



COMMUNITY SERVICES/ DUFFERIN OAKS COMMITTEE MINUTES **Tuesday, June 27, 2017**

The Committee met at 7 p.m. in the Sutton Room, 55 Zina Street, Orangeville.

Members Present: Councillor Laura Ryan (Chair)
Warden Darren White
Councillor Earl Hawkins

Members Absent: Councillor Ken Bennington (prior notice)
Councillor Geoff Dunlop (prior notice)

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

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Chair informed everyone that the proceedings were being recorded by journalist Karen Dallimore for the Ontario Farmer Publication.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by Members – None.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to ask questions of the Committee during this time. (Limited to 10 minutes). Chair Ryan noted that she will allow questions after all four delegations since the members in the audience were all in attendance for the Dufferin County Forest Recreational Use policy.

DELEGATIONS

1. **COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – June 27, 2017 – ITEM #1**
Dufferin County Forest Recreational Use Policy

Stewart Dunkley addressed committee regarding the Dufferin County Forest Recreational Use Policy. The new trail separation in the Dufferin County Forest Recreation Plan is an issue, specifically the division and allotment of single-track trail for the exclusive use of hikers and mountain bikers. He noted that a true representation of all trail user groups was not consulted and there was a lack of communication through the process. He asked that Council defer adopting the by-

law to allow the equine community to work with other user groups to achieve a more equitable goal.

2. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – June 27, 2017 – ITEM #2
Dufferin County Forest Recreational Use Policy

Pam Coburn from the Ontario Equestrian Federation addressed the committee regarding the Dufferin County Forest Recreational Use Policy. She informed the Committee that the Ontario Equestrian Federation was unaware of the specific concerns, meetings and decisions being made regarding the trail separation with the Dufferin County Forest. She believes the best solution for all users will be through consultation between lead agencies representing the various trail users. The Ontario Equestrian Federation has offered to provide support to the County to help equestrians and trail advocates understand the objectives of the county and propose options to address the many concerns being raised.

3. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – June 27, 2017 – ITEM #3
Dufferin County Forest Recreational Use Policy

Patrick Connor from the Ontario Trails Council (OTC) addressed the committee regarding the Dufferin County Forest Recreational Use Policy. Ontario Trails Council is a charity that promotes the development, preservation, management and use of recreational trails in Ontario. He noted that mixed trails must be managed and provided some best practices for the Committee to consider. The Ontario Trails Council offered to work with the County and the user groups to facilitate horse club development in the area.

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – June 27, 2017 – ITEM #4
Dufferin County Forest Recreational Use Policy

Sandra Kendall addressed the committee on behalf of Carolyn Milne regarding the Dufferin County Forest Recreational Use Policy. She raised concerns about visual pollution created by signage in wild spaces and questioned which equestrian groups were not contacted about the trail separation and invited to the table for discussion and policy development. She reported that she created an online petition that now has 120 signatures, 37 comments, and a written petition with 30 signatures regarding concerns of the trail separation. A more inclusive implementation with collaboration and equestrian representation is requested.

DISCUSSION

The Chair thanked the delegations for speaking and opened the floor for questions and comments.

The Chair provided the a history of the role of the Community Services Dufferin Oaks Committee and the advisory Forest Operational Review Committee. There were regular

meetings held with all the user groups, and they tried to address all their needs. She noted that the main concern is the health of the forest from a management perspective.

Staff were directed to activate the Dufferin County Forest Advisory Team, as per the Terms of Reference established in the Recreation Use of the County Forest Policy that was adopted by Council on May 11, 2017, and facilitate a meeting with the various user groups.

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5. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – June 27, 2017 – ITEM #5 Dufferin Oaks Administrator Role

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated June 27, 2017, to recommend to Committee and Council a review of the Dufferin Oaks Administrator role.

Moved by Warden White, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated June 27, 2017, 2017 concerning the Dufferin Oaks Administrator Role be received;

AND THAT staff be authorized to proceed with a review of the Dufferin Oaks Administrator position;

AND THAT the services of an experienced recruiter be obtained to hire an interim Administrator.

-Carried-

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6. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – June 27, 2017 - ITEM #6 2016/2017 Dufferin Coalition for Kids Annual Report

A report from the Director of Community Services, dated June 27, 2017, to share the 2016/2017 Dufferin Coalition for Kids (DuCK) Annual Report and to highlight how DuCK assist the Community Services Department, Children's Services Division, with local service planning.

Moved by Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Warden White

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled 2016/2017 Dufferin Coalition for Kids Annual Report, dated June 27, 2017 be received for information purposes.

-Carried-

7. **COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – June 27, 2017 - ITEM #7**
Child Care Special Needs Resourcing

A report from the Director of Community Services, dated June 27, 2017, to seek approval from Council to issue a request for proposal in an effort to modernize Special Needs Resourcing services in Dufferin County.

Moved by Warden White, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services titled Staffing Needs in Children’s Services, dated June 27, 2017 be received;

AND THAT, Council approves a Request for Proposal for the delivery of the Special Needs Resourcing Program.

-Carried-

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: August 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Mel Lloyd Centre, Shelburne - EOC

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Laura Ryan, Chair
Community Services/Dufferin Oaks Committee