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# COUNCIL IN BRIEF

For Thursday, September 10, 2015.

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## TRIBUTE TO LOUISE KINDREE

Warden Warren Maycock paid tribute to Louise Kindree. Louise joined the Physician Search Committee in 2000 and became the Chair in 2003. Over her 15 years of service, she has played a leading role in many accomplishments and has been an instrumental part of physician recruitment, improving healthcare and long-term care in Orangeville and surrounding areas. Louise's efforts have been integral to establishing Dufferin County as a go-to destination for medical students and residents.

## HUNGER AWARENESS

Warden Warren Maycock officially proclaimed the week of September 21 to 25 "Hunger Awareness Week" in Dufferin County. Aimee Raves and Sarah Hurson accepted the proclamation from the Orangeville Food Bank. Aimee addressed council following the presentation. Pictured below are Warden Maycock, Aimee Raves and Sarah Hurson accompanied by Ella and Orla. To show support, use the hash tag, #HungerWeek on social media. For more information regarding Hunger Awareness, visit the official website at:

<http://hungerawarenessweek.ca/home>



### **DUFFERIN COUNTY AGENCY COLLABORATION INITIATIVE (DC MOVES)**

County Council endorsed the report of the Director of Community Services, dated August 27, 2015, regarding the Dufferin County Agency Collaboration Initiative. The initiative will see local agencies better working together to address local service needs.

### **LOCAL POVERTY REDUCTION AND TASK FORCE STRATEGY**

County Council endorsed the report of the Director of Community Services dated August 27, 2015, regarding the creation of a Dufferin County Poverty Task Force. During the 2016 Draft Budget discussion, there will be consideration of a \$30,000 funding for a Full-Time or Part-Time Task Force Coordinator through a partner agency.

### **COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION - UPDATE**

MMM will serve as Dufferin County's Consulting Planner of record and will administer the County planning process. A transition meeting with MMAH, County planning consultants and local planners is scheduled for September 2015.

Documents circulated to local planners are as follows:

- Flow Charts outlining typical County OPA and typical Local Circulations (Commenting/Approval Process)
- Handbooks with respect to Flow Charts
- County OPA Application Forms
- Major/Minor Application Screening Checklist

- Supporting Study Checklist (for Pre-consultation and County OPA Application)

Short term items:

- Finalize approval process for Minor and Major Local OPAs and County OPAs
- Determine role and composition of a Planning Advisory Committee
- Draft fees bylaw and set planning fees
- Update website with application forms, handbooks and fees
- Develop annual reporting templates & growth monitoring

Longer term projects:

- Natural Heritage Systems Strategy Study (funds are included in the 2016 draft budget)
- Aggregate Resources Master Plan (if desired)
- Five year updates of local official plans and County Official Plan (Orangeville has commenced a review)

Ongoing planning tasks:

- Administer pre-consultation process
- Review and provide comments as required on local planning applications
- Provide comments on provincial policy matters related to current reviews
- Process application for County OPAs

### **WOWC - SWIFT PROJECT UPDATE**

Work on the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus South West Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) project is moving forward and gaining interest across the region. In recent months, there has been considerable activity and efforts to advance SWIFT. Much of the recent focus was on providing requested information to the provincial and federal governments in anticipation of a decision on funding. It is expected that a decision will be delayed due to the upcoming federal election. The focus will now shift to communications with potential public sector partners and federal election candidates. Work with respect to incorporating SWIFT will also be required in the coming months.

Developing ultra-high speed fibre broadband is necessary for future economic vitality. Participation in the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus SWIFT initiative is in line with the corporate strategic directions and principals.

### **ASSET MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION**

Treasurer Alan Selby made a presentation to County Council regarding asset management. The presentation provided information such as statistics, trends, analysis, strategic plans and strategies for financial stability. The presentation can be viewed on the Dufferin County official website at: <http://bit.ly/1F9IPVC>

## TENDERS AWARDED

**Tenders were awarded as follows:**

### ***Dufferin County Forest***

Moggie Valley Timber, in the amount of \$28,250.00

Kaster Logging Ltd., in the amount of \$27,120.00

Breen's Lumber, in the amount of \$8,023.00

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS - all at 55 Zina Street, Sutton Room**

Public Works Committee - September 22– 7 am

General Government Services - September 22 – 4 pm

Community Services/Dufferin Oaks Committee - September 22 – 7 pm

Forest Operation Review Committee - September 29 - 7 pm

As part of the October 8 County Council meeting, there will be a budget information session. Council will start at 6 pm.



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