

# COUNCIL IN BRIEF

For September 8th, 2016

The following is a brief overview of the latest Dufferin County Council Meeting. [For the full agenda and minutes, please visit our website by clicking here.](#)

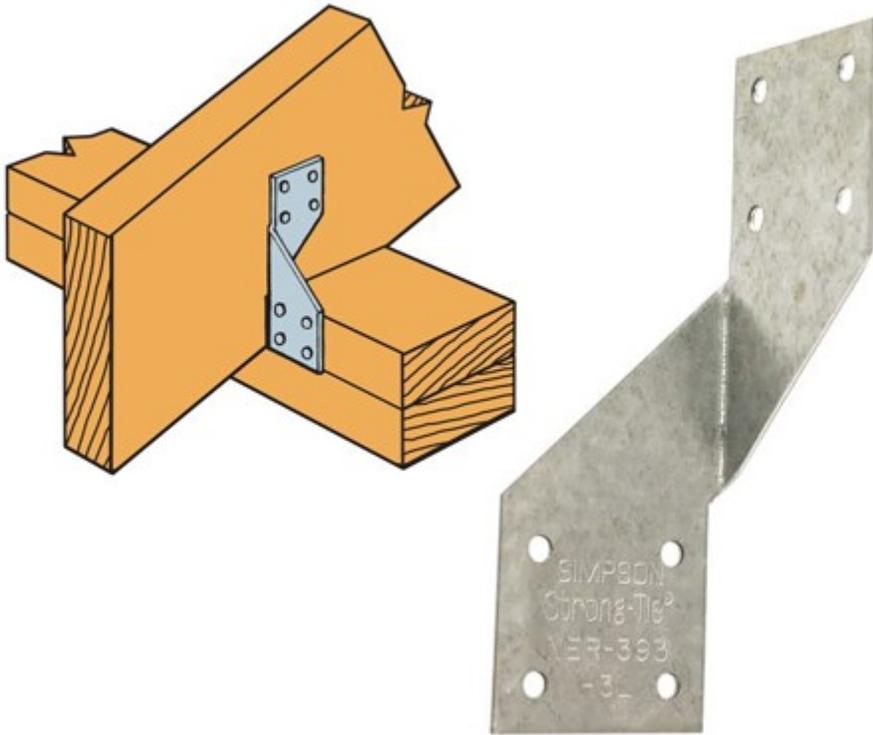
## Welcome Councilor Hawkins

Pam Hillock, County Clerk swore in Councilor Earl Hawkins as the newest member of County Council. Councilor Hawkins was appointed by the Township of Mulmur to replace Councilor Hayes after she resigned her post. Warden Ryan wished Councilor Hayes well and welcomed Councilor Hawkins to County Council.



## The roof, the roof, the roof is on....securely.

County Council approved a rebate program for builders who install hurricane clips during the construction process. A hurricane clip is a metal bracket that attaches the roof securely to the upper portion of a building wall. This simple enhancement reduces the likelihood of the roof being torn off during severe weather events and greatly reduces the amount of damage sustained.



### Sustainable Forestry Pays Off for Dufferin County

A series of tenders were awarded to various forestry companies to selectively harvest trees from the Dufferin County forests. The locations to be harvested are identified during annual assessments of the forested areas that are in need of selective thinning in order to maintain the overall health and viability of the forest. The resulting timber sales – a by-product of this “managed forest” approach - assist in offsetting the annual costs of the Forest operation. This year's harvest will result in \$168,304 in revenue for the County of Dufferin.



### Savings Mean More Road Work Will Get Done in 2016

The Public Works Director received approval from Council to utilize funds not required during the 2016 road construction projects to complete a rehabilitation project on County Road 21 in the Township of Melancthon. This will mean that residents and users of this portion of the roadway won't have to wait another year for the road to be repaired.



### Text with 911 Service is Now Available Across Dufferin County

Council was advised that persons who are deaf, deafened, hard of hearing and speech impaired (DHHSI) in Dufferin County will now have an alternative method of communicating with 911 call-takers.

Once registered members of the DHHSI community who have a text enabled phone will be able to text message directly with 911 call-takers who can then pass along vital information to emergency responders. For more information on this service visit <http://textwith911.ca>



## County Council Approves a Partnership with Ontario to Develop New Social Housing Units

The Director of Community Services was given approval to enter into an agreement with the Province of Ontario that will see regeneration in social housing and a substantial investment from the Social Infrastructure Fund that will enable the creation of twenty-four (24) new housing units.



The next County Council meeting is scheduled for October 13th, 2016 at 7:00pm

**Upcoming committee meetings:**

General Government Services - September 21st at 4:00pm in the Sutton Room, 55 Zina St. Orangeville

Forest Operations Review Committee - September 22nd at 7:00pm in the Sutton Room, 55 Zina St. Orangeville.

Community Service/Dufferin Oaks - September 27th at 7:00pm at the Mel Lloyd Centre, 167 Centre St. Shelburne

Public Works - September 28th at 9:00am in the Sutton Room, 55 Zina St. Orangeville