



DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 7:00 pm
Council Chambers
51 Zina Street, Orangeville

Council Members Present:

Warden Bill Hill (Melancthon)
Councillor Rob Adams (Orangeville)
Councillor Rhonda Campbell Moon (Mulmur)
Councillor Ed Crewson (Shelburne) (7.10pm)
Councillor Walter Kolodziechuk (Amaranth)
Councillor Ken McGhee (Mono)
Councillor Don MacIver (Amaranth)
Councillor Warren Maycock (Orangeville)
Councillor Paul Mills (Mulmur)
Councillor John Oosterhof (Grand Valley)
Councillor Laura Ryan (Mono)
Councillor Allen Taylor (East Garafraxa)
Councillor Darren White (Melancthon)

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Ken Bennington (Shelburne)

Staff Present:

Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer
Pam Hillock, Clerk & Director of Corporate Services
Mike Giles, Chief Building Official
Alan Selby, Treasurer
Scott Burns, Director of Public Works
Keith Palmer, Director of Community Services
Valerie Quarrie, Administrator Dufferin Oaks
Tom Reid, Chief of Paramedic Services
Wayne Townsend, Museum Director/Curator
Linda Knight, Administrative Assistant

Warden Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Warden Hill noted that there would be no Committee meetings in the month of October and that this would be the last County Council meeting for the 2010 to 2014 term of council.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Maycock, seconded by Councillor McGhee

THAT the Agenda and Addendum distributed for the October 9, 2014, meeting of Council, be approved.

-Carried-

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

No declarations were made.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Mills

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of September 11, 2014, be adopted.

-Carried-

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4. **Delegation – Ms. Colleen Mitchell**

Ms. Colleen Mitchell, a resident of the Town of Mono and a neighbour of the Mono tract of the County Forest addressed Council with concerns regarding a proposal which would allow motorized vehicles in the Dufferin County Forest. She stated that a change in policy will affect all of the residents. She suggested that noise assessments should be conducted and the County Forest is more suited to passive and quiet users. Ms. Mitchell suggested that an ecological assessment be undertaken to assess the species at risk.

Councillor Crewson arrived (7:10 p.m.) during the delegation.

5. **Delegation – Mr. Jorge Bernhard**

Mr. Jorge Bernhard, a resident of the Town of Mono addressed Council regarding the draft County Forest Management Plan and expressed concerns regarding a request to permit motorized vehicles the use of the County Forest. He highlighted and commented on several sections of the draft County Forest Plan and stated that off road motor vehicles are a potential hazard on the trails, they emit harmful pollutants, are noisy, disruptive to nature and have no advantage or benefit for the forest. With the expanding population, the internal forest species are precious resources that need our protection

6. Delegation – Mr. Brian Knechtel, Ontario Federation of Trail Riders

Mr. Brian Knechtel, representing the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders addressed Council regarding the proposal to allow motorized vehicles the use of approximately 200 acres of the County Forest. He stated that the bikes being used are not as noisy as motocross bikes and that all bikes tested for noise levels are 90 decibels or under. The sound levels and emissions would have minimal impact on the trails. Liability insurance of \$5 million is provided by the association which is the most insurance coverage by users of the forest. He stated that there is room for all groups in the Forest and requested that Council defer any decision until the next term of Council.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Ms. Karen Rosenthal stated that the County must choose between passive recreational uses of the County Forest or risk losing Niagara Escarpment Commission status.

Ms. Margo Young of Orangeville, expressed her concern regarding riding a horse in the County Forest and the probability of not seeing or hearing a motorized vehicle coming around the many corners and bends on the forest trails.

Ms. Colleen Mitchell asked Council if they considered the amount of \$5 million in liability insurance to be sufficient or substantial coverage.

Mr. Jorge Bernhard asked Council if they would consider the policing of the forest to be done by private groups or individuals.

Mr. Graham Thom of Mono asked Council if any independent studies are being done or considered regarding the measurement of emissions and if there will be funding for such studies.

Mr. Lewis Baker, of Mono asked Council if there was any proposal regarding the policing of the County forest and how it was going to be done.

Mr. Dave Millier, President of the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders stated that there were already unauthorized riders not from the OFT already using the trails and asked Council how they were proposing to police the forest.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8. MUSEUM BOARD – September 23, 2014

Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Oosterhof

**THAT the minutes of the Museum Board meeting of September 23, 2014, and the recommendations set out, with the exception of Item 2, be adopted.
-Carried-**

9. **Moved by Councillor McGhee, Seconded by Councillor Ryan,**

THAT Item #2 of the Museum Board regarding the Dufferin County Forest Management Plan 2015-2035 and Recreation Use of the County Forest Policy, be deferred to the next Council.

-Carried-

The following motion was brought forward for consideration:

10. **Moved by Councillor Campbell Moon, seconded by Councillor MacIver**

WHEREAS the current council was charged with the review of the County Forest Management Review;

AND WHEREAS there are numerous reports and studies revealing a negative environmental impact when ATV's and motorized vehicles use Forests and environmentally sensitive areas;

AND WHEREAS there was an abundance of responses from the Dufferin Residents against the use of motorized vehicles in the County Forest;

AND WHEREAS the member municipalities most impacted by allowing motorized vehicles in the County Forest do not support the off road use of motorized vehicles;

AND WHEREAS some member municipalities have By-Laws in place prohibiting the use of off road motorized vehicles, rallies or races;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dufferin County Council do not permit the use of motorized vehicles in the Dufferin County Forest.

Moved by Councillor Crewson, Seconded by Councillor Taylor,

THAT the preceding motion be deferred to the next Council.

-Carried-

11. MUSEUM BOARD – September 23, 2014 – ITEM #3
Timber Tender Opening

THAT the report of the Director/Curator dated September 23, 2014 with respect to Timber Tender Results be received;

AND THAT Timber Tender DCF 14-08-003 be awarded to Bauman Sawmill Inc. for \$43,109.00.

12. MUSEUM BOARD – September 23, 2014 – ITEM #4
2014 First and Second Quarter Results

THAT the report of the Director/Curator dated September 23, 2014 with respect to the DCMAHL departmental activities for the period January 1 to June 30, 2014 be received.

13. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – September 24, 2014

Moved by Councillor Maycock, seconded by Councillor Mills

THAT the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of September 24, 2014, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

14. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – September 24, 2014 – ITEM #1
Former Rail Corridor Update

THAT the report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer dated September 24, 2014 with respect to an update on the former rail corridor, be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to develop appropriate multi-use trail plan and policies.

15. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – September 24, 2014 – ITEM #2
Award of Tenders

- Tender PW-14-04 Widening and Resurfacing of County Road 11
- Tender PW-14-05 Rehabilitation of Sawyer Bridge (County Road 18)
- Tender PW-14-08 Culvert (937126) replacement County Road 18
- Tender PW-14-09 Supply and Delivery of Winter Sand
- Tender PW 14-10 Widening and Resurfacing of County Road 12
- Tender PW-14-11 Micro-surfacing of County Road 18
- Tender PW-14-12 Supply and Delivery of Winter Salt
- Tender PW-14-13 Lockyer Bridge Maintenance (County Road 109)
- Tender PW-14-14 Hauling of Road Salt

THAT the report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated September 24, 2014 with respect to Award of Tenders, be received.

16. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – September 24, 2014 – ITEM #3
Capital Works Projects Update 2014

THAT the report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer dated September 24, 2014 with respect to Capital Works Projects Update 2014 be received.

17. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – September 24, 2014 – ITEM #4
Public Works Update – September 2014

THAT the report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer dated September 24, 2014 with respect to Public Works Update – September 2014, be received.

18. **COMMUNITY SERVICES DUFFERIN OAKS COMMITTEE – September 25, 2014.**

Moved by Councillor Crewson, seconded by Councillor Ryan

THAT the minutes of the Community Services Dufferin Oaks Committee meeting of September 25, 2014, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

19. COMMUNITY SERVICES DUFFERIN OAKS COMMITTEE – September 25, 2014 – ITEM #1
Headwaters Communities in Action

THAT the presentation from Headwaters Communities in Action with respect to Rural Transportation be received;

AND THAT Staff be directed to organize a Stakeholder meeting to discuss possible coordination of rural transportation resources.

20. COMMUNITY SERVICES DUFFERIN OAKS COMMITTEE – September 25, 2014 - ITEM #2
Mel Lloyd Roof Tender

THAT the report of the Administrator dated September 2, 2014 regarding Mel Lloyd Centre Roof Tender, be received.

21. COMMUNITY SERVICES DUFFERIN OAKS COMMITTEE – September 25, 2014 – ITEM #3
DCCSS 2013/2014 Annual Report

THAT the report of the Administrator dated September 25 2014 regarding the 2013/2014 Annual Report for Dufferin County Community Support Services, as amended, be received.

22. COMMUNITY SERVICES DUFFERIN OAKS COMMITTEE – September 25, 2014 – ITEM #4
Permanent Coordinating Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Permanent Coordinating meeting for September 8, 2014 be received.

23. Staff Report on Building Fee Reduction

A report from the Treasurer and the Chief Building Official dated October 9, 2014 to update Council on the Public Information Session held on September 29, 2014 regarding the proposed changes to the County Building Permit Fees.

A representative from C.N. Watson & Associates was in attendance and answered questions from Council regarding the fee reductions.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Oosterhof

THAT the report from the Treasurer and the Chief Building Official dated October 9, 2014 with respect to Building Permit Fee Reduction, be received;

AND THAT the building permit fees be reduced by 10% from existing levels, effective January 1, 2015, a further 10% on January 1, 2016 and a further 10% on January 1, 2017 and a public notice of this change be released before the end of 2014;

AND THAT the necessary By-law be presented to Council each year.

-Carried-

24. Staff Report - Authorization to Award – 2015 Bridge Design RFP

A report from the Director of Public Works dated October 9, 2014 with respect to authorization to award a 2015 bridge design RFP.

Moved by Councillor Crewson, seconded by Councillor McGhee

THAT Report, Authorization to Award – 2015 Bridge Design RFP, from the Director of Public Works & County Engineer, dated October 9, 2014 be received;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to award RFP PW-14-18 – 2015 Bridge Design and Contract Administration.

-Carried-

25. Staff Report – Dufferin County Forest Management Plan Public Comments

A report from the Director dated October 9, 2014 to summarize the public comments on the Dufferin County Forest Management Plan and draft Recreation Use of the County Forest Policy.

Moved by Councillor White , seconded by Councillor Crewson

THAT the report from Wayne Townsend, Curator/Director dated October 9, 2014, regarding Dufferin County Forest Management Plan Public Comments, be received.

-Carried-

26. Staff Report – Communications Update

A report from the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk dated October 9, 2014 with respect to inform Council of the progress made in the past year on enhancing external and internal communications.

Moved by Councillor Campbell Moon, seconded by Councillor Maycock

THAT the report from the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk dated October 9, 2014 regarding a Communications Update – September 2014, be received.

-Carried-

27. Verbal Reports from Outside Boards

Wellington Dufferin Guelph Health Unit

Councillor Ryan reported good comments on the new facility. An annual retreat was attended by Liz Sandals, Minister of Education. Staff reports from the various departments were presented at the last meeting. It was noted that a new council representative would be required in January as Councillor Taylor would not be sitting on council for the next term.

Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association

Councillor Ryan reported that the association was the subject of a broadcast on breakfast television. It was attended by several local community groups. The fall events are all progressing well. Torch relay meetings for the 2015 Pan Am games are being held with the Town of Caledon.

Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Oosterhof reported that he was temporarily disqualified from attending meetings due to the upcoming elections.

Greater Dufferin Area Physician Search Committee

Councillor Oosterhof reported that there was no meeting.

Niagara Escarpment Commission

Councillor McGhee reported that the Commission met on September 17 and 18, 2014. Two major reports were the focus of day one – Aggregate Resource Policies and Secondary Dwelling Units and Garden Suites. Copies of the papers were shared with Council. On the second day, two papers covered agricultural

policies and scenic resources, both papers were shared with Council. Regular business dealt with development permit applications and permit approvals.

Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Warden Hill reported that SWIFT sub-committee met via teleconference to discuss budget matters and next steps for the ultra-high speed internet project. The CAO is working with the project team and assisted with the submission of an Expression of Interest to the province for the Small Communities Funding program. The next meeting of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus is scheduled for October 24, 2014 in London.

28. Staff Report – Draft Procedural By-law – October 2014

An update report from the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk dated October 9, 2014 with respect to a draft procedural by-law.
(Original report was deferred by Council at the April 10, 2014 meeting)

Moved by Councillor Maycock, seconded by Councillor Kolodziechuk

THAT the report of the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk dated October 9, 2014 with respect to a draft procedural by law be deferred to the next term of Council.

-Carried-

Moved by Councillor Crewson, seconded by Councillor McGhee

WHEREAS population projections show that most of the growth in the future will take place in the three Dufferin municipalities that have urban centres;

AND WHEREAS the votes awarded each municipality is based solely on population without consideration of other measurements such as assessment and so may be unfair to some taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS it is important that Dufferin County make public policy decisions in a fair, open, responsible and representative manner;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The draft Dufferin County Procedural By-law be amended to stipulate that each standing committee be composed of no more than one representative from any one municipality.
- 2) The draft Dufferin County Procedural By-law be amended to stipulate that a double measurement be required for the adoption of all fiscal and planning matters and this double measurement shall consist of the majority of votes and these votes must be cast by members representing at least 4 different municipalities.

- 3) The Dufferin County Procedural By-law be amended to stipulate that any recommendation to Dufferin County Council from any standing committee regarding the Draft Annual Estimates be circulated to the local councils for consideration prior to its adoption by Dufferin County Council.

Moved by Councillor Crewson, seconded by Councillor McGhee

THAT the preceding motion be deferred to the next Council.

-Carried-

Councillor Crewson indicated that the procedural by-law was one of the first issues he dealt with at County Council in 1991. He acknowledged members of Council and staff and thanked them for their co-operation over the years.

CORRESPONDENCE

29. Township of Melancthon

Correspondence dated September 5, 2014 from the Township of Melancthon requesting access to the County's Disaster Relief Reserve.

Moved by Councillor Crewson, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the correspondence dated September 5, 2014 from the Township of Melancthon with respect to a request for access to the County's Disaster Fund, be considered during the 2015 budget discussions.

-Carried-

30. Township of Mulmur

A resolution from the Township of Mulmur dated October 1, 2014 requesting that Council give consideration for the appointment of a representative from each of the area municipalities to form a standing committee to oversee the monitoring of revenues and expenses for municipal building fees.

Moved by Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Crewson

THAT the correspondence dated October 1, 2014 from the Township of Mulmur with respect to a request for the appointment of a standing committee with a representative from each area municipality to monitor revenue and expenses for municipal building fees, be received.

31. Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association

The Executive Director's report dated September 22, 2014 from the Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Campbell Moon

THAT the executive director's report dated September 22, 2014 from the Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association, be received.

-Carried-

32. Juno Beach Centre

Correspondence dated August 15, 2014 from Juno Beach Centre to thank County Council for the donation for the D-Day Tribute Campaign.

Moved by Councillor Maycock, seconded by Councillor Mills

THAT the correspondence dated August 15, 2014 from the Juno Beach Centre thanking County Council for their contribution to the D-Day Tribute Campaign, be received.

-Carried-

33. C.U.P.E.

Correspondence dated August 20, 2014 from Canadian Union of Public Employees to request that Council proclaim October 29, 2014 as Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day.

Moved by Councillor McGhee, seconded by Councillor Maycock

THAT October 29, 2014 be proclaimed as Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day in Dufferin County.

-Carried-

34. Recycling Council of Ontario

Correspondence dated August 29, 2014 from the Recycling Council of Ontario to request Council proclaim October 20 to 26, 2014 as Waste Reduction Week in Dufferin County.

Moved by Councillor Crewson, seconded by Councillor Oosterhof

THAT the week of October 20 to 26, 2014 be proclaimed as Waste Reduction Week in Dufferin County.

-Carried-

35. Resolution from the Rural Ontario Municipal Association – Proposed changes affecting rural broadband

A resolution from the Rural Ontario Municipal Association regarding proposed changes by Industry Canada that would affect current rural internet service. ROMA is reporting that, in effect, this policy change would see many rural communities across Ontario and Canada lose their existing high speed internet service. A sample letter was provided to municipalities for submission by

Wednesday, October 8th. Warden Hill has undertaken to send a letter on the County's behalf by the deadline.

Moved by Councillor Kolodziechuk, seconded by Councillor Taylor

THAT the position of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association regarding proposed changes by Industry Canada that would affect rural internet service, be endorsed.

-Carried-

36. MOTIONS

The motions were moved forward on the agenda.

37. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no notice of motions.

38. BY-LAWS

2014-33 A by-law to authorize and agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Service Manager Administration Agreement)
(Authorization: Council – October 9, 2014)

2014-34 A by-law to amend By-law 2010-24, Schedule "A" under the Building Code Act respecting permits and related matters. (Reduction in Building Permit Fees)
(Authorization: Council – October 9, 2014)

2014-35 A by-law to authorize the borrowing from the Bank of the principal amount of \$3,250,038 for financing a share of the new Public Health Unit Facilities.
(Authorized: General Government Services – August 25, 2014)

Moved by Councillor Crewson, seconded by Councillor Campbell Moon

THAT by-laws 2014-33 to 2014-35, inclusive, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

39. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Campbell Moon thanked council and staff for their support and guidance during her term on county council.

Councillor Taylor thanked elected officials and staff for their support and assistance during his 8 years on county council.

Warden Hill reflected on his many years as an elected official first for the Town of Shelburne and then for the Township of Melancthon. He thanked staff and councillors for their support during his year as Warden and his two terms on County Council.

40. CLOSED SESSION

There were no Closed Session items.

41. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

2014-36 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on October 9, 2014.

Moved by Councillor Crewson, seconded by Councillor Kolodziechuk

THAT By-law 2014-36 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

42. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Warden Hill, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the meeting adjourn.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8.50 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 9.00 am
51 Zina Street, Orangeville

Bill Hill
Warden

Pam Hillock
Clerk