



MULMUR-MELANCTHON FIRE BOARD MINUTES

March 18, 2026

Present: Bill Neilson, Chair – Melancthon Township
Kim Lyon, Vice Chair – Mulmur Township
Earl Hawkins – Mulmur Township
Ralph Moore – Melancthon Township
Mathew Waterfield – Fire Chief
Jeff Merkley – Acting Deputy Fire Chief
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

2. 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. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Moore Seconded by Hawkins

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Moore

That the minutes of January 21, 2026 be approved.

Carried.

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - None

6. Administration

6.1 Argo UTV

Members discussed the replacement of the 2000 Argo. A committee of 3 firefighters explored and obtained quotes for various options. Members reviewed the capital budget and discussed the sale of the current Argo to help offset the costs.

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Moore

That the Mulmur–Melancthon Fire Board approve the purchase of the 2026 Argo Aurora 950 with a removable winter track system and authorize staff to place the order.

Carried.

6.2 Fire Boards General Discussion - None

6.3 General Fire Chief Update

Chief Waterfield updated Members on Department activities, noting:

- A total of 13 calls to date in 2026 with the majority being MVC's.
- Provincial Fire Service Grant materials have been delivered. Masks need to be fitted and tested. This will be completed internally.
- Generator repair ongoing

7. Information Items

7.1 Accounts

7.2 2026 Budget to Actual

Moved by Lyon Seconded by Moore

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board receive the information items as presented.

Carried.

8. Items for Future Meetings

8.1 Fire Chief Performance Review Policy

8.2 Deputy Chief/Captain Performance Review Policy

8.3 2025 Annual Report

10. Adjournment

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Lyon

That we do now adjourn at 6:07 p.m. to meet again on May 13, 2026 at 5:30 pm, in person at the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Hall, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Chair

Secretary