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COUNCIL IN BRIEF

For Thursday, June 11, 2015.

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Proclamation - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Warden Maycock presented Jennifer McCallum, Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County with a proclamation for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - June 15, 2015

FIRST STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVED FOR DUFFERIN COUNTY

Council approved the first Corporate Strategic Plan. A Corporate Strategic Plan sets a framework that ensures decisions and actions are aligned with the established priorities within the current organization and operational mandates. The purpose of this Corporate Strategic Plan for the County of Dufferin is to identify areas of focus and set priorities for the term of Council and into the future. The plan establishes four key priority areas and a number of high level objectives along with specific activities that support the goals.

The four key priority areas are:

- Economic Vitality
- Communication and Connections
- Good Governance
- Service Excellence

To read the full plan, please click here:

http://www.dufferincounty.ca/files/releases/2015-06-12_Corporate_Strategic_Plan_Adopted__release.pdf

ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGES REPORT

The Annual Report on Development Charges Activity was presented. Combined development charges collections were very strong in 2014, at \$1,645,198 which represents an increase of 70% over the 2013 collections of \$963,832. This directly co-relates to the large amount of Building Permit revenues seen in 2014. Development charges revenue of \$775,152 was applied in 2014, compared to \$534,902 in 2013. With total budget revenues of about \$60 million annually, development charges are a minor source of funding, amounting to about 1.5% of annual County revenue.

Headwaters Communities in Action

Shirley Boxem attended Council to advise of the ongoing activities of the Headwaters Communities in Action. They are a backbone organization of Headwaters and provide a support system for issues to be addressed. They:

- convene conversations
- define projects
- secure resources
- form partnerships

For more information on Headwaters Communities in Action, visit:

<http://headwaterscommunities.org/>

Farm to School Program:



HORSE EXPERIENCE 2015



Equine Canada through **Horse Experience 2015**, has partnered with the Headwaters Tourism and the Ontario Equestrian Federation to fulfill the following objectives:

- Develop export markets for Canadian-bred horses and genetics. South/Central American countries are target markets for the Long Term International Strategy for Equine Canada (and the Canadian industry) as key potential growth markets for Canadian horse industry exports.
- Maximize domestic and international tourism activities in the Headwaters region and build awareness of “Headwaters Horse Country”.
- Maximize participation with horses in Ontario in all breeds, disciplines and sports. Attracting new participants from urban Ontario supports this mandate.

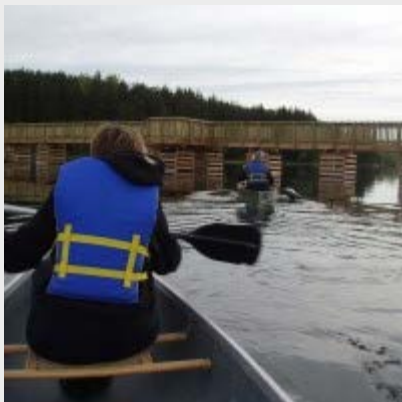
For more information on how to get your business involved with **Horse Experience 2015** and to receive promotional material, please contact Strategic Equine Inc, on behalf of Equine Canada, visit www.horseexperience.ca

CREDIT VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY - MANAGEMENT PLAN

Laura Rundle & Eric Baldin, Credit Valley Conservation gave a presentation on the Island Lake Conservation Area Management Plan. The Island Lake Conservation Authority located in the Towns of Mono and Orangeville is in the CVA area.

The management plan will address:

- Protection, Appreciation, Recreation
- Framework that guides the development of ILCA:
- Visitor and Community-based Amenities
- Natural Environment and Restoration
- Cultural Heritage Appreciation
- Education and Programming
- CVC Operations



WASTE DIVERSION RESULTS - DUFFERIN 2ND MOST EFFICIENT BLUE BOX PROGRAM

Numbers released earlier this month by Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) for 2013 reveal that Dufferin had one of the most efficient blue box programs in the Province and ranked among the top 21 municipalities for the amount of waste diverted from landfill during the first year of County authority for Waste Services. Here's how it breaks down:

2nd Most Efficient Blue Box Program

The "net cost per tonne of marketable recyclable material" is a measure that considers all expenses and revenues related to the blue box program and is a good indicator of the overall efficiency. Dufferin's net cost per tonne of marketable recyclable material is \$109, which is the second lowest of the 226 municipalities across Ontario that reported to WDO.

Diversion Rate among the top 21

Dufferin's 2013 diversion rate of 53.68% is among the top 21 municipalities that achieved 50% or greater waste diversion from landfill within the Province. Dufferin ranks 14th overall within the Province, and 3rd when compared with the municipalities in WDO's Municipal Group of similar size, population density and program service. The diversion rate measures the percentage of waste material that is prevented from going to landfill through diversion programs, such as the Blue Box, Green Bin, yard waste, hazardous, and electronic waste recycling.

2016 BUDGET SCHEDULE

The 2016 Budget Schedule is:

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| <i>Capital Budget Call to Senior Management</i> | <i>Fri. June 12th, 2015</i> |
| <i>Capital Budgets to be returned to Treasury</i> | <i>Fri. July 17th, 2015</i> |
| <i>Operating Budget Call to Senior Management</i> | <i>Fri. July 10th, 2015</i> |
| <i>Operating Budgets to be returned to Treasury by</i> | <i>Fri. August 7th, 2015</i> |
| <i>Budget Reviews with CAO and Department Heads</i> | <i>Sept. 8th to 11th, 2015</i> |
| <i>Council discussions: Full Budget Packages to Council (at regular meeting) plus initial presentation</i> | <i>Thur. Oct. 8th, 2015</i> |
| <i>Detailed Reviews at Standing Committees</i> | <i>October 26-29, 2015 in normal Committee Cycle</i> |
| <i>Council Budget Discussion 2 Public Consultation</i> | <i>Council Nov. 12, 2015</i> |
| <i>Council Budget Discussion 3(as necessary)</i> | <i>Council Dec. 10, 2015 plus extra dates if required.</i> |
| <i>Regular Council Meeting - Approval of 2016 Budget</i> | <i>January 14, 2016</i> |

2014 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The County's Auditors KPMG presented the 2014 audited financial statements. The finding and the full set of statements are available and can be viewed by clicking here: <http://www.dufferincounty.ca/files/content-pdf/final-audited-financial-statements-2014.pdf>

UPCOMING MEETINGS - all at 55 Zina Street, Sutton Room

Public Works Committee - June 23 –7 am

General Government Services- June 23 –4 pm

Community Services/Dufferin Oaks Committee - June 23 – 7 pm

Forest Operation Review Committee - June 25, 2015 - 6pm



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