



DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
Video Conference

Council Members Present: Warden Darren White (Melancthon)
Councillor Steve Anderson (Shelburne) (joined at 2:09 p.m.)
Councillor Sandy Brown (Orangeville)
Councillor John Creelman (Mono)
Councillor Bob Currie (Amaranth)
Councillor Guy Gardhouse (East Garafraxa)
Councillor Chris Gerrits (Amaranth)
Councillor Janet Horner (Mulmur)
Councillor Andy Macintosh (Orangeville)
Councillor Wade Mills (Shelburne) (joined at 2:21 p.m.)
Councillor Fred Nix (Mono)
Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley)
Councillor Steve Soloman (Grand Valley)

Council Members Absent: Councillor Earl Hawkins (Mulmur)(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

Warden White called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Warden White 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, September 23, 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**

Warden White shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

2. **OATH OF OFFICE – Councillor Nix**

Warden White congratulated Councillor Creelman on his recent appointment as the Mayor of the Town of Mono and welcomed Councillor Fred Nix who has been appointed the Deputy Mayor. The County Clerk administered the Oath of Office for Councillor Nix.

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

Warden White addressed the resignation of Councillor Laura Ryan and the positive impact she had on the community. She will be greatly missed by Dufferin County and the Town of Mono.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the September 9, 2021 meeting of Council, be approved.

-Carried-

5. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

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

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

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of July 8, 2021, be adopted.

-Carried-

PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7. **Presentation: Integrity Commissioner**

Charles Harnick, Integrity Commissioner, introduced himself to Council and provided a brief summary of the services he provides. These services are: providing advice to members of Council in a confidential manner, providing educational services to Council if requested, and resolving issues and complaints regarding the Code of Conduct, the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and procedures set out in the County's procedural by-law.

Councillor Anderson joined at 2:09 p.m.

8. **Proclamation: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day – September 9, 2021**

Warden White proclaimed September 9, 2021 to be Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day in the County of Dufferin. Tara Leskey, Andrea Wyshniowsky and Jennifer Moore from Dufferin Child and Family Services were in attendance to accept the proclamation and thanked the County for recognizing this day.

Councillor Mills joined at 2:21 p.m.

9. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions received from the Public.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS

10. **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee Minutes – July 14, 2021**

Minutes from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee meeting of July 14, 2021.

Moved by Councillor Macintosh, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT the minutes of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee meeting of July 14, 2021, be adopted.

-Carried-

11. **Infrastructure & Environmental Services Minutes – August 26, 2021**

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Mills

THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure & Environmental Services meeting held on August 26, 2021, and the recommendations set out be adopted.

-Carried-

12. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #2
Partners for Climate Protection – Milestone Recognition

THAT Report, Partners for Climate Protection - Milestone Recognition, dated August 26, 2021, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer be received.

13. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #3
Electric Vehicle Awareness Initiative

THAT Report, Electric Vehicle Awareness Initiative, dated Thursday, August 26 2021 from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer be received;

AND THAT, the Dufferin County contribution of \$32,678 be approved and incorporated into the 2022 budget.

14. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #4
Public Electric Vehicle Charging Network – Project Update

THAT Report, Public Electric Vehicle Charging Network – Project Update, dated August 26, 2021 from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer be received.

15. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #5 Electric Vehicle Charging Station Policy and User Fees

THAT Report, Electric Vehicle Charging Policy, dated August 26, 2021 from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer be received;

AND THAT the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Policy be adopted;

AND THAT the user fee bylaw be amended to include for the use of County-owned electric vehicle charging stations.

16. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #6 Financial Statement

THAT the Financial Report for the month of June 2021 from the Manager of Finance/ Treasurer, dated August 26, 2021 be received.

17. **General Government Services Minutes – August 26, 2021**

Moved by Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the minutes of the General Government Services meeting held on August 26, 2021, and the recommendations set out be adopted.

-Carried-

18. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #1 Next Generation 9-1-1 Revised Implementation Schedule

THAT the report of the Emergency Management Coordinator dated August 26, 2021, regarding Next Generation 9-1-1 be received.

19. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #2 Municipal Emergency Readiness Fund – Grant Request

THAT, the report of the Emergency Management Coordinator dated August 26, 2021, regarding a Municipal Emergency Readiness Fund – Grant Request for the Township of Mulmur be received;

AND THAT, the request from the Township of Mulmur for a Municipal Emergency Readiness Grant in the amount of \$4,272.15 be approved.

20. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #3
Hybrid Council Meeting Space

THAT the Report from the Clerk and Manager, Information Technology & GIS dated August 26, 2021 titled Hybrid (virtual/in-person) Council Meeting Space be received;

AND THAT staff report back on the cost of transitioning a space within 55 Zina Street, Orangeville into a council chambers/multi-use space.

21. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #4
Budget Update

THAT the report of the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated August 26, 2021, 2022 Budget be received.

22. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #5
Financial Statement

THAT the Financial Report for the month of June 2021 from the Manager of Finance/ Treasurer, dated August 26, 2021 be received.

23. **Health and Human Services Minutes – August 26, 2021**

Moved by Councillor Macintosh, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the minutes of the Health and Human Services meeting held on August 26, 2021, and the recommendations set out be adopted.

-Carried-

24. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #1
Dufferin Oaks Update

THAT the report of the Administrator dated August 26, 2021 with regards to the Dufferin Oaks Update be received.

25. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #2
Quarterly Community Services Activity Report Q2 2021

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Quarterly Community Services Activity Report – Second Quarter, 2021, dated August 26, 2021 be received.

26. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #3
Employment Services Transformation Update

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services dated August 26, 2021, titled Employment Services Transformation Update be received.

27. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #4
Dufferin County Equity Collaborative 2020 Report to Community

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Dufferin County Equity Collaborative (DCEC) 2020 Report to the Community, dated August 26, 2021 be received.

28. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #5
Dufferin County 2021 Point-in-Time Count Results

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Dufferin County 2021 Point-in-Time Count Results, dated August 26, 2021 be received.

29. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #6
Annual Rent Increase Guideline

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services dated August 26 2021, titled Annual Rent Increase Guideline 2022 be received;

AND THAT the 2022 Market Rents of County of Dufferin owned housing units be increased by the maximum level of 1.2% over the previous year.

30. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #7
Financial Statement

THAT the Financial Report for the month of June 2021 from the Manager of Finance/ Treasurer, dated August 26, 2021 be received.

31. **Community Development and Tourism Minutes – August 26, 2021**

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT the minutes of the Community Development and Tourism meeting held on August 26, 2021, and the recommendations set out be adopted.

-Carried-

32. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #1
Dufferin Federation of Agriculture (DFA)

THAT all Planning applications initiated at the County level be circulated to the Dufferin Federation of Agriculture for review and input.

33. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #2
Update on Local Employment Rates

THAT the report of the Manager of Economic Development, dated August 26, 2021, with respect to the Development and Tourism Department be received.

34. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #3
University of Guelph Rural Response to Covid-19 Resident Survey

THAT the report of the Manager of Economic Development, dated August 26, 2021, with respect to the Development and Tourism Department be received.

35. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – August 26, 2021 – ITEM #4
Financial Statement

THAT the Financial Report for the month of June 2021 from the Manager of Finance/ Treasurer, dated August 26, 2021 be received.

36. **Manager of Finance, Treasurer's Report – Mid Year Financial Review**

A report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated September 9, 2021, to provide Council with an update on mid year financial results up to July 31, 2021.

Moved by Councillor Creelman, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT the report of the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated September 9, 2021, regarding Mid Year Financial Review be received.

-Carried-

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

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated September 9, 2021, to provide Council with an update of activities from outside boards and agencies.

Moved by Councillor Macintosh, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated September 9, 2021 with respect to Reports from Outside Boards, be received.

-Carried-

38. **Chief Administrative Officer's Report – COVID Vaccination Policy**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated September 9, 2021, to provide Council with information on mandatory vaccination policies, how other municipalities in Ontario are proceeding and next steps for implementing a Dufferin County policy.

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated September 9, 2021 titled Vaccination Policy be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to develop and implement a Vaccination Policy in consultation with Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health;

AND THAT following key policy issues be included:

- **Proof of Vaccination Status or proof of medical exemption or proof of exemption under the Ontario Human Rights Code will be required by November 1st;**
- **Staff not providing the proof identified above will be required to attend an education session on vaccine safety and effectiveness;**
- **Staff not vaccinated will be required to undergoing regular testing (rapid antigen tests) prior to being onsite;**

- **Non-compliance may result in disciplinary action;**
- **Accommodations on human rights grounds will be considered on an individual basis.**

-Carried-

CORRESPONDENCE

39. Upper Grand Watershed Committee

Correspondence from the Upper Grand Watershed Committee, dated August 18, 2021, to extend their appreciation and congratulate Dufferin County on providing the opportunity for rural properties to protect and improve their drinking water through the Rural Water Quality Program (RWOP).

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT the correspondence from the Upper Grand Watershed Committee, dated August 18, 2021, be received.

-Carried-

40. Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, dated August 23, 2021, regarding members recognizing September 30th as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day).

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Creelman

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS the recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the recommendations in the TRC's Calls to Action;

AND WHEREAS all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the federal government, in collaboration with

Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced September 30th, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Dufferin County does hereby commit to recognizing September 30th, 2021, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) by sharing the stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities.

-Carried-

41. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

MOTIONS

42. **Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Horner**

THAT Councillor Rentsch be appointed as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee.

-Carried-

Councillor Gerrits left the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

43. **BY-LAWS**

2021-28 A by-law to amend by-law 2017-39, being a by-law to govern the lands known as the Dufferin County Forest (Amend Schedule A)
Authorization: Council – September 14, 2017

2021-29 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 (Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home) and the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA). (Collective Agreement)
Authorization: Council – September 9, 2021

2021-30 A by-law to appoint an acting Chief Building Official and to repeal by-law 2018-35 (Doug Kopp)

Authorization: Council – September 9, 2021

- 2021-31 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 (Museum of Dufferin) and Zone 6 Regional Tourism Organization (O/A Central Counties Tourism). (Funding Agreement)
Authorization: Council – September 9, 2021

Moved by Councillor Macintosh, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT By-laws 2021-28, thru to 2021-31, inclusive, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

44. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Nix confirmed with the Clerk that he will be sitting on the Health and Human Services and Community Development and Tourism committees.

Warden White reflected on the upcoming 20th anniversary of 9/11 on Saturday and his recent attendance at the opening of Bravery Park in Orangeville.

45. **CLOSED SESSION**

46. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

- 2021-32 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on September 9, 2021.

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Macintosh

THAT By-Law 2021-32, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

47. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Currie, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT the meeting adjourn.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
Video Conference

Darren White, Warden

Michelle Dunne, Clerk