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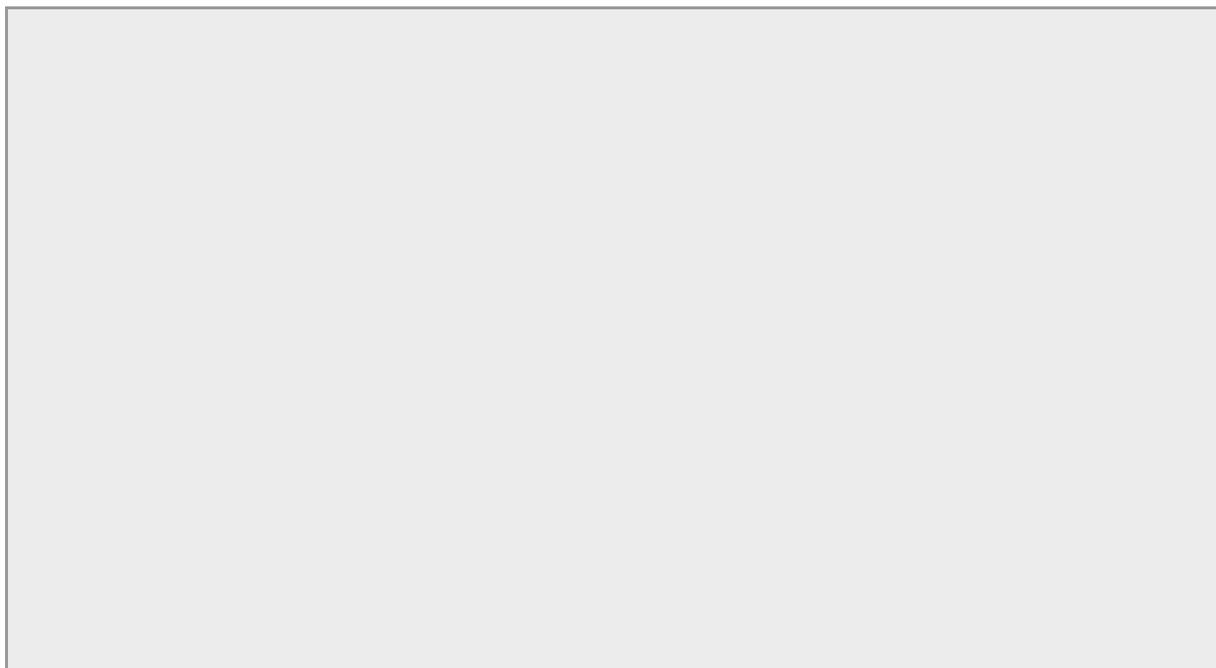
For Thursday, July 9, 2015.

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TRIBUTE TO BOB SHIRLEY

Warden Maycock paid tribute to Bob Shirley at last evening's council meeting. Mr. Shirley had dedicated almost four decades to the betterment of Island Lake Conservation Authority and the Credit River. He has been part of the Board of Directors of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority since 1977, a member of the CVC Foundation and founding member of the Friends of Island Lake. Bob was very instrumental in connecting the links to the trail surrounding Island Lake.





DYNES GREY APARTMENTS

Council approved the construction of three additional social housing units at the Dynes Grey Apartments in Shelburne. The tender was awarded to Everstrong Construction in the amount of \$457,197 plus taxes. Funding is being provided in the amount of \$326,375 through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs Affordable Housing (IAH) Program

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

As part of the County’s 2015 Capital budget, the following road work has been approved for completion this year:

Location	Description	Length	From/To	Status	Timing
CR11	Resurfacing & Widening	3.1 km	CR 10 to 15 SR, Amaranth	Commenced May 6, 2015	Completion Sept.15,2015
CR18	Resurfacing	4.0 km	1 km South of 15 SR to CR8, Mono	Start June 15, 2015	Completion July13, 2015
CR18	Resurfacing	3.1 km	20 SR to CR21, Mulmur	Start June 22, 2015	Completion July 20, 2015
CR19	Resurfacing	3.2 km	Hwy 89 North to 5 SR, Mulmur	Start May 21, 2015	Complete
CR18	Intersection Improvements	0.5 km	Intersection of 5 SR & CR18 (Stanton)	Start June 17, 2015	Completion July 8, 2015

			Mulmur		
CR16	Intersection Signalization	N/A	Intersection of CR16 and Broadway, Orangeville	Finalizing Tender	TBD
13.9 km					

TENDERS AWARDED

Tenders were awarded as follows:

Line Painting - R & N Maintenance in the amount of \$127,238.00

Purchase of Tractor Backhoe - Strongo Limited Partnership in the amount of \$129,827.00 plus taxes

ROAD TOLL APPROVED

The Marsville Lions Club were granted permission to hold a charity "toll road" on County Road 3 on Monday, September 7th, 2015.

COUNTY RESPONSE TO INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTATIONS

The Ontario Government in May launched a consultation on Infrastructure Priorities.

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- \$31.5 Billion over the next ten years, which includes
- \$16 Billion within the GTHA (Greater Toronto Hamilton Area)
- \$15 Billion outside the GTHA, for roads, bridges, transit and other infra. About \$3.5 Billion has already been assigned to specific projects, leaving a further \$11.5 Billion unallocated (over 10 years)

Included in this \$11.5 Billion is a \$15 Million annual commitment towards a Connecting Link program. Details are not yet available on this specific program. County staff will be watching for further developments. In addition,

the funds have been identified for other types of projects such as ultra-high speed broadband which support the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus SWIFT project which the County is a part of.

County Council agreed that the following points be provided as feedback to the Province regarding infrastructure priorities:

- The Province should repeat the strategy it used in the OCIF (Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund) and design a framework that includes both a formula-based and a competition-based segment. The reason is that the formula-based portion ensures that every municipality receives at least some amount of funding. This is supportive of the reality that every municipality has some infrastructure deficits.
- The Province should use, in its formula-based portion, data such as population and tangible capital asset values, and asset condition ratings. However, it should specifically not use other data that measures per-capita income or family income, as these things are not related to the condition of a municipality's capital assets.
- The Province should include a Small Communities component in its annual funding, which it is suggested would be limited to only municipalities with populations under 100,000.
- The extension of ultra, high-speed broadband connectivity should be a specific category of its own, and be eligible for infrastructure funding.
- Municipal statistics such as reserves per capita, or long-term debt levels, typically used to measure the financial position of a municipality, should not be used in determining eligibility in the competition-based portion. The selection criteria should focus instead on the benefits of the specific project being applied for, regardless of the financial condition of the municipal corporation. This corresponds to the stated MEDEI Guiding Principle of Evidence-Based projects, based on research and business case analysis.
- The Province should allow funding for the installation of natural gas in less populated areas

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURAL BY-LAW APPROVED

In line with its corporate strategic priorities, Council approved a new Procedural By-law and Committee Structure Policy. The previous procedural by-law was passed in 2008 and has been under review for the past year and a half.

BILL 8 - Broader Public Sector and MPP Accountability Act, 2014

Bill 8 received Royal Assent on December 11, 2014 and it expands the power of the Ontario Ombudsman to review public entities in the MUSH (Municipalities, Universities, School Boards and Hospitals) Sector. The Ontario Gazette notes that [Bill 8, Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act, 2014](#) and related regulations affecting municipal governments are to be proclaimed in effect on January 1, 2016. The Bill enacts a new Act and amends a number of other Acts by way of schedules. Schedule 6 amends the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act by adding a duty for heads (Clerk) to ensure that measures are in place to preserve the records in their institution in accordance with applicable laws, rules and practices as well as the creation of offences. Schedule 9 makes amendments to the Ombudsman Act.

County Council has directed staff to create a Customer Service Policy, Complaints Registry and processes associated with the policy and registry. In addition, staff were asked to report back on options regarding retaining an Integrity Commissioner after consulting with local municipal staff.

UPCOMING MEETINGS - all at 55 Zina Street, Sutton Room

Public Works Committee - August 25–7 am

General Government Services- August 25 –4 pm

Community Services/Dufferin Oaks Committee - August 25 – 7 pm



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