



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON
2010 FALL /WINTER NEWSLETTER**

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Council

Councillor White - Council welcomed Darren White, who took office on March 18, 2010. He replaces Councillor Beverley Kumprey who resigned from Council on February 4, 2010.

Council Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month commencing at 9:00 a.m. & the 3rd Thursday of the month commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Committee of Adjustment is held the 3rd Thursday of the month commencing at 5:30 p.m.

Public Question Period is held at 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (1st Thursday meeting) and 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (3rd Thursday meeting).

Please check the website for information on Public Question Period.

Agendas and Minutes of meetings are available at the Municipal Office, as well as on the website. Minutes are also available at the Shelburne and Dundalk Public Libraries.

Correspondence and General Business pertaining to each Council meeting is posted on the website by the close of business on Monday (before the Thursday meeting). In the event that the Monday is a Statutory Holiday, the information will be posted by the close of business on the Tuesday.

Road Business

Mailboxes - The Road Department will replace or repair any mailbox or post that has been physically damaged by snow removal equipment (not flying snow) provided the mailbox has been erected in accordance with the Township Policy. Please contact the Road Superintendent for more information.

Extended Road Service - Our Road Department has added an afternoon shift during the winter months which keeps main roads cleared for everyone including commuters arriving home later in the evenings.

Placing of Snow on Municipal Roads - Residents are hereby advised that pursuant to the HTA, Section 181, it is illegal to deposit ice or snow, by any means, on a roadway. Anyone who does this, may be subject to a fine.

Parking on Roads - Notice is hereby given that vehicles parked or abandoned on any Township Road Allowance so as to obstruct snow removal equipment, will be referred to the OPP and removed at the owner's expense.

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 and leave a message – someone will return your call.

Planning

Jerry Jorden, Township Planner is now working out of the Municipal Office two days per month (2nd & 4th Wednesday). If you would like to make an appointment to see Mr. Jorden, please call the Township Office. Please note that Mr. Jorden is the Township's Planner and therefore will provide information on Township and Provincial Planning Documents and requirements but will not be providing planning consulting advice to residents for their own projects or issues.

Tax/Financial Information

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 hours. Penalty - 1.25% per month on all unpaid taxes added the first day of the calendar month.

Fire Information

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 fire permit to burn in a barrel, but the fire must be under control at all times.

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. You can purchase **Smoke Alarms** at the Municipal Office for \$15.00.

Landfill

The Township Landfill is located at 237234 4th Line NE. The hours of operation are Fridays from 12 noon - 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Please note the change to winter hours will commence on Friday, October 1, 2010 and the landfill will be open Fridays - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday hours remain the same. The landfill site will be closed on Saturday, December 25, 2010 but will be open on Monday, December 27, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Your 2011 Landfill Card (green) is attached to your 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"). **Reduce-Reuse-Recycle** - Recycling is mandatory at the Township Landfill Site. We recycle the following material: co-mingle (glass/can), newsprint/magazine, cardboard and large styrofoam. These items no longer have to be separated and go into one bin. **Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Days** - please check out the Dufferin County Website for dates and times. http://www.dufferincounty.on.ca/government_subsection.aspx?id=96.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS - The Municipal Election will be held on Monday, October 25, 2010. The deadline for nominations is 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 2010. Please keep checking our website under Elections for more information on the Vote By Mail Election.

HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY HALL - Thinking about having an Event? For Hall Rental Rates, please visit our website under Our Services.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU - the Council wishes to acknowledge and thank TransAlta (formerly Canadian Hydro Developers, Inc.) for its Community Contribution received for Phase I and Phase II of the Melancthon Wind Project. These monies were incorporated into the 2010 Budget and used for various items that better the Community. The Council also wishes to acknowledge and thank the Federal Government for monies received under the Gas Tax Program which were used to resurface a portion of 20 Sideroad from County Road 124 to the 3rd Line OS.

Dufferin Town and Country Farm Tour - Saturday, October 2, 2010 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for more information, please visit their website: www.thehillsofheadwaters.com/farmtour

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHGATE RECREATION FACILITIES - Council is presently working on an Agreement with the Township of Southgate that will allow all Melancthon Residents to use the recreation facilities in the Township of Southgate without having to pay a non-resident user fee - i.e - arena, swimming pool, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, skateboard park, parklands, lawn bowling, campgrounds, pavilion, etc.

NEW DRAFT OFFICIAL PLAN - Council is still in the review stages of the New Draft Official Plan - please check out the website under **NEW DRAFT OFFICIAL PLAN** for copies of the map schedules, information on public meetings, submissions, etc.

GIANT HOGWEED - Please check our website under Public Notices for an information Fact Sheet on this invasive species which has been the subject of news stories across the Province.