

**DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL
ADDENDUM**

**Thursday, April 8, 2010
7:00 p.m.**



PUBLIC MEETING

1. BUILDING PERMIT FEES

- 1.1. Correspondence from the Greater Dufferin Home Builders' Association dated April 1, 2010
- 1.2. Correspondence from the Greater Dufferin Area Chamber of Commerce dated April 5, 2010.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Revised– Motion #27 omitted from minutes circulated with agenda)**

5. PRESENTATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 5.4 Proclamation – Victims of Crime Awareness Week- April 18-24, 2010



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GREATER DUFFERIN HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION

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April 1, 2010

Corporation of the County of Dufferin
51 Zina Street
Orangeville, Ontario,
L9W1E5

Re: By-Law 2010-xx
A By-Law respecting the Building Code Act
Respecting Permits and Related Matters
(Building By-Law-Amends 2005-25)

To: Council of the County of Dufferin:

The Greater Dufferin Home Builders' Association is an association of home builders, renovators, trades, suppliers and associated firms that represent the common interests of the Home Building industry in Dufferin County. On behalf of each of these firms that do business in the County of Dufferin, we are writing to object to the passage of the above mentioned by-law.

The economic climate over the last year has been especially hard on the home building industry. Across Ontario, we have seen a drastic reduction in the number of new homes constructed. This reduction was apparent in all areas of the province, including Dufferin County. This, of course, is reflected in the level of business for our members as well.

Further to the above industry woes, new home buyers are currently very sensitive to the cost of their new home. Recent events in the County have already caused the cost of building a home to rise due to the increase in Development Charges, and this proposed increase merely exacerbates the problem. We have calculated that the proposal will cost an additional \$1,200.00 on a \$240,000 home. Renovation costs will also increase due to this increased fee. At a time when buyers are still nervous about making major investments in building and renovating, we believe that government lead cost increases are unwise. The impact of the HST on the renovation sector ought not to be under estimated either. We expect this to have a major impact on costs this year as well.

During times of economic downturn, business must decrease its costs in order to stay both competitive and viable. Raising prices to try to overcome shortfalls in revenue tends to be counterproductive. We urge the County to do the same-review all aspects of providing the Building Department service in order to achieve reductions in the cost of operating the Department, and so reduce or eliminate the need to increase the fees at this time.

We thank you for your time and attention to this very important matter.

Yours truly,


Pete Van Grootheest

President


Marg Janssen

Secretary



April 5, 2010

Corporation of the County of Dufferin
51 Zina Street
Orangeville, Ontario,
L9W1E5

Dear Warden and Members of County Council

Re: By-Law 2010-17, A By-Law respecting the Building Code Act
Respecting Permits and Related Matters, (Building By-Law-Amends 2005-25)

It has come to the attention of the Greater Dufferin Area Chamber of Commerce that there is a considerable increase proposed for Building Permits in Dufferin County in order to meet budget requirements. With an industry already struggling in most areas and the pending HST tax, it would seem that this is yet another added cost that will have to be passed on to the consumer. It would seem that while some are intent on "Marketing Dufferin" and trying to attract business and ultimately employees to this county, these increased fees are in some way discouraging this effort by adding costs to construct and or renovate the homes they will need to live in.

Those new home buying consumers are increasingly conscious of the cost as are those considering major renovations to an existing home. At a time when consumers are already leary about making a significant purchase or investment this is not the time to be adding additional taxes to discourage such ventures. This may in fact reduce the number of building permits applied for, and then further actions would be required to compensate for further budget shortfalls due to the drop in permit applications.

We also have concerns for those in the sub trades that are contracted to provide various aspects of the construction industry ie; plumbers, electricians, carpenters and heating and air conditioning. If the number of building permits are reduced, then so will the number of construction sites for these sub trades to work, possibly leading to layoff and unemployment for some and therefore having a trickle down effect on the overall economy of Dufferin County. I sincerely hope the county will continue to look for other ways to curb expenditures in order to meet budget requirements instead of increasing costs for an already fragile industry.

Sincerely


Stephen Elliott
President

**Administration Department
Received**

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For Action: _____



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DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL



Thursday, March 11, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Court House
51 Zina Street, Orangeville

Council Members Present:

Warden Allen Taylor (East Garafraxa)
Councillor Rob Adams (Orangeville) (arrived 7.35 p.m.)
Councillor Ken Bennington (Shelburne)
Councillor Ed Crewson (Shelburne) (arrived 7.10 p.m.)
Councillor Debbie Fawcett (Melancthon)
Councillor Bill Hill (Melancthon)
Councillor Lorie Haddock (Mono)
Councillor Walter Kolodziechuk (Amaranth)
Councillor Don MacIver (Amaranth)
Councillor Warren Maycock (Orangeville)
Councillor Ken McGhee (Mono)
Councillor Gordon D. Montgomery (Mulmur)
Councillor John Oosterhof (East Luther Grand Valley)
Councillor Sue Snider (Mulmur)

Staff Present:

Linda Dean, Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Giles, Chief Building Official
Alan Selby, Treasurer
Keith Palmer, Director of Community Services
Brenda Urbanski, Dufferin Oaks Administrator
Wayne Townsend, Museum Director/Curator
Linda Knight, Administrative Assistant

Warden Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Warden noted the upcoming meetings:

Accessibility Advisory Committee – Monday, March 22, 2010
General Government Services – Monday, March 22, 2010
Public Works – Tuesday, March 23, 2010
Community Services/Dufferin Oaks Committee – Wednesday, March 24, 2010
Museum Board – Wednesday, March 24, 2010
Waste Management Forum – Saturday, March 27, 2010
Community Development Committee – Thursday, April 1, 2010

The County Offices will be closed on Friday, April 2, 2010 for Good Friday and Monday April 5, 2010 for Easter Monday.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Snider, seconded by Councillor Montgomery

THAT the Agenda and any Addendums distributed for the March 11, 2010, meeting of Council, be approved.

-Carried-

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

Members of Council are required to state any pecuniary interest in accordance with the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. None were stated.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Councillor Snider, seconded by Councillor Montgomery

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of February 11, 2010, be adopted.

-Carried-

4. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Karren Wallace asked Council if the report commissioned by Highlands Group regarding the snow blowing on Highway 124 was available. She also asked Council of the value of the section of rail line owned by Dufferin County.

Charles Hooker asked Council why the definition of farmer in the Forest Conservation by-law had not been amended to state farmer or woodlot owner.

Carl Cosack (on behalf of NDACT) expressed his concerns regarding the Forest Conservation by-law, in particular the large scale deforestation and clear cutting by the Highland Company, the need for better clarification in certain sections of the by-law and the application and administration of the by-law by County staff. He stated that NDACT would be willing to assist and work at developing a new Forest Conservation by-law.

Dale Rutledge advised Council that 2.14 acres of trees on a neighbouring property had been destroyed while he was on vacation and expressed his concern regarding such farming practices.

Councillor Crewson arrived during question period (7:10 p.m.)

5. PRESENTATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Keith Palmer, Director of Community Services, and Ms. Brenda Urbanski did a presentation on the activities of Community Services and Dufferin Oaks.

Councillor Adams arrived during the presentation (7:35 p.m.)

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

6. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – February 22, 2010

Moved by Councillor Maycock, seconded by Councillor Hill

THAT the General Government Services minutes of February 22, 2010, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

**7. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – February 22, 2010 – Item #1
Social Housing Elevators**

THAT the report of Michael A. Giles dated February 17th, 2010 with respect to the Construction of the Elevators project at 22 Third in Orangeville be received;

AND THAT the development of the three sites be approved and designated as a self-managed project in accordance with County of Dufferin procurement policy with a tender limit of \$100,000.00;

AND THAT the construction management for this project be sole sourced.

**8. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – February 22, 2010 – Item #2
Outsourcing Laundry Services at Social Housing Locations**

THAT the report of Michael A. Giles dated February 17th, 2010 with respect to Outsourcing laundry services at social housing locations, be received;

AND THAT Coinamatic be awarded a 48 month contract for Laundry Services for County-owned and operated social housing buildings at a cost of \$1.00 per machine per day plus 15% of net revenues.

**9. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – February 22, 2010 – Item #3
Dufferin Arts Council – Arts Communities Coming Together Event**

THAT the correspondence from the Dufferin Arts Council dated February 3, 2010 with respect financially supporting Arts Communities Coming Together event. They are requesting that the County sponsor the event by contributing \$500.00 to the hall rental for Mono Community Centre, be received.

10. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – February 22, 2010 – Item #4
County of Huron – Renewal of Federal Stimulus Funding for Huron

THAT the correspondence from the County of Huron dated January 21, 2010 with respect to supporting the renewal of federal stimulus funding for Huron County.

11. MUSEUM BOARD – February 24, 2010

Moved by Councillor Oosterhof , seconded by Councillor McGhee

THAT the Museum Board minutes of February 24, 2010 and the recommendations set out be referred back to committee.

-Carried-

12. COMMUNITY SERVICES DUFFERIN OAKS COMMITTEE – February 25, 2010

Moved by Councillor Snider, seconded by Councillor Montgomery

THAT the Community Services Dufferin Oaks Committee minutes of February 25, 2010 and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

13. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – February 25, 2010 – ITEM #1
Affordable Housing Program (AHP) – Home Ownership

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services dated February 24, 2009 - Affordable Housing Program (AHP) – Home Ownership be received;

AND THAT the County of Dufferin again participate in the Home Ownership Program in efforts to assist low to moderate earning families.

14. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – February 25, 2010 – ITEM #2
Joint Accessibility Advisory Committees with the Upper Grand District School Board Minutes – January 19, 2010

THAT the minutes from a joint Accessibility Advisory Committees and the Upper Grand District School Board meeting held on January 19, 2010, be received.

15. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – February 25, 2010 – ITEM #3
Dufferin Oaks 2009 Annual Report

THAT the Dufferin Oaks 2009 Annual Report be received.

- 16. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – February 25, 2010 - ITEM #4**
Mel Lloyd Centre Permanent Coordinating Committee Minutes –February 4, 2010

THAT the minutes of the Mel Lloyd Centre Permanent Coordinating Meetings minutes dated February 1, 2010, be received.

- 17. *COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – January 27, 2010 - ITEM #5***
Resident Council Minutes –January 21, 2010

THAT the minutes of the Resident Council Meeting dated January 21, 2009 be received.

- 18. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – February 4, 2010**

Moved by Councillor Crewson, seconded by Councillor McGhee

THAT the Community Development Committee minutes of February 4, 2010 and the recommendations set out be adopted.

-Carried-

- 19. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – March 4, 2010 – Item #1**
Draft Feasibility Study – AlterNRG

THAT the presentation from AlterNRG, dated March 4, 2010 regarding the draft feasibility study on the Dufferin Eco-Energy Park, be received.

- 20. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – March 4, 2010 – Item #1**
Draft Feasibility Study – AlterNRG

THAT Mr. Willis be invited to make his presentation at the Waste Management Forum being held on Saturday, March 27, 2010.

- 21. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – March 4, 2010 – Item #1**
Question Period

THAT the correspondence from Mrs. Lever dated March 4, 2010 be received and circulated to the members of the committee.

- 22. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – March 4, 2010 – Item #2**
Dufferin Eco-Energy Park (DEEP)

THAT the correspondence from Ms. Joan Lever dated February 3, 2010 with respect to her correspondence of January 14 regarding concerns with the Dufferin Eco-Energy Park and the response from Alter NRG, be received.

**23. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – March 4, 2010 – Item #3
Promotion and Education Activities for 2010**

THAT the report from the Director of Public Works dated March 4, 2010 with respect to the promotion and education activities for 2010, be received.

**24. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – March 4, 2010 – Item #3
Other Business**

THAT staff be authorized to pursue the Feed-In Tariff (“FIT”) from the Ontario Power Authority.

25. Clerks Report – Coyote By-law Update

A report from the Clerk dated March 11, 2010 with respect to a coyote by-law update.

Moved by Councillor Maycock, seconded by Councillor Hill

THAT the report of the Clerk dated March 11, 2010, be received;

AND THAT By-law 2010-1 be rescinded and that the draft by-law attached to the report be presented to Council for adoption.

-Carried-

Councillor MacIver requested that the report be amended to state ‘landowner or tenant’.

26. Treasurers Report – Statement of Council Remuneration and Expenses Paid 2009

A report from the Treasurer dated March 11, 2010 with respect to statement of Council remuneration and expenses paid for 2009.

Moved by Councillor Maycock, seconded by Councillor Kolodziechuk

THAT the annual Statement of the Treasurer of Council Remuneration and Expenses Paid for 2009, be received.

27. Director of Public Works Report – Resurface of County Road#21, East of Airport Road

A report from the Director of Public Works dated March 11, 2010 with respect to the resurfacing of County Road#21, East of Airport Road.

MOTION #27
omitted from
draft minutes
circulated
with agenda

Moved by Councillor Fawcett, seconded by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Report PW-10-06, Resurface of CR#21, East of Airport Road , from the Director of Public Works dated March 11, 2010 be received;

AND THAT the road #10 resurfacing project be reduced by \$567,000 and the funds transferred to the Road #21 project to be completed in 2010.

-Lost-

28. Moved by Councillor Snider, seconded by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Report PW-10-06, Resurface of CR#21, East of Airport Road, from the Director of Public Works dated March 11, 2010 be referred back to committee and that the Treasurer provide information as to what funds might be available for this work.

-Carried-

29. Verbal Reports from Outside Boards

Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health

Warden Taylor reported that at the last meeting there was a discussion on the health issues and concerns regarding radon gas which is a naturally occurring radioactive gas. It can be found in the basements of most homes. Currently there are no licensed companies in Ontario to check homes for levels of radon gas however in the United States some homes are being tested prior to sale.

Hills of Headwater s Tourism

Warden Taylor noted that the Membership Model was in the process of being changed.

Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Hill reported that the Dufferin Marketing Report should be completed by the end of March.

Greater Dufferin Area Physician Search Committee

Councillor Oosterhof reported no update.

Centre Dufferin Medical Recruitment Committee

Councillor Snider reported that the meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2010.

Western Ontario Warden's Caucus

Warden Taylor noted no update.

Niagara Escarpment Commission

Warden Taylor noted no report this month.

CORRESPONDENCE

30. AMO- Extension of the Agreement for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues

Moved by Councillor McGhee, seconded by Councillor Crewson

THAT the correspondence from AMO dated February 11, 2010 with respect to an extension to the Agreement for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues under the New Deal for Cities and Communities be received;

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute an amendment to the agreement for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues under the New Deal of Cities and Communities with AMO.

-Carried-

31. Township of East Luther Grand Valley- Implementation of the Growth Plan - Unallocated population.

Moved by Councillor Kolodziechuk, seconded by Councillor Oosterhof

THAT the Correspondence from the Township of East Luther Grand Valley dated March 2, 2010 with respect to supporting the implementation of the Growth Plan, be received

AND THAT the Council of the County of Dufferin supports and recommends that the Township of East Luther Grand Valley plan to accommodate 500 units in addition to the allocated population under Option B. This will reduce the unallocated population to 900 units.

AND THAT this support is based on the understanding that East Luther Grand Valley continues to encourage and assist in accommodating the remaining shortfall through the options identified in the Growth Management Study.

-Carried-

32. Correspondence - Forest Conservation By-law

Correspondence via e-mail regarding the proposed Forest Conservation by-law.

Moved by Councillor McGhee, seconded by Councillor Crewson

THAT the correspondence regarding the Forest Conservation by-law be received.

-Carried-

33. NOTICE OF MOTION

34. MOTIONS

35. BY-LAWS

2010-10 A by-law to approve an agreement between The Corporation of the County of Dufferin and The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues Under the New Deal For Cities and Communities Agreement)
(Authorization: Council – March 4, 2010)

2010-11 A by-law to approve an amending agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin (Mel Lloyd Centre) and Shelburne Family Physiotherapy Clinic (Lease Agreement)
(Authorization: Community Services Dufferin Oaks – November 25, 2009)

2010-13 A by-law to provide property tax rebates to eligible charities for the year 2010.
(Authorization: Council – March 11, 2010)

2010-14 A by-law to provide for the control of problem coyotes.
(Authorization: Council – March 11, 2010)

Moved by Councillor Crewson, seconded by Councillor Oosterhof

THAT by-law 2010-12 Forest Conservation by-law be deferred and referred back to the Museum Board;
AND THAT by-laws 2010-10 to 2010-11, inclusive and by-laws 2010-13 to 2010-14 inclusive, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

36. OTHER BUSINESS

Members of Council were requested to remind their local council members of the Waste Management Workshop on March 27th. Details have been sent to the local clerks.

37. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor McGhee, seconded by Councillor Hill

THAT Council move into closed session in accordance with Section 239 (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, Section 239 (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality (Shelburne Ambulance Station) and Section 239 (2) (e) litigation (8.45 pm)

-Carried-

38. COUNCIL TO RISE FROM CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor MacIver, seconded by Councillor Fawcett

THAT Council move into open session (8.50 pm)

-Carried-

39. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Oosterhof, seconded by Councillor Haddock

THAT by-law 2010-15, a by-law to approve the purchase of property, being concession 2 OS East Part Lot 1, RP 7R5064 Part 3, (Municipally known as 301 Rintoul Crescent), Town of Shelburne, in the County of Dufferin from Headwaters Health Care Corporation (Shelburne Ambulance Station) be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

(Authorization: Council – March 11, 2010)

-Carried-

The Chief Building Official updated Council on the progress regarding the Lawrence Avenue project and on the new Courthouse facility.

40. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

2010-16 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on March 11, 2010.

Moved by Councillor Fawcett, seconded by Councillor McGhee

THAT by-law 2010-16 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

41. AJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Montgomery

THAT the meeting adjourn.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 9.00 p.m.

Next meeting: April 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, 51 Zina Street, Orangeville

Allen Taylor
Warden

Linda J. Dean
CAO and Deputy Clerk

Proclamation County of Dufferin

Whereas when a crime occurs, it doesn't affect just one person, but their family members and the entire community; and

Whereas crime victims and their families deserve support from their community; and

Whereas many victim service providers, police officers, and professionals working in the criminal justice system provide assistance to victims of crime and their families; and

Whereas crime victims need to know that they have a voice in our criminal justice system and that there are laws in place to help them; and

Whereas National Victims of Crime Awareness Week, April 18 – 24, 2010 offers an opportunity for the community to raise awareness about victim issues, and about the services and laws in place to help victims and their families; and

Whereas the 2010 theme for National Victims of Crime Awareness Week – ***Every Victim Matters*** – will help to promote greater understanding of victim issues; and

Whereas an increased awareness of victim issues will encourage citizens to discuss the impacts of crime and be a personal support to victims; and

Whereas public demonstrations of support of victims of crime help build a community's capacity for compassion to assist victims and their families and the community as a whole; and

Whereas addressing the victim issues requires the support and dedication of the whole community; and

Whereas the support of the County of Dufferin will encourage a greater number of citizens to participate in National Victims of Crime Awareness Week; therefore be it

Resolved that I, _____, of the County of Dufferin and Province of Ontario, do hereby proclaim April 18 – 24, 2010 as Victims of Crime Awareness Week in the County of Dufferin and Province of Ontario

Resolved that during Victims of Crime Awareness Week and throughout the year, the County of Dufferin and Province of Ontario will recognize victims of crime and those who assist them and be it further

Resolved that the County of Dufferin and Province of Ontario will remain committed to addressing and advancing victim issues.

Signed

Date