



**DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Council Members Present:**

Warden Wade Mills (Shelburne)  
Councillor John Creelman (Mono)  
Councillor Guy Gardhouse (East Garafraxa)  
Councillor Shane Hall (Shelburne)  
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)

**Alternate Council Members Present:**

Councillor Andrew Stirk (Amaranth)

**Council Members Absent:**

Councillor Chris Gerrits (Amaranth)(prior notice)  
Councillor Earl Hawkins (Mulmur)

**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

Warden Mills called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, October 26, 2023 at the following times:

Infrastructure and Environmental Services – 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 Nix, seconded by Councillor Post**

**THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the October 12, 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.

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

**Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Creelman**

**THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of September 14, 2023, be adopted.**

**-Carried-**

## **PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

6. **Proclamation: Circular Economy Month – October 2023 & Waste Reduction Week – October 16 – 22, 2023**

Warden Mills proclaimed October 2023 as Circular Economy Month and October 16 – 22, 2023 as Waste Reduction Week in the County of Dufferin. Melissa Kovacs-Reid, Manager of Waste Services, accepted the proclamation.

7. **Proclamation: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty – October 17, 2023**

Warden Mills proclaimed October 17, 2023 as International Day for the Eradication of Poverty in the County of Dufferin.

8. **Proclamation: Veterans' Week – November 5 – 11, 2023**

Warden Mills proclaimed November 5 – 11, 2023 as Veterans' Week in the County of Dufferin. He encouraged everyone to attend the Veteran's Week Ceremony and "Stories of Sacrifice" Exhibition Opening at the Museum of Dufferin on November 4th from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

9. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions from the public.

## **PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS**

10. **Community Development & Tourism Minutes – September 28, 2023**

Matt Alexander, Practice Lead, and Brett Sears, Senior Project Planner, WSP, presented information on regarding the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) Phase III Official Plan Amendment (OPA) – Land Use Policy Framework and Transportation Master Plan.

Council discussed the modified draft Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) Phase III Official Plan Amendment (OPA) – Land Use Policy Framework and the Dufferin County Transportation Master Plan. The consensus was to forward both drafts with further modifications as discussed to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for review.

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

**THAT the minutes of the Community Development and Tourism meeting held on September 28, 2023, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.**  
**-Carried-**

12. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – September 28, 2023 – ITEM #1  
Municipal Comprehensive Review Phase III Official Plan Amendment – Land Use Policy Framework & Transportation Master Plan

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) Phase III Official Plan Amendment (OPA) – Land Use Policy Framework and Transportation Master Plan", dated September 28, 2023, be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to make modifications to the Dufferin County Transportation Master Plan pertaining to the truck routes, the Shelburne bypass, and regional transit connections;

AND THAT the modified draft Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) Phase III Official Plan Amendment (OPA) – Land Use Policy Framework and Dufferin County Transportation Master Plan be brought to October Council for review.

13. **Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer’s Report – Financial Update**

A report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated October 12, 2023, to provide a financial update up to August 31, 2023.

**Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Stirk**

**THAT the report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated October 12, 2023, regarding a financial update up to August 31, 2023, be received.**

**-Carried-**

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

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated October 12, 2023, to provide Council with an update of activities from outside boards and agencies.

**Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Hall**

**THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated October 12, 2023, with respect to Reports from Outside Boards, be received.**

**-Carried-**

15. **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

There was no strategic update.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

17. **Moved by Councillor Gerrits**

**WHEREAS the County of Dufferin created the Community Development and Tourism (CDT) Committee in 2020 and held the first meeting of the Committee on January 28th, 2021;**

**AND WHEREAS it would be consistent with the recently approved Strategic Plan Governance Priority Area to “identify opportunities to improve governance and service delivery” to review the committee following three years of operation;**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council hereby request that the full portfolio of the CDT Committee be reviewed for opportunities to improve governance and service delivery including adding or reducing the scope of the services offered;**

**AND THAT staff report back to Council.**

18. **Moved by Councillor Gerrits**

**WHEREAS the local municipalities within Dufferin County have historically been responsible for all aspects of local planning;**

**AND WHEREAS upper-tier planning constitutes undue effort and costs for applicants and tax payers;**

**AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario deemed a number of municipalities as “upper-tier municipalities without planning responsibilities” as part of Bill 23 in November 2022;**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dufferin County Council request a review of the upper-tier planning responsibilities and report back to Council;**

**AND FURTHER THAT if Council deems upper-tier planning responsibilities to be a redundant and burdensome process, that Dufferin County request that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing deem Dufferin County an “upper-tier municipality without planning responsibility” effective immediately.**

19. **Moved by Councillor Rentsch**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hold a special meeting immediately preceding the January regular meeting of Council to discuss the roles and responsibilities of local and upper tier levels of government, identify areas of duplication, and propose ideas to streamline and simplify service delivery.**

20. **MOTIONS**

21. **CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse**

**THAT the Closed Session minutes from the regular meeting of Council on September 14, 2023, be adopted.**

**-Carried-**

22. **BY-LAWS**

2023-50      A by-law to amend By-Law 2005-32, Schedule “H”, to regulate traffic on roads under the jurisdiction of the County of Dufferin. (Reduce speed to 70 km/h – Dufferin Road 11)  
Authorization: Infrastructure and Environmental Services – August 24, 2023

2023-51 A by-law to ratify the actions of the Warden and the Clerk for executing an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin, Scone Developments Inc & Dufferin Common Condominium Corporation No. 44. (Assumption Agreement)  
Authorization: Infrastructure and Environmental Services – May 27, 2021

**Moved by Councillor Stirk, seconded by Councillor Post**

**THAT By-Law 2023-50 through to By-Law 2023-51, inclusive, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.**

**-Carried-**

23. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Warden Mills noted that on November 8th and 9th, the Economic Development department will be hosting a two-day workshop at the Edelbrock Centre in the large room in the lower level. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm, and the workshops will go from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day, with a regular Council meeting following the workshop on November 9<sup>th</sup> in the Dufferin Room on the main level. Brock Dickinson, a leading expert in modern economic development and adjunct professor at the University of Waterloo, will be facilitating the workshop. The workshop will be divided into three main sections. It will feature a presentation on Modern Economic Development to provide insights into the latest trends and approaches in economic development. Paul Knafelc, President of Community Benchmarks and professor at University of Waterloo, will present facts and figures of Dufferin County's economy to help us gain a comprehensive understanding of the economic landscape of our county. On the second day of the workshop, we will identify and prioritize Economic Development Goals. We will collaborate and engage in developing actionable goals for economic development.

Also, on November 30th, 2023, Council will participate in an in-person Facilities Workshop in the lower level at the Edelbrock Centre as well. The workshop will start 7:00 p.m.

Warden Mills thanked Cody Joudry, Director of Planning and Development, for his work and dedication to Dufferin County. The Warden wished him well in his new endeavors.

24. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

2023-52      A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on October 12, 2023.

**Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Creelman**

**THAT By-Law 2023-52, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.**

**Carried-**

25. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Hall**

**THAT the meeting adjourn.**

**-Carried-**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting:      Thursday, November 9, 2023  
Video Conference

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Wade Mills, Warden

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Michelle Dunne, Clerk