



**COMMUNITY SERVICES/ DUFFERIN OAKS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – Wednesday, October 30, 2013 - 4 p.m.**

The Committee met at Mel Lloyd Centre, 167 Centre Street, EOC, (entrance C), Shelburne.

**Members Present:** Councillor Ed Crewson (Chair)  
Councillor Walter Kolodziechuk  
Warden Laura Ryan

**Members Absent:** Councillor Darren White (prior notice)

**Staff Present:** Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer  
Valerie Quarrie, Administrator of Dufferin Oaks  
Keith Palmer, Director of Community Services  
Alan Selby, Treasurer  
Aimee Raves, Deputy Treasurer  
Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk

Chair Crewson called the meeting to order 4.15 p.m.

A resolution regarding the development of a New Long-Term Federal Plan to fix Canada's housing crunch was circulated on desk.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interests – None

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Members of the public were provided an opportunity to ask questions of the Committee during this time. (Limited to 10 minutes) There were no public in attendance.

**DELEGATION**

1. **COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – October 30, 2013 - ITEM #1**  
**Headwaters Communities in Action**

Mr. Gord Gallagher from Headwaters Communities in Action addressed the Committee regarding rural transportation. One of two primary priorities that emerged from the Headwaters Community Well-Being Report that citizens indicated was inadequate rural transportation. The Dufferin Rural Transportation Learning Group was launched to explore possible solutions, with a mandate to develop a shared understanding of transportation issues, learn possible models in other rural communities and establish a group of local champions. He reported

that a listing of existing transportation options currently available has been created and is available on their website.

A consultant will analyse the research the group completed and determine if there is a way to coordinate the current available resources. Mr. Gallagher asked the Committee for support in obtaining a consultant by assisting with writing an RFP and assist with grant applications for funding for a consultant.

**Moved by Warden Ryan, seconded by Councillor Kolodziechuk**

**THAT the presentation from Headwaters Community in Action with respect to rural transportation needs, be received;**

**AND THAT staff be directed to continue working with Headwaters Community in Action to provide support to move forward with the Rural Transportation project.**

**-Carried-**

2. **COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – October 30, 2013 - ITEM #2**  
**2014 Budget**

The Committee reviewed the operating and capital Budget for Community Services (Emergency Management, Edelbrock Centre, Ontario Works, Childcare Programs and Housing) and Dufferin Oaks (Community Support Services, Mel Lloyd Centre and McKelvie Supportive Housing).

3. **COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – October 30, 2013 - ITEM #3**  
**EM Exercise “One Day Closer” - Summary Report**

A report from the Director of Community Services dated October 24, 2013 to provide a summary on the Emergency Management exercise “One Day Closer”.

**Moved by Warden Ryan, seconded by Councillor Kolodziechuk**

**THAT the report of the Director, Community Services dated October 24th, 2013 – Dufferin County EM Exercise “One Day Closer” - Summary Report be received.**

**-Carried-**

4. **COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – October 30, 2013 - ITEM #4**  
**Seniors Long-Term Care and Alternate Seniors Assisted Living Options**

A report from the Director of Community Services and the Dufferin Oaks Administrator dated October 24, 2013 with respect to seniors long-term care and alternate seniors assisted living options was deferred to the next meeting.

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – October 30, 2013 - ITEM #5  
Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Funding Announcements

A report from the Director of Community Services and the Dufferin Oaks Administrator dated October 24, 2013, regarding Central West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Funding Announcements.

**Moved by Warden Ryan, seconded by Councillor Kolodziechuk**

**THAT the report of the Administrator, dated October 24, 2013, with respect to the Central West LHIN funding announcements be received;**

**AND THAT the County enter into a lease agreement with Supportive Housing in Peel for the rental of office space at 40 Lawrence for the Assisted Living Services Hub in Orangeville;**

**AND THAT the necessary by-law be presented to Council.**

**-Carried-**

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – October 30, 2013 - ITEM #6  
Development of a New Long-Term Federal Plan to Fix Canada's Housing Crunch

**Moved by Warden Ryan, seconded by Councillor Kolodziechuk**

**WHEREAS, a stable and secure housing system that creates and maintains jobs and allows for a range of living options is essential to attracting new workers, meeting the needs of young families and supporting seniors and our most vulnerable citizens; and,**

**WHEREAS the high cost of housing is the most urgent financial issue facing Canadians with one in four people paying more than they can afford for housing, and mortgage debt held by Canadians now standing at just over \$1.1 trillion; and,**

**WHEREAS housing costs and, as the Bank of Canada notes, household debt, are undermining Canadians' personal financial security, while putting our national economy at risk; and,**

**WHEREAS those who cannot afford to purchase a home rely on the short supply of rental units, which is driving up rental costs and making it hard to house workers in regions experiencing strong economic activity; and,**

**WHEREAS an inadequate supply of subsidized housing for those in need is pushing some of the most vulnerable Canadians on to the street, while \$1.7 billion annually in federal investments in social housing have begun to expire; and,**

**WHEREAS** the stakes are especially high for Ontario's municipal governments as housing responsibilities have already been downloaded (unlike other provinces and territories) and this is not sustainable on the property tax base; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a housing campaign, "Fixing Canada's Housing Crunch," calling on the federal government to increase housing options for Canadians and to work with all orders of government to develop a long-term plan for Canada's housing future; and,

**WHEREAS** FCM has asked its member municipalities to pass a council resolution supporting the campaign;

**AND WHEREAS**, our community has continuing housing needs, such as the Social Housing Infrastructure Renewal, end of operating agreements impacts on municipalities and investments/support for vulnerable populations and homeless, that can only be met through the kind of long-term planning and investment made possible by federal leadership;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that council endorses the FCM housing campaign and urges the Minister of Employment and Social Development to develop a long-term plan for housing that puts core investments on solid ground, increases predictability, protects Canadians from the planned expiry of \$1.7 billion in social housing agreements and ensures a healthy stock of affordable rental housing for Canadians; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the minister noted above, to Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to David Tilson MP Dufferin-Caledon, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**-Carried-**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned 6:18 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, November 28, 2013 at 4 p.m.  
E.O.C., Mel Lloyd Centre, Shelburne

Respectfully submitted

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Councillor Ed Crewson, Chair  
Community Services and Dufferin Oaks Committee