



DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Video Conference

Council Members Present:

Warden Darren White (Melancthon)
Councillor Steve Anderson (Shelburne)
Councillor Sandy Brown (Orangeville)
Councillor John Creelman (Mono)
Councillor Earl Hawkins (Mulmur)
Councillor Guy Gardhouse (East Garafraxa)
Councillor Chris Gerrits (Amaranth)
Councillor Janet Horner (Mulmur)
Councillor Andy Macintosh (Orangeville)
Councillor Wade Mills (Shelburne)
Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley)

Alternate Council Members Present:

Councillor Sharon Martin (Mono)

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Bob Currie (Amaranth)(prior notice)
Councillor Laura Ryan (Mono)(prior notice)
Councillor Steve Soloman (Grand Valley)(prior notice)

Staff Present:

Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer
Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk
Aimee Raves, Acting Treasurer
Anna McGregor, Director of Community Services
Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer
Brenda Wagner, Administrator of Dufferin Oaks
Darrell Keenie, Director of Planning, Economic Development & Culture
Cheri French, Director of Human Resources
Tom Reid, Chief, Paramedic Services

Warden White called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

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.

The County of Dufferin Administration offices will be closed for the holiday week starting December 24, 2020 at noon, reopening January 4, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Winter maintenance operations will continue throughout the closure.

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Warden White 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 Macintosh, seconded by Councillor Brown

THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the December 17, 2020 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. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions received from the public.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS

Council agreed to move forward item #5.3 – Appointment of a Clerk and Deputy Clerk and item #5.4 – 911 Central Emergency Reporting Bureau Contract due to technical difficulties.

6. Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Appointment of a Clerk and Deputy Clerk

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated December 17, 2020 to recommend to Council the appointment of a Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the Appointment of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk, dated December 17, 2020, be received;

AND THAT Michelle Dunne be appointed Clerk of the County of Dufferin;

AND THAT Rebecca Whelan be appointed Deputy Clerk of the County of Dufferin;

AND THAT the necessary bylaws be enacted.

-Carried-

7. Chief Administrative Officer's Report – 911 Central Emergency Reporting Bureau Contract

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated December 17, 2020, to seek direction from Council regarding the provision of a Central Emergency Reporting Bureau (CERB).

Moved by Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Brown

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated December 17, 2020, regarding 911 Central Emergency Reporting Bureau Contract, be received;

AND THAT the current contract with Northern911 for provision of the Central Emergency Reporting Bureau be extended until July 2022.

-Carried-

8. Acting Treasurer's Presentation – Impact of the Strategic Action Plan on the 2021 Budget

The Acting Treasurer presented the impact of the Strategic Action Plan on the 2021 Budget.

The following strategic priority sections, along with each action item within, were reviewed:

- Economic Vitality
- Good Governance
- Sustainable Environment and Infrastructure
- Service Efficiency and Value
- Inclusive and Supportive Community.

The Acting Treasurer also provided a 2021 budget summary.

9. Chief Administrative Officer's Report – Strategic Action Plan 2021-2022

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer and Acting Treasurer, dated December 17, 2020, to recommend to Council a Strategic Action Plan for the remainder of this term.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer and Acting Treasurer, regarding the Strategic Action Plan, dated December 17, 2020, be received;

AND THAT the Strategic Action Plan be adopted and the recommendations be incorporated into the 2021 budget.

-Carried-

10. Moved by Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Horner

THAT staff be directed to prepare the Estimates By-law for the January 14, 2021 Council meeting, with the Dufferin County Tax levy for 2021 set at \$39,949,237.

-Carried-

11. BY-LAWS

2020-75 A by-law to appoint a Clerk for the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and repeal By-law #2007-34.
Authorization: December 17, 2020

2020-76 A by-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk for the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and repeal By-law 2011-55.
Authorization: December 17, 2020

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Brown

THAT by-law 2020-75 – by-law 2020-76, inclusive, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

12. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented.

13. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

2020-77 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on December 17, 2020.

Moved by Councillor Creelman, seconded by Councillor Brown

THAT By-Law 2020-77, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Macintosh, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the meeting adjourn.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
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Darren White, Warden

Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk