



INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

The Committee met at 11:00 a.m. by video conference.

Members Present: Councillor Steve Soloman (Chair)
Warden Darren White
Councillor Sandy Brown (joined at 11:03 a.m.)
Councillor Bob Currie
Councillor Chris Gerrits
Councillor Earl Hawkins

Staff Present: Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer
Michelle Dunne, Deputy Clerk
Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer
Caroline Mach, County Forest Manager
Sara Wicks, Climate Change Coordinator

Chair Soloman called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Chair Soloman shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Councillor Brown joined the meeting (11:03 a.m.).

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

The Deputy Clerk advised one question was received from Melinda Davie, a Mono resident. Ms. Davie noted she is a representative of the Dufferin County dirt bike community, 1800 of whom have signed our recent petition which we forwarded to the

County and Ms. Mach by e-mail last month. Our non profit organization, the Dufferin Rooftop Recreational Riders Association (DRRRA), would like to participate in Dufferin forest development and stewardship and we would like a small area to operate our noise controlled, plated and insured bikes. We could also institute an annual trail permit which would provide revenue for the forest. Is the advisory committee open to this?

Committee members discussed the request made by the Dufferin Rooftop Recreational Riders Association (DRRRA). The Committee agreed the Main Tract is already very busy and discussed the possibility of researching another location that may be more suitable for motorized vehicles. The Director of Public Works/County Engineer advised the request of the Dufferin Rooftop Recreational Riders Association can be considered during the Recreational Policy review.

REPORTS

The Committee agreed to move Item #3 – Climate Action Plan Report ahead.

1. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – September 24, 2020 – ITEM #1
Climate Action Plan Update

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated September 24, 2020, to update Council on progress related to the Partners for Climate Protection Milestone Framework and the creation of the Dufferin Climate Action Plan.

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Warden White

THAT Report, Climate Action Plan Update, dated September 24, 2020, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, be received.

-Carried-

2. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – September 24, 2020 – ITEM #2
Capital Project Update

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated September 24, 2020, to provide Committee and Council with an update on the 2020 Public Works - Transportation Capital Projects.

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Currie

That Report, Capital Project Update – September 2020, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated September 24, 2020, be received.

-Carried-

3. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – September 24, 2020 – ITEM #3
Courthouse Restoration Project Update – September 2020

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated September 24, 2020, to provide Committee and Council with an update on the historic Dufferin County Courthouse Chimney reconstruction and select architectural restoration work.

Moved by Councillor Currie, seconded by Councillor Brown

That Report, Courthouse Restoration Project Update – September 2020, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated September 24, 2020, be received.

-Carried-

4. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – September 24, 2020 – ITEM #4
Financial Report

A report from the Acting Treasurer, dated September 24, 2020, to provide Committee with a monthly financial summary.

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

THAT the Financial Report for the month of August 2020, dated September 24, 2020, be received.

-Carried-

5. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – September 24, 2020 – ITEM #5
Discussion – Rail Trail

Councillor Gerrits noted he has received some concerns from Amaranth residents regarding the grading condition of the Rail Trail, ATV riders not respecting hikers/walkers as well as trespassing issues onto resident's farmland. The Director of Public Works/County Engineer noted the grader has been down the trail once this year. Grading and grass cutting along the trail occur once a year. He also noted there is an agreement with the Ontario Federation Snowmobile Clubs and an agreement with the Dufferin Grey ATV Club that will need be renewed. The ATV Club has a Trail Warden to address concerns and issues can be reported. Also, Dufferin County does have funds set aside under the Line Fences Act from the original creation of the Rail Trail. Resident's can apply for funds to assist with

building a fence to deter trespassing. The Clerk's Department has the form available.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – September 24, 2020 – ITEM #6 Discussion – Storage License Agreement – Sand/Salt Dome

Councillor Gerrits noted this discussion was prompted by a request from an adjoining property owner to the Township of Amaranth's Works Yard. There is some erosion occurring to the fill that supports the base of the dome that is encroaching on the adjoining property. Councillor Gerrits noted he has reviewed the lease between the Township of Amaranth and the County of Dufferin regarding the sand/salt dome. The Township of Amaranth will continue discussions with the adjoining property owner to remediate the situation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Brown asked the Director of Public Works/County Engineer if any thought had been given to installing a round-a-bout at the intersection of County Road 109 and 2nd Line of Amaranth to slow traffic coming into the Town of Orangeville. The Director noted that depending on future development in the area and the related traffic studies, a round-a-bout could be a future outcome. He further noted that the area will also be reviewed as part of the Transportation Master Plan that is currently under way as part of the Municipal Comprehensive Review.

Councillor Currie advised he is concerned that Dufferin County is using a large tractor to do the grass cutting operations on County roads. The Director of Public Works/County Engineer advised the tractor in question was bought a while ago for its versatility as it is large enough to handle many tasks the Public Works Department completes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.
Video Conference

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Steve Soloman, Chair
Infrastructure & Environmental Services Committee