

COUNCIL IN BRIEF

For October 13th, 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.](#)

Happy Trails...

Orangeville Councilor Sylvia Bradley presented a proposal to County Council for the development of a new trail linking Centre Street and Dawson Road. The proposed 210 m trail will cross the county owned land adjacent to the Edelbrock Centre. Council endorsed the proposal and the project will move forward.



Council Proclaims Waste Reduction Week in Dufferin

Warden Laura Ryan and County Council proclaimed October 17th through the 23rd as Waste Reduction Week in Dufferin County. Waste Reduction Week in Canada is a national environmental campaign that builds awareness around issues of sustainable and responsible consumption, encourages choice for more environmentally responsible products/services, and promotes actions that divert more waste from disposal and conserve natural resources.



Melissa Kovacs-Reid, Waste Services Manager for the County attended the meeting and received the proclamation certificate (printed on and presented in eco-friendly FSC certified paper products of course) from Warden Ryan.

2017 Draft Budget

County Treasurer Alan Selby (shown working on the 2017 budget below) made an engaging presentation to County Council which provided the first look at the budget game plan for 2017. Through a series of graphs and in-depth analysis Mr. Selby was able to explain some of the plays he is recommending that Council call in the coming years. With a new "asset management" approach to budgeting Dufferin County will be able to consistently move the ball down field and score points against our nemesis, the "Infrastructure Gap". By searching out and increasing pressure on infrastructures weaknesses we will be able to score touchdowns without having to resort to last minute Hail Mary's that seldom produce the desired result.

For the armchair quarterbacks out there this approach would be like putting \$16,000 a week into an "offensive line account" for the next 12 years. Then, when the Toronto Argonauts get serious about winning another Grey Cup, they'd be able to acquire some real talent.



Coordinated Land Use Planning

The provincial government has circulated several proposed plans that have direct implications for Dufferin County. Council expressed their appreciation to the province for their efforts to provide improved consistency and coordination amongst four provincial plans. The approved report to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs identified several key issues and provided comments on areas that impact the County and its local municipalities.



The proposed plans that were the subject of this report included the Proposed Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2016; the Proposed Greenbelt Plan, 2016; the Proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan, 2016 and the Proposed Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, 2016.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

- Community Services and Dufferin Oaks October 25th, 2016
- General Government Services October 26th, 2016
- Public Works October 26th, 2016

Agendas and minutes for all council and committee meetings can be found on the County's website here:

<http://www.dufferincounty.ca/government/council-and-committee-meetings>

The next County Council Meeting is scheduled for November 10th, 2016 at 7:00 pm.