



DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Video Conference

Council Members Present:

Warden Wade Mills (Shelburne)
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)(joined at 2:08 p.m.)
Councillor Andy Macintosh (Orangeville)
Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley)
Councillor Steve Soloman (Grand Valley)
Councillor Darren White (Melancthon)

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Fred Nix (Mono) (prior notice)

Staff Present:

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

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

Warden Mills 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, January 27, 2022 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.

Warden Mills welcomed back Councillor Macintosh and thanked Councillor Sherwood for filling in during his absence.

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Warden Mills 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 Currie, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the January 13, 2022 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 Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Gerrits

THAT the minutes of the Election of the Warden and regular meeting of Council of December 9, 2021, be adopted.

-Carried-

Councillor Horner joined at 2:08 p.m.

6. PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1. Proclamation & Delegations: Black History Month

Warden Mills proclaimed the month of February 2022 to be Black History Month in the County of Dufferin. Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson, Dufferin County Canadian Black Association, was in attendance to accept the proclamation and presented Council with an overview of Black History Month activities.

Warden Mills announced that there will be a raising of the Pan African Flag for Black History Month on February 1, 2022 at the Museum of Dufferin at 11:00 am.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions received from the Public.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS

8. Manager of Corporate Finance/Treasurer's Report – Fourth Quarter 2021 Report on Request for Tenders and Request for Proposals

A report from the Manager of Corporate Finance/Treasurer and Senior Procurement Specialist, dated January 13, 2022, 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 and Senior Procurement Specialist, dated January 13, 2022, be received.

-Carried-

9. Manager of Corporate Finance/Treasurer's Report – Anticipated Surplus and Reserve Contributions

A report from the Manager of Corporate Finance/Treasurer, dated January 13, 2022, to inform Council of the anticipated 2021 surplus as well as seek permission to allocate portions of the surplus to specific reserves.

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Gerrits

THAT the report of the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated January 13, 2022, regarding Anticipated Surplus and Reserve Contributions, be received,

AND THAT the following 2021 reserve transfers be approved:

Reserve Name	Transfer Amount
Reserve for Housing Programming	\$265,000 **
Reserve for Remote work and Hybrid Meetings	\$435,000 **
Reserve for Insurance Stabilization	\$200,000
Reserve for Interest and Tax Stabilization	\$500,000
Reserve for Waste Services	\$650,000 **
Reserve for Software Upgrades	\$1,500,000
Reserve for Rate Stabilization (Grants)	\$25,000 **
Reserve for Roads Equipment	\$150,000

Moved by Councillor Currie, seconded by Councillor Hawkins- IN AMENDMENT

THAT the schedule be amended to reallocate \$100,000 from the reserve for Software Upgrades and apply the funds to the reserve for Roads Equipment.

-Lost-

-ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED-

10. Chief Administrative Officer' Report – Service Optimization and Workforce Planning – Status as at January 2022

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated January 13, 2022, to follow up on the report to Council from July 8, 2021 and to recommend next steps in implementing a Service Optimization and Workforce Planning Strategy - a high level plan that focuses on service delivery, puts people first and retains and attracts talented staff.

Moved by Councillor Macintosh, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated January 13, 2022 with respect to looking ahead post COVID - Service Optimization and Workforce Planning: Strategy Framework, be received;

AND THAT next steps in Strategy Framework outlined in the attachment be approved.

-Carried-

11. Presentation: 2022 Budget

The Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer provided a presentation to Council regarding the Draft 2022 Budget. The County's status quo budget is currently 2.38% and growth is estimated at 1.42% which leaves a net increase of 0.96%. The presentation also provided an overview of the increases & decreases in each department. The details of what is causing these changes to the budget will be discussed further at the January 27 committee meetings.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

13. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Currie

THAT the requirement that surplus farm dwelling be subject to Minimum Distance Separation 1 setback provisions be removed (if applicable) from soon-to-be-completed County Official Plan.

14. MOTIONS

15. BY-LAWS

2022-01 A by-law to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin during the year 2022.

Authorization: Council – January 13, 2022

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

THAT By-Law 2022-01 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

16. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Creelman suggested creating a working group to review the Transit Feasibility Study and make recommendations. The following Councillors volunteered to participate in the working group:

- Councillor Anderson
- Councillor Creelman
- Councillor Brown
- Councillor Gerrits
- Councillor White
- Warden Mills

Councillor Creelman advised the County will be receiving correspondence regarding Provincial Offenses Administration and that he would like it put on the next agenda to be endorsed.

17. CLOSED SESSION

18. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

2022-02 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on January 13, 2022.

Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Currie

THAT By-Law 2022-02, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

19. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Macintosh

THAT the meeting adjourn.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 10, 2022
Video Conference

Wade Mills, Warden

Michelle Dunne, Clerk