



## COUNTY IN BRIEF

For April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The following highlights from the [April 13th, 2017 Dufferin County Council Meeting](#) are provided for general information purposes. [For the full agenda and minutes, please visit our website by clicking here.](#) In addition we will also be providing some highlights of services, upcoming events and items of interest.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vimy Ridge



IMAGE: A photo of poppies in a field with the text Remembering Vimy Ridge - A defining moment in our history

### Lorne Scots Monument

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Ruddle of the Lorne Scots Peel Dufferin Halton Regiment made a presentation to Council about the history of the regiment and its significance in Canadian history. Council supported the concept installing a monument to memorialize those who served with the regiment. Staff was directed to report back to Council on the logistics.

### North American Occupational Safety and Health Week



[naosh.ca](http://naosh.ca)

IMAGE- The official logo of the 2017 North American Occupational Safety and Health Week campaign

County Council has proclaimed May 7-13th as North American Occupational Safety and Health week in Dufferin County. The goal of North American Occupational Safety & Health (NAOSH) Week is to focus the attention of employers, employees, the general public and all partners in occupational safety and health on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace, at home and in the community.

During NAOSH Week, NAOSH partners develop and implement activities throughout North America to promote NAOSH Week. NAOSH Week occurs every year during the first full week of May.

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week - was first launched in June 1997, marked by an agreement between Canada, the United States and Mexico. The Canadian Society of Safety Engineering's (CSSE) Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week (COHS) had been observed for ten years previously (1986-1996). During the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) talks between the governments of Mexico, United States, and Canada, workplace safety within the boundaries of all three nations was discussed by government labour department representatives. Canada's representative at these talks was familiar with Canada's COHS Week and suggested to his Mexican and American counterparts that their countries may wish to become involved in a similar endeavor.

## Video Surveillance Policy



IMAGE - One of many video surveillance cameras in the Dufferin County

The County of Dufferin utilizes video surveillance equipment to ensure the safety and security of the public, their staff and property. These systems capture images in a digital format that become official records of the corporation and as such are subject to various privacy laws.

The County of Dufferin recognizes the need to balance an individual's right to privacy and the need to ensure security and safety. Proper video surveillance, where deemed necessary, is one of the most effective means of helping to keep County facilities and properties operating in a safe, secure and privacy protective manner.

In October 2015 the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario's office published new guidelines on how to use video surveillance in a way that protects individual privacy. Municipalities have statutory obligations imposed under Part II of the by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) that govern the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, which includes video images.

A cross-functional team developed a policy to govern video surveillance at County owned and leased properties in accordance with the privacy provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). The draft policy was sent to the County solicitors for review and was approved by the senior management team in September 2016.

## Long-Term Waste Management Strategy Update



IMAGE - Logo for the Dufferin County Long Term Waste Strategy

Work on the Dufferin Long-Term Waste Management Strategy began in June 2016 and will continue into 2017. The strategy will consider several high-level areas pertaining to waste and will reflect on; current conditions, future goals and how these goals can be reached. The purpose of the strategy will be to; refine and enhance current program details in preparation for future contracts; and to help plan for other waste related initiatives and objectives well into the future.

This project supports specific action items listed in the Corporate Strategic Plan, including the ongoing effort of increasing the County's waste diversion rate and thereby reducing what is ultimately sent to landfill.

## 20,000 Homes Campaign - Dufferin



IMAGE - Logo for the 20,000 Homes campaign in Dufferin County

The 20,000 Homes Campaign is a national movement of communities, working together to permanently house 20,000 of Canada's most vulnerable homeless people by July 1, 2018. The campaign is spear headed by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH).

The Dufferin Community Advisory Board (CAB) joined the 20,000 Homes campaign to strengthen and promote the ongoing work in the area of Housing First . Housing First focuses on moving people who are experiencing chronic and episodic homelessness as quickly as possible, from the street or emergency shelter, into permanent housing with supports that vary according to their individual needs.

One of the main components of the 20,000 Homes Campaign is to conduct a homelessness count, in order to establish what homelessness looks like in the local community.

The count was conducted over a 48-hour period: Monday the 17th and Tuesday the 18th October 2016. Locations were set up where individuals could go to complete a survey in Orangeville, Shelburne and Grand Valley. In addition to the fixed locations, volunteers walked numerous routes in Orangeville, Shelburne and Grand Valley, over the 48-hour period looking for people who may have been homeless.

Of the 101 surveys conducted in Dufferin County 78 people between the ages of 15 and 81 did not have a permanent residence to return to every night. That number equates to 1 in 760 Dufferin County residents. In comparison Peel Regions homelessness rate following the campaign was 1 in 5534 people.

The Community Advisory Board and the County of Dufferin continue to work collaboratively with local agencies who serve those in housing crisis. The Community Advisory Board will also work with the Dufferin Poverty Task Force and the DC Moves committee to find sustainable solutions.

The County of Dufferin is using this data to advocate at both the Federal and Provincial levels for more flexibility in how existing and future funding is used and for more support to, not just collect data, but action to turn that data into action.

## Joint Councils Workshop



IMAGE - John Tennant from the Global Investment Attraction Group addresses the Joint Councils of Dufferin County on the Economic Development Strategy

On March 30th the elected officials from all of the municipalities in Dufferin County gathered in Amaranth, ON for a Joint Councils meeting. The agenda was focused on matters that were important to all of Dufferin County's municipalities.

John Tennant, Global Investment Attraction Group, presented an overview of the process for the creation of an Economic Development Strategic Plan for Dufferin County. During the facilitated discussion, Councillors discussed the economic development related competitive strengths associated with Dufferin County; Dufferin County's greatest weaknesses and challenges related to economic development; the greatest external threats to future economic growth in Dufferin County; the future opportunities for Dufferin County and the vision for Dufferin County's Economic Development?

The information gathered, along with information collected through stakeholder consultation sessions held the following week, will be used by Global Investment Attraction Group to help develop the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Dufferin's Chief Administrative Officer, Sonya Pritchard, provided an update on the SouthWestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) initiative which Dufferin County has been actively involved in.

The SouthWestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Network is a forward-looking, financially sustainable plan to help the region connect, compete and keep pace in a digital world by building a holistic, ultra-high-speed fibre optic network across the region. Spearheaded by community and businesses leaders across southwestern Ontario, Dufferin, Caledon, and the Niagara Region, SWIFT will build an ultra-high-speed fibre optic regional broadband network for everyone. Regardless of the size of your community, your age, education, or where you work, you deserve affordable access to high-speed broadband – and SWIFT is working to build and deliver critical infrastructure to our communities by connecting over 350 communities across 41,286 km<sup>2</sup> through 3000 Points of Presence.

The project was initiated by the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) in 2011 and was quickly joined by additional partners, including the City of Orillia, the Town of Caledon, the Region of Niagara, Grey Bruce Health Services, and Georgian College. In 2016, SWIFT received \$180 million in funding support from the federal and provincial governments.

## The County of Dufferin's Canada 150 Legacy Fund



IMAGE - One of the approved Canada 150 logos from the Government of Canada

The County of Dufferin will be awarding a total of \$68,500 in grants to the member municipalities for their Canada 150 legacy projects. The Townships of Amaranth, Melancthon and Mulmur will receive \$10,000 each as will the Towns of Grand Valley, Orangeville and Shelburne. The Township of East Garafraxa will get \$5000 and the Town of Mono is receiving a grant of \$3500.

## Headwaters Trails Summit



IMAGE - Logo of Headwaters Communities in Action

On Wednesday, May 10th, 2017 the Headwaters Trails Summit will take place at Monora Park from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm.

Recreation and outdoor spaces are vital in what makes us healthy. It's about Community Well-Being! In partnership with Headwaters Community in Action, the Ontario Trails Council, the County of Dufferin, the Town of Mono and Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health the Summit will be an opportunity for stakeholders, interested groups, businesses and residents to come together to discuss and learn about all things Trail in Headwaters. Discussion will revolve around Rail Trail Development; Dufferin County Active Transportation and Trails plan; Regional Trails; Economic Impact of Trails; Developing Interpretive Signage and Headwaters Trail Connectivity.

For additional information about the Trails Summit contact Shirley Boxem at 519-925-0347 or visit [www.headwaterscommunities.ca](http://www.headwaterscommunities.ca)

## Hazardous and Electronic Waste Events for 2017



IMAGE - An artist's rendition of hazardous and electronic waste

Hazardous waste and electronics contain substances that can be harmful to human health and the environment. It is very important that we keep these materials out of the landfill and to accomplish this Dufferin County organizes several drop-off days every year.

## Dates and Locations

Sat. May 6, 2017	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Town of Mono Works Yard 347209 County Road 8 (Mono Centre Road), Mono
Sat. May 27, 2017	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Primrose Operations Centre 635666 Highway 10 (just south of Highway 89)
Sat. June 24, 2017	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Town of Orangeville Operations Centre 500 C Line, Orangeville
Wed. July 26, 2017	4 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Town of Orangeville Operations Centre 500 C Line, Orangeville
Sat. September 9, 2017	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Town of Grand Valley Works Yard 56 Main Street North, Grand Valley
Sat. September 30, 2017	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Primrose Operations Centre 635666 Highway 10 (just south of Highway 89)
Sat. October 28, 2017	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Town of Orangeville Operations Centre 500 C Line, Orangeville

An annual schedule showing the dates, times and locations of the 2017 Hazardous and Electronic Waste events and a complete list of what materials can be dropped off at these events can be found by clicking on the link to our website below:

<https://www.dufferincounty.ca/residents/waste-services/collection/hazardous-materials-and-electronics>

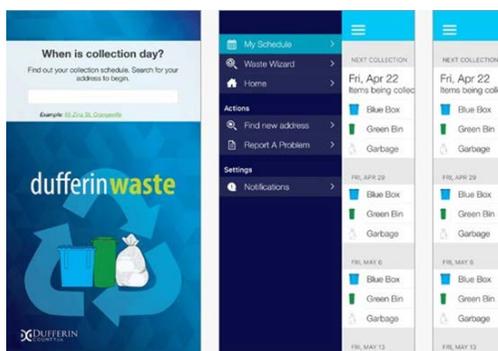


IMAGE - Screenshots of the DufferinWaste app

For those who use a smart phone or tablet you can download the DufferinWaste app from the App Store or Google Play. Waste and recycling schedules and reminders for Dufferin County, Ontario. View your schedule for Blue Box, Green Bin, garbage, yard waste and more and receive collection notifications all from within this app.

## Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health

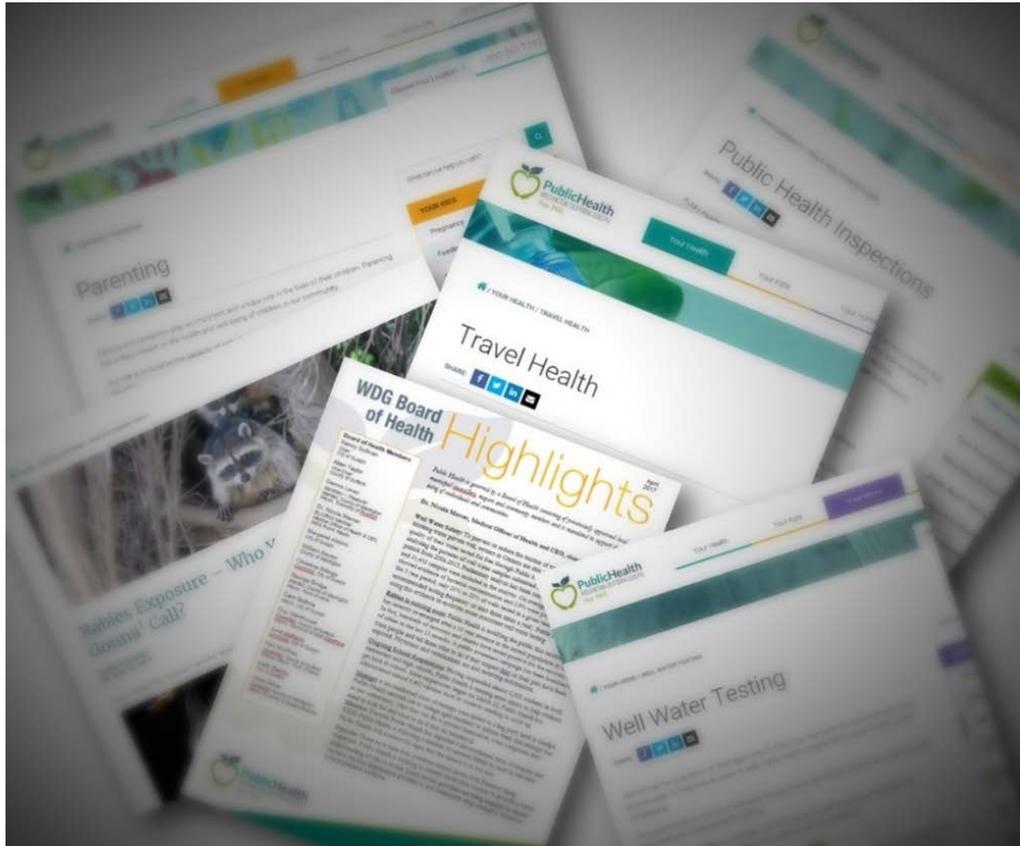


IMAGE - A collage of several of the informative pages on Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health's Website

Did you know that Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health's website is loaded with information that everyone in Dufferin County should be familiar with. Their monthly "Highlights" publication provides updates on health related matters affecting Dufferin County. In the April edition of Highlights you can learn about well water safety; rabies; ongoing school suspensions for inadequate vaccinations; mumps; measles and the ongoing opioid concerns.

Visit their website at <https://www.wdgppublichealth.ca/> you'll be glad you did.

The complete minutes from the April 13th, 2017 County Council meeting will be available on the County website.

The next County Council meeting will be May 11th, 2017 at 7:00 pm - 51 Zina Street, Orangeville, ON

#### [Upcoming Committee Meeting dates](#)

Community Services Dufferin Oaks committee - April 25th, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Public Works committee - April 26th, 2017 at 9:00 am

General Government Services committee - April 26th, 2017 at 4:00 pm

To access agendas or minutes for these committee meetings please use the link to our website below:

<https://www.dufferincounty.ca/government/council-and-committee-meetings>