



DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Video Conference

Council Members Present:

Warden Wade Mills (Shelburne)
Councillor Steve Anderson (Shelburne)
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 Andy Macintosh (Orangeville)
Councillor Fred Nix (Mono)
Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley)
Councillor Steve Soloman (Grand Valley)

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Sandy Brown (Orangeville)(prior notice)
Councillor Darren White (Melancthon)(prior notice)

Staff Present:

Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer
Michelle Dune, Clerk
Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk
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
Tom Reid, Chief Paramedic

Warden Mills called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, April 28, 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.

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 Creelman, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the April 14, 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 Nix, seconded by Councillor Macintosh

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of March 10, 2022, be adopted.

-Carried-

PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6. Delegation: Sikh Flag Raising

The Clerk read the delegation from Narinder Paul Singh to request the Sikh flag be raised in honour of Sikh Heritage Month in the month of April.

Moved by Councillor Currie, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT the Sikh flag be raised in honour of Sikh Heritage Month for the month of April 2022.

-Carried-

7. Delegation: Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation

Althea Alli, President/Founder, Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation, delegated to request Council's support for the Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation by posting the 2022 Multicultural Day event on the County's website and social media, by raising the Multicultural flag in the month of June and by proclaiming June 27, 2022 as Multicultural Day in Dufferin County.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Nix

THAT the request of the Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation to post the 2022 Multicultural Day event on the County's website and social media, to raise the Multicultural flag in the month of June, and to proclaim June 27, 2022 as Multicultural Day be supported.

-Carried-

8. Presentation: Headwaters Communities In Action – Community Grant & Food For Thought Grant Allocation Recommendations

Jennifer Payne, Executive Director, Headwaters Communities In Action, presented the report, dated April 14, 2022, to recommend allocation of the Dufferin County Community Grant funds and Food For Thought Grant funds.

Moved by Councillor Creelman, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the report from Headwaters Communities in Action, dated February, 2021, to recommend allocation of the Dufferin County Community Grant Funds, be received;

AND THAT the following allocations be approved:

COMMUNITY GRANTS > \$1K

Applicant	Amount Recommended
164 Shelburne Air Cadets	\$4,000
Bethell Hospice	\$2,500
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Dufferin and District	\$5,000
Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services	\$5,225
Career Education Council Guelph Wellington Dufferin	\$3,900
Celebrate Your Awesome (Community Living Dufferin)	\$2,925
Dufferin Board of Trade	\$5,000
Dufferin County Canadian Black Association	\$4,300
Dufferin Parent Support Network	\$12,000
Fiddlehead Care Farm	\$4,850
First Line for Syria (Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge)	\$2,000
Headwaters Arts	\$2,500
Highlands Youth for Christ – Shelburne, Grand Valley	\$4,500
Hockley Historic Community Hall	\$4,500
Music In The Hills (CMHA Waterloo Wellington)	\$2,000
Orangeville Blues and Jazz	\$0
Rotary Club of Shelburne	\$4,000
Shelburne Cricket Club	\$8,200
Streams Community Hub	\$8,700
Telecheck	\$3,000
Theatre Orangeville	\$6,000
TOTAL	\$96,100

COMMUNITY GRANTS ≤, \$1K

Applicant	Amount Recommended
Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club	\$500
Dufferin Town & Country Farm Tour	\$1,000
Island Lake Rowing Club (National Sport Trust Fund Ontario)	\$0
Orangeville Community Band	\$1,000
Shelburne and District Horticultural Society	\$600
Orangeville & District Senior Citizens Centre	\$1,000
St. John Ambulance	\$1,000
Unicamp	\$800

Applicant	Amount Recommended
TOTAL	\$5,900

FOOD FOR THOUGHT GRANTS ≤, \$3K

Applicant	Amount Recommended
Caledon Meals on Wheels	\$3,000
Children’s Foundation of Guelph and Wellington	\$3,000
Everdale	\$3,000
Orangeville Food Bank	\$3,000
Primrose Elementary School	\$3,000
Shepherd’s Cupboard Foodbank	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$18,000

-Carried-

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 – March 9, 2022 & April 6, 2022**

Minutes from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee meeting of March 9, 2022 and April 6, 2022.

Moved by Councillor Soloman, seconded by Councillor Anderson

THAT the minutes of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee meeting of February 9, 2022 and April 6, 2022, be adopted.

-Carried-

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS

11. **Health & Human Services Minutes – March 24, 2022**

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the minutes of the Health and Human Services meeting held on March 24, 2022, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

12. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – March 24, 2022 – ITEM #1
Dufferin County Equity Collaborative 2021 Report to the Community

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Dufferin County Equity Collaborative 2021 Report to the Community, dated March 24, 2022, be received.

13. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – March 24, 2022 – ITEM #2
Housing Benefits & Funding Update 2022

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Housing Benefits and Funding Update Report 2022, dated March 24, 2022, be received.

14. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – March 24, 2022 – ITEM #3
Dufferin Oaks 2021 Resident & Family Satisfaction Survey

THAT the report of the Administrator of Dufferin Oaks, dated March 24th, 2022, with regards to the Dufferin Oaks 2021 Resident and Family Satisfaction Survey, be received.

15. **Community Development & Tourism Minutes – March 24, 2022**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the minutes of the Community Development and Tourism meeting held on March 24, 2022, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

16. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – March 24, 2022 – ITEM #3
Explore Dufferin Guide

THAT the report from the Director of Development and Tourism, dated March 24,

2022, regarding the Explore Dufferin Guide, be received.

17. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – March 24, 2022 – ITEM #4**
Building Reserve Fund Annual Report

THAT the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer's report, Building Reserve Fund Annual Report, dated March 24, 2022, be received.

18. **Director of Community Services' Report – Early Learning and Child Care Update**

A report from the Director of Community Services, dated April 14, 2022, to provide information on the new Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) agreement and the upcoming Children's Services divisional name change.

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Early Learning and Child Care Update, dated April 14, 2022, be received.

-Carried-

19. **Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer's Report – Vacancy Rebates and Reductions**

A report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated April 14, 2022, to provide Council with additional information related to vacancy rebates and vacancy reductions.

Moved by Councillor Macintosh, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT the report of the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated April 14, 2022, regarding Vacancy Rebates and Reductions, be received.

-Carried-

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

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated April 14, 2022, to provide Council with an update of activities from outside boards and agencies.

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated April 14, 2022 with respect to Reports from Outside Boards, be received.

-Carried-

21. **Director of Development and Tourism's Report – Motion to Exempt Surplus Farm Dwellings from Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Requirements**

A report from the Director of Development and Tourism, dated April 14, 2022, to provide planning policy information related to the Minimum Distance Separation requirement for surplus farm dwellings.

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Rentsch

THAT the report from the Director of Development & Tourism, dated April 14, 2022, regarding Motion to Exempt Surplus Farm Dwellings from Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Requirements, be received.

-Carried-

22. **Director of Development & Tourism's Report – Provincial Growth Plan – Notice of Motion**

A report from the Director of Development and Tourism, dated April 14, 2022, to provide planning policy information related to points raised in the Notice of Motion presented at the March 9, 2022 Council meeting, that is being considered at the April 14, 2022 Council meeting.

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the report from the Director of Development & Tourism, dated April 14, 2022, regarding Provincial Growth Plan – Notice of Motion, be received.

-Carried-

23. **CORRESPONDENCE**

24. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

MOTIONS

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

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.

Councillor Currie withdrew his motion with no objections from Council members.

26. **Moved by Councillor Creelman, seconded by Councillor Macintosh**

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has required the submission of a Conformity Report to the Growth Plan to be approved by Dufferin County Council and submitted to the Province no later than July 2022;

AND WHEREAS a Lands Need Analysis has been prepared by our consultant WSP and presented to the Community Development and Tourism Committee on January, 2022;

AND WHEREAS municipal consultation is underway and will be considered prior to undertaking any public consultation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT County Council request WSP to incorporate the following guidelines and principles in the completion of the Land Use Analysis and any subsequent Official Plan policies:

- **While acknowledging the Province's growth targets, the County of Dufferin believes this anticipated growth is best met in urbanized and serviced areas/ communities, which is a clearly an establish principle of the Growth Plan;**
- **Existing municipal inventories of potential residential units should be respected and be included in any growth targets;**
- **Municipal 'employment lands' should only be converted for residential purposes in rural or settlement areas outside built boundaries when on existing full services and subject to a comprehensive municipal review of employment and residential designations;**
- **Water and sewage constraints should determine where growth can occur, not through a paper allocation exercise;**
- **Growth should not occur at the expense of the environment. Planning conditions and controls imposed through Provincial Plans such as the**

Niagara Escarpment Plan, Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine Plan must be respected. Policies and regulations of the local Conservation Authorities should not be compromised;

- **Growth targets should not be met by non-consensual boundary adjustments (i.e. annexations/amalgamations) in Dufferin County;**

AND THAT the County of Dufferin advise the Ministry of Municipal Affairs that because of the need for further review and analysis, the County will not be submitting the Conformity Amendment until July 2023.

-Carried-

27. **CLOSED SESSION**

28. **BY-LAWS**

- 2022-06 A by-law to set tax ratios, and to set tax rate reductions, for prescribed property subclasses, for County purposes and lower-tier municipal purposes, for the year 2022.
Authorization: Council – April 14, 2022
- 2022-07 A by-law to establish property tax rates for Upper-Tier (County) purposes for the year 2022.
Authorization: Council – April 14, 2022
- 2022-13 A by-law to ratify the actions of the Warden and Clerk for executing an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Georgian College of Applied Arts and Technology. (Lease Agreement – Mel Lloyd Centre)
Authorization: Council – April 14, 2022
- 2022-14 A by-law to ratify the actions of the Warden and 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 Municipal Affairs and Housing. (Homelessness Prevention Program – Transfer Payment Agreement)
Authorization: Council – April 14, 2022

2022-15 A by-law to ratify the actions of the Warden and 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 Municipal Affairs and Housing. (Fleet Management Program Solution - Transfer Payment Agreement)
Authorization: Council – April 14, 2022

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Macintosh

THAT By-Law 2022-06, 2022-07, 2022-13 through to 2022-15, inclusive, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

29. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Currie expressed concern regarding the a development agreement with a developer that requires the realignment of 2nd Line Amaranth with Dufferin County Road 3. Councillor Currie has spoken to Sylvia Jones, M.P., office to express his concerns. As the developer now has accelerated their timeline to begin the project, Councillor Currie is concerned that the Environment Assessments stipulated in the agreement will take too much time. Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer, advised the development requires the realignment of a municipal road and it is subject to Ontario Regulation 345/93, by completing a Municipal Class Environmental, Schedule C. The Director will prepare a report for the upcoming Infrastructure and Environmental Services meeting.

Councillor Creelman, on behalf of Councillor Brown, asked staff to revisit the school bus stop arm cameras that Council has previously discussed. Councillor Brown would like to see this program implemented by the September 2022 school year. Staff will prepare a report for the upcoming General Government Services meeting.

Councillor Currie requested an update on the County owned property located at Highway 89 and the Amaranth/Grand Valley Townline. Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer, advised staff has been monitoring potential uses for the 200 acres. Currently, half of the property is being rented while the County is exploring opportunities for the property.

30. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

2022-16 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on April 14, 2022.

Moved by Councillor Currie, seconded by Councillor Horner

THAT By-Law 2022-16, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

31. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT the meeting adjourn.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 12, 2022
Video Conference

Wade Mills, Warden

Michelle Dunne, Clerk