



## **DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

**W & M Edelbrock Centre, Dufferin Room, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville ON**

### **Council Members Present:**

Warden Wade Mills (Shelburne)  
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)  
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)  
Councillor Todd Taylor (Orangeville)  
Councillor Darren White (Melancthon)

### **Staff Present:**

Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer  
Michelle Dunne, Clerk  
Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk  
Aimee Raves, Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer  
Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer  
Cody Joudry, Director of Development & Tourism  
Rohan Thompson, Director of People & Equity  
Anna McGregor, Director of Community Services  
Brenda Wagner, Administrator of Dufferin Oaks  
Tom Reid, Chief Paramedic  
Steve Murphy, Manager – Preparedness, 911 & Corporate Projects

Warden Mills called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Warden Mills 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, May 25, 2023 at the following times:

Infrastructure & Environmental Services Committee – 9:00 a.m.

General Government Services Committee – 11:00 a.m.

Health & Human Services Committee – 1:00 p.m.

Community Development & Tourism Committee – 3:00 p.m.

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Warden Mills 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 Horner, seconded by Councillor Little**

**THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the May 11, 2023 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.

Councillor Darren White and Councillor Lisa Post declared a conflict of interest regarding agenda Item #7.2 General Government Services Minutes, Item #1 – 2023 Community Grant Recommendations as they are involved with the 1849 Lorne Scots Army Cadet Corps.

Councillor Gail Little declared a conflict of interest regarding agenda Item #7.2 General Government Services Minutes, Item #1 – 2023 Community Grant Recommendations as she is involved with the Dufferin Farm Tour.

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

**Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Creelman**

**THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of March 7, 2023, Statutory Planning meeting of April 13, 2023, and the regular meeting of Council of April 13, 2023, be adopted.**

**-Carried-**

**PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

6. **Proclamation: Sexual Violence Prevention Month**

Warden Mills declared May 2023 as Sexual Violence Prevention Month in the County of Dufferin.

Lynnette Pole-Langdon, Family Transition Place, accepted the proclamation. She noted Family Transition Place is working to support survivors, decrease the stigma and ensure support services are available.

7. **Proclamation: Pride Month**

Warden Mills declared May 2023 as Pride Month in the County of Dufferin.

Dufferin County will raise the Pride flag on June 1, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at 55 Zina Street, Orangeville and at 1:00 p.m. at the Museum of Dufferin.

8. **Delegation: Dufferin Federation of Agriculture**

Dr. Wayne Caldwell, Mark Reusser and Leo Blydrop delegated on behalf of the Dufferin Federation of Agriculture in regard to Bill 97 – Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023. There is great concern regarding the long term consequences of the proposed Provincial Policy Statement, including severances on prime agricultural land. They encourage the County to advocate strongly against the proposed policy statement and educate residents regarding the proposed changes.

9. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions received from the public.

## **PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS**

10. **Infrastructure & Environmental Services Minutes – April 27, 2023**

**Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Soloman**

**THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure and Environmental Services meeting held on April 27, 2023, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.**

**-Carried-**

11. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #1  
County Forest and Rail Trail – By-Law Amendments

THAT the Report, County Forest and Rail Trail – By-Law Amendments, dated April 27, 2023, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to update the applicable by-law in accordance with the outlined amendments;

AND THAT staff be directed to forward the updated schedule of set fines to the Ministry of the Attorney General for approval.

12. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #2  
Electric Vehicle Charging Station – Revised User Fees

THAT Report, Electric Vehicle Charging Station – Revised User Fees, dated April 27, 2023, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, be received;

AND THAT the Fees By-law 2015-41 be amended to include the revised Electric Vehicle Charging Station fee structure described in this report.

13. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #3  
OP Trust Lands Development – Dufferin Road 109/2<sup>nd</sup> Line Amaranth Temporary Intersection Improvements

THAT the Report, OP Trust Lands Development – Dufferin Road 109/2nd Line Amaranth Temporary Intersection Improvements, dated April 27, 2023, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to proceed with the necessary agreement(s) and/or processes to secure funds from the developer to cover the full costs of construction and contract administration for the temporary intersection improvement work for Dufferin Road 109/2nd Line Amaranth;

AND THAT staff be directed to proceed with incorporating the temporary intersection work for Dufferin Road 109/2nd Line Amaranth within the Capital Work Plan.

14. **Director of Community Services & Director of Development & Tourism's Report – Proposed Provincial Policy Statement 2023 Concerns and Input**

A report from the Director of Development and Tourism, dated May 11, 2023, to provide an overview of the proposed changes to the Provincial Planning Statements 2023 and associated amendments to the Planning Act as part of Bill 97.

**Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Post**

**THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "Proposed Provincial Policy Statement 2023 Concerns and Input", dated May 11, 2023, be received;**

**AND THAT the Warden be authorized to sign the attached letter to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) by June 5, 2023 with a copy circulated to the Premier, all MPPs, Dufferin's MP, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus (WOWC), the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus (EOWC), the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and the Dufferin Federation of Agriculture.**

**-Carried-**

15. **General Government Services Minutes – April 27, 2023**

**Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Soloman**

**THAT the minutes of the General Government Services meeting held on April 27, 2023, and the recommendations set out, excluding Item #1 – 2023 Community Grant Recommendations, be adopted.**

16. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #2  
2022 Investment Activity

THAT the report on 2022 Investment Activity, from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated April 27, 2023, be received.

17. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #3  
Annual Report on Long Term Debt Capacity

THAT the report on Annual Report on Long Term Debt Capacity, from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated April 27, 2023, be received.

18. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #4  
Tax Policy Review

THAT the report on Tax Policy Review, from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated April 27, 2023, be received.

19. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #5  
Annual Development Charges Report

THAT the report on Annual Development Charges Report, from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated April 27, 2023, be received.

20. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #6  
Winter Storm After-Action Report – December 23-26, 2023

THAT the report of the Manager – Preparedness, 911 & Corporate Projects, dated April 27, 2023, regarding After Action Report for Winter Storm - December 23-26, 2022, be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to investigate technology options to improve notification to staff and stakeholders of an event;

AND THAT staff collaborate with the local municipalities to establish shelter locations with the necessary equipment and supplies;

AND THAT staff support local municipalities to establish and train Volunteer Shelter Management Teams;

AND THAT the costs of equipping each municipality to set up and equip an emergency shelter location be drawn from the Emergency Readiness reserve.

21. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #7  
BDO Canada LLP

THAT the correspondence from BDO Canada LLP, dated March 13, 2023, regarding audit planning, be received.

22. **Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Nix**

**THAT Item #1 – 2023 Community Grant Recommendations, excluding the grant allocations for the 1849 Lorne Scots Army Cadet Corps and the Dufferin County Farm Tour, be approved.**

**-Carried-**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #1  
2023 Community Grant Recommendations

THAT \$25,000 be transferred from Rate Stabilization reserves for the 2023 Community Grants.

THAT the report from Headwaters Communities In Action, dated April 27, 2023, regarding the Community Grant Allocation recommendations, be received;

AND THAT the following allocations be approved:

COMMUNITY GRANTS >\$3,000

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Dufferin & District	\$6,000
Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services	\$5,425
Caledon Meals on Wheels	\$5,000
Dufferin County Canadian Black Association	\$3,500
Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation	\$5,000
Dufferin Parent Support Network	\$12,000
Fiddlehead Care Farm	\$6,500
Headwaters Arts	\$4,250
Highlands Youth for Christ	\$0
Orangeville & District Horticultural Society	\$2,800
Orangeville & District Seniors Citizens Centre	\$6,200

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
Rotary Club of Shelburne	\$4,000
Shelburne Cricket Club	\$7,500
Theatre Orangeville	\$7,000
Westside Secondary School	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$80,175</b>

COMMUNITY GRANTS ≤\$3,000

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
Achill Choral Society	\$3,000
Bethell Hospice	\$2,325
Career Education Council Guelph Wellington Dufferin	\$3,000
Dufferin Community Foundation	\$3,000
Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club	\$2,000
Dufferin Muslim Centre	\$3,000
Everdale	\$3,000
Grand Valley Public Library	\$3,000
Hockley Historic Community Hall & Church	\$2,000
I Challenge Diabetes	\$1,500
Lesson Up Inc.	\$0
Orangeville Curling Club	\$850
Orton Community Association	\$1,000
PERIOD Ontario	\$0
Primrose Elementary School	\$3,000
Shelburne & District Horticultural Society	\$600
Westminster United Church	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,275</b>

Councillor White and Councillor Post left the meeting.

23. **Moved by Councillor Little, seconded by Councillor Creelman**

**THAT Item #1 – 2023 Community Grant Recommendations, the allocation for the 1849 Lorne Scots Army Cadet Corp for \$4,550, be approved.**

**-Carried-**

Councillor White and Councillor Post rejoined the meeting.



Councillor Little left the meeting.

24. **Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Post**

**THAT Item #1 – 2023 Community Grant Recommendations, the allocation for the Dufferin County Farm Tour for \$2,000, be approved.**

**-Carried-**

Councillor Little rejoined the meeting.

25. **Health and Human Services Minutes – April 27, 2023**

**Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Soloman**

**THAT the minutes of the Health and Human Services meeting held on April 27, 2023, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.**

**-Carried-**

26. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #1  
Homelessness Prevention Program Update

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Homelessness Prevention Program Update, dated April 27, 2023, be received.

27. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #2  
Early Years and Child Care - Knowing Our Numbers

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Early Years and Child Care – Knowing Our Numbers, dated April 27, 2023, be received.

28. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #3  
Community Services Annual Review 2022

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Community Services Annual Review 2022, dated April 27, 2023, be received.

29. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #4  
Senior Services and Housing Needs Review Update

THAT the report of the Administrator, dated April 27, 2023, regarding the Seniors Services and Housing Needs Review Update, be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to recruit a one year contract position to manage the project;

AND THAT the Rate Stabilization Reserve be used as required to fund the position.

30. **Community Development & Tourism Minutes – April 27, 2023**

**Moved by Councillor Little, seconded by Councillor Creelman**

**THAT the minutes of the Community Development and Tourism meeting held on April 27, 2023, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.**

**-Carried-**

31. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #1  
Walter Kolodziechuk

THAT the Committee supports the request to honour veterans at the Museum of Dufferin (MoD) by flying a flag for Remembrance Week, as well as a display highlighting the service of past and present local military members.

32. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #2  
Land Use Planning Application Portal

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "Land Use Planning Application Portal", dated April 27, 2023, be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to evaluate software options and report back.

33. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #3  
County's Role Regarding Residential Tenancy Matters

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "County's Role regarding Residential Tenancy Matters", dated April 27, 2023, be received.

34. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #4  
Museum Strategic Plan Implementation

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "Museum Strategic Plan Implementation", dated April 27, 2023, be received.

35. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – April 27, 2023 – ITEM #5  
Economic Development Strategy Workshop

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, “Economic Development Strategy Workshop”, dated April 27, 2023, be received.

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

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated May 11, 2023, to provide Council with an update of activities from outside boards and agencies.

**Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Taylor**

**THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated May 11, 2023, with respect to Reports from Outside Boards, be received.**

**-Carried-**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

37. **Township of Amaranth**

A resolution from the Township of Amaranth, dated May 2, 2023, regarding a commitment to shared and combined services with Dufferin County and all municipalities within Dufferin.

**Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Nix**

**THAT the resolution from the Township of Amaranth, dated May 2, 2023, regarding a commitment to shared and combined services with Dufferin County and all municipalities within Dufferin, be received.**

**-Carried-**

38. **Town of Orangeville**

Correspondence from the Town of Orangeville, dated May 5, 2023, to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, regarding support for Bill 74 Missing Persons Amendment Act, 2023.

**Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Creelman**

**THAT Dufferin County Council supports the resolution from the Town of Orangeville, dated May 5, 2023, to support adoption of Bill 74 Missing Persons Amendment Act, 2023.**

**-Carried-**

39. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

40. **MOTIONS**

41. **CLOSED SESSION**

42. **BY-LAWS**

2023-28      A by-law to ratify the actions of the Warden and Clerk for executing an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Upper Grand District School Board. (Lease Agreement – Edelbrock Centre)  
Authorization: Council – May 11, 2023

**Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Soloman**

**THAT By-Law 2023-28, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.**

**-Carried-**

43. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Warden Mills congratulated Councillor Janet Horner as she was recently awarded the awarded the "Friend of the Greenbelt Award" from the Greenbelt Foundation. This Award recognizes those who actively champion the Greenbelt through their actions and community engagement. Councillor Horner was presented with her award in Mulmur on April 27th.

Warden Mills encouraged Council members to remind the community that the Bill Hill Scholarship deadline is on May 15th. The application is available on the Dufferin County website and can be emailed to scholarship@dufferincounty.ca. Recipients will join us at the June Council meeting to receive their awards.

44. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

2023-29 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on May 11, 2023.

**Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Gerrits**

**THAT By-Law 2023-29, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.**

**-Carried-**

45. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Creelman**

**THAT the meeting adjourn.**

**-Carried-**

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 8, 2023  
W & M Edelbrock Centre, Dufferin Room, 30 Centre Street,  
Orangeville ON

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Wade Mills, Warden

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Michelle Dunne, Clerk