session

- 11.1 CAO Performance Review**
- 11.2 Council Term Review**
- 11.3 Fire Services Negotiations**
- 11.4 By-law Enforcement**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council adjourn to closed session at 1:26 p.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; 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 Hawkins

That Council do rise out of closed session into open session at 3:49 p.m. with the following motion:

That Council direct staff to retain Jeff Wilker, Thomson Rogers as discussed in closed session;

And that staff proceed as discussed in closed session;

And further that Council appoint Earl Hawkins as the Mulmur representative on the Shelburne & District Fire Board.

Carried.

12. Items for Future Meetings

- 12.1 Procurement Policy Amendments (Q3 2025)**
- 12.2 Council Conference Policy (Q4 2025)**
- 12.3 Council Per Diems (Q4 2025)**
- 12.4 Mulmur 175 Update**

13. Passing of By-laws

13.1 Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That By-Law 13.1 be approved.

Carried.

14.0 Adjournment

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council adjourns the meeting at 3:51 p.m. to meet again on November 5, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk