



MC2's Annual Meeting

MC2 held its Annual Meeting on November 3rd at Monora Park. More than 50 people attended. Agenda items included the approval of the Treasurer's Report and the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting. Outgoing President Knut Holmsen presented the President's Report, covering a year of achievements driven by a Board which had lost several members due to health and personal issues. Knut and the Board oversaw the priorities of MC2 this year. One highlight was our Environment Committee's organization of a powerful presentation last April on Indigenous land use practices given by Anishinaabe scholar, Dr. Andrew Judge.

An important aspect this year was the rebuilding of Board membership. The new Board directors elected at the meeting are:

Del Bernardi (Treasurer)
Catherine Campbell
Barbara Jafelice
Jill Johnson
Don MacFarlane

As has happened from time to time in the past, the Board will operate, for now, without a President, sharing that role as well as the Secretary, among the Board members. The meeting featured updates by Del Bernardi on Land Use, Jill Johnson on the Environment Committee and Doug Thomson on the work done to review the mandate and direction of MC2. Details of these important initiatives can be found on our website along with the Draft Minutes of this 2024 Annual Meeting.

Don MacFarlane saluted, on behalf of our members, the directors of the past year's Board who have retired. **Arnold de Graaff, Knut Holmsen, Felicite Morgan, Rita Reitsma and Cheryl Russel**, all of whom have made tremendous contributions to MC2, were recognized with gifts and, most importantly, by the applause of everybody gathered. Don also had a word of thanks to all the volunteers whose efforts and dedication are at the centre of the organization's success. Following the official meeting, the audience was entertained by author/activist/hiker extraordinaire Nicola Ross. She told us the story of her exploration of the beautiful Bruce Trail and the writing of her most recent book, "40 Days & 40 Hikes". This excellent presentation was a fitting end to a successful afternoon of business, information, entertainment and good old-fashioned socializing with friends, neighbours and fellow MC2 members!

Your comments on this issue or any other areas of interest are welcomed at info@monomulmur.com

Mono Council

- The 2025 Draft Budget was presented at the Nov 12th Council Meeting. It included several capital projects that needed to be addressed this year before costs became even higher. The Draft Budget, the Draft Budget Presentation and the rest of the dates for budget discussion are available on the Town of Mono website. We encourage you to inform yourselves and attend the upcoming meetings with your questions or concerns.
- Another noteworthy item is the resignation of two of the five Committee of Adjustment (CoA) members. The CoA remains functional with a quorum of three members.

Mulmur Council

- The draft budget can be found in the Nov 6th Council Agenda package. The only opportunity to comment will be at the Dec 4th Council Meeting. Any concerns about the draft budget should be addressed by attending the upcoming meeting or participating via Zoom.
- Policing costs in Mulmur will increase by 24%
- Banking interest revenue will be \$150K less due to declining interest rates and due to the spending of reserve funds to support the North Dufferin Community Centre (Honeywood Arena).
- The tax levy will be \$62.20 per \$100,000 of assessed value. This equates to an approximate increase of 11%

To Our Members

We were most delighted to speak with several members at our Annual Meeting who expressed an interest in volunteering with MC2!! As we work to re-define our Committee infrastructure, we will contact all of you shortly to discuss your interests going forward. **Anyone else interested?? Please let us know by emailing us at info@monomulmur.com.**

Join the Climate Conversation!

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