

COUNCIL IN BRIEF

For Thursday, July 14, 2016

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DUFFERIN COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS- 2016

The Warden presented the 2016 Dufferin County Scholarship awards to:

Joshua Cameron for the Arts scholarship

Jessica Poletek for the Business scholarship

Christian Kleiser for Science and Technology scholarship.



(Pictured with Warden Ryan- left: Joshua Cameron; right: Jessica Poletek)

AMBULANCE UPGRADES

Council approved upgrades to Dufferin County Ambulances. These include new standardized laptops and modernized power stretchers/power loaders.

HELPING SENIORS AT RISK

Council approved an agreement with Community Mental Health Association-Peel, to fund a Seniors at Risk Co-ordinator position. The Seniors at Risk System Co-ordinator role provides support and education to individuals and agencies in addressing the complex needs of the very vulnerable older adult in the County of Dufferin.



INTERNAL SERVICE REVIEW

Over the past 6 months senior staff have undertaken to review a number of corporate functions to identify potential improvements in both efficiency and effectiveness. Corporate level functions were selected as they impact every department and hold greater potential for overall improvements. The following areas that are being evaluated:

- Procurement
- Records Management
- Open Data
- Communications
- Emergency Management
- Personnel Policies including employee training and development
- Employee Suggestion Program

The Chief Administrative Officer, Sonya Pritchard, presented Council with a report detailing recommendations from the review. Council passed a motion for a professional Procurement Officer position to be included in the draft 2017 budget for discussion and consideration, and a joint Emergency Management and Communications Coordinator role (with existing Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator), reporting to the Director of Corporate Services to be trialed for a one year period effective September 1, 2016.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Community Services/Dufferin Oaks Committee – Tuesday, August 23, 7:00 p.m. (Mel Lloyd Centre, Shelburne)

Public Works Committee – Wednesday, August 24, 9:00 a.m. (55 Zina Street)

General Government Services – Wednesday, August 24, 4:00 p.m. (55 Zina Street)

