



DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Video Conference

Council Members Present:

Acting Warden John Creelman (Mono)
Councillor Sandy Brown (Orangeville)
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)(arrived at 2:09 p.m.)
Councillor Laura Ryan (Mono)
Councillor Steve Soloman (Grand Valley)

Council Members Absent:

Warden Darren White (Melancthon)(prior notice)
Councillor Bob Currie (Amaranth)(prior notice)
Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley)(prior notice)
Councillor Steve Anderson (Shelburne)

Staff Present:

Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer
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
Tom Reid, Chief, Paramedic Service

Acting Warden Creelman called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

The Acting 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.

Acting Warden Creelman noted that the County is accepting applications for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee until August 15, 2020. Information is available on Dufferin County's website (www.dufferincounty.ca) or by calling 519-941-2816 x2500.

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Macintosh

THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the August 13, 2020 meeting of Council, be approved.

-Carried-

Councillor Mills arrived at 2:09 p.m.

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 Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

THAT the minutes of the regular of Council of July 9, 2020, be adopted.

-Carried-

PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5. Proclamation: International Overdose Awareness Day – August 31, 2020

Acting Warden Creelman declared August 31, 2020 as International Overdose Awareness Day in the County of Dufferin.

6. Presentation: Emergency Management Ontario

Field Officer Teresa Alonzi from Emergency Management Ontario, was unable to attend the meeting.

7. Presentation: Headwaters Communities In Action

Jennifer Payne, Executive Director, Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA), provided a mid-year status report on HCIA activities.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

A question was received from Melissa Harding, a Mulmur resident, asking when the reduction for the property tax rates for 2020 takes effect? Is the tax reduction reflected on the 2020 bill or 2021 bill? Can you keep us up to date as to when the COVID-19 state of emergency has ended?

Acting Warden Creelman advised tax relief, not a reduction was granted. Each municipality and the County of Dufferin extended the schedule of due dates for installments and relief from interest and penalties which is ongoing.

Chief Administrative Officer, Sonya Pritchard, confirmed that Dufferin County and all its member municipalities are still in a declared emergency. A staff report will be brought forward to Council in the early fall to outline when it may be advisable to end the declared emergency; however, for the time being it remains in effect. Acting Warden Creelman suggested contacting your local municipality with any questions regarding the local declared emergency.

The Clerk read the next question from Councillor Debbie Sherwood, Town of Orangeville Council. The City of Toronto has recently passed a by-law enforcing mandatory wearing of masks in apartment and condo buildings in the lobby, elevator and common areas. Will the County of Dufferin implement the same measures in order to help strengthen safety measures to protect the health and safety to our citizens who reside or visit in multi-residential units throughout Dufferin County?

Chief Administrative Officer, Sonya Pritchard, advised staff will be discussing this and return with a report to Council. Currently, the Section 22 Order put in place by the Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Unit applies to commercial establishments only. CAO Pritchard noted passing a by-law to require face

coverings in multi-residential common areas would require some discussion amongst our local municipalities who have multi-residential facilities.

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Horner

THAT staff prepare a report for the next Council meeting regarding face coverings in common areas of multi-residential units.

-Carried-

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS

9. Clerk/Director of Corporate Services' Report – Councillor Code of Conduct Review/Accountability Policies

A report from the Clerk/Director of Corporate Services, dated August 13, 2020, to obtain direction on a review of Councillor Code of Conduct and also the other accountability-related policies.

Moved by Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the report from the Clerk/Director of Corporate Services, dated August 13, 2020, regarding Councillor Code of Conduct/Accountability Policies, be received;

AND THAT a sub-committee be struck to conduct a review of the Councillor Code of Conduct/Accountability Policies;

AND THAT Councillor Creelman, Councillor Macintosh and Councillor Ryan, be appointed to the Code of Conduct/Accountability Policies Review Sub-Committee;

AND THAT the sub-committee report back to Council with draft policies for review;

AND THAT By-Law 2015-24 be amended to allow for all Council and Committee meetings to be held electronically.

-Carried-

10. Acting Treasurer's Report – Mid Year Financial Update

A report from the Acting Treasurer, dated August 13, 2020, to provide a mid year financial update on the operations of the County of Dufferin up to and including June 30, 2020.

Moved by Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Mills

THAT the report of the Acting Treasurer, dated August 13, 2020, regarding Mid Year Financial Update, be received.

-Carried-

11. Director of Community Services' Report – Quarterly Community Services Activity Report – First Quarter 2020

A report from the Director of Community Services, dated August 13, 2020, provide Council with the quarterly infographics that summarize work being undertaken by the Community Services Housing, Ontario Works and Children's Services Divisions.

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Quarterly Community Services Activity Report – First Quarter 2020, dated August 13, 2020, be received.

-Carried-

12. Director of Community Services' Report – iCAN Service Review Update

A report from the Director of Community Services, dated August 13, 2020, update as to the service delivery for the iCAN program (Inclusion for Children with Additional Needs) due to the current child care situation as a result of COVID-19.

Moved by Councillor Soloman, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled iCAN Service Review Update, dated August 13, 2020, be received.

-Carried-

13. Director of Community Services’ Report – EarlyON Service Delivery Review Update

A report from the Director of Community Services, dated August 13, 2020, update as to the current service delivery model of the EarlyON Centres within Dufferin County. EarlyON Centres have been closed since March 16, 2020 as a result of the Provincial Emergency Orders due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Moved by Councillor Mills , seconded by Councillor Macintosh

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled EarlyON Service Delivery Review Update, dated August 13, 2020, be received.

-Carried-

14. Chief Administrative Officer’s Report – Diversity and Inclusion Training

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated August 13, 2020, to provide an update on plans for diversity and inclusion training for members of Council and staff.

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Mills

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated August 13, 2020, regarding the Diversity and Inclusion Training, be received.

-Carried-

15. Chief Administrative Officer’s Report – Additional SWIFT Project

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated August 13, 2020, to recommend approval of an agreement with SWIFT for an additional broadband project.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Horner

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated August 13, 2020, regarding Additional Broadband Project, be received;

AND THAT Council approve Option 1 to proceed with the fifth project under the SWIFT+ program valued at \$4,112,299 with a contribution from Dufferin County of \$1,305,673;

AND THAT the County contribution be funded from the reserve for Broadband;

AND THAT, the County of Dufferin enter into an agreement with SWIFT based on the form of agreement attached.

-Carried-

16. Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Service Review Report #9 – Update

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated August 13, 2020, to provide a regular update on the Service Delivery Review (SDR) Project.

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Brown

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated August 13, 2020, regarding Service Review Report #9, be received;

AND THAT the Service Delivery Review project continue within the original scope, incorporating lessons learned through COVID 19, to ensure it is completed within the approved budget and provincial deadline of December 4, 2020.

-Carried-

CORRESPONDENCE

17. Marsville Lions Club

Correspondence from Marsville Lions Club, dated June 3, 2020, to request approval to host an Annual Toll Road at the corner of Dufferin Road 3 and 13th Line of East Garafraxa on Monday, September 7, 2020.

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Macintosh

THAT the Marsville Lions Club's request to host a toll road on September 7, 2020 at the corner of Dufferin Road 3 and 13th Line of East Garafraxa, be denied, due to safety concerns surrounding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

-Carried-

18. Ministry of Government & Consumer Affairs

Correspondence from the Ministry of Government and Consumer Affairs, dated July 6, 2020, regarding Land Registry Offices moving to a digital on-line service effective October 13, 2020.

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Brown

THAT the correspondence from the Ministry of Government and Consumer Affairs, dated July 6, 2020, regarding Land Registry Offices moving to a digital on-line service effective October 13, 2020, be received.

-Carried-

19. Ministry of Transportation

Correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation, dated July 10, 2020, to announce that as of July 1, 2020 the province has expanded the types of off-road vehicles permitted on-road to include two new additional types.

Moved by Councillor Macintosh, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation, dated July 10, 2020, regarding the announcement of the expanded types of off-road vehicles permitted on-road, be received.

-Carried-

20. Provincial Offences Administration

Correspondence from the Provincial Offences Administration, dated July 17, 2020 and July 31, 2020, to provide an update on Provincial Offences Administration.

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Horner

THAT the correspondence from the Provincial Offences Administration office, dated July 17, 2020 and July 31, 2020, providing an update, be received.

-Carried-

21. Town of Orangeville

Correspondence from the Town of Orangeville, dated July 30, 2020, containing a resolution passed by the Town of Orangeville Council on June 8, 2020 to advocate for diversity, empathy and use of force training for all Ontario Police Services.

Moved by Councillor Brown , seconded by Councillor Macintosh

THAT the following resolution passed by the Town of Orangeville on June 8, 2020, advocating for diversity, empathy and use of force training for all Ontario Police Services, be supported:

WHEREAS The Town of Orangeville recognizes there have been questions in the public related to both diversity training and use of force training and protocols for Police Services, including in Ontario;

WHEREAS the Town recognizes that police officers join this profession out of a desire to do good, to serve and to protect the communities they serve;

AND WHEREAS an understanding of community diversity can foster authentic inclusion;

AND WHEREAS empathy training, and de-escalation training, can support understanding other people's perspectives;

AND WHEREAS the Town recognizes that policing can be a dangerous profession, and officer as well as community safety are critical considerations in law enforcement;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police have indicated they have a comprehensive diversity training program, however there may not be the same resources available across the entire province for smaller Police Services;

AND WHEREAS there is concern in the public about the boundaries of use of force, such as neck restraints, and oversight;

AND WHEREAS there isn't clarity on a common bar on diversity and empathy training or on use of force and oversight;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor write to the Solicitor General to encourage common training requirements for all members of Police Services in Ontario as it relates to diversity, empathy and use of force;

AND THAT the Solicitor General provide clarity on police oversight going forward given the anticipated changes to legislation to ensure effective accountability continues;

AND THAT annual updates or refresher courses be mandatory to ensure our Police Services have the best and current information available to them;

AND THAT THE TOWN request that the use of force protocols be reviewed to ensure they are safe and would meet current standards, and then shared across the province;

AND THAT THE TOWN circulate this resolution to all Ontario municipalities seeking their support.

-Carried-

22. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

23. MOTIONS

The following Notice of Motion received at the July 9, 2020 Council meeting has been deferred to the next meeting of Council on August 27, 2020, to allow for staff input and the preparation of the necessary wording to amend the traffic by-law if the motion is approved.

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 an 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.

24. BY-LAWS

- 2020-53 A by-law to ratify the actions of the Warden and the Clerk for executing an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Her Majesty the Queen In Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. (Rural Economic Development Program Agreement)
Authorization: Council – August 13, 2020
- 2020-54 A by-law to ratify the actions of the Warden and the Clerk for executing an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and March of Dimes Canada. (Service Agreement for Assisted Living Services in Shelburne – Hub & Spoke Model)
Authorization: Council – August 13, 2020
- 2020-55 A by-law to ratify the actions of the Warden and the Clerk for executing an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Services and Housing in the Province. (Service Agreement for Assisted Living Services in Orangeville – Hub & Spoke Model)
Authorization: Council – August 13, 2020
- 2020-56 A by-law to authorize the Warden and the Clerk to execute an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Georgian College of Applied Arts & Technology. (Lease Agreement – Mel Lloyd Centre)
Authorization: Council – August 13, 2020

2020-57 A by-law to amend By-Law 2015-24, a by-law to govern the proceedings of Council and its Committees. (Permit Meetings to be held Electronically)
Authorization: Council – August 13, 2020

2020-58 A by-law to authorize the Warden and the Clerk to execute an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Southwest Integrated Fibre Technology Incorporated. (Additional Project Agreement)
Authorization: Council – August 13, 2020

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Mills

THAT By-Law 2020-53 to By-Law 2020-58, inclusive, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

25. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Brown noted the Town of Orangeville will be hosting a drive in concert series at Rotary Park from August 21-23 and 25-28, 2020. Councillor Brown noted tickets are available through the Town of Orangeville's Parks and Recreation website. The Town of Orangeville and their partners are taking current health regulations into account and will have rules in place accordingly. Event information will be forwarded to all the local municipalities.

Acting Warden Creelman advised that he, Councillor Anderson and Councillor Brown have revisited talks regarding a regional transit buses for transportation routes joining Shelburne to Orangeville as well as Grand Valley to Orangeville. A meeting has been requested with MPP Sylvia Jones, Metrolinx and GO Transit to discuss the adequacy of current GO service, if there is ways to improve it and how we could connect to it through Orangeville Transit and other transit coming into the community.

26. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Brown

THAT the minutes of the Closed session minutes of Council on July 9, 2020, be adopted.

-Carried-

27. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

2020-59 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on August 13, 2020.

Moved by Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Brown

THAT By-Law 2020-59, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

28. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Macintosh, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the meeting adjourn.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Video Conference

John Creelman, Acting Warden

Pam Hillock, Clerk