Council Minutes
October 7, 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 9:02 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 Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council approve the agenda.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

That the minutes of September 2, 2026, are approved.

Carried.

5.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

6.0 Public Question Period

Steven Middleton questioned Mulmur's authority to appoint members to the Shelburne Public Library Board, when the Township funds 14% of the budget. The Clerk confirmed that no establishing by-law could be found, and that the Board was established as a local board, not as a union board, and that the changes being made by the Town of Shelburne ensure the Library Board meets legislative requirements.

7.0 Deputations and Presentations

7.1 Kristian and Anna Hotari: Parkland Dedication

Council welcomed Kristian and Anna Hotari, who requested relief and a refund of the parkland dedication fee for the addition to their single detached dwelling.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

That Council direct staff to reimburse Kristian and Anna Hotari for the Parkland Dedication Fee;

And that Council direct staff to draft a report to amend the Parkland Dedication By-law to address dwelling additions.

Carried.

7.2 Simon and Laura Hotari: Parkland Dedication

Council welcomed Simon and Laura Hotari, who requested relief and a refund of the parkland dedication fee for the addition to their single detached dwelling.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council direct staff to reimburse Simon and Laura Hotari for the Parkland Dedication Fee.

Carried.

7.3 Sara MacRae and Megan Myles: Tri-County Green Development

Council welcomed Sara MacRae and Megan Myles, who presented the Tri-County Green Development Program. The program was approved by County Councils in the spring and is officially set to launch next week. The voluntary program focused on realizing a regional competitive advantage, with no cost and low barriers for developers. One development in Dufferin County is already underway. Interested developers are encouraged to reach out for more information.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council receive the Tri-County Green Development Program presentation.

Carried.

8.0 Reports for Decision

8.1 Open-Air Fire By-law

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council approve the Open-Air Fire By-law.

Carried.

Council recessed at 10:10 a.m. and returned at 10:22 a.m.

8.2 Community Grants – 2nd Intake

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council approve the following 2026 community grant applications:

- Obstetrical Ward – Infant Bassinet Replacement: $500
- Fall/Winter Pickleball Programming: $500
- Food Hampers: $500

Carried.

8.3 Request for Tree Removal: 668404 20 Sideroad

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council approve the request to remove 1.0 hectares of trees at 668404 20 Sideroad in accordance with Township Tree By-law No. 47-2019;

And that tree removal be undertaken between October 31, 2026, and April 1, 2027, in accordance with the recommendations of the consulting arborist.

Carried.

8.4 Site Alteration and Movement of Fill By-law

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

That Council approve the Site Alteration and Movement of Fill By-law.

Carried.

8.5 Rosemont District Fire Board 2027 Budget

Council discussed the proposed budget increase and investigating shared costs for monitoring/security.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Clark.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Lyon

That Council defer approving the 2027 Rosemont District Fire Board Budget;

And that Council direct the Chief to investigate reducing the overall increase and budget for facility monitoring.

	Yea	Nay
Councillor Clark		Nay
Councillor Cunningham	Yay	
Councillor Lyon	Yay	
Deputy Mayor Hawkins	Yay	
Mayor Horner	Yay	

Carried.

9.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

9.1 Dufferin County Council Minutes: August 27, 2026
9.2 Dufferin County Council Minutes (Statutory Meeting): September 10, 2026
9.3 Dufferin County Council Minutes: September 10, 2026
9.4 Rosemont District Fire Department Minutes: September 18, 2026
9.5 Shelburne & District Fire Board Minutes: June 2, 2026

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council receive the committee minutes and reports.

Carried.

10.0 Information Items

10.1 Shelburne Public Library Information Report

Direction was given to staff to draft a letter to the Town of Shelburne and the Shelburne Library Board expressing displeasure with the removal of Council's ability to vet and nominate its own representative to the Board.

10.2 Z07-2026 Notice of Public Meeting
10.3 Graham Jones: Multi-Use Court Correspondence
10.4 Shelburne Food Bank Correspondence
10.5 Township of Melancthon: Data Centre Endorsement
10.6 National Dental Care Proclamation Request

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

Whereas oral health is an essential component of overall health and well-being, and access to preventive dental care and oral health education contributes to healthier individuals, families, and communities;

And whereas National Dental Care Day is a Canadian public awareness initiative dedicated to promoting oral health education, preventive care, and equitable

access to oral healthcare services, particularly for underserved and vulnerable populations;

And whereas this initiative recognizes the valuable contributions of dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, educators, volunteers, and community organizations that work to improve oral healthcare outcomes and support healthier communities;

And whereas increasing awareness about preventive dental care, oral hygiene, and early intervention can help improve long-term health outcomes, reduce barriers to care, and strengthen public health and community wellness initiatives;

Now therefore, I, Mayor Janet Horner, on behalf of Mulmur Township Council, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2026, as “National Dental Care Day” in the Township of Mulmur and encourage residents to recognize the importance of oral health and support initiatives that promote accessible dental care, preventive education, and community wellness.

Carried.

11.0 Endorsable Motions

11.1 Village of Sundridge: Public Sector Salary Disclosure
11.2 Dufferin County: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund
11.3 Town of Shelburne: Life Labs
11.4 Municipality of Chatham-Kent: Framework for E-Scooters
11.5 District of Parry Sound: Ontario Public Library Funding
11.6 Various Municipalities: Ontario Land Tribunal
11.7 Township of Ramara: Lyme Disease
11.8 City of Hamilton: Ontario Deposit Return

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

That the following items be endorsed: 11.1 - 11.8.

Carried.

12.0 Items for Future Meetings

12.1 Mono-Mulmur Road Agreement
12.2 Housekeeping Zoning Amendment
12.3 Water Servicing Allocation Policy
12.4 Parkland Dedication By-law Amendment

13.0 Adjournment

Mayor Horner thanked Council members for their service, recognizing the last meeting of the term and Deputy Mayor Earl Hawkins for his 29 years of service to the Township.

Deputy Mayor Hawkins spoke to Council's ability to work together to make decisions and thanked Council, staff, and his family.

13.1 Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Lyon

That Council approve the October 7, 2026, Confirmatory By-law;

And that Council adjourns the meeting at 12:11 p.m. to meet again for the inaugural meeting of the new term of Council on November 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

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Mayor **Clerk**