

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON**



**SPRING/SUMMER 2008
NEWSLETTER**

**Township of Melancthon
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Shelburne, Ontario
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**Office Hours: Mon. To Fri.
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Denise B. Holmes, AMCT**

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Debbie Fawcett 519-925-6293
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Councillor John Crowe 519-925-6069
Councillor Bill Hill 519-925-5264
Councillor Beverley Kumprey 519-925-9828

- Council Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of month commencing at 9:00 a.m. and the 3rd Thursday of the month commencing at 9:30 a.m.
- Committee of Adjustment is held the 3rd Thursday of the month commencing at 9:00 a.m.
- All meetings are open to the public and are held in the Council Chambers.
- Public Question Period is held at 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. at each meeting.
- Agendas and minutes of meetings are available at the Municipal Office as well as on the website.
- Closed Meeting Investigations - Municipal Councils, locals boards and their committees must meet behind closed doors on occasion to deal with some matters. The permitted reasons for going into Closed Session can be found in Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001. Effective January 1, 2008, any person or corporation will be able to request that an investigation be undertaken respecting whether or not a municipality or local board or a committee of either has complied with the Closed Meeting criteria. For more information, please visit our website.

Road Department

- Half Load Season** - will commence on March 1, 2008 and end on May 15, 2008 (subject to weather conditions).
- Entrance Permits** - the cost is \$300.00 and an application must be completed and submitted to the Road Superintendent. If the entrance has been constructed to the satisfaction of the Road Superintendent, \$200.00 will be refunded.
- Fences** - a permit is required to construct a fence along the frontage of your property. Please contact the Road Superintendent for further information.

CANINE CONTROL

- Canine Control Services** are handled by Olympus Dog Training. For dogs running at large, lost or found, please call the Municipal Office during Office Hours. For after hours, please call Olympus at 519-942-1508. **Dogs running at large is prohibited in the Township.**
- Dog Tags** are now available at the Municipal Office - 1st dog - \$20.00; 2nd dog - \$45.00 and 3rd dog - \$60.00. Add additional \$10.00 for each dog not spayed or neutered. Kennel Licence - \$150.00.

Tax Information

- Your 2008 Interim Tax Bill is based on 50% of your 2007 total taxes. You can pay your taxes at the Municipal Office, TD Canada Trust and Credit Union in Shelburne, the CIBC and Credit Union

in Dundalk or by mail. Payment can also be made via Internet/Telephone Banking. **If paying by Internet/Telephone Banking, please allow 3-4 business days for your payment to reach our office in order to avoid late charges.** Sorry, no debit or credit card payments accepted. The Township also accepts post-dated cheques and has a drop off box at the front door for after hour payments. Penalty - 1.25% per month on all unpaid taxes added the first day of the calendar month.

- ❑ Questions or concerns regarding your property assessment should be directed to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722 or visit - www.mpac.ca.

Fire Department

- ❑ **Fire Permits** - If you intend to burn at your property, a fire permit must first be obtained from the Municipal Office. The cost is \$10.00 and is good for the calendar year. You do not need a permit if you are burning in a barrel but the fire must be under control at all times. Fire bans may be imposed at any time due to weather conditions. Please contact the municipal office if you are unsure as to whether it is safe to burn or not.
- ❑ **Smoke Alarms** - Mandatory - Section 2.13 of the Ontario Fire Code states that every home in Ontario must have a **working smoke alarm** on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. It is the **owner's responsibility** to ensure smoke alarms are installed and maintained in working order. Failure to comply with this law will result in serious fines.

Landfill

- ❑ The Township Landfill is located at 237234 4th Line NE. The winter hours of operation are Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Please**

note the change to winter hours will commence in April 2008 and be open Fridays 12 noon - 8:00 p.m. Saturday hours remain the same. The Landfill Site will be closed on GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2008.

- ❑ Your 2008 Landfill Card (light blue) was mailed in September 2007 and attached to your final tax bill. This card entitles you to 104 free bags of garbage this year (pro-rated at two bags per week). For occupied properties only. All household garbage must now be placed in clear or colour transparent garbage bags (26" x 36"). Green/Black garbage bags **will no** longer be accepted. Large furniture items will no longer be accepted at the landfill site and must be taken to the Dufferin Transfer Station located at 473051 County Road 11.
- ❑ **Reduce-Reuse-Recycle** - Recycling is mandatory at the Township Landfill Site. Blue Boxes are available at the Municipal Office for \$6.00/box. The Township has received high commendations for its recycling efforts and it's all thanks to our residents/ratepayers for their overwhelming support. We have bins for the following recyclable material: comingle (glass/can), newsprint/magazine, cardboard and large styrofoam.
- ❑ **Dufferin Composts! Organic Waste Collection (Green Bin) Program** - please contact the County of Dufferin at 519-941-2816 ext. 2620 for any questions relating to this program or visit the County's website - www.dufferincounty.on.ca.
- ❑ **Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Days** - remaining dates for 2008 are as follows:
May 3rd - Mono Works Yard
May 31st - Primrose Operations Ctr.

June 21st - Orangeville Operations Ctr.
Sept. 13th - Grand Valley Works Yard
Oct. 4th - Primrose Operations Ctr.
Oct. 25th - Orangeville Operations Ctr.

Miscellaneous

- ❑ **Great Refrigerator Roundup Program** - Hydro One is offering a new energy conservation program now available in our area. HO will provide free in-home pickup of refrigerators, freezers and room air conditioners for residential customers. For more information, please visit: www.powersaver.ca or www.everykilowattcounts.com/roundup or call 1-877-797-9473.
- ❑ **Good Food Box** - This is a cooperative program running October-May. For the low cost of \$10.00, you receive fresh fruits and vegetables purchased by Shelburne Fresh Variety. The program is looking for volunteers to help sort and pack the produce. Please call 519-925-6293 for more information.
- ❑ **Municipal Office** will be closed Fridays in August.
- ❑ **Central Registration Day** - Thursday, March 20th, 2008 - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - **your one stop shop for recreational and organizational registrations**
- ❑ **Fish Fry - Saturday, May 3rd, 2008**
Horning's Mills Community Hall - Two Sittings - 5:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. - for further information and tickets, please contact the Municipal Office.
- ❑ **Horning's Mills Community Hall** - for rental information, please visit our website or contact the Municipal Office