



DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, June 13, 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)(joined at 7:05 pm)
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)(joined at 7:39 pm)
Councillor Todd Taylor (Orangeville)

Members Absent:

Councillor Wade Mills (Shelburne)(prior notice)

Staff Present:

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

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, June 27, 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 Post, seconded by Councillor Nix

THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the June 13, 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.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

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

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council on May 9, 2024, be adopted.

-Carried-

Councillor Horner joined the meeting at 7:05 pm.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

6.1. Presentation: BDO Canada LLP

Angela Nichol and Traci Smith, BDO Canada LLP, presented the County of Dufferin 2023 Financial Statements.

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Taylor

THAT the 2023 Financial Statements as presented by BDO Canada LLP, be approved.

-Carried-

7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Rick Ugolini, an Orangeville resident, thanked the Director of Public Works/County Engineer and the Clerk for their assistance on a couple projects.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS

8. Infrastructure and Environmental Services Minutes – May 23, 2024

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Taylor

THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure and Environmental Services meeting held on May 23, 2024, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

**9. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – May 23, 2024 – ITEM #3
2023 Climate Action Report Card**

THAT the report, 2023 Climate Action Report Card, dated May 23, 2024, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, be received.

**10. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – May 23, 2024 – ITEM #4
2024 Road Needs Study – Authorization to Award**

THAT the report of the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated May 23, 2024, Roads Needs Study – Authorization to Award, be received;

AND THAT the 2024 Road Needs Study be awarded in the amount of \$108,744 (excluding tax);

AND THAT the 2024 Road Needs Study be funded from the Rate Stabilization Reserve.

11. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – May 23, 2024 – ITEM #5
Road Safety Discussion

THAT staff investigate potential solutions to address the road safety concerns and report back to the Committee in August.

12. INFRASTRCUTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – May 23, 2024 – ITEM #6
Capital Workplan Update

THAT the Capital Workplan Results report, dated May 23, 2024, from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, be received;

AND THAT the 2024 capital workplan be adjusted by \$1,370,000 per the table below:

Project	Funding Source	2024 Workplan Adjustment
004-2507 – Culvert No 2507	Structures Capital Asset Fund	\$25,000
004-2508 – Culvert No 2508	Structures Capital Asset Fund	\$25,000
Dufferin Road 124	Roads Capital Asset Fund	\$150,000
Dufferin Road 21	Roads Capital Asset Fund	\$650,000
Dufferin Road 21	Roads Capital Asset Fund	\$55,000
ATV Trailer	County Forest Reserve Fund	\$15,000
004-0007 – Walkers Creek Culvert	Roads Capital Asset Fund	\$450,000

13. **Health & Human Services Minutes – May 23, 2024**

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Gerrits

THAT the minutes of the Health and Human Services meeting held on May 23, 2024, be adopted.

-Carried-

14. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – May 23, 2024 – ITEM #1
Quarterly Community Services Activity Report – First Quarter 2024

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Quarterly Community Services Activity Report – First Quarter 2024, dated May 23, 2024, be received.

15. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – May 23, 2024 – ITEM #2
Community Services Annual Review 2023

THAT the report Community Services Annual Review, dated May 23, 2024, from the Director of Community Services, be received.

16. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – May 23, 2024 – ITEM #3
Homelessness Prevention Program Update 2024-2025

THAT the report titled Homelessness Prevention Program Update 2024/25, dated May 23, 2024, from the Director, Community Services, be received.

17. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – May 23, 2024 – ITEM #4
National Housing Strategy – Housing Advocacy

THAT the report titled National Housing Strategy – Housing Advocacy, dated, May 23, 2024, from the Director of Community Services, be received;

AND THAT Council supports a motion to ask for the resolution of the current conflict between the Federal Government and the Government of Ontario to support the timely continuation of funding:

WHEREAS there is an unprecedented national housing affordability crisis;

WHEREAS there is no for-profit supply-only trickle-down solution to ending the national housing affordability crisis;

WHEREAS substantial investments in ensuring the use of housing for homes are required to help end the national housing affordability crisis;

WHEREAS substantial investments in new affordable social housing are required to help end the national housing affordability crisis;

WHEREAS substantial investments in revitalizing existing affordable social housing are required to help end the national housing affordability crisis;

WHEREAS substantial investments in social support expansions are required to prevent families choosing between housing and other basic necessities of life to help end the national housing affordability crisis;

WHEREAS the national housing affordability crisis is most acute in Ontario;

WHEREAS unlike most Provinces and Territories in Canada, 47 Service Managers and District Social Service Administration Boards (SM/DSSAB)

are responsible for delivering social supports, including housing affordability supports in Ontario;

WHEREAS these 47 SM/DSSABs in Ontario lack the revenue and policy tools and powers of the Provincial and Federal governments to end the housing affordability crisis; and

WHEREAS any reductions in funding from the Federal and Provincial governments risks the termination of critically needed housing and social supports for some of the most vulnerable across Ontario;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Warden advocate to the Federal and Provincial governments that the funding dispute must be resolved to limit mounting harms to some of Ontario's most vulnerable families;
2. The Warden send urgent correspondence to the Provincial and Federal Ministers of Housing to confirm that financial support will continue for vulnerable households across Ontario currently in receipt of the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit and Ontario Housing Priorities Housing Initiative;
3. The Warden advocate to the Federal and Provincial governments to continue to fund Service Managers an amount equivalent to the monies under the CMHC-Ontario Bilateral agreement in the National Housing Strategy until a new funding agreement can be reached;
4. The Warden advocate to the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a trilateral table including the SMs/DSSABs, to negotiate the final 3-year tranche of funding under the National Housing Strategy;
5. AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the to the Provincial and Federal Ministers of Housing, the Housing Services Corporation, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

18. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – May 23, 2024 – ITEM #5
2023 – 2024 Dufferin Oaks Quality Services Report

THAT the report regarding the Dufferin Oaks 2024 Quality Services Report, dated May 23, 2024, from the Administrator of Dufferin Oaks, be received.

- 19. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – May 23, 2024 – ITEM #6
Dufferin County Community Support Services Declaration of Compliance

THAT the report regarding the Declaration of Compliance, dated May 23, 2024, from the Administrator of Dufferin Oaks, be received;

AND THAT Council authorizes the Warden to sign the Declaration on behalf of Council for submission to Ontario Health – Central Region.

- 20. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – May 23, 2024 – ITEM #8
Township of Amaranth

THAT Council support the resolution from the Township of Amaranth, dated May 16, 2024, regarding the phasing out of free private drinking water testing services.

- 21. **Community Development and Tourism Minutes – May 23, 2024**

Councillor Soloman joined the meeting at 7:39 pm.

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT the minutes of the Community Development and Tourism meeting held on May 23, 2024, and the recommendations set out as amended, be adopted.

- 22. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – May 23, 2024 – ITEM #2
County Owned Land 195594 and 195620 Amaranth-Grand Valley Townline – Considerations

THAT the Community Pasture proposal be further explored with staff working with the Dufferin Grey Pasture Committee to prepare a proposal;

AND THAT staff investigate if the property could be used for other purposes in conjunction with a community pasture.

THAT the report, County Owned Land 195594 and 195620 Amaranth-Grand Valley Townline – Considerations, dated May 23, 2024, from the Chief Administrative Officer, be received.

23. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – May 23, 2024 – ITEM #3
Dismantled Log Cabins Removal

THAT the report of the Museum Services Manager, “Dismantled Log Cabins Removal”, dated May 23, 2024, be received;

AND THAT the objects identified in the “Dismantled Log Cabins Removal” be removed in accordance with the Museum of Dufferin's Collections Management Policy.

24. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – May 23, 2024 – ITEM #4
Corbetton Church Mould Remediation

THAT the report of the Museum Services Manager, “Corbetton Church Mould Remediation”, dated May 23, 2024, be received;

AND THAT the amount of \$34,055.94 be allocated from the Rate Stabilization Reserve to fund the mould remediation work outlined in the report.

25. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – May 23, 2024 – ITEM #6
Town of Orangeville

THAT the resolution from the Town of Orangeville, dated May 1, 2024, regarding amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act, be supported.

26. **County-Wide Transit Ad-Hoc Committee Minutes – May 29, 2024**

Minutes from the County-Wide Transit Ad-Hoc Committee on May 29, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the minutes from the County-Wide Transit Ad-Hoc Committee on May 29, 2024, be adopted.

-Carried-

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

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated June 13, 2024, to provide Council with an update of activities from outside boards and agencies.

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Post

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated June 13, 2024, with respect to Reports from Outside Boards, be received.

-Carried-

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

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

Warden White provided a verbal update regarding the meeting between Amaranth, Melancthon and Shelburne to discuss possible by-pass routes. Further discussions will take place with senior staff and the Heads of Councils of Amaranth, Melancthon, Shelburne and Dufferin County. A report will be brought to the September Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee meeting.

29. **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated June 13, 2024, to provide an update on the County's Strategic Plan implementation.

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Gerrits

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated June 13, 2024, with respect to Strategic Plan Update #6, be received.

-Carried-

30. **CORRESPONDENCE**

31. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

MOTIONS

32. **Community Safety Zone**

Moved by Councillor Creelman, seconded by Councillor Post

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 desirable 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.

-Carried-

33. **Automated Speed Enforcement**

Moved by Councillor Creelman, seconded by Councillor Gerrits

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.

-Carried-

34. **AMO Board of Director Nomination**

In accordance with Section 19.3 of the Procedural By-Law, the Warden polled members of Council to allow for the consideration of the motion as it was time sensitive.

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Nix

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dufferin County Council nominate Chris Gerrits for the position of member of County Caucus on the AMO Board of Directors for the 2024-2026 term.

-Carried-

CLOSED SESSION

35. **Closed Session Minutes – Municipal Act, Section 239 (2)(c) potential acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality**

Closed Session minutes from the May 9, 2024 meeting of Council.

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Post

THAT the Closed Session minutes of the May 9, 2024 meeting of Council, be adopted.

-Carried-

36. **BY-LAWS**

2024-26 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 the Corporation of the County of Grey. (Boundary Road Agreement)
Authorization: Infrastructure & Environmental Services – September 27, 2018

Moved by Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Hall

THAT By-Law 2024-26 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

37. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Creelman asked if any staff had a status update regarding the review of Highway 10. He noted the study regarding the Caledon portion of Highway 10 has concluded but Caledon staff have not received a copy as of yet. Warden White confirmed staff have not been contact but he has noted he has noticed traffic counters on Highway 10 as well as traffic monitoring taking place.

Warden White noted County Building Services staff, as well as Orangeville Building Department staff, will be at the Orangeville Home Hardware on June 15, 2024 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm to raise awareness on how to apply for building permits and answer questions.

Warden White noted the Unity in Diversity Event and Multicultural Art Show took place on June 8, 2024 at the Museum of Dufferin, hosted by the Museum and Dufferin Multicultural Foundation. The Unity in Diversity flag will be raised at 55

Zina Street, Orangeville on June 19, 2024 at 2:00 pm. There will be a proclamation for Multicultural Day on June 27, 2024 at the flag raising.

38. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

2024-27 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on June 13, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Creelman, seconded by Councillor McLean

THAT By-Law 2024-27 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

39. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Gerrits

THAT the meeting adjourn.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2024
Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville ON

Darren White, Warden

Michelle Dunne, Clerk