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COUNCIL IN BRIEF

For November 10th, 2016

The following highlights from the November 10th, 2016 Dufferin County Council Meeting are provided for general information purposes. [For the full agenda and minutes, please visit our website by clicking here.](#)



DC MOVES....in the right direction

County Council received a presentation from the Dufferin County Managing Organizing Visualizing Engagement Strategy (DC MOVES) is an initiative to create a local association that is designed to foster a "Made in Dufferin" agency integration model, and identify innovative and collaborative solutions to issues of shared concern. Working with a collaborative and service systems management mindset, organizations will be able to investigate service integration strategies, create a better sense of agency cohesiveness, enabling better social and human services in our community. Comprised of more than 80 different service providers DC MOVES seeks to provide the following benefits to its members:

- Formal setting to participate and discuss local planning
- Benefits from improved communication strategies between agencies
- A venue for local tables to share and discuss local issues (i.e. Poverty, Transportation, Mental Health, Children and Youth, Employment, Accessibility, Housing and Homelessness, etc.)

- Share in the outcomes of collective impact strategies
- Ongoing training and staff development opportunities

Members of the DC MOVES association will be able to share in the design and development of service systems management, and establish a coordinated approach to the provision of services within Dufferin County. The collaboration of service providers will assist in combating the effects of silos, therefore increasing cohesion within the sector. Decreasing silos not only minimizes the overlapping of services, but, also allows service providers to better coordinate their current services, and establish partnerships that may not have previously existed.



Shirley Boxem of Headwaters Community in Action presenting on DC MOVES

Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle

Council was provided with a great deal of information from the DCCRC which highlighted a new initiative to conduct a needs assessment to determine better ways to meet the needs of First Nations people living within Dufferin County. Included in this presentation was the story of the 'The Dish with One Spoon' which is symbolized in a wampum belt. This wampum belt is one of the most significant belts because it represents the first peace treaty made in North America between all Native nations before European contact. (Made between the League of Five Nations and its allies, and the confederacy of Anishinabek and allied nations). The dish with one spoon reminds people we only have one dish, one mother earth we can take from. We should take only what we need, leave something for others, and keep the dish clean. It also demonstrates our collective responsibility to share equally.



The Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt

The 2017 Budget

Usually the phrase "cut in half" in reference to a budget would send shockwaves through a municipal government but not this year because, in this case, it refers to the County's tax levy increase for 2017. At just 1.49% compared to the 2016 levy of 3% the County has managed to find meaningful ways to control expenditures while still allowing for service enhancements and infrastructure upgrades.

The average homeowner with a property assessed at \$400,000 will see the County portion of their taxes increase just over \$23 for 2017. After a thorough explanation of the budget and some insightful questions from Council members the 2017 budget passed and Treasury staff were congratulated by Council for their efforts.



The average County tax increase for 2017 will be \$23

Neighbours Helping Neighbours

When disaster strikes any community neighbours help neighbours, that's what you do. That is the guiding principal behind the mutual assistance agreement that Council approved last night. This agreement irones out the details between Dufferin and Simcoe counties before a disaster strikes, this will ensure that we can access or provide emergency assistance without any delays or red tape. It is just one of the great initiatives council has undertaken to ensure the wellbeing and resilience of our community and it is a principal that every resident can also adopt.

hot water heat conks out or staying in their guest room while the roofers replace that section of your house that Mother Nature used as a shot put it makes good sense for neighbours to help neighbours.



Water over the road in Grand Valley - Photo by Nikki Prialux 2014

What to do About Waste?

Public Works is currently involved in a Long Term Waste Management Strategy and they provided an update to Council about their progress thus far and their planned next steps. There will be opportunities for public consultation throughout this process and the end result will be another 'made in Dufferin' solution that will benefit our residents, our environment and our future. In the meantime if you are looking for ways to reduce the waste



Battery collection...just one of the innovative waste solutions in Dufferin County

A Standing "O" for Warden Laura

Last night was the final regular meeting of Council for Laura Ryan as Warden of Dufferin County. A new warden will be elected at the December meeting and Warden Ryan will return to her role as Councilor Ryan. At the conclusion of the Council meeting Warden Ryan received a standing ovation from her fellow councilors, staff and the public in attendance. Thank you for your unwavering leadership these past 12 months Warden Ryan, you are a role model for everyone in Dufferin County.



**The next scheduled meeting of Dufferin County Council is:
December 8th, 2016
(Inauguration 4:00 pm followed by Council Meeting at 6:00 pm)**

Public Works - November 21st, 2016
Community Services Dufferin Oaks - November 22nd, 2016
General Government Services - November 23rd, 2016

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