



DUFFERIN COUNTY ELECTION OF THE WARDEN & COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Video Conference

Council Members Present:

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 Wade Mills (Shelburne)
Councillor Fred Nix (Mono)
Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley)
Councillor Steve Soloman (Grand Valley)
Councillor Darren White (Melancthon)

Alternate Members Present:

Councillor Debbie Sherwood (Orangeville)

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Andy Macintosh (Orangeville)(prior notice)

Staff Present:

Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer
Michelle Dunne, Clerk
Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk
Anna McGregor, Director of Community Services
Scott Burns, Director of Public Works
Cody Joudry, Director of Development & Tourism
Rohan Thompson, Director of People & Equity
Brenda Wagner, Administrator of Dufferin Oaks
Tom Reid, Chief, Paramedic Service
Aimee Raves, Manager of Finance /Treasurer

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer, shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

2. **CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. She welcomed those watching to the Election of the Warden meeting.

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

4. **RECOGNITION OF PAST WARDENS**

Sonya Pritchard acknowledged the past work and contributions to the County of Dufferin made by all Past Wardens.

Past Wardens on current Council:

John Creelman – 2001, 2002 (Mayor, Mono)

Darren White – 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021 (Mayor, Melancthon)

5. **OUTGOING WARDEN'S REMARKS**

Past Warden Darren White addressed Council. He thanked Council and staff for their support throughout the year. He congratulated both nominees and reminded them that the role of Warden is bigger than one municipality or one person and it must be treated as such.

6. **NOMINATIONS OF 2022 WARDEN**

The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the role of the Head of Council noting that this year would be the 145th Warden of the County of Dufferin.

The Clerk noted nominations for the 2022 Warden were received by the Clerk's office prior to December 3, 2021.

The following nominations were received for the position of Warden:

Councillor Gerrits, moved by Councillor Rentsch, seconded by Councillor Soloman.

Councillor Mills, moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Brown.

The Clerk noted both nominees were willing to stand for the position.

Each nominee addressed Council.

7. **VOTE**

The vote for Warden was conducted electronically through an anonymous poll. The results of the voting poll for Warden were as follows:

Poll

Votes Cast	14
Councillor Gerrits	6
Councillor Mills	8

The Clerk declared Councillor Mills to be the Warden Elect for the year 2021-2022.

8. **OATH OF OFFICE FOR 2022 WARDEN**

Warden Elect Mills took the Oath of Office for the Warden. The Chain of Office, Gavel and Warden's pin will be presented to Warden Mills at a later date.

9. **REMARKS BY THE 2022 WARDEN**

Warden Mills thanked everyone for entrusting him with the role of Warden. He recognized that the past 21 months have been difficult and they as local leaders have been called upon to make some of the most difficult decisions they've had to make in their public life. He also thanked past Warden White and County staff for their commitment through this time.

Warden Mills announced that they would now be moving into the regular Council meeting (2:28 p.m.).

The next regular meeting of Council will take place on January 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. by video conference.

10. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Nix

THAT Item #12.2 be removed from the Agenda and be received as correspondence and the delegate be allowed to speak at Public Question period.

-Carried-

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Gerrits

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

-Carried-

11. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

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

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

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of November 11, 2021, be adopted.

-Carried-

13. **PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

13.1. **Presentation – Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health**

Staff informed Council that the representative from Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health was not able to attend.

13.2. **Delegation: Vaccine Passports & Mandates**

This item was removed from the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Horner

THAT the correspondence from Graciela Cardenas-Mustapha regarding vaccine passports and mandates, be received.

-Carried-

13.3. **Presentation: Transit Feasibility Review**

David Forsey, Associate-Manager, Transportation Engineering from IBI Group, provided Council with a presentation regarding the Transit Feasibility Review. The study shows that there is a need for a County-wide transit service and that the preferred service design would be a curb-to-curb on-demand model.

Moved by Councillor Creelman, seconded by Councillor Brown

THAT the Transit Feasibility Review by IBI Group be received:

AND THAT it be referred to all standing committees for further discussion.

-Carried-

14. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Graciela Cardenas-Mustapha submitted the following question to Council: Why are you censoring the community when they have concerns and would like to be heard? What are you afraid of?

Warden Mills explained that a more appropriate time for Ms. Cardenas-Mustapha to have raised these questions and concerns would have been when the matter was being debated by County Council.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS

15. **Infrastructure & Environmental Services Minutes – November 25, 2021**

Moved by Councillor Currie, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure and Environmental Services meeting held on November 25, 2021, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

16. **INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – November 25, 2021 – ITEM #1**

Amendment to Electric Vehicle Charging Station User Fees

THAT Report, Amendment to Electric Vehicle Charging Station User Fees, dated November 25, 2021 from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer be received;

AND THAT the user fee by-law be amended to the updated fee structure for the use of County-owned electric vehicle charging stations.

AND THAT the corresponding sections of the Electric Vehicle Policy be amended to reflect the changes to the user fee by-law.

17. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – November 25, 2021 – ITEM #2
Electric Vehicle Charging Network – Update and MOU November 2021

THAT Report, Electric Vehicle Charging Network – Update November 2021, dated November 25, 2021 from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer be received;

AND THAT the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and each local municipality and/or property owner be approved in substantial form.

18. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – November 25, 2021 – ITEM #3
Capital Project Update – November 2021

THAT Report, Capital Project Update – November 2021, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated November 25, 2021 be received.

19. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – November 25, 2021 – ITEM #4
Dufferin County Forest Recreational Use Policy Public Review

THAT Report, Dufferin County Forest Recreational Use Policy Public Review, dated November 25, 2021 from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer be received.

20. **General Government Services Minutes – November 25, 2021**

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the minutes of the General Government Services meeting held on November 25, 2021, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

21. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – November 25, 2021 – ITEM #1
Municipal Emergency Readiness Fund Grant Request - Grand Valley

THAT the report of the Emergency Management Coordinator dated November 25, 2021, regarding a Municipal Emergency Readiness Fund Grant Request – Grand Valley be received;

AND THAT, a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to purchase and install a backup generator and automatic transfer switch for the Town of Grand Valley, be approved.

22. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – November 25, 2021 – ITEM #2
Streamline County IT/GIS Services with Local Municipalities

THAT the Report from the Manager of Information Technology & Geographic Information Systems dated November 25, 2021 titled Streamline County IT/GIS services with local municipalities, be received;

AND THAT an updated IT phased-in cost recovery model, reflecting 35% for the first year, 65% for the second year and 100% for the third year, be adopted;

AND THAT a permanent IT/GIS partner working group be established and that the terms of reference includes an annual report to committee;

AND THAT new memoranda of understanding with municipal partners be created reflecting the new costing model;

AND THAT the Manager of Information Technology & Geographic Information Systems continue to work with the current partners to determine options to phase in the new agreements;

AND THAT staff report back to the committee with an update in January 2022.

23. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – November 25, 2021 – ITEM #3
2022 Development Charge Indexing

THAT the report of the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated November 25, 2021, regarding 2022 Development Charge Indexing be received.

24. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – November 25, 2021 – ITEM #4

OMERS Performance 2020

THAT the Report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated November 25, 2021 with respect to OMERS performance 2020 be received;

AND THAT Dufferin County Council support the call from the City of Toronto on July 14, 2021 for greater disclosure from OMERS with respect to investment performance and management;

AND THAT, staff be directed to notify OMERS and CUPE Ontario of Council's support for the City of Toronto resolution;

AND THAT, staff be directed to notify CUPE Ontario that Council does also support the request for an independent third party review.

25. **Community Development and Tourism Committee Minutes – November 25, 2021**

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT the minutes of the Community Development and Tourism Committee meeting held on November 25, 2021, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

26. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – November 25, 2021 – ITEM #3**
Lake Erie Source Protection Committee (SPC) – Nomination for Municipal Representative

THAT the report from the Director of Development and Tourism, dated November 25, 2021, regarding Lake Erie Source Protection Committee – Nomination for Municipal Representative, be received;

AND THAT the nomination for John Sepulis as the Municipal Representative for Dufferin County be supported.

27. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – November 25, 2021 – ITEM #4**
Planning Services & Staffing

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, dated November 25, 2021, with respect to the Planning Responsibilities and Staffing be received.

28. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – November 25, 2021 – ITEM #5
Dufferin County Municipal Comprehensive Review- Town Urban Boundary
Expansion

THAT the correspondence from Gladki Planning Associates dated November 17, 2021 regarding the Dufferin County Municipal Comprehensive Review – Town Urban Boundary Expansion, 133184 Sideroad 28-29, Town of Grand Valley, be received.

29. **CORRESPONDENCE**

30. **MOTIONS**

31. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

32. **BY-LAWS**

2021-42 A by-law to appoint a Chief Building Official and to repeal by-law
2021-30 (Rebecca L. Montyro)
Authorization: Council – December 9, 2021

2021-43 A by-law to amend By-law #2021-15, being a By-law to adopt a
Code of Conduct for members of Council
Authorization: Council – November 11, 2021

2021-44 A by-law to amend By-law #2015-41, fees and charges for services
and activities provided by the County of Dufferin. (Schedule "C" –
Public Works)
Authorization: Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee
– November 25, 2021

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Soloman

**THAT By-law 2021-42 – By-law 2021-44, inclusive, be read a first, second
and third time and enacted.**

-Carried-

33. **SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Warden called for the nominations for the Chair of the Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee.

Moved by Councillor Sherwood, seconded by Councillor White

THAT Councillor Brown be nominated for the position of Chair for the Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee for the County of Dufferin for the year 2022.

Councillor Brown 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 Brown as Chair of Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee.

The Warden then called for the nominations for the Chair of the General Government Services Committee.

Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Nix

THAT Councillor Creelman be nominated for the position of Chair for the General Government Committee for the year 2022.

Councillor Creelman 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 Creelman as Chair of General Government Services Committee.

The Warden then called for the nominations for the Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee.

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor White

THAT Councillor Rentsch be nominated for the position of Chair for the Health and Human Services Committee for the year 2022.

Councillor Rentsch 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 Rentsch as Chair of Health and Human Services Committee.

The Warden then called for the nominations for the Chair of the Community Development and Tourism Committee.

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Gerrits

THAT Councillor Horner be nominated for the position of Chair for the Community Development and Tourism Committee for the year 2022.

Councillor Horner 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 Horner as Chair of the Community Development and Tourism Committee.

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Gerrits

THAT the slate of Committee Membership as set out below, be adopted:

Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Brown
Councillor Currie
Councillor Hawkins
Councillor Nix
Councillor White

General Government Services Committee

Councillor Anderson

Councillor Creelman
Councillor Horner
Councillor Macintosh
Councillor Rentsch
Councillor Soloman

Health and Human Services

Councillor Brown
Councillor Gardhouse
Councillor Gerrits
Councillor Macintosh
Councillor Nix
Councillor Rentsch
Councillor Soloman

Community Development and Tourism

Councillor Currie
Councillor Creelman
Councillor Gardhouse
Councillor Gerrits
Councillor Hawkins
Councillor Horner
Councillor White

-Carried-

34. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Warden Mills and County staff advised that the Emergency Declaration will remain in effect after advisement from Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health.

Councillor Currie inquired on why a recent County meeting was held at Hockley Valley Resort instead of in a Dufferin County facility. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the space was originally booked 2 years ago for an Emergency Management conference but was cancelled due to the pandemic. As there was already a deposit made on the space the County decided to hold their meeting there otherwise lose the money that was paid to Hockley Valley.

Councillor White inquired on the vacant position left by previous Councillor Laura Ryan on the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Community Advisory Committee. Councillor White advised he would like to join the committee.

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT Councillor White be appointed to the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Community Advisory Committee.

-Carried-

The new Director of People and Equity, Rohan Thompson was introduced to Council.

Councillor Brown advised Council that the Kay Cee Gardens has reopened and thanked the Optimist Club, Town of Orangeville staff and Orangeville Hydro for all their work in getting it organized.

35. **CLOSED SESSION**

36. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

2021-45 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on December 9, 2021.

Moved by Councillor Currie, seconded by Councillor Gerrits

THAT by-law 2021-45 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

37. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse , seconded by Councillor Nix

THAT the meeting adjourn.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Video Conference

Wade Mills, Warden

Michelle Dunne, Clerk