

PROCLAMATION – Physician Appreciation Day

Council proclaimed May 1, 2013, as “Physician Appreciation Day”.

Warden Ryan is presenting the proclamation to Dr. William Price, Dr. David Scott and Dr. Amy Horvat.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Council also proclaimed April 21 to 27, 2013 as National Volunteer Week

FOREST CONSERVATION BY-LAW RESCINDED

Council passed a motion to rescind the Tree Conservation By-law. The by-law regulates the cutting of trees on private property.

TRANSPARENT GARBAGE BAGS

Residents spoke at Public Question Period regarding the requirement for residents to use transparent garbage bags as of June 1st, 2013. A motion was put forward to do away with the requirement but it lost. Four of eight municipalities in Dufferin County currently use transparent bags for garbage at the curb. As of June 1st, residents putting garbage at the curb will be required to use transparent bags.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE

Requests for Proposal will be issued for insurance coverage for 2014 and 2015 services. A committee of the Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer and CAO will review the proposals and make a recommendation to Council.

ULTRA BROADBAND PROJECT – WESTERN ONTARIO



The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) has undertaken an Ultra High Speed Broadband Project. The WOWC has identified economic development which includes the completion of the WOWC study of the feasibility of creating a ubiquitous, affordable and accessible regional ultra-high speed broadband network regardless of population density as a top priority in 2013.

The project was initiated in late 2011 and since that time considerable effort has been spent in the planning and development of the preliminary phase of the project. This first phase is comprehensive Feasibility Study to understand the current environment.

For more information on this project, contact Geoff Hogan geoff.hogan@grey.ca or visit www.wowc.ca

STRATEGIC PLAN

Staff were directed to work with the consultant to prepare a draft plan for Council consideration.

PLANNING ACT AMENDMENT

Due to an amendment to a regulation under the Planning Act, all counties in the Province will require the adoption of an Official Plan. The County of Dufferin does not currently have an Official Plan. The first Official Plan must be adopted by March 31,

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2015. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff did a presentation on April 11 to Council, area Councillors and also local area staff to explain the implications of the changes and different models across the province.

Upon adoption of a County Official Plan the authority for approval of local Official Plans and some other planning approvals transfers to the County. There is the ability to delegate various components of the planning approval process to the local municipalities. Additional information in this regard will be provided in a future report.

Council has directed staff to review the planning models and Official Plans of other Counties, the required components of a County Official Plan, options for developing the Plan and report back to committee.

JEAN HAMLYN DAYCARE UPDATE

The Director of Community Services provided committee with an update on the Jean Hamlyn Daycare Centre.

As approved by Council in December 2012, staff has begun to investigate possible sustainability options for the Jean Hamlyn Centre. To date staff has informed all parents of the approved fee increase of 10% (in all age groups). The increase in fees should yield approximately \$29,341 annually when the centre is at full capacity. Increases took effect February 01, 2013.

County staff has also formally re-established the Jean Hamlyn Parent Advisory Committee. The committee is currently made up of 9 parents, the Supervisor of the centre and the Manager of Children's Services. To date the committee has met once and is currently in working on establishing a Terms of Reference, committee expectations and Jean Hamlyn fundraising options. The committee has also agreed to assist with the investigation of the following ideas around sustainability:

- Early Childhood Educators' (ECE) vs. Assistant ECE's where possible
- The possibility of establishing a toddler room
- Further increase to fee's for cost recovery purposes
- The possible expansion of the preschool program to include 2 pre-school rooms
- Continue to raise awareness about the value of Jean Hamlyn
- The possibility of moving the current "school aged" program to the neighboring public school and the possibility of submitting an RFP for the Full Day Kindergarten extended day program at Princess Elizabeth.
- The possibility of offering a Summer Camp program at the Centre.

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PHYSIOTHERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL SERVICES

The contract for the provision of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Services for Dufferin Oaks was awarded to Achieva Health for the period of May 9, 2013 to May 31, 2016 with the option to extend the contract for an additional two years.

DUFFERIN WIND POWER INC. – REQUEST FOR EASEMENT

Council received an update report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding Dufferin Wind Power Inc.'s request for an easement along the former rail line and took no action.

CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

Council received a report from the Manager of Human Resources in closed session regarding the CUPE settlement.

The property matter regarding potential negotiation with Dufferin Wind Power, as noted on the agenda, was not discussed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

General Government Services – Monday, April 22, 4.45pm, 55 Zina Street, Orangeville
Museum Board – Tuesday, April 23, 5:30 p.m.- 55 Zina Street, Orangeville
Community Development Committee – Tuesday, April 23, 7 p.m.- 55 Zina Street, Orangeville
Public Works Committee – Wednesday, April 24, 9:00 a.m., Primrose Operations Centre
Community Services/Dufferin Oaks Committee- Thursday, April 25, 4 p.m.- EOC, Mel Lloyd Centre, Shelburne

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