



INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

The Committee met at 1:00 p.m. in the Sutton Room, 55 Zina Street, Orangeville

Members Present: Councillor Bob Currie (Chair)
Warden Darren White
Councillor Earl Hawkins
Councillor Steve Soloman

Member Absent: Councillor Chris Gerrits (prior notice)

Staff Present: Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer
Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer
Caroline Mach, County Forest Manager
Scott Martin, Operations Manager
Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk

Chair Currie called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

REPORTS

1. **INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – February 28, 2019 –
ITEM #1 – Forest Advisory Team Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2018**

Minutes from the Forest Advisory Team meeting held on October 3, 2018.

Moved by Councillor Soloman, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

**THAT the minutes of the Forest Advisory Team meeting of October 3, 2018,
and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.**

-Carried-

FOREST ADVISORY TEAM – October 3, 2018 – ITEM #2
Recreational Use Policy Amendment – Guidelines for Trail Additions/Changes
Decision Making

THAT Dufferin County Forest Recreational Use Policy 4-6-1 and By-Law 2017-39 be amended to include the guidelines for trail additions.

2. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – February 28, 2019 – ITEM #2 – Dufferin County Forest Advisory Team - 2019

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated February 28, 2019, to discuss and extend the current membership of the Dufferin County Forest Advisory Team.

Moved by Warden White, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT the report, Dufferin County Forest Advisory Team - 2019 from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated February 28, 2019, be received;

AND THAT the current public member vacancy be filled through a review of the previous roster of applicants from 2018, if possible and failing that, a recruitment process will take place;

AND THAT Councillor Chris Gerrits from the Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee be appointed to join and chair the Dufferin County Forest Advisory Team.

-Carried-

3. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – February 28, 2019 – ITEM #3 – Dufferin County Forest – 2018 Annual Report

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated February 28, 2019, to provide the annual update for the Dufferin County Forest.

Moved by Councillor Soloman, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

THAT Report, Dufferin County Forest – Annual Report 2018, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated February 28, 2019, be received.

-Carried-

4. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – February 28, 2019 – ITEM #4 – County Forest Event Permit - Terms & Conditions

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated February 28, 2019, to revise the Terms and Conditions for the County Forest Event Permit Application (formerly Property Use Agreement).

Moved by Warden White, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT Report, County Forest Event Permit - Terms and Conditions, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated February 28, 2019, be received;

AND THAT the proposed changes therein be implemented.

AND THAT the necessary by-law be enacted.

-Carried-

5. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – February 28, 2019 – ITEM #5 – Living Snow Fence Program – Dufferin Road 124

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated February 28, 2019, to seek authorization for a land purchase model for the County's Living Snow Fence Program in critical areas on Dufferin Road 124.

Moved by Warden White, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

THAT Report, Living Snow Fence Program Update, dated February 28, 2019, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer be received.

AND THAT staff be authorized to proceed with a land purchase approach for the Living Snow Fence Program in critical areas along Dufferin Road 124 as described in this report.

-Carried-

6. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – February 28, 2019 – ITEM #6 – Town of Mono Resolution - Dufferin Road 18 (Airport Road)

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated February 28, 2019, to provide information and recommendations pertaining to a Town of Mono resolution regarding Dufferin Road 18 safety concerns. This report speaks to several items previously considered by Committee and Council in 2017. (Deferred from Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee – January 24, 2019)

Moved by Warden White, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT report, Town of Mono Resolution - Dufferin Road 18 (Airport Road), from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated February 28, 2019, be received.

-Carried-

CORRESPONDENCE

**7. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – February 28, 2019 –
ITEM #7 – Sher Arnfinson**

The Committee received correspondence from Ms. Sher Arnfinson, dated, February 22, 2019, regarding logging and hunting practices in the County Forest.

DISCUSSION

**8. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – February 28, 2019 –
ITEM #8 – International Plowing Match**

Discussion regarding the request from the Ontario Plowmen's Association for Dufferin County to host the International Plowing Match in 2020.

The Warden, CAO, Director of Planning, Economic Development & Culture and the Economic Development Officer met with representatives of the Ontario Plowmen's Association about the International Plowing Match (IPM) last Friday. Additional information with respect to what is required from the host County and local municipality was provided; however a number of details would still need to be clarified. Members from the OPA are confident there is little need for municipal staff to be involved and that the overall municipal commitment can be quite small.

The Warden and staff shared that information from previous hosts continues to indicate that there is a significant commitment required. It may be that this disconnect arises from the fact that what is required by the OPA and what is necessary from the municipal perspective can be different. Municipalities acting as hosts have an obligation to ensure municipal standards are met and that the municipality is presented in the best possible light. Municipalities felt the event was generally positive but stressed it was a very significant commitment requiring a dedicated planning effort. The usual practice is for municipalities to apply/bid to host the event several years in advance.

The proposed locations are in Mono, one location for the tent city and one location for the actual plowing. Town of Mono Council was unaware of the proposed location and has not had the opportunity to consider the local impacts. There would be

many implications/financial commitments from the local municipality and the County:

- Traffic issues at the proposed locations. They are estimating 7000 to 8000 vehicles per day throughout the 5 day event. Since the tent city is not in the same location as the plowing field, there would also have to be shuttle buses.
- Not enough time to properly plan this event. There is concern that there is insufficient time to financially plan, do fund raising and find sponsorship and recruit 800-1000 volunteers.

The CAO suggested that if Council does decide to host the 2020 IPM there should be a formal agreement on who does what (OPA, County, local municipal host). The Committee discussed that Mono would need to be a willing host prior to the County making any decision to host the 2020 IPM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
55 Zina Street, Orangeville – Sutton Room (2nd Floor)

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Bob Currie, Chair
Infrastructure & Environmental Services Committee