

**DUFFERIN COUNTY
Committee of the Whole**



**Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.
Sutton Room
55 Zina Street, Orangeville**

Council Members Present:

Councillor Laura Ryan (Mono), Chair
Warden Walter Kolodziechuk (Amaranth)
Councillor Rob Adams (Orangeville)(arrived at 5:05 p.m.)
Councillor Rhonda Campbell Moon (Mulmur)
Councillor Bill Hill (Melancthon)
Councillor Don MacIver (Amaranth)(Arrived at 5:10 p.m.)
Councillor Warren Maycock (Orangeville)
Councillor Ken McGhee (Mono)
Councillor Paul Mills (Mulmur)
Councillor John Oosterhof (East Luther Grand Valley)
Councillor Allen Taylor (East Garafraxa)
Councillor Darren White (Melancthon)

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Ken Bennington (Shelburne)
Councillor Ed Crewson (Shelburne)

Staff Present:

Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer
Pam Hillock, Clerk/Director of Corporate Services
Mike Giles, Chief Building Official
Alan Selby, Treasurer
Trevor Lewis, Director of Public Works
Keith Palmer, Director of Community Services
Valerie Quarrie, Dufferin Oaks Administrator
Tom Reid, Director of Paramedic Service
Wayne Townsend, Museum Director/Curator
Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk

Chair Laura Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Pecuniary Interest – none declared.

**1. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – September 13, 2012 – ITEM #1
Community Strategic Plan – Consultant's Report**

Christina Bruce, DPRA Canada, presented the findings of the consultation process for the Community Strategic Plan.

Ms. Bruce gave an overview of the report that was circulated with the agenda.

She highlighted and gave an overview of the five key focus areas that emerged from the comments:

- County Governance and Operations
- Strengthening and Diversifying the Economy
- Maintaining High Quality of Life
- Developing and Maintaining County Infrastructure
- Protecting and Promoting culture, heritage and environment.

The top priorities of the key focus areas were summarized as:

1. Protection of the natural environment
2. Promotion of economic development
3. Improved and accessible health care and social services
4. A county-wide coordinated and collaborative land-use planning model that is beneficial to sustainable land-use planning
5. Better communication and collaboration.

The following options were suggested.

Option 1- Limit the Strategic Plan to the current scope of County operations and proceed with developing a plan focused on corporate initiatives;

Option 2 – Continue consultations and discussions with local municipalities to determine if there are shared issues and priorities that could be identified and incorporated into a broader municipal/community plan;

Option 3 – Perform a coordinating role to identify and engage community partners who may have an interest in working together on the issues that have been identified as outside the current corporate mandate of Dufferin County to develop a comprehensive Community Strategic Plan.

The Committee had detailed discussion on each option.

Moved by Councillor Oosterhof, seconded by Councillor Taylor,

THAT Council consider Option 2 and Option 3 as follows and have further discussions on what the options will include;

Continue consultations and discussions with local municipalities to determine if there are shared issues and priorities that could be identified and incorporated into a broader municipal/community plan;

Perform a coordinating role to identify and engage community partners who may have an interest in working together on the issues that have been identified as outside the current corporate mandate of Dufferin County to development a comprehensive Community Strategic Plan.

AND THAT staff report back to Council with the appropriate cost attached to each option.

-Carried-

2. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Laura Ryan, Chair
Committee of the Whole