



GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, November 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The Committee met at 9:00 a.m. by video conference.

Members Present: Chair John Creelman
Warden Darren White
Councillor Guy Gardhouse
Councillor Andy Macintosh
Councillor Wade Mills (left at 10:03 a.m.)

Staff Present: Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer
Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk
Pam Hillock, Clerk/Director of Corporate Services
Tom Reid, Paramedic Services
Aimee Raves, Acting Treasurer
Cheri French, Director of Human Resources

Chair Creelman called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Chair Creelman shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the Public.

REPORTS

1. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – November 26, 2020 – ITEM #1
Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA) Partnership Agreement Renewal

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated November 26, 2020, to recommend renewal of a partnership agreement with Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA).

Jennifer Payne, Executive Director, HCIA, presented highlights of the Dufferin County and HCIA partnership.

Moved by Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Macintosh

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, titled HCIA Partnership Agreement Renewal, dated November 26, 2020, be received;

AND THAT, the Partnership Agreement with HCIA be approved for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023 with an annual funding contribution of \$45,000.

-Carried-

2. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – November 26, 2020 – ITEM #2
Committee Structure and Mandates

A report from the Clerk/Director of Corporate Services, dated November 26, 2020, to adopt a policy for the committee structure and mandates.

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Macintosh

THAT the report of the Clerk/Director of Corporate Services, dated November 26, 2020, regarding the Committee Structure and Mandates, be received;

AND THAT the Committee Structure and Mandates Policy attached as Schedule A to the report, be adopted.

-Carried-

3. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – November 26, 2020 – ITEM #3
2021 Insurance Renewal

A report from the Acting Treasurer, dated November 26, 2020, to provide Council with an update on the 2021 insurance renewal.

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Macintosh

THAT the report of the Acting Treasurer, dated November 26, 2020, regarding 2021 Insurance Renewal, be received;

AND THAT that Frank Cowan Company be engaged to provide Insurance Services for the 2021 fiscal year.

-Carried-

4. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – November 26, 2020 – ITEM #4
Fire Rescue Calls

A report from the Acting Treasurer, dated November 26, 2020, to recommend that fire rescue calls on County Roads be managed by the local fire boards.

Moved by Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the report of the Acting Treasurer, dated November 26, 2020, regarding Fire Rescue Calls, be received;

AND THAT the County amend the current practice of reimbursing local municipalities for all fire rescue calls on County roads to reimbursing only those calls which cannot otherwise be collected;

AND THAT staff work with the local fire boards and municipalities to update the County policy to reflect a process to reimburse the cost for fire rescue calls on County Roads that are uncollectible for a one year trial and report back.

-Carried-

CORRESPONDENCE

5. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – November 26, 2020 – ITEM #5
County of Wellington and Township of East Garafraxa

Correspondence from the County of Wellington, dated October 2, 2020, and from the Township of East Garafraxa, dated November 11, 2020, containing a resolution regarding aggregate resource property valuation assessment criteria.

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Macintosh

THAT the correspondence from the County of Wellington, dated October 2, 2020, and the Township of East Garafraxa, dated November 11, 2020, regarding aggregate resource property valuation assessment criteria, be received;

AND THAT the County of Dufferin pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS previous assessment methodologies for aggregate resource properties valued areas that were used for aggregate resources or gravel pits at industrial land rates on a per acre basis of the total site and such properties were formally classified and taxed as industrial lands;

AND WHEREAS Dufferin County Council supports a fair and equitable assessment system for all aggregate resource properties;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation determined, with the participation only of the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association, revised criteria for assessing aggregate resource properties;

AND WHEREAS Dufferin County Council has concerns that the revised criteria does not fairly assess the current value of the aggregate resource properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dufferin County Council does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties;

AND THAT Dufferin County Council believes there is a need to review

**the current assessment scheme for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values;
AND THAT Dufferin County Council hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value;**

AND THAT Dufferin County Council direct the Clerk to provide a copy of this motion to the Ministers of Finance; Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Natural Resources and Forestry; and to AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities and local MPP(s).

-Carried-

6. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – November 26, 2020 – ITEM #6
Town of Caledon

Correspondence from the Town of Caledon, dated October 6, 2020, providing an update on Provincial Administration Offences.

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Mills

THAT the correspondence from the Town of Caledon, dated October 6, 2020, providing an update on Provincial Offences Administration, be received.

-Carried-

7. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – November 26, 2020 – ITEM #7
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated October 30, 2020, regarding delegation requests for the 2021 Annual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference.

8. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – November 26, 2020 – ITEM #8
Township of Amaranth

Resolution from the Township of Amaranth, dated November 9, 2020, regarding concerns surrounding Bill 218 – Supporting Recovery and Municipal Elections Act.

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Mills

THAT the County of Dufferin support the resolution made by the Township of Amaranth regarding concerns surrounding Bill 218 – Supporting Recovery and Municipal Elections Act.

-Carried-

BUDGET

9. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – November 26, 2020 – ITEM #9
Draft 2021 Budget

Review and discussion of the draft 2021 Operating and Capital Budget for the Office of the CAO, Paramedic Services, Council, Corporate Services and Corporate Finance.

The following departments presented highlights of their budgets including any notable changes and projects coming up in 2021:

- Paramedic Services
- Council
- Corporate Services
 - Clerk's Office
 - Emergency Management
 - Information Technology
 - Building Services
- Office of the CAO
 - Human Resources
- Corporate Finance

Councillor Mills left the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Warden White and all Councillors in attendance expressed their well wishes to retiring Clerk/Director of Corporate Services, Pam Hillock.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: To Be Confirmed
Video Conference

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor John Creelman, Chair
General Government Services Committee