



DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm

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

Council Members Present:

Warden Darren White (Melancthon)
Councillor John Creelman (Mono)
Councillor Guy Gardhouse (East Garafraxa)
Councillor Chris Gerrits (Amaranth)
Councillor Shane Hall (Shelburne)
Councillor Earl Hawkins (Mulmur)
Councillor Janet Horner (Mulmur)
Councillor Gail Little (Amaranth)
Councillor Wade Mills (Shelburne)
Councillor Fred Nix (Mono)
Councillor Lisa Post (Orangeville)
Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley)
Councillor Steve Soloman (Grand Valley)
Councillor Todd Taylor (Orangeville)

Council Members Absent:

Councillor James McLean (Melancthon)(prior notice)

Alternate Council Members Present:

Councillor Bill Neilson (Melancthon)

Staff Present:

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

Warden White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Warden White 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, May 23, 2024 at the following times:

Infrastructure and Environmental Services – 9:00 am

General Government Services Committee – 11:00 am

Health & Human Services Committee – 1:00 pm

Community Development & Tourism Committee – 3:00 pm

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Warden White 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 Taylor, seconded by Councillor Nix

THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the May 9, 2024 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 Mills, seconded by Councillor Horner

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council on April 11, 2024, be adopted.

-Carried-

PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6. **Proclamation: Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month – May 2024**

Warden White declared May 2024 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month in the County of Dufferin. James Jackson, MS Ambassador Dufferin/Caledon, was in attendance and accepted the proclamation.

7. **Proclamation: Sexual Violence Prevention Month – May 2024**

Warden White declared the month of May 2024 as Sexual Violence Prevention Month in the County of Dufferin. Lynnette Pole-Langdon, Family Transition Place, accepted the proclamation.

8. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Rick Ugolini, an Orangeville resident, stated that he has difficulty hearing what is being discussed by Council during the meeting due to the room set up and the white noise. Warden White stated that Council is aware that the room is not ideal, and staff will be looking into potential solutions to improve the acoustics.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS

9. **General Government Services Minutes – April 25, 2024**

Moved by Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

THAT the minutes of the General Government Services meeting held on April 26, 2024, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

10. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – April 25, 2024 – ITEM #1
Access Dufferin Minutes

THAT the minutes from the Special Meeting of the Access Dufferin Committee on April 3, 2024, be adopted.

11. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – April 25, 2024 – ITEM #2
IT & GIS Update Report

THAT the report from the Acting Manager of Information Technology & Geographic Information Systems, dated April 25, 2024, titled IT & GIS Status Report, be received.

12. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – April 25, 2024 – ITEM #3
Creed and the Accommodation of Spiritual and Religious Observances Policy

THAT the motion be deferred to the next meeting of the General Government Services Committee.

- 13. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – April 25, 2024 – ITEM #4
Accommodation for Persons with Disability Policy

THAT the report of the Director People & Equity, titled Accommodation for Persons with Disability Policy, dated April 25, 2024, be received;

AND THAT the draft Accommodation for Persons with Disability Policy be approved.

- 14. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – April 25, 2024 – ITEM #5
Annual Report on Long Term Debt Capacity

THAT the report on Annual Report on Long Term Debt Capacity, from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated April 25, 2024, be received.

- 15. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – April 25, 2024 – ITEM #6
Annual Development Charges Report

THAT the report on Annual Development Charges Report, from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated April 25, 2024, be received.

- 16. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – April 25, 2024 – ITEM #7
First Quarter Financial Results

THAT the report on First Quarter Financial Results, from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated April 25, 2024, be received.

- 17. **Health & Human Services Minutes – April 25, 2024**

Moved by Councillor Little, seconded by Councillor Nix

THAT the minutes of the Health and Human Services meeting held on April 25, 2024, be adopted.

-Carried-

- 18. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – April 25, 2024 – ITEM #1
Community Services Mid Year Staffing Update

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, Community Services Mid Year Staffing Update, dated April 25, 2024, be received;

AND THAT the additional part-time EarlyON Program Facilitator position be approved.

- 19. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – April 25, 2024 – ITEM #2
First Quarter Financial Results

THAT the report on First Quarter Financial Results, from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated April 25, 2024, be received.

- 20. **Community Development and Tourism Minutes – April 25, 2024**

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Little

THAT the minutes of the Community Development and Tourism meeting held on April 25, 2024, be adopted.

-Carried-

- 21. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – April 25, 2024 – ITEM #1
Legislative & Regulatory Changes Affecting Conservation Authorities Review & Development Permitting

THAT the Legislative and Regulatory Changes Affecting Conservation Authorities (CAs) Review and Development Permitting, dated April 25, 2024, be received.

- 22. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – April 25, 2024 – ITEM #2
Community Insight Workshop Series: Dufferin County Economic Development Strategy

THAT the report of the Manager of Economic Development, Community Insights Workshop Series: Dufferin County Economic Development Strategy, dated April 25, 2024, be received.

- 23. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – April 25, 2024 – ITEM #3
Museum Event & Rental Policy

THAT the report of the Acting Museum Services Manager, “Museum Event & Rental Policy”, dated April 25, 2024, be received;

AND THAT The Museum Event & Rental Policy be approved.

- 24. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – April 25, 2024 – ITEM #4
Museum Deaccession Report – April 2024

THAT the report of the Acting Museum Services Manager, “Museum Deaccession Report”, dated April 25, 2024, be received;

AND THAT the objects identified in the Museum Deaccession Report be deaccessioned in accordance with the Museum of Dufferin's Collections Management Policy.

25. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – April 25, 2024 – ITEM #5**
First Quarter Financial Results

THAT the report on First Quarter Financial Results, from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated April 25, 2024, be received.

26. **Director of Public Works/County Engineer's Report – Dufferin Road 109/2nd Line Amaranth Temporary Intersection Improvements – Speed Limit Change**

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated May 9, 2024, to seek direction to implement a speed limit change to accommodate temporary intersection signalization.

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Taylor

THAT the Report, Dufferin Road 109/2nd Line Amaranth Temporary Intersection Improvements – Speed Limit Change, dated May 9, 2024, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to revise the posted speed limit of Dufferin Road 109 east and west of the existing Dufferin 109/2nd Line Amaranth intersection from 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr;

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

County Road Number	From	To
109	Riddell Road	A point situated 600 metres east of the east limit of Dufferin Road 11

-Carried-

27. **Senior Planner's Report – Transportation Master Plan Update**

A report from the Senior Planner, dated May 9, 2024, to seek endorsement for a specific Shelburne by-pass route to advance the project.

Two items were circulated on desk:

- Comments from Grand River Conservation Authority, dated November 24, 2023
- Resolution from Township of Amaranth, dated May 8, 2024

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Post

THAT the matter be deferred until the June Council meeting.

-Carried-

28. **Senior Planner's Report – Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 & the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement, 2024**

A report from the Senior Planner, dated May 9, 2024, to provide Council with an overview and analysis of Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024, and the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement (PPS), 2024.

Councillor Gardhouse left the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Hall

THAT the report of Senior Planner, Development and Tourism, titled "Bill 185, the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024, and the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement, 2024", dated May 9, 2024, be received.

-Carried-

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Nix

THAT staff be directed to submit the comments prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer to the Environmental Registry of Ontario.

-Carried-

Councillor Gardhouse returned at 8:16 pm.

29. **Chief Administrative Officer's Report – County-Wide Transit Ad Hoc Committee – Terms of Reference**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated May 9, 2024, to provide a Terms of Reference regarding the creation of a County-Wide Transit Ad Hoc Committee, adopted by Council during the regular meeting on April 11, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Post

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer's report titled "County-Wide Transit Ad Hoc Committee – Terms of Reference", be received;

AND THAT the attached Terms of Reference be adopted;

AND THAT the following Council members be appointed:

Councillor John Creelman

Councillor Chris Gerrits

Councillor James McLean

Councillor Todd Taylor.

-Carried-

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

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated May 9, 2024, to provide Council with an update of activities from outside boards and agencies.

Moved by Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Little

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated May 9, 2024, with respect to Reports from Outside Boards, be received.

-Carried-

31. **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

There was no strategic plan update.

32. **CORRESPONDENCE**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

33. **Moved by Councillor Creelman**

WHEREAS Little Sprouts School located at 308618 Hockley Road in the heart of Hockley Village is expanding to provide badly needed daycare spaces to the community;

AND WHEREAS the speed limit approaching Hockley Village is reduced on Hockley Road;

AND WHEREAS it is desirous to encourage responsible driving in the vicinity of a school (daycare), a community hall, general store and hamlet;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the County of Dufferin investigates creating a Community Safety Zone on Hockley Road to mirror the already existing reduced speed zone.

34. **Moved by Councillor Creelman**

WHEREAS many Ontario municipalities are experiencing road safety issue including speeding;

AND WHEREAS Dufferin County and over 20 municipalities have endorsed Mono's declaration of a 'Road Safety Emergency';

AND WHEREAS Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) is an effective tool that penalized egregious speeding;

AND WHEREAS notwithstanding the limitations of current Provincial mandated rules that militate against the best deployment of this technology;

BE IT RESOLVED that County Council requests the preparation of a staff report to recommend a process to identify a provider of ASE technology with the view to its deployment on County Road such as Dufferin Rd. 18, also known as Airport Rd., and potentially other locations where speeding is a chronic problem.

Councillor Gardhouse left the meeting at 8:20 pm.

35. **MOTIONS**

36. **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Nix

THAT Council moved into Closed Session (8:20 pm) in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 239 (2)(c) – potential acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.

-Carried-

While in Closed Session, Council received a verbal report from the Chief Administrative Officer with respect to potential acquisition of a property.

Moved by Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Nix

THAT Council move into open session (8:28 pm).

-Carried-

37. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Mills

THAT staff proceed as directed in Closed Session.

-Carried-

38. **BY-LAWS**

2024-21 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 Upper Grand District School Board. (Lease Agreement – Mel Lloyd Centre)

Authorization: Council – May 9, 2024

2024-22 A by-law to adopt a policy for delegation of authority.

Authorization: General Government Services – March 28, 2024

2024-23 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 His Majesty the King in Right of Canada as represented by the Ministry of Natural Resources. (Zero Emission Vehicle Awareness Initiative Non-Repayable Contribution Agreement)

Authorization: Council – May 9, 2024

2024-24 A by-law to amend By-Law 2005-32, Schedule "G", to regulate traffic on roads under the jurisdiction of the County of Dufferin. (Reduce speed to 60 km/h – Dufferin Road 109)

Authorization: Council – May 9, 2024

Moved by Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Taylor

THAT By-Law 2024-21 through to By-Law 2024-24, inclusive, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

39. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Warden White noted there will be a Pride flag raising and proclamation on June 3, 2024 at 11:00 am at 55 Zina St, Orangeville.

Warden White advised staff are working to find a date for the continuation of the County owned properties workshop. Staff will send a doodle poll to Councillors with potential dates.

Councillor Nix inquired about the status of the governance framework. The Chief Administrative Office stated that as the first step, interviews were being conducted with Council. There are a few outstanding interviews and once those have been completed, the consultant will compile the results and look for common themes.

Councillor Gardhouse returned at 8:33 pm.

Warden White stated that he and Councillor McLean met with the Mennonite community to discuss issues such as planning, additional residential units, and road safety. The Mennonite community is interested in continuing the conversation about road safety.

Councillors Nix and Post attended the opening of the Brave Canoe. The Brave Canoe will be reaching out to staff as they are hoping to host training session for local organizations in September.

40. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

2024-25 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on May 11, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Little, seconded by Councillor Hall

THAT By-Law 2024-25 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

41. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Neilson

THAT the meeting adjourn.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 13, 2024
 Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville ON

Darren White, Warden

Michelle Dunne, Clerk