



## **INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

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

**Members Present:**

Councillor Sandy Brown (Chair)  
Councillor Steve Anderson (arrived 9:03 a.m.)  
Councillor Bob Currie  
Warden Wade Mills  
Councillor Earl Hawkins  
Councillor Fred Nix  
Councillor Darren White

**Other Councillors Present:**

Councillor John Creelman (arrived 9:20 a.m.)  
Councillor Guy Gardhouse  
Councillor Philip Rentsch

**Staff Present:**

Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer  
Michelle Dunne, Clerk  
Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer  
Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Chair Brown shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions from the Public.

Councillor Anderson joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

## **DELEGATIONS**

1. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – May 26, 2022 – ITEM #1  
Dufferin Climate Action Plan

Charles Hooker delegated to Committee regarding Dufferin County's Climate Action Plan. Mr. Hooker has reviewed the County's Climate Action Plan and would like to provide his comments to help improve the Plan. He has concerns that Dufferin County will implement a tree cutting by-law. He also is concerned that the Agricultural community was not represented on the Dufferin County Climate Change Collaborative. He would like to be a part of the Collaborative to provide input and comments.

Councillor Creelman joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

2. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – May 26, 2022 – ITEM #2  
Dufferin Wind Power

Jeff Hammond, Senior Vice President, Longyuan Power, delegated to Committee regarding a proposed solar farm in the Town of Grand Valley. There is currently an opportunity to invest in new energy sources in the province. Longyuan Power is proposing to lease the lands at the former Eco-Energy Park from the County to develop a 20 MW+ solar farm and battery storage system. The project would connect to the existing Dufferin Wind transmission line. The next steps would be to have the design engineers develop a site plan which will be presented to the Committee when available. Longyuan Power requested access to walk the land to evaluate the property.

Staff will bring forward a report regarding potential uses of the property to the next meeting.

**Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Currie**

**THAT Longyuan Power be permitted to enter the property of the former Eco-Energy Park to complete a preliminary site evaluation.**

**-Carried-**

Councillor Rentsch left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

3. **INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – May 26, 2022 – ITEM #3**  
Entrance Permit Application

Karen Bennett, Partner, Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc., delegated on behalf of Mono Hills Corporation regarding an existing entrance on the property located at 388326 Airport Road. The owners are requesting continued use of the existing access point and requesting the entrance not be closed or relocated as part of the active condominium application.

**Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Nix**

**THAT the delegation from Karen Bennett, Partner, Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc., be received.**

**-Carried-**

**Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Nix**

**THAT staff be directed to proceed with applying the process as outlined in the Entrance Policy and the Official Plan.**

**-Carried-**

Councillor Creelman left at the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

**REPORTS**

4. **INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – May 26, 2022 – ITEM #4**  
Primrose Operations Centre – Electrical Upgrade

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated May 26, 2022, to seek approval to upgrade the electrical capacity at the Primrose Operations Centre.

**Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Warden Mills**

**THAT Report, Primrose Operations Centre - Electrical Upgrade, dated May 26, 2022, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, be received;**

**AND THAT staff be approved to proceed with completing power upgrades at the Primrose Operation Centre;**

**AND THAT the necessary funds for the power upgrades at the Primrose Operations Centre be funded through the Public Works Capital Reserve.**

**-Carried-**

5. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – May 26, 2022 – ITEM #5  
Blue Box Transition – County Role

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated May 26, 2022, to update Committee and Council on the July 1, 2023 Blue Box program transition to full-producer responsibility and to advise on the County's role.

**Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Warden Mills**

**THAT Report, Blue Box Transition – County Role, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated Thursday, May 26, 2022, be received;**

**AND THAT staff respond to the Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) survey to confirm that the County will not be entering into a contract with CMO for recycling collection services during Blue Box Transition;**

**AND THAT staff receive delegated authority to negotiate terms with CMO, or other PRO agencies and/or parties, to ensure service continuity through the transition, should the need arise.**

**-Carried-**

6. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – May 26, 2022 – ITEM #6  
Capital Project Update – May 2022

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated May 26, 2022, to provide Committee and Council with an update regarding the 2022 Public Works - Transportation Capital Projects.

**Moved by Warden Mills, seconded by Councillor Hawkins**

**THAT Report, Capital Project Update – May 2022, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated May 26, 2022, be received.**

**-Carried-**

7. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – May 26, 2022 – ITEM #7  
Facility Tender Results – T2022 FA-22-02: Balcony Repair & Restoration Work

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated May 26, 2022, to inform Committee and Council on the results of the 2022 Facility tender FA-22-02 for the repair and restoration to various Community Housing building balconies and patios, and to recommend approval to award.

**Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Hawkins**

**THAT Report, Facility Tender Results – FA-22-02, dated May 26, 2022, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, be received;**

**AND THAT the tender overage of approximately \$312,000 be funded through Housing Capital Fund;**

**AND THAT unforeseen or unanticipated work related to the balcony restoration be covered by provisional item costing funded by through the Housing Capital Fund.**

**-Carried-**

Councillor Creelman joined the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Creelman and Councillor Nix inquired if the GFL Transfer Station is not currently accepting drop-offs from residents because of a driver shortage. They are concerned that dumping might occur on the roadside if residents are not able to use the transfer station. If there are restrictions in place at the transfer station, they are requesting notice be provided to the public and to the local municipalities. Staff are unaware of any issues but will investigate and provide communication as necessary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.  
Video Conference

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Sandy Brown, Chair  
Infrastructure & Environmental Services Committee