

**DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL  
ADDENDUM**



**Thursday, June 10, 2010  
7:00 p.m.**

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**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

Not  
listed on  
Agenda

- 7.3** Correspondence from The Dufferin Drift Snowmobilers Club dated June 8, 2010 with respect to Trails Master Plan.
- 7.4** Correspondence from John M. Alati of Davies Howe Partners dated June 9, 2010 with respect to Building Permit Fees.

*For the Consideration of Council*

**10. BY-LAWS**

Not  
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Agenda

- 2010-30** A by-law to approve a funding agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.  
(Funding Agreement for Feasibility Study – DEEP)

*THAT By-law 2010-30 be read a first, second and third time and enacted*

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

Not  
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Agenda

- 12.2** Delegation: Dr. Nicola Mercer and Carole Desmeules from the Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Unit regarding a property matter.  
(Section 239 (2) (c))

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**From:** Margaret McCarthy

**To:** Pam Hillock

**Cc:** B Hill

**Sent:** Tue Jun 08 09:26:46 2010

**Subject:** Letter to be presented this week at County Council

Attn: Pam Hillock and County Council

Hello

The Dufferin Drift Busters Snowmobile Club is concerned with the Trails initiative on going.

Our concern is that the plan has ignored the existing trails used and maintained by the Snowmobile Clubs in Dufferin County

The Clubs have been in existence for over 35 years, maintains over 200 km of trail in Dufferin, while Orangeville club has over 100 km of trails.

The trails are maintained by permit dollars. The permit is paid for by the users, therefore is a user pay system, (Dufferin County residents make up the majority of permits)

approx 1500 plus permits are sold in Dufferin County.

The permits are owned by the Ministry of Transport Ontario, and governed by the Ontario Snow Vehicle Act. The Police are obligated to enforce the legislation on the trail system.

Equipment in the hundreds of thousands of dollars are owned and operated by the clubs to maintain the trails. Volunteers are the backbone of the club, doing trail work, donating land and social events.

Both Orangeville and Dufferin Drift Busters are members of the OFSC – Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (200 + clubs, 42,000 km trail)

The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs is the most organized trail system/organization in Ontario, and perhaps the world.

The inclusion of the rail line trail into the trail system that is being proposed, is great and makes good sense,

However the snowmobile club has been the trail stewards long before Dufferin County and the Trans Canada Trail had the ownership of the trail.

In the document gifting the trail from the Trans Canada Trail, there are conditions that the trail is kept as a trail.

With the two issues at hand, the Trail Plan and the discussion of perhaps selling the Rail Line,

- Dufferin Snowmobile Clubs have expectations that their

Inclusion is to be respected and that they be included in the decision making. Also that the intent of the gift of the trail to be keep as a trail is upheld by County Council.

As a major stakeholder (the snowmobile clubs), it must be recognized of the contribution the clubs make to the community, financially, socially, and logistically.

I was at Council last April and was promised that the clubs would be included in the process if the rail line was to be considered sold. At that time County Warden Montgomery told us that it was not at the time for sale.

I do hope that public tender will be used if this is the case now.

If the use of the rail line trail is to be changed we would like to have the County be put to task to have compensation for an alternative trail for the Snowmobile Club.

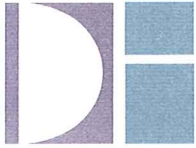
There are many other considerations on the divestment of such a great asset. The future uses can be so great that I hope that the immediate need for funds does not cloud the responsibility of the

Council members to make decisions for all of our future and our grandchildren's future.

Do not sell out it is not really yours to sell.

Marg McCarthy

Vice President of OFSC District 4



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June 9, 2010

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Warden Allen Taylor, Members of County Council  
& Pam Hillock, Clerk  
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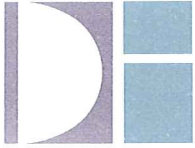
Warden Allen Taylor, Members of County Council & Pam Hillock, Clerk:

**Re: Increase to the Building Permit Fee Charged by the County**

We are counsel to: Venta Investments Limited, owners of Part of the East Half of Lot 3, Concession 2, West Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Mono, Town of Orangeville; Hamount Investments Ltd, owners of East Half of Lots 1 and 2, Concession 1 in the Township of Amaranth; and Valleygrove Investments Incorporated, owners of East Half of Lot 3, Concession 1, Township of Amaranth. We write to object to the increase in fees for building permits on several grounds.

We note that based on our review of the Staff reports submitted by the Treasurer related to the increase in building permit fees dated March 22, 2010 and April 26, 2010 no comprehensive review of alternatives has been undertaken. For example, it is not apparent that a review of departmental expenditures has been completed. Such a review could produce efficiencies which could eliminate or reduce the need for building permit fee increases. We submit that a consideration of alternatives should be completed before a fee increase is decided upon.

The Treasurer writes that, "Arguments were made at the April public meeting that increasing fees too much would have a negative impact on permit activity, and therefore would not achieve the goal of increasing revenues after all." The response the Treasurer provides is as follows, "The need for the fee increase to avoid wiping-out the Reserve is clear" and that it would "likely generate enough additional revenue to achieve the goals of the BD". Respectfully, we feel that this does not constitute a proper response to the valid concern that further negative impact to an already struggling, industry may reduce construction to a point where a self-sustaining Building Department, at current levels of service, is simply unviable. No



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explanation as to why or a proper analysis as to how it will "likely generate enough additional revenue" is provided.

There is no system for regular review proposed. That is to say, that no on-going regular monitoring of the building reserve fund will occur to ensure that the building permit fee is responsive to the economic health of the building industry. It is reasonable that during periods of strong economic health in the building industry the building permit fee may be increased to bolster the reserve, and during periods of poor economic health the fee should not be increased. The opposite is currently proposed.

For all of the foregoing reasons we ask that Council not adopt any by-law which will have the effect of increasing the building permit fee.

We have reviewed the draft By-law and note that it is scheduled to be enacted and to be effective commencing tomorrow, June 10.

We would ask that this letter be brought to the immediate attention of Council and placed on the agenda for consideration at the earliest opportunity.

Yours truly,

**DAVIES HOWE PARTNERS**

John M. Alati

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Cc: M. Crowe, G. Boland, Venta Investments Ltd., et al.

# **CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN**

## **BY-LAW NUMBER 2010-30**

### **A BY-LAW TO APPROVE A FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN AND THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES.**

#### **(Funding Agreement for Feasibility Study-DEEP)**

WHEREAS the County of Dufferin has applied for funding under the Green Municipal Fund to assist with the feasibility study for the DEEP project;

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN AS FOLLOWS:

1. That in the event that funding is approved, that an Agreement between the County of Dufferin and by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities as trustee for the Green Municipal Fund be approved.
2. That the Warden and Clerk be hereby authorized to execute the agreement and affix the corporate seal thereto.
3. That the staff of the County of Dufferin is hereby authorized to take such actions as are appropriate, and the Warden and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute such documents as are appropriate to implement the agreement referred to herein.

READ a first, second and third time and finally passed this 10th day of June, 2010.

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Allen Taylor, Warden

Pam Hillock, Clerk

