



COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL JOINT COUNCIL MEETING of MULMUR TOWNSHIP MELANCTHON TOWNSHIP

FEBRUARY 17, 2021 – 2:00 P.M.

Council Present: (all through video conferencing)

Mulmur: Mayor Horner, Deputy Mayor Hawkins, Councillors Boxem, Clark and Cufaro

Melancthon: Mayor White, Deputy Mayor Besley, Councillors Hannon and Mercer

Staff Present:

Mulmur: Tracey Atkinson, CAO

Melancthon: Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk and Donna Funston, Administration and Finance Assistant

1.0 **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chair Appointment

Moved by: White and Seconded by: Clark

THAT Janet Horner, Mayor of Mulmur Township, be appointed as Chair for the Special Joint Council Meeting of Melancthon Township and Mulmur Township.
CARRIED.

Mayor Horner called the meeting to order.

1.1 **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Cufaro and Seconded by: Mercer

THAT Council approve the agenda for the Special Joint Council Meeting of Melancthon Township and Mulmur Township.
CARRIED

1.2 **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

None were declared at this time.

2.0 ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Open Air Burning By-law – Discussion

A discussion ensued and concerns were raised about having a single by-law for the two Townships, as there are other fire departments servicing each Township. There was also discussion on the fire permit process in both Townships.

Moved by: Mercer and Seconded by: Hawkins

THAT the Fire Chief be directed to work with Melancthon and Mulmur staff to prepare a strategy for consideration in both municipalities.

CARRIED.

2.2 Mulmur-Melancthon Joint Boards Review

Re: Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Agreement and North Dufferin Community Centre Agreement

2.3. Service Delivery Review

Re: Final Recommendations Report by Optimus SBR

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board with regards to the recommendations in the County of Dufferin Service Delivery Review. The recommendations were to: *explore alternative structures/governance mechanisms for Fire Departments currently governed by Fire Boards; establish a regional Fire Chiefs Association and improve reporting and performance measurement.* Each member of Council was given an opportunity to provide their thoughts on the recommendations. There was further discussion about the establishment of a Fire Sub-Committee to be comprised of the Chair of each Fire Board (Mulmur-Melancthon, Rosemont and Shelburne) and the Fire Chiefs. The Sub-Committee to discuss consistency, efficiencies and to explore gaps within each Fire Department. With regards to the recommendation regarding the establishment of a Regional Fire Chiefs Association, this would be put on the Agenda for the Sub-Committee to consider. It was suggested that Southgate Fire Department be included in this matter when it is discussed.

Moved by: Boxem and Seconded by: White

THAT: the Councils of Mulmur and Melancthon establish a Fire Sub-Committee to be comprised of the Board Chairs from the Mulmur-Melancthon, Rosemont and Shelburne Fire Departments and the Fire Chiefs to develop and start the conversations on efficiencies, gaps and consistencies.

CARRIED.

2.4 North Dufferin Community Centre Recreation Efficiency Study

Discussion ensued on the Study and the following motion was introduced:

Moved by: Cufaro and Seconded by: White

THAT the Council of Melancthon and Council of Mulmur direct the following Council members Mayor Janet Horner and Deputy Mayor Earl Hawkins and two Council members to be appointed from Melancthon Council and both CAOs to form a Sub-Committee to review the following items:

Applicable Recommendations provided within the County of Dufferin Service Delivery Review regarding the North Dufferin Community Centre Agreements and Governance Structure.

CARRIED.

3.0 CONFIRMING MOTION

Moved by: Hawkins and Seconded by: Mercer

THAT all actions of the Special Joint Council Meeting of Mulmur Township and Melancthon Township, with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Councils on February 17, 2021 are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; and each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Council Members at the Special Joint Council meeting held on February 17, 2021 are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.

CARRIED

4.0 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: White and Seconded by: Besley

THAT the Special Joint Council Meeting of Mulmur Township and Melancthon Township adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

CARRIED

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Janet Horner, Mayor

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Tracey Atkinson, Acting Clerk