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# COUNCIL IN BRIEF

For Thursday, November 12, 2015

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## BATTLEFIELD TOUR PRESENTATION

Wednesday, November 11, marked Remembrance Day to honour our soldiers and veterans. On Thursday, Corporal William Power, the County of Dufferin 2015 Veteran's Ambassador, addressed Council regarding the Battlefield Tour in France that he attended with Dufferin area high school students. The students were from the inaugural year of the Digital Historian Project at the Dufferin County Museum. Corporal Power is a long-serving and decorated member of Canada's Forces and he shared his experiences with Council.



## 2016 BUDGET: PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The 2016 Draft Budget was approved by Council. Treasurer Alan Selby

delivered a presentation and members of the public were invited to make comments/suggestions.

To view the presentation, go to: [www.dufferincounty.ca/files/content-pdf/2016-budget-presentation.pdf](http://www.dufferincounty.ca/files/content-pdf/2016-budget-presentation.pdf)

Senior management have also released presentation videos for each respective department on YouTube.

To view the videos, go to: [www.youtube.com/DufferinOne](http://www.youtube.com/DufferinOne)

### **THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL RESULTS**

The report by Treasurer Alan Selby, dated November 12, 2015, titled 2015 Third Quarter Financial Results was received. The general conclusion to be taken from the Third Quarter financial picture is that the County appears to be keeping within its budget targets for 2015. The update shows a cash-basis surplus, however that result can be attributed, in part, to timing delays with expenses, arising from the normal delay of receiving and processing expense invoices, which is inherent in the financial accounting system.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES INITIATIVES**

The report by the Director of Community Services, dated October 27, 2015, titled Food For Thought Grant (FFTG) was received. Council approved the grant and this new process will commence the allocation of available funds effective January 2016.

In addition, the report titled SMARTsaver - Canadian Learning Bond Initiative was received. Council endorsed the ongoing marketing of the SMARTsaver program locally. SMARTsaver is an initiative by the government of Canada aimed to help low-income families start RESP savings for their child's education. Dufferin County has used social media campaigning as a channel for communicating this initiative along with other mediums.

To learn more about SMARTsaver, go to: [www.smartsaver.org/startmyresp//](http://www.smartsaver.org/startmyresp//)

## APPOINTMENT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

Councillor Darren White was appointed to the Economic Development Steering Committee. The focus of the Committee is to create a plan and to identify areas of County-wide interest that should be financially supported at the County level.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Accountability and Transparency - November 17, 5:30 pm - Mel Lloyd Centre, Shelburne

Community Services - November 17, 7 pm - Mel Lloyd Centre, Shelburne

Economic Development Committee - November 20, 9 am - 55 Zina Street, Orangeville

General Government Services - November 24, 4 pm - 55 Zina Street, Orangeville



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