



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON  
2011 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER**

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<b>Office Hours:</b>	Monday - Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. <b>PLEASE NOTE that the Municipal Office will be closed on Fridays in August, including Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.</b>

### **Council**

The Municipal Elections were held Monday, October 25, 2010. This Council will run for a four year term 2010-2014. The new Council names and phone numbers are listed above. Please feel free to contact them with any concerns you may have.

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

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

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

Half Load Season - will commence on March 1, 2011 and end on May 15, 2011 (subject to weather conditions).

Fences - a permit is required to construct a fence along the frontage of your property. Please contact the Road Superintendent for further information.

### **COMMUNITY TORCHLIGHT - Wellington/Dufferin**

Provides free telephone-based support, referral and crisis intervention services across Guelph, Wellington and Dufferin counties. Distress Line - 1-888-821-3760, Crisis Line - 1-877-822-0140, Telecheck Dufferin (Seniors) - 519-415-3764, Youth Support Line - 1-888-821-3760 and Emergency Shelter Resource Line - 1-888-821-3760. For more information about Community Torchlight and other services visit [www.dc-wd.org](http://www.dc-wd.org) or phone 519-821-3761

### **Planning**

**Jerry Jorden, Township Planner** is now working out of the Municipal Office two days per month (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 issue.

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

## **Landfill**

The Township Landfill is located at 237234 4<sup>th</sup> Line NE. The hours of operation are Fridays from 10:00 am. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Please note the change to summer hours will commence on April 1, 2011 and the landfill will be open Fridays - 12 noon - 8:00 p.m. Saturday hours remain the same. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LANDFILL SITE WILL BE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2011.**

Your 2011 Landfill Card (green) was mailed with your final 2010 tax bill last September. 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.

**Reduce-Reuse-Recycle** - Recycling is mandatory at the Township Landfill Site. Blue Boxes are available at the Municipal Office for \$7.50/box. 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. Clean white bale wrap can be recycled (not mesh).

**Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Days** - dates not available until March/April. Check the County of Dufferin Take It Back Directory - [http://www.dufferincounty.on.ca/documents/Take\\_It\\_Back\\_2010\\_Directory.pdf](http://www.dufferincounty.on.ca/documents/Take_It_Back_2010_Directory.pdf) and the Do What You Can website [www.dowhatyoucan.ca](http://www.dowhatyoucan.ca). Specific HHW and E-wastes can be dropped at listed locations.

## **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. 2011 Dog Tags are now available at the Municipal Office - 1<sup>st</sup> dog - \$20.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> dog - \$25.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> dog - \$60.00. Add an additional \$10.00 for each dog that is not spayed or neutered. Kennel Licence - \$150.00.

## **Miscellaneous**

**Good Food Box** - This is a cooperative program running October-May. For the low cost of \$12.00, 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.

## **TREE SEEDLING SALE**

The Dufferin South Simcoe Land Stewardship will be holding a first-come-first served tree seedling sale on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 1 pm at the County Operations Centre in Primrose - 635666 Highway #10 (just south of Hwy 89). For more information call Caroline Mach 705-435-1881 or e-mail [forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com](mailto:forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com).

**LEAFY SPURGE** - For information regarding this noxious weed visit the OMAFRA website at

[www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/facts/ontweeds/leafy\\_spruge.htm](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/facts/ontweeds/leafy_spruge.htm).

**GIANT HOGWEED** - For information regarding this invasive species visit the OMAFRA website at

[www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/facts/ontweeds/giant\\_hogweed.htm](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/facts/ontweeds/giant_hogweed.htm)

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

**HORNING'S MILLS HERITAGE DAY** - The Community Hall Board in conjunction with the Dufferin County Museum is planning a **Celebration of our Heritage on June 11, 2011 in the Hamlet of Horning's Mills**. Many activities & events are being offered. Watch the local papers and the website for more particulars as they become available. Food, fun, music, signature quilt, horseshoes and historical displays. Something for everyone! All proceeds go to the Horning's Mills Hall Accessibility Fund. For more information contact Nancy Malek - [nmalek@melancthontownship.ca](mailto:nmalek@melancthontownship.ca)

**HONEYWOOD BEEF BARBEQUE** - expected date is Saturday, July 23, 2011 at the North Dufferin Community Centre, hosted by the Recreation Committee.