



**DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Video Conference**

**Council Members Present:**

Warden Darren White (Melancthon)  
Councillor Steve Anderson (Shelburne)  
Councillor Sandy Brown (Orangeville)  
Councillor John Creelman (Mono)  
Councillor Bob Currie (Amaranth)  
Councillor Guy Gardhouse (East Garafraxa)  
Councillor Chris Gerrits (Amaranth)  
Councillor Earl Hawkins (Mulmur)  
Councillor Janet Horner (Mulmur)  
Councillor Andy Macintosh (Orangeville)  
Councillor Wade Mills (Shelburne)  
Councillor Laura Ryan (Mono)  
Councillor Steve Soloman (Grand Valley)  
Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley)

**Staff Present:**

Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer  
Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk  
Pam Hillock, Clerk/Director of Corporate Services  
Aimee Raves, Acting Treasurer  
Anna McGregor, Director of Community Services  
Scott Burns, Director of Public Works  
Brenda Wagner, Administrator of Dufferin Oaks  
Cheri French, Director of Human Resources  
Darrell Keenie, Director of Planning, Economic Development & Culture  
Tom Reid, Chief, Paramedic Service

Warden White called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

The Warden announced that this meeting is being live streamed and publicly broadcast. The recording of this meeting will also be available on our website in the future.

**1. ROLL CALL**

The Deputy Clerk verbally took a roll call of the Councillors in attendance.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Mills**

**THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the July 9, 2020 meeting of Council, be approved.**

**-Carried-**

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

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

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

**Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Macintosh**

**THAT the minutes of the regular of Council of June 25, 2020, be adopted.**

**-Carried-**

**PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**5. Presentation: WSP**

Gregory Bender, Manager, Municipal Services, WSP, presented to Council regarding the proposed Amendment 1 to *A Place to Grow*, the Land Needs Assessment Methodology and the implications on the Municipal Comprehensive Review process.

**6. Delegation: Dentons Canada LLP**

Katarzyna Sliwa, Dentons Canada LLP, representing Flato Developments Inc., delegated to Council regarding Flato Developments desire to be a part of upgrading the infrastructure to accommodate growth as well as request for expansion of the Town of Shelburne residential limits to be considered during the Municipal Comprehensive Review.

## **7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

A question was received from Dave and Suzanne Sangwin, Mulmur residents, wondering if there is a plan to address the Gypsy Moth invasion, as they are a serious threat to our forests, our properties and our way of life.

The Director of Public Works/County Engineer responded. An egg mass survey will be conducted throughout the County Forest Tracts in the fall to determine next year's population of the Gypsy Moth caterpillar and this will help decide if action is required in County Forest. It hasn't been Dufferin County's practice to take action on private lands; however, resources on the Gypsy Moth caterpillar are available on Dufferin County's website and the County Forest Manager is happy to speak to residents.

Two questions were received from Jen Logan – how is the county addressing the lack of affordable housing in Dufferin? This issue extends not only to the subsidized housing 7 year wait list for those who qualify through ODSP but also to seniors on OAS packed into bedbug-ridden apartments and single income people without full-time employment.

The Director of Community Services advised, in the May 28, 2020 report to Council, three new housing allowance program were introduced that are starting in Dufferin County. These programs will provide money to households to make rent more affordable. The Director also noted there is currently one single case of bed bugs in one of Dufferin County's community housing buildings at the moment. Warden White added affordable housing is an important issue that Council faces and they are constantly trying to address new and innovative ways to add more housing.

The second question received from Jen Logan – how is the county addressing the lack of local jobs providing the resources to afford living in our county? These questions do not pertain to COVID-19, as these issues existed before the additional strain on the economy.

The Director of Planning, Economic Development and Culture responded to the question. The Director noted the County is experiencing labour shortages in certain sectors, particularly in the agriculture sector. He noted there is currently three applications submitted for new businesses that will result in jobs covering a variety of sectors. Recently, a website was launched called FindYourJob.ca. In June, 288 jobs were posted on the website by 237 companies in our community; however, the portal only had 38 users on the portal.

## **PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS**

### **8. Acting Treasurer's Report – COVID-19 Financial Implications July 2020**

A report from the Acting Treasurer, dated July 9, 2020, to provide additional information to Council about the financial implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Moved by Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse**

**THAT the report of the Acting Treasurer, dated July 9, 2020, regarding COVID-19 Financial Implications July 2020, be received.**

**-Carried-**

### **9. Director of Public Works/County Engineer's Report – COVID-19 Double-Up Days**

A report from the Director of Public Works, dated July 9, 2020, to update Council on the COVID-19 Double-Up Days and to recommend returning to the standard one-bag/container garbage limit countywide.

**Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Mills**

**THAT Report, COVID-19 Double-Up Days, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated July 9, 2020, be received;**

**AND THAT staff be authorized to end the COVID-19 Double-Up Days and return to the regular program and bag/container limit.**

**-Carried-**

### **10. Chief Administrative Officer's Report - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 9, 2020, to recommend that the County of Dufferin establish a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee (DEICAC) and adopt a terms of reference.

**Moved by Councillor Macintosh, seconded by Councillor Mills**

**THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 9, 2020, regarding the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee, be received;**

**AND THAT the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be approved;**

**AND THAT staff be directed to advertise for committee members;**

**AND THAT Councillor Anderson, Councillor Brown and Councillor Ryan be appointed to the committee;**

**AND THAT staff be directed to investigate diversity, equity, and inclusion education/training options and report back to Council.**

**-Carried-**

**11. Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Workforce Strategy - Update**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 9, 2020, to provide an update to Council with respect to the development of a workforce strategy in response to the ongoing need to mitigate for the impact of COVID 19 and to plan for the future.

**Moved by Councillor Macintosh, seconded by Councillor Horner**

**THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 9, 2020, regarding Workforce Strategy, be received;**

**AND THAT staff be directed to take the following interim actions:**

- **continue to have most employees who are able to work from home continue to do so;**
- **finalize new employee and health and safety policies required to operate in the new normal;**
- **identify which services should have some in-person options that have not been offered since the start of COVID 19;**
- **consolidate all in-person services and administrative support previously located at 55 Zina Street to the Edelbrock Centre and make the necessary physical changes to safely operate from that facility;**

**AND THAT staff continue to provide regular updates to Council on progress with respect to developing a Workforce Strategy.**

**-Carried-**

**12. Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Monthly Update from Outside Boards**

A report from Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 9, 2020, to provide Council with an update of activities from outside boards and agencies.

**Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse**

**THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 9, 2020, with respect to Reports from Outside Boards, be received.**

**-Carried-**

**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

**14. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**Moved by Councillor Creelman**

**WHEREAS speed limits on County roads are established by County Council through the Traffic By-law 2005-32;**

**AND WHEREAS speed limits are set in part to control the flow of traffic as well as to ensure traffic safety;**

**AND WHEREAS speed limits are often reduced due to considerations such as number of entrances, blind curves and approaches to busy intersections;**

**AND WHEREAS all three circumstances exist in the vicinity of the intersection of Dufferin Road 7 (Hockley Road) and Dufferin Road 18 (Airport Road) to wit, more than ten entrances on one side of the intersection including a private road (Cottage Road) that itself services multiple residences, multiple curves and a busy intersection with only a flashing amber light and an 80 km/h limit on Dufferin Road 18;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dufferin County's Traffic By-law 2005-32 be amended to reduce the speed limit on Dufferin Road 7 on either side of**

the intersection with Dufferin Road 18 to 50 km/h as far back as the first curve approaching the intersection with Dufferin Road 18.

## **MOTIONS**

**15. Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Creelman**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to take steps to arrange Anti-Black Racism and Diversity and Inclusion training for staff and Council and report back at the next scheduled meeting with an outline of the training, training provider(s) and potential dates.**

**-Carried-**

**16. Moved by Councillor Creelman, seconded by Councillor Macintosh**

**WHEREAS it is desirous to recognize history by acknowledging indigenous stewardship of land over thousands of years;**

**AND WHEREAS land acknowledgement is an important element of reconciliation with indigenous peoples;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we direct Darrell Keenie, Director of Planning, Economic Development and Culture to consult with members of the indigenous community and other interest parties with the view to developing a Land Acknowledgement to be delivered at the beginning of County Council meetings and any related recommendations.**

**-Carried-**

**17. Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Creelman**

**THAT Councillor Soloman be nominated for the position of Chair of the Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee for the remainder of 2020.**

**-Carried-**

Councillor Soloman accepted the nomination.

The Warden asked if there were any other nominations for position of Committee Chair. No other nominations were presented.

The Warden announced Councillor Soloman as Chair of the Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee.

**18. BY-LAWS**

**19. OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Creelman advised some of the lower tier municipalities have discussed revisiting a towing by-law. Councillor Creelman is hoping for a joint effort between the lower tier municipalities with the County of Dufferin's support. The Town of Mono will contact all the other Dufferin municipalities to discuss.

Councillor Currie noted he has come across a situation in Amaranth regarding farm owners looking to building a second dwelling on their property for employees. Councillor Currie believes the processing time for these applications is too long. Warden White directed Councillor Currie to speak with the Building Services Department to discuss the rules and regulations surrounding secondary dwellings.

**20. CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved by Councillor Macintosh, seconded by Councillor Hawkins**

**THAT Council move into Closed Session (4:02 p.m.) in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 239 (2)(c) – Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.**

**-Carried-**

While in Closed Session, Council considered Closed Session Minutes from the meeting on June 25, 2020, a report from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Clerk/Director of Corporate Services regarding lease negotiations, a report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer regarding potential acquisition of property and a verbal report regarding a matter pertaining to Municipal Act Section 239 (2)(k) – position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Councillor Rentsch left the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

**Moved by Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Macintosh**

**THAT Council move into open session (5:06 p.m.).**

**-Carried-**

**21. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Hawkins**

**THAT the Closed Session minutes of Council held on June 25, 2020, be approved.**

**-Carried-**

**22. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

2020-52      A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on July 9, 2020.

**Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Horner**

**THAT By-Law 2020-52, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.**

**-Carried-**

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor Macintosh, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse**

**THAT the meeting adjourn.**

**-Carried-**

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Next meeting:      Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.  
Video Conference

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Darren White, Warden

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Pam Hillock, Clerk