

**DUFFERIN COUNTY
Committee of the Whole**



**Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
51 Zina Street, Orangeville**

Council Members Present:

Councillor Laura Ryan (Mono), Chair
Warden Walter Kolodziechuk (Amaranth)
Councillor Ken Bennington (Shelburne)(arrived at 5:49 p.m.)
Councillor Rhonda Campbell Moon (Mulmur)
Councillor Ed Crewson (Shelburne)(arrived at 5:29 p.m.)
Councillor Bill Hill (Melancthon)
Councillor Don MacIver (Amaranth)
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 Rob Adams (Orangeville)

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
Mark Bialkowski, Human Resources Manager
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 – November 8, 2012 – ITEM #1**
Public Consultation Period

Members of the Public were invited to comment and ask questions.

Ms. Susan Sherman, Orangeville resident addressed the Committee with her concerns about the property tax increase. She said that by raising taxes it causes undue hardship to homeowners and are a major impediment to low and

middle income families who want to purchase a home within our community. She asked Council to consider consolidating its efforts with the Town of Orangeville to keep the property taxes down.

A copy of an email from Ms. Luella Thomson with her comments on the 2013 Budget was circulated on desk.

2. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – November 8, 2012 – ITEM #2**
2013 Draft Budget Review

The Committee reviewed the Committee recommendations to the proposed 2013 County Operating and Capital Draft Budgets.

2.1. Overview of the Budget by the Treasurer.

The Treasurer gave an overview of the following changes recommended at the committee meetings:

<u>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>Affected Account (operating) or Project Number (capital)</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
2012 Tax Levy		23,460,480	4,614,950	\$28,075,430
2013 Opening Tax Levy		26,969,245	5,815,890	\$32,785,135
GGS				
IT Capital	Any		-19,300	
Facilities Reserve Contribution	reduce		-20,000	
Grants	Class 2	-68,000		
Council	photo refinishing	-1,000		
Public Works				
Resurface County Road 23	PW-Roads-1258		-222,250	
Museum Board				
Community Services				
OW Regular	upload of CSUMP program cost recoveries	-60,000		
Jean Hamlyn		20,000		
Dufferin Oaks				
Macerators	reduce		-13,000	

CDC				
Apply all gas tax to roads	remove from DEEP		-600,000	
Reduce HHW Contract	closer to actual	-20,000		
Reduce HHW Revenue	closer to actual	5,000		
Addition to Curbside budget	SSO Processing for 7 months	165,000		
Addition to Curbside budget	Bulk & White Goods	28,000		
COW				
<i>Brought forward from Committees for Discussion:</i>				
IT Staffing				
Reduce Staff Economic adjustment to 1.0%				
Total Committee Recommended Changes		69,000.00	-874,550.00	
Adjusted 2013 Tax Levy		\$27,038,245	\$4,941,340	\$31,979,585
	Grand Total Levy Change	\$3,577,765	\$326,390	amendments made
\$3,904,155	13.906%	15.250%	7.072%	-\$1,611,100
<u>increase over 2012</u>				
after growth	12.906%			

Treasurer Selby presented the following five actions for Council to consider:

Action A – use Rate Stabilization Reserve for short-term Waste Management increase (\$240,000)

Action B – apply Road Rehabilitation Reserve towards Road 11 project (\$100,000)

Action C – carry over surplus for ambulance project #1007 (\$138,000)

Action D – reduce Courthouse debt repayment to half-year (\$50,000)

Action E – staffing change at Jean Hamlyn Daycare cost adjustment (\$30,400)

Council Crewson arrived during the Treasurer's presentation (5:29 p.m.).

2.2. Report – Update on Rescue Calls on County Roads

Moved by Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Campbell Moon

THAT the Treasurers report dated November 8, 2012, with respect to an update on Recuse Calls on County Roads, be received.

-Carried-

2.3. Correspondence– Township of Amaranth - County Budget 2013

Correspondence from the Township of Amaranth dated November 2, with respect to opposing the Headwaters Health Care Centre request of \$3 million and correspondence dated November 7, 2012 with respect to a cost reduction in the waste management services in the 2013 County levy, was circulated on desk.

Moved by Councillor MacIver, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the correspondence from the Township of Amaranth dated November 2, with respect to opposing the Headwaters Health Care Centre request of \$3 million and correspondence dated November 7, 2012 with respect to a cost reduction in the waste management services in the 2013 County levy, be received.

-Carried-

Councillor Bennington arrived (5:49 p.m.)

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Laura Ryan, Chair
Committee of the Whole