



**DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Video Conference**

**Council Members Present:**

Acting Warden John Creelman (Mono)  
Councillor Steve Anderson (Shelburne)  
Councillor Sandy Brown (Orangeville)  
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 Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley)  
Councillor Laura Ryan (Mono)  
Councillor Steve Soloman (Grand Valley)

**Council Members Absent:**

Warden Darren White (Melancthon) (prior notice)

**Staff Present:**

Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer  
Michelle Dunne, Clerk  
Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk  
Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer  
Cheri French, Director of Human Resources  
Anna McGregor, Director of Community Services  
Aimee Raves, Manager of Corporate Finance/Treasurer  
Tom Reid, Chief, Paramedic Services  
Brenda Wagner, Administrator of Dufferin Oaks

Acting Warden Creelman called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

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

Upcoming committee meetings will be held by video conference on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at the following times:

Infrastructure & Environmental Services Committee – 9:00 a.m.

General Government Services Committee – 11:00 a.m.

Health & Human Services Committee – 1:00 p.m.

Community Development & Tourism Committee – 3:00 p.m.

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Acting Warden Creelman shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Ryan**

**THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the July 8, 2021 meeting of Council, be approved.**

**-Carried-**

4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

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

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

**Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse**

**THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of June 10, 2021, be adopted.**

**-Carried-**

## **PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **6. Proclamation: Emancipation Day – August 1, 2021**

Acting Warden Creelman shared the following declaration and proclaimed August 1, 2021 to be Emancipation Day in the County of Dufferin:

WHEREAS August 1, 1834 commemorates the date that the Act for the Abolishment of Slavery throughout the British Colonies took effect pursuant to the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833; and

WHEREAS John Graves Simcoe was the lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada (now Ontario) from 1791-96. Where he was moved to pass new legislation called the "Act to Prevent the further Introduction of Slaves and to limit the Term of Contracts for Servitude" (Act to Limit Slavery in Upper Canada) on July 9 of that year.

This Act resulted from the case of Chloe Cooley in March of 1793, an enslaved Black woman in Upper Canada, who was bound and thrown into a boat to be sold in the United States.

It was one of the first pieces of legislation aiming at prohibiting slavery in North America. The Act outlawed purchase of new slaves and freed the children of slaves when they reached 21 years; and

WHEREAS within fifteen years of the abolition of slavery, between 35,000 and 40,000 Black settlers made their way to Ontario, in large part, by the Underground Railroad into Southwestern Ontario;

In 2008, the province designated August 1 as Emancipation Day, marking the end of slavery in the British Empire in the mid-19th century and in 2021, the federal government formally recognized Emancipation Day following a unanimous vote by members of parliament in the House of Commons.

NOW THEREFORE as an expression of our respect for human liberty and freedom and in recognition of the richness of the culture and history brought to Ontario and Dufferin County by African Canadians, I, Acting Warden John Creelman, do hereby proclaim August 1, 2021 as Emancipation Day in the County of Dufferin.

7. **Proclamation: Overdose Awareness Day – August 31, 2021**

Acting Warden Creelman proclaimed August 31, 2021 to be Overdose Awareness Day in the County of Dufferin. Tom Reid, Chief, Paramedic Service provided council a brief update on the Dufferin Caledon Drug Strategy Table activities.

8. **Presentation: 2021 Bill Hill Scholarship Recipients**

The Bill Hill Scholarships were awarded to:

- Agriculture: Sarah Bannon
- Arts (Fine Arts & Liberal Arts): Isabella Laurin
- Business & Social Sciences: Taylor Murdock
- Science & Technology: Lily McGregor
- Black or Person of Colour: Roshni Seeraj-Turingia

9. **Presentation: Headwaters Communities in Action**

Jennifer Payne from Headwaters Communities in Action, gave a presentation to Council regarding the mid-term update. The main key points of the update that were covered was the Headwaters Communities in Action's Leadership Council and staff, their partnership with Dufferin County and the supported projects and other collaborative work with the County which includes the Community Safety & Well-Being Plan, Volunteer Dufferin and Headwaters Food & Farming Alliance.

10. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions received from the Public.

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS**

11. **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee Minutes – June 9, 2021**

Minutes from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee meeting of June 9, 2021.

**Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Ryan**

**THAT the minutes of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee meeting of June 9, 2021, be adopted.**

-Carried-

12. **Infrastructure & Environmental Services Minutes – June 24, 2021**

**Moved by Councillor Currie, seconded by Councillor Horner**

**THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure & Environmental Services meeting held on June 24, 2021, and the recommendations set out be adopted.**

-Carried-

13. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – June 24, 2021 – ITEM #1  
Reclassification of Entrance Permit

THAT the application to reclassify the temporary entrance to a permanent entrance at 674305 Hurontario Street, Mono, be approved.

THAT the motion be deferred to the July 8, 2021 Council meeting.

14. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – June 24, 2021 – ITEM #2  
Curbside Waste Collection Contract Update – June 2021

THAT Report, Curbside Waste Collection Contract Update – June 2021, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated June 24, 2021, be received;

AND THAT staff be approved to include collection frequency and container provisions within the final service contract to ensure flexibility for potential future decisions of Council.

15. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – June 24, 2021 – ITEM #3  
Municipal Agreements with Utility Providers

THAT Report, Municipal Agreements with Utility Providers, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated June 24, 2021, be received;

AND THAT staff be authorized to proceed with developing a standard Dufferin County Municipal Agreement for utilities and service providers.

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreements as required.

16. **General Government Services Minutes – June 24, 2021**

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

**THAT the minutes of the General Government Services meeting held on June 24, 2021, and the recommendations set out be adopted.**

**-Carried-**

17. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – June 24, 2021 – ITEM #1  
Insurance Extension

THAT the report of the Manager of Corporate Finance/Treasurer, dated June 24, 2021, regarding Insurance Extension, be received;

AND THAT that Intact Public Entities be engaged to provide Insurance Services for the 2022 fiscal year.

18. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – June 24, 2021 – ITEM #2  
Updated Policy for Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol

THAT the report of the Clerk dated June 24, 2021 regarding Policy # 1-2-12 for Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol, be received;

AND THAT the attached policy as amended be approved.

19. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – June 24, 2021 – ITEM #3  
School Bus Stop-Arm Camera Program Report 3

THAT the report of the Clerk, dated June 24, 2021 regarding School Bus Stop-Arm Camera Program – Report 3, be received.

20. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – June 24, 2021 – ITEM #4  
Compensation for Public Members on Committees/Advisory Groups

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated June 24, 2021 regarding Compensation for Public Members on Committees/Advisory Groups, be received;

AND THAT it be referred to the budget discussions for the forthcoming fiscal year.

21. **Community Development and Tourism Minutes – June 24, 2021**

**Moved by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Brown**

**THAT the minutes of the Community Development and Tourism meeting held on June 24, 2021, and the recommendations set out be adopted.**

**-Carried-**

22. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – June 24, 2021 – ITEM #1  
Mulmur Official Plan Amendment #2

THAT the report from WSP, dated June 15, 2021, regarding Amendment No. 2 to the Official Plan of the Township of Mulmur be received;

AND THAT Mulmur Official Plan Amendment #2 be approved, as modified.

23. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – June 24, 2021 – ITEM #2  
Temporary Tent Permit Fee Relief

THAT the report of the Chief Building Official and Manager of Economic Development, dated June 24, 2021 regarding Temporary Tent Permit Fee Relief be received.

24. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – June 24, 2021 – ITEM #3  
Building Permit Statistics January 1 – June 15, 2021

THAT the report of the Chief Building Official, dated June 24, 2021 regarding Building Permit Statistics January 1 – June 15, 2021 be received.

25. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – June 24, 2021 – ITEM #4  
Tourism Updates

THAT the report from the Tourism Manager, dated June 24, 2021, titled Tourism Update be received.

26. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – June 24, 2021 – ITEM #5  
SWIFT Monthly Project Update

THAT the correspondence from Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT), dated June 16, 2021, regarding the May 2021 monthly project update be received.

27. **Manager of Finance, Treasurer's Report – Second Quarter 2021 Report on Request for Tenders and Request for Proposals**

A report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated July 8, 2021, to provide the quarterly update on all Request for Tenders and Request for Proposals in accordance with By-law 2017-33 Procurement of Goods and Services 2017, Section (4.2.7).

**Moved by Councillor Macintosh, seconded by Councillor Gerrits**

**THAT the report on Request for Tenders and Request for Proposals, from the Manager of Corporate Finance/Treasurer, dated July 8, 2021, be received.**

**-Carried-**

28. **Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Update to Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Community Advisory Committee Terms of Reference**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 8, 2021, to recommend to Council, an update to the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Community Advisory Committee mandate including a move to collaborate with Headwaters Communities in Action.

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

**THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 8, 2021 with respect to Update to Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Community Advisory Committee terms of Reference, be received;**

**AND THAT, the updated Terms of Reference be adopted;**

**AND THAT staff be directed to work with HCIA to draft and implement an MOU to cover the support (estimated at \$10-15,000) for the remainder of 2021;**

**AND THAT, staff and HCIA update the current service agreement to include support to Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Community Advisory Committee for future years for Council to consider during the 2022 budget deliberations.**

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



**THAT the motion be tabled.**

**-Carried-**

29. **Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Looking Ahead Post COVID – Service Optimization and Workforce Planning: Strategy Framework**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 8, 2021, to recommend to Council a high level plan that optimizes service delivery, puts people first and builds a workforce strategy that retains and attracts talented staff.

**Moved by Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Gerrits**

**THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 8, 2021 with respect to respect to Looking Ahead Post COVID - Service Optimization and Workforce Planning: Strategy Framework, be received;**

**AND THAT, Strategy Framework outlined in the attachment be approved**

**-Carried-**

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

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 8, 2021, to provide Council with an update of activities from outside boards and agencies.

**Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse**

**THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 8, 2021 with respect to Reports from Outside Boards, be received.**

**-Carried-**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

31. **Town of Grand Valley**

Correspondence from the Town of Grand Valley, dated June 4, 2021, regarding concerns with the province's Roadmap to Reopen plan.

**Moved by Councillor Currie, seconded by Councillor Gerrits**

**THAT the correspondence regarding concerns with the province's Roadmap to Reopen plan, from the Town of Grand Valley, dated June 4, 2021, be received.**

**-Carried-**

32. **Town of Shelburne**

A resolution from the Town of Shelburne, dated June 29, 2021, regarding the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation report released in December 2015.

**Moved by Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Soloman**

**THAT the resolution from the Town of Shelburne, dated June 29, 2021 regarding the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation report released in December 2015, be supported.**

**-Carried-**

Councillor Mills left the meeting (3:09 pm)

33. **Watershed Plans and Source Water Protection - Credit Valley Conservation**

Correspondence from the Watershed Plans and Source Water Protection-Credit Valley Conservation, dated June 15, 2021, regarding the nomination of a joint representative to the CTC Source Protection Committee.

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

**THAT Councillor Gerrits be reappointed as joint representative to the CTC Source Protection Committee.**

**-Carried-**

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**MOTIONS**

34. **Moved by Councillor Currie, seconded by Councillor Soloman**

**THAT the application to reclassify the temporary entrance to a permanent entrance at 674305 Hurontario Street, Mono, be approved.**

A recorded vote was requested on the motion and taken as follows:

	Yea	Nay
Councillor Anderson (1)		x
Councillor Brown (7)		x
Councillor Creelman (2)		x
Councillor Currie (1)	x	
Councillor Gardhouse (2)		x
Councillor Gerrits (1)		x
Councillor Hawkins (1)		x
Councillor Horner (1)		x
Councillor Macintosh (7)		x
Councillor Mills (2)	Absent	
Councillor Rentsch (1)		x
Councillor Ryan (3)		x
Councillor Soloman (1)	x	
Councillor White (2)	Absent	
Totals (32)	2	26
	<b>-MOTION LOST-</b>	

35. **Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Brown**

**WHEREAS the Dufferin County Forest By-law (2017-39) allows that hunting may occur from October 1 to May 1 in the following tracts: south portion of Amaranth, Gara Gore, Main, Melanchthon, Randwick, Riverview and Simmons;**

**AND WHEREAS there is no hunting allowed in the following Dufferin Forest tracts: North portion of Amaranth, Hockley, Leeming, Levitt, Little, Mono, Thompson and River Road;**

**AND WHEREAS there were 99 permits issued for hunting in the tracts of the Dufferin Forest in 2020-21;**

**AND WHEREAS year round usage of the Main Tract for hiking, cycling and horseback riding has been steadily increasing since 2017 and particularly in the COVID-19 pandemic;**

**AND WHEREAS traffic counters in the parking lot of the Main Tract are recording approximately 75 cars per day from May-September and approximately 38 cars per day in the months of October to April with hiking and cycling being the dominant use;**

**THEREFORE be it resolved that The Main Tract of the Dufferin Forest be removed from area in the bylaw that allows hunting and placed on the no hunting list.**

A recorded vote was requested on the motion and taken as follows:

	Yea	Nay
Councillor Anderson (1)	x	
Councillor Brown (7)	x	
Councillor Creelman (2)	x	
Councillor Currie (1)		x
Councillor Gardhouse (2)	x	
Councillor Gerrits (1)	x	
Councillor Hawkins (1)	x	
Councillor Horner (1)	x	
Councillor Macintosh (7)	x	
Councillor Mills (2)	Absent	
Councillor Rentsch (1)		x
Councillor Ryan (3)	x	
Councillor Soloman (1)	x	
Councillor White (2)	Absent	
Totals (32)	26	2
	<b>-MOTION CARRIED-</b>	

36. **BY-LAWS**

2021-26      A by-law to approve Official Plan Amendment No. 2 to the Township of Mulmur Official Plan.  
 Authorization: Council – July 8, 2021

**Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Ryan**

**THAT By-law 2021-26, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.**

**-Carried-**

37. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Currie asked for an update regarding a Dufferin County vehicles parked at 55 Zina Street. The Director of Public Works advised Councillor Currie that the vehicle is a Building department vehicle and is being used by the

department. GSP devices have been installed in all County vehicles and usage rates will be reviewed.

38. **CLOSED SESSION**

39. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

2021-27      A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on July 8, 2021.

**Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Hawkins**

**THAT By-Law 2021-27, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.**

**-Carried-**

40. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**THAT the meeting adjourn.**

**-Carried-**

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Next meeting:      Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.  
Video Conference

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John Creelman, Acting Warden

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Michelle Dunne, Clerk