



MULMUR-MELANCTHON FIRE BOARD MINUTES

May 20, 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
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 and Seconded by Hawkins

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Moore

That the minutes of March 25, 2025 be approved.

Carried.

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

6. **Administration**

6.1 **Levels of Service Discussion**

Members discussed current levels of service and technical training deadlines in 2028. Members acknowledged current discussions at the County Chief level to consider specialization of various Dufferin departments. Costs for specialization would include additional training of approximately 40-60 hours per firefighter, plus maintenance training and equipment. Chief Waterfield noted, that if a department did not have the

required training to complete a rescue, that the department would contract that service, or enter into agreement with a neighbouring department.

6.2 General Fire Chief Update

Chief Waterfield advised that the department has received 42 calls to date in 2025. The department has had 1 resignation and is currently sitting at 22 firefighters and 5 vacancies. Recruitment remains ongoing.

The generator at the fire hall experienced issues during the ice storm and is currently being repaired.

7.0 Information Items

7.1 Accounts

7.2 1st Quarter Financial Report

7.3 2024 Standard Incident Report Filing

Chief Waterfield advised the standard incident report was filed in January. Resubmission of the report is unavailable as the report has already been filed. The department is currently in discussions to correct the issue.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Moore

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

Carried.

8.0 Items for Future Meetings

8.1 2024 Annual Report

9.0 Adjournment

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

That we do now adjourn at 7:57 p.m. to meet again on September 16, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Chair

Secretary