



DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

W & M Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville ON

Council Members Present:

Warden Wade Mills (Shelburne)
Councillor John Creelman (Mono)
Councillor Guy Gardhouse (East Garafraxa)
Councillor Chris Gerrits (Amaranth)
Councillor Earl Hawkins (Mulmur)
Councillor Janet Horner (Mulmur)
Councillor Gail Little (Amaranth)
Councillor James McLean (Melancthon)
Councillor Fred Nix (Mono)
Councillor Lisa Post (Orangeville)
Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley)
Councillor Steve Soloman (Grand Valley)
Councillor Todd Taylor (Orangeville)(joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.)
Councillor Darren White (Melancthon)

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Shane Hall (Shelburne)(prior notice)

Staff Present:

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

Warden Mills called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 in the Dufferin Room at 30 Centre St, Orangeville on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at the following times:

Infrastructure and Environmental Services – 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.

The next regular meeting of County Council will be held virtually on October 12, 2023.

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Warden Mills shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Nix

THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the September 14, 2023 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.

Councillor Taylor declared a pecuniary interest regarding General Government Services Item #9 – Annual Cost of Living Adjustment, noting a family member is employed by Dufferin County.

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

Moved by Councillor Creelman, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of July 13, 2023 and the special meeting of Council of July 27, 2023, be adopted.

-Carried-

PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6. Proclamation & Presentation: Hunger Awareness Month – September 2023

Warden Mills declared September 2023 as Hunger Awareness month in the County of Dufferin. Heather Hayes, Executive Director, Orangeville Food Bank, accepted the proclamation and provided an update on food insecurity in the County. She thanked Council for their support and requested further support for 2024.

Councillor Taylor joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

7. Delegation: Dufferin Men’s Shelter

Keith Ward and Brian Scott, Board members from Dufferin Men’s Shelter, delegated to provide highlights included in their business plan. The Men’s Shelter is asking for \$216,000 of emergency funding to remain open until March 2024.

8. Director of Community Services’ Report – Dufferin Men’s Shelter

A report from the Director of Community Services, dated September 14, 2023, to provide a summary of the knowledge sharing meeting that took place on September 11, 2023 and provide Council with additional material to consider when reviewing the business case provided by the shelter.

Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the report of the Director of Community Services, titled Dufferin Men’s Shelter, dated September 14, 2023, be received.

-Carried-

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor McLean

THAT the Dufferin Men’s Shelter be provided up to \$116,000 of emergency funding in 2023 based on participation in the Project in Difficulty program;

AND THAT funds be taken from the Rate Stabilization Reserve;

AND THAT the funding be provided in monthly installments based on actual expenses incurred by the shelter;

AND THAT staff provide a report at the October Council meeting on the progress made by the Dufferin Men’s Shelter Board.

A recorded vote was requested and taken as follows:

	Yay	Nay
Councillor Creelman (3)	x	
Councillor Gardhouse (2)	x	
Councillor Gerrits (1)	x	
Councillor Hall (2)	ABSENT	
Councillor Hawkins (1)	x	
Councillor Horner (1)	x	
Councillor Little (1)	x	
Councillor McLean (1)	x	
Councillor Mills (2)	x	
Councillor Nix (2)	x	
Councillor Post (8)	x	
Councillor Rentsch (1)	x	
Councillor Soloman (1)	x	
Councillor Taylor (7)	x	
Councillor White (1)	x	
Total (32)	32	0
	-CARRIED-	

9. **Presentation: Equity Strategy**

Stephanie Rebello, Director of Design & Strategy, Feminuity, presented Dufferin County’s draft Equity Strategy.

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Post

THAT the Equity Strategy be adopted.

-Carried-

10. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions from the public.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS

11. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #1
Updated Dufferin County Road Network Rationalization Plan

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the report of the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated August 24, 2023, Updated Dufferin County Road Network Rationalization Plan, be received;

AND THAT the Dufferin County Road Network Rationalization Plan be adopted;

AND THAT staff be directed to proceed with implementation.

-Carried-

Warden Mills called a ten minute recess. The meeting resumed at 9:51 p.m.

12. **Infrastructure and Environmental Services Minutes – August 24, 2023**

Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Post

THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure and Environmental Services meeting held on August 24, 2023, and the recommendations set out, excluding Item #1 – Updated Dufferin County Road Network Rationalization Plan, be adopted.

-Carried-

13. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #2
Speed & Passing Zone Review – Dufferin Road 11

THAT the report of the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated August 24, 2023, Speed and Passing Zone Review – Dufferin Road 11, be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to revise the posted speed limit of the southern portion of Dufferin Road 11 to 70 km/hr;

AND THAT Schedule H of the Consolidated Traffic By-Law 2005-32 be revised to include the following:

County Road Number	From	To
11	A point situated at the northern limit of Dufferin Road 109	A point situated 250 metres north of Shannon Court

14. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #3 Dufferin County Forest – Oak Wilt Response

THAT the Report, Dufferin County Forest – Oak Wilt Response, dated August 24, 2023, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, be received.

15. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #4 Household Hazardous Waste Services Update and Event Request

THAT the report of the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated August 24, 2023, Household Hazardous Waste Services Update and Event Request, be received.

16. **General Government Services Minutes – August 24, 2023**

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the minutes of the General Government Services meeting held on August 24, 2023, and the recommendations set out, excluding Item #5 – Anti-Racism and Intersectional Oppression Training Program and Item #9 – Annual Cost of Living Adjustment, be adopted.

-Carried-

17. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #1 Headwaters Community in Action (HCIA) Mid-Year Report

THAT the report from Headwaters Communities In Action, dated August 24, 2023, with a mid-year report on activities, be received.

18. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #2 Access Dufferin Minutes

THAT the minutes from the Access Dufferin meetings on June 21, 2023, July 19, 2023, and August 16, 2023, be adopted.

- 19. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #3
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee Updates:
Recommended Appointments & Selection Process

THAT the report of the Director People & Equity titled Diversity Equity Inclusion Community Advisory Committee Updates: Recommended Appointments & Selection Process, dated August 24, 2023, be received;

AND THAT the names being put forward for appointment to the Diversity Equity Inclusion Community Advisory Committee be approved.

- 20. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #4
County of Dufferin Equity Strategy Update

THAT the report of the Director People & Equity, titled County of Dufferin Equity Strategy Update, dated August 24, 2023, be received.

- 21. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #6
2024 Budget Schedule

THAT the report of the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated August 24, 2023, outlining the 2024 budget schedule, be received.

- 22. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #7
Tax Policy Review

THAT the report of the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated August 24, 2023, regarding the tax policy review, be received;

AND THAT the multi-residential class ratio be reduced to 1.7 in 2024, 1.4 in 2025 and 1.1 in 2026;

AND THAT the Vacant Land and Excess Land Discounts be eliminated as of 2024.

- 23. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #8
Digital Modernization Project Update

THAT the report of the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated August 24, 2023, regarding the digital modernization project update, be received.

24. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #5
Anti-Racism & Intersectional Oppression Training Program

Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT the report of the Director People & Equity, titled Anti-Racism and Intersectional Oppression Training Program, dated August 24, 2023, be received;

AND THAT County Council approve a single source expenditure of \$200,000 for the development and delivery of a 10 module Anti-Racism and Intersectional Oppression Training program with Stephanie Nixon and Associates Inc.;

AND THAT the cost of the one-time development of the program be funded as follows: \$50,000 from the current year corporate training budget and \$150,000 from the Rate Stabilization Reserve.

-Carried-

Councillor Taylor declared a pecuniary interest regarding the Annual Cost of Living Adjustment and left the meeting at 10:04 p.m.

25. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #9
Annual Cost of Living Adjustment

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the report of the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated August 24, 2023, regarding the annual cost of living adjustment, be received;

AND THAT the non-union cost-of-living adjustment for 2024 be set at 4% with an effective date of April 1, 2024.

A recorded vote was requested and taken as follows:

	Yay	Nay
Councillor Creelman (3)	x	
Councillor Gardhouse (2)	x	
Councillor Gerrits (1)	x	
Councillor Hall (2)	ABSENT	

	Yay	Nay
Councillor Hawkins (1)	x	
Councillor Horner (1)	x	
Councillor Little (1)	x	
Councillor McLean (1)	x	
Councillor Mills (2)	x	
Councillor Nix (2)	x	
Councillor Post (8)		x
Councillor Rentsch (1)		x
Councillor Soloman (1)	x	
Councillor Taylor (7)	ABSENT	
Councillor White (1)	x	
Total (25)	16	9
	-CARRIED-	

Councillor Taylor joined the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

26. **Health and Human Services Minutes – August 24, 2023**

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT the minutes of the Health and Human Services meeting held on August 24, 2023, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

27. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #2
Paramedic Agreement Extension

THAT the report of the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer and Chief Paramedic, regarding the Paramedic Agreement extension, dated August 24, 2023, be received;

AND THAT the Agreement for Provision of Paramedic Services with Headwaters Health Care Centre be extended for a period of two years, ending December 31, 2025.

28. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #3
Community Services Activity Report – Second Quarter 2023

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Quarterly Community Services Activity Report – Second Quarter 2023, dated August 24, 2023, be received.

29. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #4
Annual Rent Increase Guideline 2024

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services dated August 24, 2023, titled Annual Rent Increase Guideline 2024, be received;

AND THAT the 2024 Market Rents of County of Dufferin owned housing units be increased by the maximum level of 2.5% over the previous year.

30. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #5
Social Services Relief Fund

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Social Services Relief Funding Update, dated August 24, 2023, be received.

31. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #6
Dufferin Oaks Capital Workplan Update

THAT the report of the Administrator, dated August 24, 2023, regarding the 2023 Capital Workplan Update, be received;

AND THAT the upgrade to the Nurse Call System be awarded through Single Source procurement;

AND THAT additional costs for the parking lot paving project be funded through the current Dufferin Oaks Capital Reserve Fund;

AND THAT the Dufferin Oaks Capital Workplan be adjusted accordingly.

32. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #7
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

THAT the following resolution from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, be supported:

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments need to support their most vulnerable households, the ones who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Overall, housing and services for low-income, vulnerable, or marginalized people should be a primary consideration moving forward so we help those who need it the most;

WHEREAS Dufferin County understands every community across Ontario is impacted by a need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness. Municipal governments are working in collaboration with all orders of government to invest in permanent solutions to the housing and homelessness crisis in Ontario;

WHEREAS the Dufferin County understands that the Federal National Housing Strategy allocation formula to provinces and territories for jointly funded housing initiatives, roughly follows their share of the national population. This approach leaves Ontario underfunded because, as per the 2021 Census figures, the number of Ontario households in Community Housing Network as a share of the national total is 44.1 percent, which is well above the provincial share of the national population at 38.5 percent. This is also by far the highest share of national Community Housing Network relative to every other province and territories;

WHEREAS receiving a by-population allocation from the federal government hampers Ontario's ability to reach more of those households in need that require assistance with housing;

WHEREAS the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

WHEREAS a similar situation occurs with federal homelessness funding to Ontario through Reaching Home, where the share allocated to Ontario is also below the provincial share of Community Housing Network nationally;

WHEREAS there is an inequitable distribution of Reaching Home funding in Ontario as only 25 of 47 Service Managers have designated communities receiving funding under the program, despite the prevalence of need across the entire Province;

WHEREAS Dufferin County understand the federal government takes the position that its role is to provide capital funding while Provinces and Territories are to

fund operating expenses, but this approach does not create an equitable sharing of the burden of funding long term operating costs, which continue for the life of a project;

WHEREAS taken altogether, the underfunding to Ontario for housing and homelessness relative to its share of national Canadian Housing Network amounts to approximately \$480 million over the term of the Federal National Housing Strategy;

WHEREAS the federal government previously provided leadership in ensuring the long-term financial and physical viability of the social housing stock under the Social Housing Agreement for several decades through federal social housing operating agreements that provided funding for both mortgages and operating costs;

WHEREAS without some flexibility on the part of the federal government, Ontario and its municipalities will be poorly positioned to take advantage of this funding, and this will turn into a significant missed opportunity, leading to a further deterioration in the long-term physical and financial sustainability of the community housing stock;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Dufferin County also supports the provincial ask for federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Dufferin County would appreciate the federal effort to repurpose this funding quickly from the main National Housing Co-Investment Fund program line, Service Managers across the province have indicated their challenges with meeting the terms of the federal proposal, particularly as they relate to cost matching and meeting the requirements for greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiency and accessibility;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dufferin County would like need-driven indicators incorporated into the funding allocation formulas for all federal programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT FONOM appreciates the federal government's commitment to end chronic homelessness and wishes this to be inclusive across all areas of our province by expanding Reaching Home funding to all Service Managers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) also supports the provincial position in relation to the provinces and territories Repair Fund under the National Housing Co-Investment Fund;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports the Province of Ontario position on the application-based \$4 billion federal Housing Accelerator Fund. We wish to emphasize the importance of providing municipalities with maximum support in preparing applications to the HAF, understanding that some rural and northern municipalities may face capacity challenges in applying to this program on the anticipated tight timelines;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Dufferin County wishes to request that Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation consider actions taken by municipalities under the province's Housing Supply Action Plans into account when assessing municipal applications, recognizing that these initiatives have the potential to significantly increase the supply of housing in our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Dufferin County believes the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Dufferin County believes the federal government should heed the precedent of the Social Housing Agreement and recommit itself to funding operating costs that often stretch out over decades for the lifetime of a housing project. As an example, the Rapid Housing Initiative's 20-year affordability requirement and lack of federal operating dollars will very likely result in housing providers asking Service Managers and the provincial government to fund operating expenses to ensure the long-term affordability of units given housing providers' limited revenue-raising capacity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Dufferin County urges the Federal Government provide additional funding for Ontario so that we can deal with our shortages of safe and affordable housing and at the same time build safer and healthier communities for all our residents;

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED THAT a copy of the resolution be forward to the individuals listed below for consideration and support, Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister Sean Fraser, Kyle Seebach, MP, Premier Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, Sylvia Jones, MPP, Leaders of the Federal and Provincial Opposition Parties, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

33. **Community Development & Tourism Minutes – August 24, 2023**

Moved by Councillor Little, seconded by Councillor Post

THAT the minutes of the Community Development and Tourism meeting held on August 24, 2023, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

34. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #1
Museum Visitor and Outreach Statistics – Second Quarter

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "Museum Visitor and Outreach Statistics Report Q2", dated August 24, 2023, be received.

35. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #2
2023 International Plowing Match & Rural Expo – Update

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "2023 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo – Update", dated August 24, 2023, be received.

36. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #3
New Dufferin County Tourism Brand

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "County Tourism Brand Development", dated August 24, 2023, be received;

AND THAT the proposed brand be trialed at the International Plowing Match.

37. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #4
Shared Planning Services with Local Municipalities

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "Shared Planning Services with Local Municipalities", dated August 24, 2023, be received;

AND THAT staff work with local municipal staff to determine the amount of time required for each type of planning service;

AND THAT the terms of the Planning Services Memorandum of Understandings be updated as required.

38. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – August 24, 2023 – ITEM #5
Closed Session Report – Municipal Act, Section 239 (2)(f) - Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose

THAT staff proceed as discussed during Closed Session.

39. **Chief Administrative Officer’s Report – Fire Protection and Prevention Services Study**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated September 14, 2023, to review options on the process of engaging subject matter experts to support a study on fire protection and prevention services.

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated September 14, 2023, regarding a fire protection and prevention services study, be received.

-Carried-

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor White

THAT staff be directed to move forward with a Request for Proposal (RFP) at a cost up to \$75,000 to conduct a study on fire protection and prevention services.

A recorded vote was requested and taken as follows:

	Yay	Nay
Councillor Creelman (3)	x	
Councillor Gardhouse (2)	x	
Councillor Gerrits (1)		x
Councillor Hall (2)	ABSENT	
Councillor Hawkins (1)	x	
Councillor Horner (1)	x	
Councillor Little (1)		x

	Yay	Nay
Councillor McLean (1)	x	
Councillor Mills (2)	x	
Councillor Nix (2)		x
Councillor Post (8)	x	
Councillor Rentsch (1)		x
Councillor Soloman (1)		x
Councillor Taylor (7)	x	
Councillor White (1)	x	
Total (32)	26	6
	-CARRIED-	

40. **Chief Administrative Officer’s Report – Strategic Plan Monthly Update #2**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated September 14, 2023, to provide an update regarding the County’s Strategic Plan implementation.

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated September 14, 2023, with respect to Strategic Plan Monthly Update #2, be received.

-Carried-

41. **Chief Administrative Officer’s Report – Monthly Update from Outside Boards**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated September 14, 2023, to provide Council with an update of activities from outside boards and agencies.

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor McLean

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated September 14, 2023, with respect to Reports from Outside Boards, be received.

-Carried-

CORRESPONDENCE

42. **Township of Mulmur Resolution**

A resolution from the Township of Mulmur, dated September 7, 2023, regarding the proposed download of County Road 19, the use of salt on County Roads and compensation for address changes as a result of the upload/download of roads.

Councillor Nix left the meeting at 10:51 p.m. and rejoined at 10:53 p.m.

43. **Township of Melancthon**

A resolution from the Township of Melancthon, dated September 12, 2023, to support Bill C-310, an Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (Volunteer Firefighting and Search and Rescue Volunteer Tax Credit).

Moved by Councillor Creelman, seconded by Councillor Gerrits

THAT Council support the Township of Melancthon resolution, dated September 12, 2023, regarding support for Bill C-310, an Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (Volunteer Firefighting and Search and Rescue Volunteer Tax Credit).

-Carried-

44. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

45. **MOTIONS**

Warden Mills called a vote to allow the meeting to proceed past 11:00 p.m. in accordance with Section 5.6 of the Procedural By-Law.

46. **Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor White**

THAT the Council meeting of September 14, 2023 extend beyond 11:00 p.m.

-Carried-

47. **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT Council moved into Closed Session (10:54 p.m.) in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 239 (2)(d) – Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations and Section 239 (2)(f) – Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

-Carried-

While in Closed Session, Council reviewed Closed Session minutes from the Community Development and Tourism Committee meeting on August 24, 2023. Council also reviewed a report from the Administrator of Dufferin Oaks and the Director of People and Equity regarding the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) negotiation mandate.

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT Council move into open session (10:58 p.m.).

-Carried-

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

48. **Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Post**

THAT the Closed Session minutes from the Community Development and Tourism Committee meeting on August 24, 2023, be adopted.

-Carried-

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

THAT staff be directed to proceed as discussed in Closed Session regarding the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) negotiation mandate.

-Carried-

50. **BY-LAWS**

2023-47 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 and March of Dimes Canada. (Lease Agreement – Mel Lloyd Centre)

Authorization: Council – September 14, 2023

2023-48 A by-law to authorize the Warden and the Clerk to execute an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and GFL Environmental Inc. (Non-Eligible Sources Recycling Collection)
Authorization: Infrastructure and Environmental Services – May 26, 2022

Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Horner

THAT By-Law 2023-47 through to By-Law 2023-48, inclusive, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

51. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Warden Mills noted Saturday, September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day, a day to reflect and honour Survivors, their families and communities affected by the legacy of Indian Residential School policies. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation seeks to understand the impact and intergenerational harm that residential schools have caused to Indigenous families and nations, and to honour the First Nations, Inuit and Métis lives who were lost, and the survivors, their families and communities who have been affected by this injustice. Dufferin County acknowledges the tragic and ongoing discovery of the unmarked graves and burials on and near residential schools, as well as Canada's history and relationship with Indigenous communities. The County is dedicated to undertaking meaningful action that moves us towards greater accountability and achieving Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and their nations. The Warden encouraged the community to wear orange on September 30th and to reflect, remember, and honour Indigenous families and their nations on this important day.

Warden Mills announced the Economic Development department will be hosting an Economic Development Strategy Workshop on November 8th and 9th, 2023 for all members of County Council in the Dufferin Room. The purpose of this workshop is to introduce a modern perspective of economic development, which takes into account the interdependent nature of economic, social, and environmental factors. Brock Dickinson, one of the leading minds in modern economic development and an adjunct professor at the University of Waterloo, will lead and facilitate this workshop.

52. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

2023-49 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on September 14, 2023.

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor McLean

THAT By-Law 2023-49, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

53. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the meeting adjourn.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 12, 2023
Video Conference

Wade Mills, Warden

Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk