



DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm
Council Chambers
51 Zina Street, Orangeville

Council Members Present:

Warden Warren Maycock (Orangeville)
Councillor Jane Aultman (Amaranth)
Councillor Ken Bennington (Shelburne)(arrived at 7:09 p.m)
Councillor Geoff Dunlop (Shelburne)
Councillor Guy Gardhouse (East Garafraxa)
Councillor Don MacIver (Amaranth)
Councillor Ken McGhee (Mono)
Councillor Paul Mills (Mulmur)
Councillor Laura Ryan (Mono)
Councillor Steve Soloman (Grand Valley)
Councillor Darren White (Melancthon)
Councillor Jeremy Williams (Orangeville)

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Heather Hayes (Mulmur)(prior notice)

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
Darrell Keenie, General Manger, DCMA
Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk

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

Warden noted the upcoming meetings:

Public Works Committee – Thursday, Jan. 15, 7 a.m., Orangeville

General Government Services – Tuesday, Jan. 27, 4 pm, Orangeville

Community Services/Dufferin Oaks Committee - Tuesday, Jan. 27, 7 pm, Orangeville

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mills

THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the January 8, 2015, meeting of Council, be approved.

-Carried-

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

Members of Council are required to state any pecuniary interest in accordance with the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

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

Moved by Councillor McGhee, seconded by Councillor Williams

THAT the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of Council and the Regular Meeting of Council of December 11, 2014 be adopted.

-Carried-

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4. Delegation - Headwaters Health Care Foundation – Mr. Bob Burnside, Chair of the Commitment to Care Campaign and Ms. Donna Clark, V.P. Patient Services to provide an update on their campaign activities.

Ms. Clark gave an overview of the presentation circulated with the agenda and highlighted programs and services including the Paramedic Community Care Program. Mr. Bob Burnside spoke to the Commitment to Care campaign. He noted it is now in the fourth year and has reached \$14 million. He is requesting a commitment of \$500,000 annually for the next three years from the County of Dufferin.

Councillor Bennington arrived during the delegation (7:09 p.m.).

Moved by Councillor MacIver, seconded by Councillor McGhee

THAT the Warden send a letter to the Minister of Health inquiring as to why the Province does not fund hospitals 100%.

-Carried-

5. **Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Ryan**

THAT the request for funding from Headwaters Health Care Foundation for a \$1,500,000 commitment over the next three years be referred to the budget process.

-Carried-

6. Delegation – Ms. Shirley Boxem, Food and Water First to provide an update on their activities.

Ms. Boxem addressed Council to provide an overview of Food and Water First and their purpose to strive to put policy in place so the mega quarry proposal does not happen again. She asked Council to do an inventory of Class 1 Farm Land and also elevate this discussion to AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) for policy change.

7. Delegation – Ms. Karren Wallace, Dufferin Wind Power Transmission Poles.

Ms. Wallace gave an overview of her presentation that was circulated with the agenda, but noted that new developments had occurred since circulation. She reported that her request for a hearing was denied and Dufferin Wind Power Inc. has released the mitigation plans for the poles on their website. She advised that there is no technical documents as part of the plan. Ms. Wallace stated that if the transmission line is greater than 50 km in length, then an Environmental Assessment would be required. She asked the County to undertake a survey of the transmission line to ensure it is under 50km. She also requested that the County of Dufferin become the political champion to see what is wrong with this project and what can be done to rectify it.

Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Bennington

THAT staff make arrangements to obtain a survey to determine the total length of the Dufferin Wind Power Inc. 230 kV transmission line.

-Carried-

8. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Mr. Bruce Parrinder, Melancthon resident, spoke about the hazards of Pentachlorophenol and noted that transmission poles have been put in the right away of his road, 4th Line Melancthon and asked how did the poles get put in the plough area and how is the road going to be cleared. The Warden referred the question to Councillor White, as it is a Melancthon road. Councillor White noted they are aware of the issues and are working with Dufferin Wind Power to find a solution.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

9. **2015 Draft Budget Review**

Mr. Alan Selby, Treasurer, presented Council with an overview of the 2015 Draft Budget.

10. **Verbal Reports from Outside Boards**

Wellington Dufferin Guelph Health Unit

Councillor Ryan reported that her and Councillor Gardhouse attended an orientation meeting yesterday. The Health Unit budget will be dealt with in March.

Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association

Councillor Ryan reported there has not been a meeting.

Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Aultman reported she attended both the Chamber of Commerce and Dufferin.biz meeting and they are changing their format to a Board of Trade. A presentation will be made at the next General Government Services meeting by representatives from the Chamber.

Niagara Escarpment Commission

Councillor McGhee reported that the next meeting is January 15, 2015.

Western Ontario Wardens Caucus

Warden Maycock reported they meet tomorrow.

CORRESPONDENCE

11. **Torys LLP**

Correspondence from Tory's LLP dated January 8, 2015 with respect to the proposed study of transmission line EMFs by Dufferin County, was circulated on desk.

12. **MOTIONS**

Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Bennington

WHEREAS Dufferin Wind Power Inc. (DWPI) has constructed a commercial wind generation facility in Dufferin County which includes electrical power transmission facilities in the form of a 230Kv transmission line;

AND WHEREAS said 230 Kv transmission line travels along an easement through part of the County of Dufferin by way of a former rail right of way, and is mainly an above ground pole suspended line, except for a section through the Town of Shelburne that is buried;

AND WHEREAS said line travels in close proximity to villages, individual homes, farmland including grazing fields, school, parks, local businesses and other inhabited structures;

AND WHEREAS the World Health Organization (WHO) has determined that safe limits for extended exposure to Electro Magnetic Fields (EMF) should not exceed 2000 mG (milligauss);

AND WHEREAS there have been instances where the stray energy from the DWPI 230Kv transmission line is known to ignite fluorescent light tubes and trigger electrical voltage testers simply by their presence in the immediate vicinity to the 230 Kv transmission line;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to investigate pricing, available consultants and process for the purpose of measuring and recording levels of EMF at multiple locations along the 230 Kv transmission and report back to a future meeting.

-Carried-

13. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

14. BY-LAWS

2015-01 A by-law to approve authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin during the year 2015.
(Authorization: Council January 8, 2015)

Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor McGhee

THAT by-law 2015-01, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

15. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor McGhee thanked the Treasurer and his staff for preparing a comprehensive budget package and noted he appreciated all the sub-notes.

16. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session items.

17. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

2015-02 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on January 8, 2015.

Moved by Councillor Dunlop, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT By-law 2015-02 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

18. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse , seconded by Councillor White

THAT the meeting adjourn.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2014 at 7.00 pm
51 Zina Street, Orangeville

Warren Maycock
Warden

Pam Hillock
Clerk