



## **Council Minutes November 6, 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 9:02 a.m.

### **2.0 Land Acknowledgement**

Council began the meeting by recognizing the recent passing of former Senator Murray Sinclair. Council acknowledged 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 Lyon and Seconded by Clark**

That the minutes of October 2, 2024 are approved.

**Carried.**

### **5.0 Discussion Arising out of the Minutes - None**

### **6.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Cunningham declared pecuniary interest to item 9.4 Fire Service Delivery Review.

## **7.0 Public Question Period**

Cheryl Russel noted the increase in traffic collisions for item 11.3 OPP Q3 Report.

On behalf of residents on River Road, Marilyn Wright expressed concerns with excessive speeds and noise on River Road. Residents are requesting Council revisit traffic concerns on River Road and look into a larger action plan to deal with traffic concerns in Mulmur.

Greg Lloyd requested greater OPP enforcement and speeding blitzes.

Horst Wendland suggested daylighting at the intersection Prince of Wales / County Road 17 to address visibility.

Council thanked the residents for attending and speaking to their concerns.

## **8.0 Presentations and Deputations**

### **8.1 Honeywood Arena Donation: Hill n' Dale & Authors in the Hills**

Council welcomed Rose Dotten of Authors in the Hills, who presented the Township of Mulmur with a \$300 donation to the North Dufferin Community Centre.

Council welcomed James Godbold and the team of Hill n' Dale Landscaping, who presented a \$5,000 cheque to support the North Dufferin Community Centre. The funds were raised from the proceeds of the Donald Cooper Accelerate Your Business event.

Council thanked Hill n' Dale Landscaping and Authors in the Hills for their hard work and dedication to the community.

### **8.2 Fire Chief David Pratt, Shelburne & District Fire Department**

Council welcomed Fire Chief David Pratt, Shelburne & District Fire Department, who spoke to mandatory certifications and expressed a desire to move forward together. Chief Pratt noted the implementation of NFPA standards to protect both the workers and the municipality, costs to train speciality rescue, recruitment of volunteers and increased financial pressures facing the fire service.

### **8.3 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority: 2025 Budget**

Council welcomed Sheryl Flannagan and Gail Little from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), who presented a 12.6% total increase to the 2025 NVCA budget. Flannagan noted Mulmur's share of the total NVCA levy as 1.59%.

Council sought clarification on funding for capital projects, and fulfillment of the 2024 MOU condition for educational programming in Mulmur.

Council directed staff to bring a report forward at the next meeting with NVCA budgetary options.

**9.0 Reports for Decision**

**9.1 606437 River Road – Demolition Notice**

Roseann Knechtel, Clerk, presented the notice received to demolish and reconstruct an accessory garage at the Kilgorie School property located at 606437 River Road.

**Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark**

That Council receive the report as notice of intention to demolish and reconstruct the accessory garage structure at 606437 River Road, under Section 27(9) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

**Carried.**

**9.2 Advertising and Sponsorship Policy**

Roseann Knechtel, Clerk, presented the proposed Advertising and Sponsorship Policy. Council discussion ensued on section 6.2 of the policy.

A recorded vote was requested by Mayor Horner.

**Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon**

That Council approve the Advertising and Sponsorship Policy as presented.

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

**Not Carried.**

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Lyon.

**Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon**

That Council approve the Advertising and Sponsorship Policy as amended to read:

6.2 The Township will not solicit or accept Sponsorships from Sponsors whose main business is derived from the sale, production, promotion or distribution of:

- a) Tobacco;
- b) Illegal substances;
- c) Violence, terrorism and/or other life threatening products; or
- d) Pornography

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

**Carried.**

Council recessed at 10:25 a.m. and returned at 10:37 a.m.

### **9.3 2025 Draft Budget**

Heather Boston, Treasurer, presented the first draft of the 2025 Budget where pressures including inflation, OPP costing, 2024 deferred tax rate increase and interest rates were identified.

Council discussed various capital projects and additional requests for consideration.

Direction was given to staff to increase the proposed budget by \$20,000 for traffic calming measures and bring back a report on options for various traffic calming measures.

### **9.4 Fire Service Delivery Review**

Tracey Atkinson, CAO, provided an update of the discussions to date with participating municipalities. Atkinson discussed possible options for a North Dufferin Fire Service Area including fire area boundaries, advisory committees, agreements and governance structures. Atkinson sought direction from Council on what Council wishes to see in Mulmur in terms of oversight and governance.

Councillor Cunningham declared pecuniary interest and left the Council Chambers at 11:36 a.m.

Council continued discussions and expressed their desire to further the exploration of a North Dufferin Fire Service Area to bring greater consistency and equity in the services being offered.

**Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark**

That the Council of the Township of Mulmur support in principle, the dissolution of the Fire Boards servicing the Township of Mulmur;

And that Council support the further exploration of a *North Dufferin Fire Service Area* that would include the approximate geographic area currently served by Shelburne & District, Mulmur-Melancthon and Rosemont & District Fire Boards;

And further that this report and motion be forwarded to the County of Dufferin and participating municipalities, with a request that the municipalities provide an indication of Council's interest in further exploring a North Dufferin Fire Service Area.

**Carried.**

Councillor Cunningham returned to the Council Chambers at 11:52 a.m.

**10.0 Committee Minutes and Reports**

- 10.1 Shelburne Public Library Minutes: June 18, 2024**
- 10.2 NVCA Board Meeting Highlights: September 2024**
- 10.3 Shelburne & District Fire Board Minutes: September 3, 2024**
- 10.4 Shelburne Public Library Minutes: September 17, 2024**
- 10.5 Dufferin County Council Minutes & Highlights: October 10, 2024**
- 10.6 NVCA Board Minutes & Highlights: October 25, 2024**
- 10.7 Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting Notes: October 2024**
- 10.8 Campaign Cabinet Update**

**Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Lyon**

That Council receives the committee minutes and reports.

**Carried.**

**11.0 Information Items**

- 11.1 3rd Quarter Planning Report**
- 11.2 3rd Quarter Grants**
- 11.3 OPP 3rd Quarter Report**
- 11.4 Dufferin County Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan**
- 11.5 Upper Grand District School Board: Planning Department Memo**
- 11.6 Mansfield Women's Institute Correspondence**

- 11.7 Request for Proclamation: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**
- 11.8 Western Ontario Wardens Caucus: Roadside Zoos**
- 11.9 Township of Melancthon: County Road Traffic Enforcement**
- 11.10 Good Roads Board of Directors: Ontario Rural Road Safety Program**
- 11.11 Township of Nairn and Hyman/Township of Baldwin: Transportation and Deposition of NORM and Mine Tailings**
- 11.12 Regional Municipality of Waterloo: Solve the Humanitarian Crisis**
- 11.13 Municipality of East Ferris: Re-establish a Combined OGRA/ROMA Conference**

**Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham**

That Council receives the information items.

And that the following items be endorsed: 11.7, 11.8, 11.9, 11.10, 11.11, 11.12 and 11.13.

**Carried.**

**Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon**

Whereas November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month and November 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and

Whereas violence is the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals. Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and

Whereas Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 49 femicides in Ontario since November 26th, 2023; and

Whereas last year in Ontario, on average every 6 days a woman or child lost their lives due to men's violence; and

Whereas Indigenous, Black, South Asian and Southeast Asian women and girls continue to experience high rates of violence, including femicide, on the 2022-2023 Ontario Femicide List; and

Whereas this month and throughout the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, we acknowledge our community's support of the Wrapped in Courage campaign and commitment to ending gender-based violence; and

Whereas there is an urgent need for greater investment and action to end gender-based violence in our community and throughout Ontario by all three levels of Government; and

Now, therefore, the Council of the Township of Mulmur proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2024, shall be known as “The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women” and urge all citizens to recognize this day by taking action to support survivors and becoming part of Ontario wide efforts to end gender-based violence.

**Carried.**

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

**12.0 Closed Session**

**12.1 NDCC Agreement**

**12.2 By-law Enforcement**

**12.3 CAO Performance Review**

**Moved by Lyon Seconded by Cunningham**

That Council adjourn to closed session at 12:09 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for one (1) matters relating to a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations and two (2) matters related to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including a municipal or local board employee under section 239(2)(b)(k).

**Carried.**

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon**

That Council do rise out of closed session into open session at 12:40 p.m. with the following motion:

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

**Carried.**

Council recessed at 12:41 p.m. and returned at 1:20 p.m.

**13.0 Items for Future Meetings**

**13.1 2025 Budget: Public Meeting**

**13.2 Fire Service Delivery Review**

**13.3 County of Dufferin Traffic Review, Uploading/Downloading**

**13.4 Traffic Calming Options**

**13.5 Street Art Impacts / Results (Q3 2025)**

**14.0 Passing of By-laws**

- 14.1 Alternative Voting – 2026 Election By-law**
- 14.2 User Fees and Charges By-law**
- 14.3 Confirmatory By-Law**

Council discussed item 14.2 to amended Schedule A to remove the words “sponsored ice”

**Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Clark**

That by-law 14.2 be approved as amended;

And that by-laws 14.1 and 14.3 be approved

**Carried.**

**15.0 Adjournment**

Cyber training is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon**

That Council adjourns the meeting at 2:29 p.m. to meet again on December 4, 2024 or at the call of the Chair.

**Carried.**

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Mayor

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Clerk