



FOREST OPERATION REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
55 Zina Street, Orangeville

The Committee met at 55 Zina Street, Orangeville at 7.00 p.m.

Members Present: Councillor Laura Ryan (Chair)
Councillor Heather Hayes
Al Buck (Public member)
Colleen Mitchell (Public member)
John Riley (Public member)
Johnny Yeaman (Public member)

Members Absent: Councillor Geoff Dunlop (prior notice)
Anne-Marie Roussy (Public member)

Staff Present: Pam Hillock, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
Darrell Keenie, DCMA General Manager
Caroline Mach, County Forest Manager
Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 7.00 p.m.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members (None)

DELEGATION

1. FOREST OPERATION REVIEW COMMITTEE – September 29, 2015 – ITEM #1
Orland Conservation

Mr. Robert Orland, Orland Conservation made a presentation to the Committee regarding long term natural heritage land conservation and environmental project services. He discussed the following municipal models of land securement:

- Ecological Gift Program
- Donation of Land
- Conservation Severance
- Bequest
- Life Interest (Lease Back)
- Conservation Easement Agreement
- Split Receipt

Mr. Orland gave an overview of York Region, Peel Region, Waterloo Region Land Securement Programs, the City of Hamilton Natural Areas Acquisition Strategy and Halton Region Greenlands Securement Strategy.

REPORTS

2. FOREST OPERATION REVIEW COMMITTEE – September 29, 2015 – ITEM #2 Purpose and Benefits of the County Forest

A report from the General Manager dated September 29, 2015 to provide information on the purpose and benefits of the Dufferin County Forest.

The Committee asked staff to outline Next Steps as follows :

Next Steps – change to the following wording:

Based on agreement among FORC members as to the purpose and benefits of the County Forest, and the answers to the high level questions mentioned, next steps would be:

- A three phase approach
 - Seek Committee and Council endorsement of FORC's high level review of the purpose and benefits of the Dufferin County Forest (October 27 Community Services Committee; November 12 Council)
 - The FORC will review a revised draft forest management plan which will be provided to Committee/Council for approval (November 24 Community Services Committee; December 10 Council). The revised draft forest management plan will take into account comments received during the 2013-2014 public process. (Noting that there were very few comments received related to the management plan, the vast majority related to the draft recreation policy and the OFTR (off-road motorcycles) proposal for access to the County Forest.)
 - The FORC will develop a County Forest Recreational Use Policy on which work will begin in early 2016, assuming the draft forest management plan is approved in December, 2015. Council direction will be sought regarding possible public consultation as part of this phase.

Moved by Al Buck, seconded by Councillor Hayes

**THAT the report of the General Manager dated September 29, 2015 re:
Purpose and Benefits of the Dufferin County Forest be received;**

AND THAT the FORC confirms that the County Forest is a valuable municipal resource which should be actively managed;

AND THAT the previous Draft Forest Management Plan circulated to Council

in December 2014, be reviewed and revised using the public feedback already received;

AND THAT regular updates and reports be provided to the Community Services/Dufferin Oaks/Museum Committee and Council.

-Carried-

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: To be determined
 55 Zina Street, Orangeville – Sutton Room

Respectfully Submitted,

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Councillor Laura Ryan, Chair
Forest Operation Review Committee.