



THE NEW MAYOR'S GREETINGS

Dear citizens of Melbourne Township, it is with great pleasure that I address my very first words as Mayor to you. We are delighted to offer you this magnificent 2026 calendar. Melbourne Township is a vast territory offering endless possibilities in terms of scenery, each one more beautiful than the last. Thank you to everyone who submitted their photos. I am excited about the challenge ahead and very happy to take on this role on the municipal council. I was deeply touched by the support and encouragement you showed me when I announced my candidacy. The Township of Melbourne is my home and yours. It is a great place to live, characterized by the richness of our landscapes.



As Mayor, I am committed to promoting a balanced budget and to respect the measures adopted, while taking into account the citizens' ability to pay. This will be an important part of my mandate.

I would like to extend my warmest thanks to **James (Jim) Johnston**, who taught me a great deal over the years, as I served as a councillor under his leadership for eight years. His determination and commitment to the municipality paved the way for me, and I hope to continue his work.

He devoted 38 years of his life to the municipality, during which time he contributed to the opening and success of the Marché Champêtre, the installation of fiber optics throughout the municipality, and several other important projects. Thank you, Jim, and enjoy your retirement from municipal politics.

After the election, three new councillors joined the members who had been re-elected unopposed. Welcome to David Paterson, Geneviève Labonté, and Nicolas Moore, who join Jeff Garrett, Audrey Morneau, and Daniel Enright.

As for the outgoing members, I would like to thank Lois Miller and Sean Boersen for their involvement and openness, which was greatly appreciated during their years in office.

As part of my new mandate, I will have the opportunity to work closely with the administrative team of Cindy Jones and Sylvie Gosselin, with Jason Badger in public works, and Donald Beard, a seasonal employee. Having a close-knit team is essential in managing a municipality. I am very pleased with the quality of our discussions and their prompt responses.

And finally, to all the citizens of Melbourne Township, may 2026 bring health, happiness, and fulfillment to everyone. I wish you happy holidays surrounded by your loved ones! Happy holidays to all !

2025 NEWBORN BABY CELEBRATION



Parents who welcomed a newborn in 2025 must register to take part in the celebration to be held on Saturday, January 24th, 2026, at the *Centre des Loisirs de Richmond*. Contact us at the municipality at **819-826-3555** before January 21st, 2026. You can also register at via our website www.melbourncanton.ca in the leisure and culture section.

Many gifts and surprises will be offered to families and pictures will be taken.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING BINS – WHERE – WHEN – HOW?

To make sure that your bins are emptied, please follow these instructions:

- ★ Place your wheeled bin at the edge of the public road, **the day before** the collection day, **or before 7 a.m.** of the scheduled morning.
 - ★ To **facilitate snow removal**, please keep your bins off the public road
 - ★ **Wheels and handles** must **face the house**, otherwise the bin will **not be emptied**.
 - ★ **Never place** materials on the lid of the bin.
 - ★ Leave a distance of 3 feet between any other obstacle (tree, fence, car, etc.).
 - ★ Bags, boxes or any items placed on the ground will not be collected.
- If you notice the next day that your bin has been forgotten, please contact us as soon as possible



DATES TO REMEMBER

- ★ The municipal office will be closed for the holidays from December 23rd, to January 2nd, 2026 inclusively.
- ★ **Garbage collection** on Monday, December 29th, and Monday, January 12th, 2026.
- ★ **Recycling collection** on Wednesday, December 24th, and Wednesday, January 7th, 2026.
- ★ 2026 first council meeting will take place on Monday, January 12th, at 7:30 p.m.
- ★ January 11th, 2026: deadline for dropping off your undecorated Christmas trees near the municipal garage.

THE END OF OUR PRINTED MUNICIPAL BULLETIN

The main purpose of our newsletters is to communicate important information to citizens. It is our way of being transparent in the transmission of information.

Citizens regularly contact us with questions about topics that have already been covered in our newsletters. We have come to the conclusion that distribution is not reaching the expected results. We're aware that there's a lot of advertising in our mailboxes, and that much of it, including our newsletters, ends up in the recycling bin. Producing these publications requires time and money which, in the long run, are no longer relevant. We want to reduce our environmental footprint, and the issue of pollution caused by transportation reinforces our decision.

That's why, as of January 2026, we will no longer publish, print and distribute our *Melbourne Township Bulletin* to mailboxes.

In order to keep you informed, we will favour sending newsletter by email, with the exception of publications required by law, such as the mayor's report. We believe this decision will have a positive impact on the environment.

We will continue to publish articles in the « *Journal L'Ardoise* », which is published 4 times a year and distributed by mail to all residences in our municipality.

You can access all newsletters published over the last 5 years on our website. You'll find them in the Newsletters/Bulletin section.

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