



MULMUR-MELANCTHON FIRE BOARD MINUTES

March 25, 2025

Present: Bill Neilson, Chair – Melancthon Township
Kim Lyon, Vice Chair – Mulmur Township
Earl Hawkins – Mulmur Township
Ralph Moore – Melancthon Township
Mathew Waterfield – Fire Chief
Everhard Olivieri-Munroe – Deputy Fire Chief
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Lyon and Seconded by Moore

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Moore

That the minutes of January 21, 2025 be approved.

Carried.

5. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - None**

6. **Administration**

6.1 **Draft 2024 Financial Statements**

Matthew Betik, KPMG presented the 2024 draft financial statements for the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board. Betik noted significant changes to cash balances and assets with the purchase of the new truck, highlighting that proceeds of the old truck have not yet been noted. Expenses show an increased to salaries/benefits, vehicle repairs

and training while materials and supplies have decreased. The financial statement shows an annual surplus of approximately \$92,000.

Members requested budgeting be adjusted to cover actual training costs in future years.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Moore

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board approve the 2024 draft financial statements as presented.

Carried.

6.2 Fire Board Governance Discussion

Members discussed varying fire board positions and the pros and cons of the creation of a North Dufferin Fire Service Area vs maintaining current board structures. Greater discussion occurred on the 1991 Shelburne Fire Board Agreement, the pay per service model of the Town of Orangeville and the need for efficiencies and cost savings.

6.3 General Fire Chief Update

Simulcast Radios: Procurement has commenced with radio test occurring this week. Grand Valley and Shelburne receiving testing as well.

Pumper Sale: Sold through GovDeals.

Other: Testing completed by 15 members writing their training certifications.

7.0 Information Items

7.1 Accounts

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Moore

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board received the accounts as information.

Carried.

8.0 Adjournment

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

That we do now adjourn at 8:05 p.m. to meet again on May 20, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Chair

Secretary