

Dufferin Outdoor Recreation Advisory Team

Terms of Reference

Purpose

The purpose of the Dufferin Outdoor Recreation Advisory Team (DORAT or DORA Team) is to:

- provide a forum for discussion of issues related to recreational use of County assets
- provide community input and advice to County staff regarding recreational use of the Dufferin County Forest and the Dufferin Rail Trail and implementation of the Outdoor Recreation Plan
- assist County staff in communicating information about the Outdoor Recreation Plan and related by-law (2017-39) and any revisions

The Dufferin Outdoor Recreation Advisory Team is an advisory body and may make recommendations to County staff and County Council (through staff), but in general will not be making decisions regarding uses of County assets.

Member Expectations

Committee members are expected to adhere to the following conduct and practices:

- That all committee members, in all forms of communication, when speaking about the work of the committee, or members of the committee do so in a respectful manner
- That committee members address differences of opinions or conflict with other committee members in a respectful manner
- That all committee members respect confidentiality and privacy
- That all committee members are required to attend a minimum of 75% of committee meetings

Assumptions:

- outdoor recreational pursuits on County land are a privilege, not a right;
- the Dufferin County Forest and the Dufferin Rail Trail are not parkland, preserve, or for single-use, however, all areas may not be suitable for all activities and;
- the Dufferin County Forest and the Dufferin Rail Trail are owned and managed by the Corporation of the County of Dufferin, and are not Crown land.

Criteria for Analysis of Recreational Activities/Events:

- activity must have minimal environmental impact;
- activity must not have significant impact on other users;
- activity must be compatible with County management activities;
- activity must not pose significant liability concerns to the County and;
- activity should not require significant County staff intervention for administration or policing.

Composition

Role	Member
Committee Chair	To be filled by a member of the Committee
Group/Club Representation	One representative from each group/club known to use the Dufferin County Forest and/or Rail Trail
Community Members	2 members appointed from the community
Support Staff	County Forest Manager or designate and other staff as required

Groups will be asked to keep diversity, equity and inclusion principles in mind when choosing representatives. Group representatives will be added at the discretion of the County with input from Dufferin Outdoor Recreation Advisory Team members. The County may request an alternate representative if an individual is not adhering to the Terms of Reference of the Team. Representatives should have:

- commitment to advancing the purpose of the Dufferin Outdoor Recreation Advisory Team;
- respect for their fellow recreational users;
- respect for the procedures agreed to by the members; and
- willingness to serve as volunteers on the Dufferin Outdoor Recreation Advisory Team.

Members will act as a liaison between their organization or stakeholder group and the County.

The Dufferin Outdoor Recreation Advisory Team may choose to obtain feedback from recreational users and the broader public and may establish sub-groups if desired.

Remuneration

Remuneration will be provided in accordance with Policy 1-2-2 – Committee Structure and Mandates.

Term of Office

The Committee members shall be appointed for the term of Council (4 years).

Meetings

The Committee will meet at least once, and up to four times, annually.