



GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, October 21, 2013, 4.45 p.m.
55 Zina Street, Orangeville – Sutton Room (2nd Floor)

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members

BUDGET

1. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – October 21, 2013 – ITEM #1
2014 Budget

Review and discussion of the 2014 Budget. The full budget document is available by clicking on the following link:

http://www.dufferincounty.ca/files/releases/2013-10-16_2014_DRAFT_BUDGET_release.pdf

REPORTS

2. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – October 21, 2013 – ITEM #2
Nuisance Coyote Compensation Program

A report from the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk dated October 21, 2013 with respect to a Nuisance Coyote Compensation Program.

Recommendation:

THAT the report of the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk dated October 21, 2013 with respect to a Nuisance Coyote Compensation Program, be received;

AND THAT the draft by-law be presented to Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

3. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – October 21, 2013 – ITEM #4
Upper Grand Watershed Committee

Correspondence dated October 3, 2013 from Upper Grand Watershed Committee requesting the County to continue working with and provide funding to the Upper

Grand Restoration Fund. (Copy of supporting resolutions from the Town of Grand Valley and the Township of Amaranth are also attached.)

Recommendation:

For consideration of the Committee.

Next Meeting: November 25, 2013 – 4.45 p.m.
55 Zina Street, Orangeville – Sutton Room



REPORT TO GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

To: Chair Maycock and Members of General Government Services

From: Pam Hillock, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

Meeting Date: October 21, 2013

Subject: **Nuisance Coyote Compensation Program**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on its direction at the September Council meeting for staff to create a new nuisance coyote compensation program.

Background & Discussion

At the August committee meeting, it was reported that as of July 1, 2013, the Ministry changed the way that it authorizes municipalities to compensate individuals for the hunting and trapping of coyotes.

At the Council meeting on September 12, 2013 meeting, Council agreed to rescind By-law 2010-14, the Nuisance Coyote Compensation by-law, and directed staff to consult with the Dufferin Federation of Agriculture (DFA) for proposed solutions to the killing of livestock by coyotes with a view to creating a new coyote compensation process.

The Chief Building Official, the Director of Corporate Services and Deputy Clerk met with the President of the DFA on September 23, 2013, and discussed and agreed on a process similar to the former process. The process will set out the terms and conditions of such a program (e.g. number of animals to be compensated for within one claim, amount of compensation, applicable areas within the municipality, and time lines), along with an approval process. The Ministry of Natural Resources will no longer be the approval authority.

Process

1. Once there has been a loss of livestock, the Landowner can engage a licenced hunter or trapper to protect his/her stock. He/she should immediately contact the County Clerk's Office to obtain a compensation form or download from the website.
2. Landowner contacts the Municipal Livestock Evaluator to verify the loss and determine the cause.
3. Landowner contacts the agent (hunter) and requests assistance.
4. Landowner or agent needs to submit form to County for authorization to hunt/trap coyotes for compensation.
5. Request for payment. Take coyote's ears to County office with completed original compensation form.
6. Coyote ears are examined and form processed for payment.

Standard Conditions for Approvals

The following standard conditions will be placed on all approvals:

- 5km radius for hunting or trapping from the property where the livestock depredation by coyotes has occurred.
- 4 week duration of authorization within a time frame as close to the period of the livestock loss as possible to help ensure that only the offending coyotes are targeted
- Maximum of 10 coyotes per claim.

A copy of the draft by-law has been attached to the report.

Local Municipal Impact

The local municipal staff would not need to take part in the Administration of program; however, local Clerks may be requested to assist in providing information to residents on the program. The local municipalities administer the reimbursement to farmers for livestock that is killed by wild animals so there is a tie in with a County-wide program.

Financial, Staffing, Legal, or IT Considerations

The County of Dufferin currently reimburses eligible claims in the amount of \$50 per coyote. An amount of \$2,500 has been budgeted for 2014.

Recommendation

THAT the report of the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk dated October 21, 2013 with respect to a Nuisance Coyote Compensation Program, be received;

AND THAT the draft by-law be present to Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Hillock
County Clerk/Director of Corporate Services

Prepared by: Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN

BY-LAW NUMBER 2013-xx

**A BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL
OF PROBLEM COYOTES**

WHEREAS subsection 11(1) of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, Statutes of Ontario 1997, chapter 41 states that:

**“Except with the authorization of the Minister, a person shall not,
(b) hire, employ or induce another person to hunt for gain;
(d) hire, employ or induce another person to trap for gain;**

AND WHEREAS Section 133.2 of Regulation 665/98 (1) Clauses 11 (1) (b) and (d) of the Act do not apply to a municipality that hires or employs a person to hunt or trap furbearing mammals within the boundaries of the municipality. O. Reg. 171/13, s. 8.

(2) Clause 11 (1) (a) of the Act does not apply to a person who is hired or employed by a municipality to hunt furbearing mammals within the boundaries of the municipality if,

- (a) the person holds a valid hunting licence for the furbearing mammal he or she is hunting; and
- (b) the person is hunting in accordance with the terms and conditions of the licence. O. Reg. 171/13, s. 8.
- (3) For greater certainty, nothing in this section authorizes a person to pay or accept a bounty contrary to clause 11 (1) (e) of the Act. O. Reg. 171/13, s. 8.

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin deems it advisable to implement a coyote predation control program and to provide an incentive, for the taking of problem coyotes in order to reduce conflicts between such problem coyotes and livestock owners in the County of Dufferin;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the County of Dufferin enacts as follows:

Definitions

1. In this by-law:

- a) “Coyote” for all purposes of this by-law shall mean any coyote, wolf or wolf-coyote hybrid;**

- b) **“Livestock” shall mean farm animals raised for use or profit within the geographical boundaries of Dufferin County and on lands zoned for agricultural use. Livestock shall include but not be limited to cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, mules, donkeys, poultry and rabbits. Livestock shall not include household pets.**
 - c) **“Form” shall mean the form substantially the same as the form attached as Schedule “A” to this by-law;**
2. **The Corporation of the County of Dufferin shall provide payment to a licensed hunter for each coyote that has been authorized to be taken as a problem animal as a result of damaging or destroying a stockowner’s livestock, subject to the following conditions:**
- a) **While hunting, a hunter possess a completed Form evidencing the approval of the County of Dufferin of the appointment of the hunter by a land owner for coyote control;**
 - b) **The hunter seeking payment from the County of Dufferin under the coyote predation control program possess an H1 Outdoors Card issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources;**
 - d) **The coyote ears submitted for payment has been killed or captured within the preceding 7 day period;**
3. **A livestock owner’s signature on the Form designating a hunter shall be deemed as giving permission for those designated persons to conduct problem coyote control on the livestock owner’s property.**
4. **The Form shall not be deemed as an authorization to trespass on the property of others within the control radius identified on the prescribed form. It shall be the responsibility of authorized hunters to obtain permission for access to all lands upon which they wish to enter.**
5. **A hunter shall have on his or her person at the time of hunting problem coyotes for payment.**
- i) **a copy of the Form signed by the County of Dufferin for the taking of problem coyotes and**
 - ii) **such other documentation necessary for the activities of hunting or trapping as they may apply.**

6. **The following standard conditions will be placed on all approvals:**
 - 5km maximum radius for hunting or trapping from the property where the livestock depredation by coyotes has occurred.
 - 4 week maximum duration of authorization within a time frame as close to the period of the livestock loss as possible to help ensure that only the offending coyotes are targeted
 - Maximum of 10 coyotes per claim.
7. **In spite of Section 2 of this by-law, a livestock owner shall not be entitled to payment for coyotes taken on his or her own land.**
8. **The Chief Building Official or his or her designate shall examine all coyotes ears submitted for payment and the Chief Building Official or his or her designate shall provide certification to the Clerk of the County of Dufferin that such examination has occurred.**
9. **The payment to any licensed licensed hunter who has met all applicable federal and provincial laws and regulations and satisfied the requirement of this By-law shall be \$50.00 of lawful Canadian currency per coyote.**
10. **Nothing in this by-law supersedes the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and its associated regulations and in the event of any conflict the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act shall apply. Hunters are responsible to adhere to all Federal and Provincial statutes and regulations.**
11. **If any section, clause or provision of this By-law, including anything contained in the Schedules attached hereto, is for any reason declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this By-law as a whole or any part thereof other than the section, clause or provision so declared to be invalid and it is hereby declared to be the intention of Council for the City that all remaining sections, clauses or provisions of this By-law shall remain in full force and effect until repealed, notwithstanding that one or more provisions thereof may have been declared invalid.”**
12. **That By-law 2010-14 be repealed.**

This By-law shall come into force and effect on the date of final passing.

READ a first, second and third time and finally passed this 14th day of November, 2013.

Laura Ryan, Warden

Pam Hillock, Clerk

Upper Grand Watershed Committee
c/o Town of Grand Valley
Grand Valley, ON - L9W 5S6 - dstill@townofgrandvalley.ca



September 16, 2013

Dufferin County Council
55 Zina Street
Orangeville, ON
L9W 1E5

Dear County Council:

At our last meeting of the board on August 22nd, 2013 funding for the Rural Water was discussed and the following motion was passed.

MOVED BY MALEK

SECONDED BY WINDER

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Upper Grand Watershed Committee requests that the County of Dufferin continue working with and providing funding with respect to the Upper Grand Restoration Fund. Also to forward this motion to all participating municipalities for support.

"CARRIED"

I trust the above is self explanatory.

Yours sincerely
UPPER GRAND WATERSHED COMMITTEE

Doreen Still
Per: Jane Aultman
Chairperson – Upper Grand Watershed Committee

CC: Township of Amaranth
Township of East Garafraxa
Town of Grand Valley



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GRAND VALLEY

NUMBER 2013-09 - 21

DATE: September 24th, 2013

MOVED BY

Carlyne Taylor

SECONDED BY:

Steve Soloman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the motion passed by the Upper Grand Watershed Committee regarding the continuation of funding by the County of Dufferin.

Defeated []

Carried []

Head of Council

John Oosterhof

Recorded Vote

Yea

Nay

Abstain

Mayor John Oosterhof

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Councillor Myrna Roberts

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Deputy-Mayor Steve Soloman

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Councillor Elizabeth Taylor

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Councillor Rick Taylor

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October 3, 2013

Upper Grand Watershed Committee
c/o Town of Grand Valley
5 Main Street North
Grand Valley, Ontario
L9W 5S6

Attention: Doreen Sill

Dear Ms. Sill:

Re: Upper Grand Restoration Fund

At the regular meeting of Council held October 2, 2013, your motion was supported and the following resolution was set forth.


Resolution

Moved by J. Aultman - Seconded by B. Besley

Resolved that Council do hereby support the motion (dated August 22, 2013) from Upper Grand Watershed Committee and requests the County of Dufferin continue working with and providing funding for the Upper Grand Restoration Fund. Carried.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours truly,


Susan M. Stone, A.M.C.T.
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Amaranth

SMS:cd