



**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.**

The Committee met at 1:00 p.m. by video conference.

**Members Present:** Councillor Darren White (Chair)  
Councillor Guy Gardhouse  
Councillor Earl Hawkins  
Councillor James McLean  
Warden Wade Mills (joined at 1:33 p.m.)  
Councillor Fred Nix  
Councillor Lisa Post  
Councillor Philip Rentsch

**Members Absent:** Councillor Gail Little (prior notice)

**Staff Present:** Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer  
Michelle Dunne, Clerk  
Brenda Wagner, Administrator, Dufferin Oaks  
Anna McGregor, Director of Community Services  
Tom Reid, Chief Paramedic  
Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk

Chair White called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Chair White shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**ROLL CALL**

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

## **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Fatima Medeiros and Shonette Gobin, Polycultural Immigrant & Community Services, Orangeville, inquired if Dufferin County has a record of how many newcomers are settling in the County. Anna McGregor, Director of Community Services, noted the County does not have the details of settlement for those that are served and does not collect that data. The Director noted they have also asked the same question of the Federal government as the Statistics Canada website is not up to date. Chair White suggested as a next step, they could delegate to the Committee regarding their mission, services they offer and present possible partnership opportunities with the County.

## **REPORTS**

1. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – January 26, 2023 – ITEM #1  
2023 Draft Budget

Chief Administrative Officer, Sonya Pritchard, provided a budget overview including the process, external factors impacting the budget, budget totals, expense distribution, non-property tax revenues, reserves and development charges, reserve balances, reserve distribution and tax levy by department.

Warden Mills joined the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft 2023 Operating and Capital Budget for the following departments, including responsibilities, challenges and upcoming initiatives:

- Community Services
  - Child Care & Early Years
  - Housing Services
  - Ontario Works
- Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home
  - Community Support Services
  - Mel Lloyd Centre
  - McKelvie Burnside Village
- Paramedic Services
- Public Health

Chair White left the meeting for 4 minutes at 2:24 pm during the Dufferin Oaks budget overview.

**Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Gardhouse**

**THAT Dufferin County allocate the following funds be added to the Draft 2023 budget:**

- **\$50,000 to Orangeville Food Bank**
- **\$10,000 to Grand Valley Food Bank**
- **\$10,000 to Shepherd’s Cupboard Food Bank, Shelburne**

**-Carried-**

**CLOSED SESSION**

2. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – January 26, 2023 – ITEM #2  
Closed Session Report - Municipal Act Section 239 2(d) – Labour relations or employee negotiations

The closed session report from the Administrator of Dufferin Oaks and Director of People & Equity, dated January 26, 2023, regarding labour negotiations (Ontario Nurses Association) was deferred to the February 9, 2023 Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, February 23, 2023  
Video Conference

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Darren White, Chair  
Health and Human Services Committee