



Council Minutes September 4, 2024 – 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

On September 30th we recognize the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, we therefore gather today in remembrance and reflection on lands that have been the traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples for thousands of years. We honor and recognize the deep and enduring connection between the land and the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

We acknowledge the painful history of colonization, the legacy of residential schools, and the ongoing impacts of systemic injustice faced by Indigenous communities across this land. Today we stand on the traditional lands of the Tionontati (Petun) and Treaty 18 territory of the Anishinaabe peoples, whose resilience and strength have been a source of inspiration in the pursuit of truth, healing, and reconciliation.

On this day, we re-commit ourselves to the path of reconciliation, recognizing that it is not a single moment but an ongoing journey. We are grateful for the opportunity to learn, to listen, and to work together towards a future rooted in justice, respect, and mutual understanding.

As we move forward, let us carry with us the stories of survivors, the memories of those who never returned home, and the wisdom of Indigenous Elders, who guide us in this crucial work. We pledge to honor these truths and to continue the necessary work of building a Canada where all voices are heard, and all rights are respected.

Council began the meeting with a moment of silence.

Moved by Lyon Seconded by Clark

That Council endorse motion 11.19 from the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Baldwin regarding concerns with the transport and deposition of naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA).

Carried.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

That Council approve the agenda.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That the minutes of July 3, 2024 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 brought forward concerns with increased traffic on Mulmur roadways, noting changes to speed limits within the Town of Shelburne and the resolutions being presented for consideration from the County of Dufferin and the Township of Melancthon. Russel inquired to the status of the Mono-Mulmur-Melancthon Police Service Board meeting dates.

Roseann Knechtel, Clerk, responded that the newly appointed Police Service Boards are awaiting confirmation on insurance coverage.

8.0 Presentations and Deputations

8.1 Kim Delahunt, Headwaters Healthcare Centre

Council welcomed Kim Delahunt, President & Chief Executive Officer of Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) who presented the 2023 annual accomplishments, including:

- 2023 Exemplary Standing Award;
- Implementation of an Emergency Department wait-time clock;
- Recruitment of a Psychiatrist and geriatric position; and
- Implementation of a pediatric urgent care clinic.
- Academic affiliations with post secondary institutions.

Future visions and strategic directions were discussed and included updating the Master Plan and position recruitment.

Council sought clarification of physician shortages and Delahunt confirmed that through the newly established academic affiliations, medical students and resident placements will commence in September 2025 and that HHCC is currently hosting diagnostic imaging and nursing students.

Council thanked Delahunt and everyone at HHCC for their hard work.

Moved by Lyon Seconded by Clark

THAT Council receive the presentation from Kim Delahunt, President & Chief Executive Officer of Headwaters Healthcare Centre.

Carried.

Council recessed at 9:40 a.m. and returned at 9:45 a.m.

8.2 Matthew Betik, KPMG: 2023 NDCC Financial Statements

Council welcomed Matthew Betik from KPMG who presented the 2023 North Dufferin Community Centre Financial Statements noting the following:

- Increase in rentals;
- Decrease in municipal grants; and
- Increase in capital and general expenses.

Council discussed the collection of accounts receivable and payment options to encourage timely collections.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council approve the 2023 North Dufferin Community Centre financial statements as presented by Matthew Betik, KPMG.

Carried.

8.3 Jay Detlor and Chris Vanderheyden, PSD Citywide: Asset Management Plan

Council welcomed Chris Vanderheyden, who presented the Township of Mulmur Asset Management Plan to comply with the O Reg. 588/17. 2024 requirements.

Vanderheyden noted that Mulmur is reporting well with 87% of all assets in fair or better condition, with 63% in moderate or low risk. The Asset Management Plan is a living breathing document that will require update in 2025 and again every 5 years afterwards.

Next steps include prioritizing recommendations, reviewing and refining inventory, as well as establishing proposed levels of service through public and staff engagement to develop 10-year lifecycle and financial plan to meet targets.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council approve the Township of Mulmur 2024 Asset Management Plan as presented by Chris Vanderheyden, PSD Citywide.

Carried.

Council recessed at 12:03 p.m. and returned at 12:07 p.m.

8.4 Chester Tupling: Honeywood Minor Hockey

Council welcomed Chester Tupling, President of Honeywood Minor Hockey who offered support to Council for the renovations at the North Dufferin Community Centre. Tupling explained the strain on volunteers to find and book outside ice time and referees. Tupling requested Council investigate options to advance the renovation timelines.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council receive the deputation of Chester Tupling, President of Honeywood Minor Hockey;

And that Council direct staff to work with Honeywood Minor Hockey to immediately explore options for expediting and funding the ice surface project.

Carried.

9.0 Reports for Decision

9.1 Uploading 10 Sideroad

Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure presented staff's request for support to upload 10 Sideroad to the County of Dufferin prior to the start of the upcoming winter season.

Discussion ensued on winter maintenance, ownership, increased traffic and recent motor vehicle collisions.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council request as a preliminary step to the County of Dufferin Road Rationalization Plan the uploading of 10 Sideroad from the Township of Mulmur to

the County of Dufferin, with no concessions, no later than November 1, 2024, to correlate with the start of the winter season.

And that Council request continued dialogue with the County of Dufferin with respect to the downloading of the Prince of Wales (County Road 19).

And further that Council request the County of Dufferin conduct updated traffic monitoring on Prince of Wales (County Road 19) to support the changes made to speed limits within the Town of Shelburne and County Road 124.

Carried.

9.2 Consent Agenda Report

Council discussed options surrounding the implementation of a consent agenda.

A recorded vote was requested by Deputy Mayor Hawkins.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Clark

That Council direct staff to draft an amendment to Council's Procedural By-law No. 05-2023 to implement the use of a consent agenda.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Horner	Yay	
Deputy Mayor Hawkins	Yay	
Councillor Clark		Nay
Councillor Cunningham		Nay
Councillor Lyon		Nay

Not Carried.

10.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

- 10.1 South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region: RMO Working Group Meeting Summary: April 15, 2024**
- 10.2 Ontario Climate Caucus: June Meeting Notes**
- 10.3 Dufferin County Council Minutes: July 4, 2024**
- 10.4 Dufferin County Council Minutes: July 11, 2024**
- 10.5 Dufferin County Council Minutes: August 22, 2024**
- 10.6 NDCC Campaign Cabinet Update**
- 10.7 Economic Development Committee Minutes: August 14, 2023**
- 10.8 NVCA Minutes and Board Highlights: August 2024**
- 10.9 Shelburne & District Fire Department Fire Chief's Annual Report**

Council recognized Fire Chief Ralph Snyder of the Shelburne & District Fire Department on his retirement and thanked him for his hard work and years of service.

Direction was given to staff to invite the NVCA to a Council meeting to present the 2025 NVCA budget.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council receives the committee minutes and reports.

Carried.

11.0 Information Items

- 11.1 January - July 2024 Financial Update**
- 11.2 2nd QTR Planning Report**
- 11.3 Accountability and Transparency Policy Updates**
- 11.4 EDC Accelerate your Business Event Poster**
- 11.5 River Road Street Art Update**
- 11.6 Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility: Ontario Senior Achievement Award**
- 11.7 Niagara Escarpment Commission: Short Term Accommodations**
- 11.8 County of Dufferin: Dufferin Road 17 and Highway 10 Intersection**
- 11.9 County of Dufferin: Wastewater Testing**
- 11.10 Township of Melancthon: River Road**
- 11.11 Township of Springwater: NVCA Correspondence**
- 11.12 Township of Emo: Operational Budget Funding**
- 11.13 AMO and the Ontario Medical Association: Physician Recruitment**
- 11.14 Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury: Ontario Long Service Medals**
- 11.15 Town of Plympton-Wyoming: Underserviced Cellular Communications**
- 11.16 Prince Edward County: AODA**
- 11.17 Township of Stirling-Rawdon: Public Sector Salary Disclosure**
- 11.18 Municipality of Wawa: Lithium Batteries**
- 11.19 Township of Baldwin, Township of Nairn and Hyman: Radioactive Material Transportation and Deposition**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council receives the information items;

And that the following items be endorsed: 11.8, 11.10, 11.12, 11.14, 11.16, 11.17, 11.18.

Carried.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

Whereas the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

And whereas it has become increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

And whereas the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years (Northern Ontario only);

And whereas Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine;

And whereas the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

And whereas per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada;

And whereas a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Mulmur urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Dufferin County and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Carried.

12.0 Closed Session

12.1 NDCC Agreement

12.2 Upper Grand District School Board Letter

12.3 CAO Performance Review

Moved by Lyon Seconded by Cunningham

That Council adjourn to closed session at 12:11 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for two (2) matters relating to a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations, one (1) matter related to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a municipal or local board employee under section 239(2)(b)(k).

Carried.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council do rise out of closed session into open session at 2:08 p.m. with the following motion:

That Council direct staff to proceed as discussed in closed session.

Carried.

13.0 Items for Future Meetings

13.1 Fire Department Analysis (following County review)

13.2 Mulmur's New Strategic Plan

13.3 Prince of Wales / 10 Sideroad Traffic Review Uploading/Downloading

13.4 Street Art Impacts/Results

13.5 NDCC Renovations Update

14.0 Passing of By-laws

14.1 Accountability and Transparency Policy By-law

14.2 Confirmatory By-law

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That By-laws 14.1 to 14.2 be approved.

Carried.

15.0 Adjournment

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Lyon

That Council adjourns the meeting at 2:37 p.m. to meet again on October 2, 2024 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk