



Council Minutes December 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 9:04 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 Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council approve the agenda.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

That the minutes of November 6, 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 12.1 - Summary of Dufferin County Fire Service Delivery Review Motions.

7.0 Public Question Period

Cheryl Russel inquired about the conditions of Mulmur's bridges and culverts as reported in item 8.1. Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure confirmed that Mulmur's average rating continues to increase, and the Township is making good progress towards achieving a better average score.

8.0 Presentations and Deputations

8.1 2024 Bridge Inspection Report: Chris Knechtel, R.J. Burnside

Council welcomed Chris Knechtel of R.J. Burnside, who presented the 2024 Bridge Inspection Report. Knechtel reviewed the inspection findings, future bridge work requirements and the recommended 10-year forecast. Knechtel further reviewed options for the 2025 works scheduled for Bridge 8 and confirmed the bridge will be closed during construction.

9.0 Public Meetings

9.1 2025 Draft Budget

Heather Boston, Treasurer, presented the second draft of the 2025 budget which includes a tax levy increase of 11.97%. Council discussed options for the one-time 2025 OPP cost reduction.

The following public comments and answers were received:

Don McFarlane

- How much has been collected in arena fundraising? \$48,000 to date.
- What are the total costs of construction to date? \$1.7 million.
- Did Melancthon contribute to the NDCC operating expenses? Melancthon contributed \$20,000 in 2024.
- How is the utilization of the NDCC? Rentals and revenues are up.
- What are the next major capital costs at the NDCC? A new chiller and dehumidifier to be funded through reserves, and an elevator through proposed future grant funding.

Cheryl Russel

- Sought clarification of the items included in the transportation services section of the budget and request greater detail moving forward.
- Will Mulmur need to borrow to complete future bridge/culvert work? Mulmur aims to avoid borrowing.
- What is the status of MPAC assessments? Assessments are not scheduled to be completed in the foreseeable future.

Horst Wendland

- What is the loss of revenue through the provincial tax incentive programs? Council has delegated to the Province on this topic previously and requested staff relook at future delegation requests.

Moved by Clark Seconded by Lyon

That Council direct staff to allocate 50% of the 2025 OPP cost reduction to reserves and the remaining 50% to the tax levy.

Carried.

A recorded vote was requested by Deputy Mayor Hawkins.

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Lyon

That Council approve the 2025 operating and capital budgets as amended.

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

Carried.

Council recessed at 11:00 a.m. and returned at 11:15 a.m.

10.0 Reports for Decision

10.1 Winter Operation Plan

Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure, presented the 2024-2025 Winter Operations Plan and highlighted the adjustment in shifts. Council discussed route options to ensure road safety and high population areas are completed in a timely manner.

Council directed staff to make amendments as discussed.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council adopt the 2024-2025 Winter Operations Plan for the Township of Mulmur as amended.

Carried.

10.2 NVCA Memorandum of Understanding

Council discussed Category 1-3 services and the benefits to Mulmur residents.

A recorded vote was requested by Deputy Mayor Hawkins.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

That Council desires to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for category 2 and 3 services for the year 2025.

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

Not Carried.

10.3 Shelburne & District Fire Board 2025 Budget

Council discussion ensued on ongoing training costs.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Clark

That Council approve the Shelburne & District Fire Board 2025 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,036,670 and Capital Budget of \$530,000 as presented.

Carried.

10.4 Rosemont & District Fire Board 2025 Budget

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

That Council approve the Rosemont District Fire Board 2025 Operating Budget in the amount of \$372,543.63 and Capital Budget of \$183,000 as presented.

Carried.

11.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

- 11.1 Shelburne & District Fire Board Minutes: October 1, 2024
- 11.2 Dufferin County Council Minutes: October 29, 2024
- 11.3 Dufferin County Council Minutes: November 7, 2024
- 11.4 Rosemont & District Fire Board Minutes: November 12, 2024
- 11.5 Dufferin County Council Minutes: November 14, 2024
- 11.6 Campaign Cabinet Update, Nov 19, 2024
- 11.7 NVCA Minutes & Highlights: November 22, 2024

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council receives the committee minutes and reports.

Carried.

Council recessed at 12:35 p.m. and returned at 1:25 p.m.

12.0 Information Items

12.1 Summary of Dufferin County Fire Service Delivery Review Motions

Councillor Cunningham declared pecuniary interest to item 12.1 and left the room at 1:26 p.m.

Council discussed the reports the motions passed by each municipality and confirmed a further report is forthcoming to the Shelburne & District Fire Board.

Councillor Cunningham returned to the room at 1:33 p.m.

12.2 2023 Rosemont & District Fire Department Year End Report

12.3 Notice of Public Meeting: Mansfield Water System EA

12.4 NVCA TD Tree Days Media Release

12.5 Ministry of Natural Resources: Geologic Carbon Storage

12.6 Dufferin County Motion: Mulmur Roads

12.7 Provincial News Release: OPP Costing

12.8 Town of Midland: OPP Billing Model

12.9 Township of Melancthon: Temporary Traffic Calming Measures

12.10 Town of Orangeville: Redistribution of LTT and GST

12.11 Town of Mono: Solve the Crisis Campaign

12.12 Town of Mono: POA Set Fines

12.13 Township of Puslinch: Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development

12.14 Township of Papineau-Cameron: Ontario Building Code

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council receives the information items;

And that the following items be endorsed: 12.10, 12.11, 12.12, 12.13, 12.14.

Carried.

13.0 Closed Session

13.1 NDCC Agreement

Moved by Lyon Seconded by Hawkins

That Council adjourn to closed session at 11:15 a.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 under section 239(2)(k).

Carried.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council do rise out of closed session into open session at 12:00 p.m. with the following motion:

That Council do rise without report.

Carried.

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

14.0 Items for Future Meetings

- 14.1 Fire Service Delivery Review**
- 14.2 Strategic Plan Implementation (January)**
- 14.3 Traffic Calming Options (February)**
- 14.4 Street Art Impacts / Results (Q3 2025)**
- 14.5 Campaign Cabinet Progress Report**

15.0 Passing of By-laws

- 15.1 Interim Tax Rate By-law**
- 15.2 Appointment of Auditors By-law**
- 15.3 Confirmatory By-law**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That by-laws 15.1 to 15.3 be approved.

Carried.

15.0 Adjournment

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council adjourns the meeting at 1:51 p.m. to meet again on January 8, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk