



COUNCIL AGENDA April 5, 2023 – 9:30 AM

MEETING DETAILS

In-Person Meeting Location: Mulmur Township Offices, located at 758070 2nd Line East
Phone Connection: 1 647 374 4685 Canada / 1 647 558 0588 Canada
Video Connection: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84829988171>
Meeting ID: 848 2998 8171

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

2.0 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

3.0 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Recommendation: THAT Council approve the agenda.

5 4.0 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Recommendation: THAT the minutes of March 1, 2023 are approved.

5.0 **DISCUSSION ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

6.0 **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

7.0 **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

8.0 **DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

13 8.1 **Kathleen Wynne (9:30 a.m.)**

18 8.2 **R.J. Burnsides – Chris Knechtel, P.Eng, Senior Vice President Municipal Services and Structures (9:45 a.m.)**

9.0 **REPORTS FOR DECISION**

57 9.1 **Restatement of Mulmur's 2023 Budget per O.Reg. 284/09**

Recommendation: THAT Council receive and approve the report of Heather Boston, Treasurer, Restatement of Mulmur's 2023 Budget per O.Reg. 284/09.

59 9.2 **2023 User Fees and Charges**

Recommendation: THAT Council receive the report of Heather Boston, Treasurer, Schedule of User Fees and Charges, as presented.

63 **9.3 Fire Training Resolution**

Recommendation: THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Fire Training Motion;

AND THAT Council provide direction to staff on their desire to recirculate the March 2, 2021 motion, or formulate a new motion for consideration.

66 **9.4 Strategic Planning**

Recommendation: THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk and Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Strategic Planning Initiatives;

AND THAT Council direct staff to move forward with facilitating community conversations as approved within the 2023 Council Budget.

69 **9.5 Rural Medicine**

Recommendation: THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson CAO/Clerk/Planner;

AND THAT Council request the County of Dufferin consider an action item within the Dufferin County Strategic Plan to expedite the attraction of physicians in Dufferin County;

AND THAT Council appoint _____ to the Physicians Recruitment and Retention Task Force to further relationship building with local physicians.

71 **9.6 Development Charges Background Report**

Recommendation: THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson CAO/Clerk/Planner;

AND THAT Council direct staff to undertake an amendment to the Development Charges By-law to remove the exemption for second detached dwellings.

10.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

74 **10.1 Dufferin County Council Minutes: February 9, 2023**

88 **10.2 Dufferin County Council Minutes: February 23, 2023**

91 **10.3 Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee Minutes: February 28, 2023**

- 96 **10.4 Dufferin County Council Minutes: March 9, 2023**
- 113 **10.5 Rosemont District Fire Board Minutes: March 20, 2023**
- 117 **10.6 Joint Council Meeting (Mulmur & Melancthon) March 21, 2023**
- 120 **10.7 Economic Development Committee Minutes: March 22, 2023**
- 125 **10.8 Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee Minutes: March 28, 2023**

Recommendation: THAT Council receives the Committee Minutes as copied and circulated.

128 **10.8 Motions from the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee**

Recommendation: THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee Motions to Council

AND THAT Council direct staff to consult with the public, residents of Mansfield and the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee on park development in Mansfield;

AND THAT Council provide direction to staff on the installation of hydro at the Honeywood Baseball Diamond;

AND FURTHER THAT Council support the placement of one pickleball set at the Thomson Trail Park.

11.0 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- 130 **11.1 NDCC Financials Report**
- 134 **11.2 2023 1st QTR Building Report**
- 136 **11.3 2023 1st QTR Bylaw Enforcement Report**
- 137 **11.4 Spring Townhall Agenda: April 15, 2023**
- 138 **11.5 Correspondence: The Shepherd’s Cupboard Foodbank**
- 140 **11.6 Correspondence: Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance**
- 141 **11.7 Correspondence: Strawberry Supper Report**
- 151 **11.8 County of Dufferin Notice of Public Meeting**
- 154 **11.9 Dufferin Climate Action Plan: 2022 Report Card**
- 177 **11.10 Shelburne Public Library: 2023 Budget**
- 181 **11.11 NVCA: February Board Highlights**
- 184 **11.12 NVCA: March Board Highlights**
- 186 **11.13 Dufferin Board of Trade Press Release**
- 188 **11.14 Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment PC 225 22 – Agricultural Policies**
- 219 **11.15 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks: Environmental Assessment Modernization**
- 220 **11.16 Ministry of the Attorney General: Provincial Offences Act Modernization**

Recommendation: THAT Council receives the information items as copied.

12.0 ENDORSEABLE MOTIONS

- 222 12.1 Municipality of Calvin: School Board Accommodation Review
- 223 12.2 Municipality of Trent Lakes: Oath of Office
- 225 12.3 Niagara Region: Declarations of Emergency for Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction
- 229 12.4 Town of Cobourg: Homeless and Unsheltered Persons
- 231 12.5 County of Huron: Call to Action – Review of the Cannabis Act
- 234 12.6 Municipality of Chatham-Kent: Support for Bill 5
- 235 12.7 Township of Amaranth: Resolution regarding County Planning Services
- 236 12.8 Dufferin County Council: Highway 10 Traffic and Road Safety Study
- 240 12.9 Township of Lucan Biddulph: Future Accuracy of Permanent Register of Electors
- 242 12.10 Town of Essex: Proceeds from Tax Sales
- 244 12.11 Municipality of North Perth: School Bus Arm Cameras
- 246 12.12 Town of Grimsby: Barriers for Women in Politics
- 248 12.13 Town of Carleton Place: Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women
- 249 12.14 Association of Ontario Road Supervisors: Enbridge Gas Locate Fees

Recommendation: THAT the following items be endorsed: _____

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 13.1 Senior of the Year Nominations
- 13.2 CAO Performance Review Preparation

14.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

15.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS

- 251 15.1 Traffic By-law Amending By-law
- 253 15.2 User Fees and Charges By-law
- 256 15.3 Confirmatory By-law

Recommendation: THAT By-Laws 15.1 to 15.3 be approved.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation: THAT Council adjourns the meeting at _____ to meet again on May 3, 2023, or at the call of the Chair.



COUNCIL MINUTES March 1, 2023 – 9:00 AM

Council Present: Mayor Horner, Councillor Clark, Councillor Cunningham, Councillor Lyon

Absent: Deputy Mayor Hawkins

Staff Present: Tracey Atkinson – CAO/Clerk/Planner, John Willmetts, Director of Public Works, Heather Boston - Treasurer, Roseann Knechtel - Deputy Clerk

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.0 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting upon the traditional Indigenous lands of the Tionontati (Petun) and Treaty 18 territory of the Anishinaabe peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place and we also recognize the contributions Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening our community, province and country as a whole.

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council approve the agenda.

CARRIED.

4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT the minutes of February 1, 2023 are approved.

CARRIED.

5.0 DISCUSSION ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Councillor Cunningham provided an update on the new well project at Primrose Elementary School confirming water testing has been completed on the new well and indicated high sodium content and lead levels above the provincial standards. Councillor Cunningham noted the Upper Grand District School Board plans to install

point of use reverse osmosis in the kitchen and at all drinking stations, replacing 4 existing fountains and installing 2 new fountains. Works are anticipated to be completed over summer 2023.

6.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS – NONE

7.0 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

A question was received regarding posting of Council meeting recordings online.

Council spoke to a decision of the previous term of Council, being to defer a decision on posting recordings following training. Training is scheduled to occur in May 2023, at which time Council will reconsider the request.

8.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS - NONE

9.0 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Joe Miedema – 2022 Annual Water Report

Joe Miedema, P. Eng. General Manager of Dufferin Water Co. Ltd., presented the annual reports on the Mansfield Water System. Miedema spoke to the compliance of all Mansfield wells, testing measures and requirements, as well as noted the reasons for specific usage levels.

Discussion ensued on stocking replacement parts, testing parameters and schedules.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council receives and approves the 2022 annual and summary reports of the Mansfield Well Supply under the Drinking Water Systems Regulation O. Reg. 170 as submitted by Joe Miedema, P. Eng. General Manager of Dufferin Water Co. Ltd.

CARRIED.

10.0 PUBLIC WORKS

10.1 Speed Reduction on 15 Sideroad

John Willmetts, Director of Public Works presented the results of the speed study conducted on 15 Sideroad.

Discussion ensued on the database approach to speed reduction and the 85th percentile of speed travelled.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council receives the report of John Willmetts, Director of Public Works, Speed Reduction on 15 Sideroad;

AND THAT Council direct staff to draft an amendment to Schedule G of the Township's Traffic By-law No. 43-2005 to include the section of 15 Sideroad from Dufferin County Rd. 18 to a point 100 meters west of the intersection of the 5th Line EHS within the Maximum Rate of Speed of 60 km per hour.

CARRIED.

Council recessed at 10:05 a.m. and returned at 10:12 a.m.

11.0 RECREATION - NONE

12.0 TREASURY

12.1 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board 2023 Budget

Heather Boston, Treasurer, presented the budget as approved at the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council approve the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board 2023 Operating Budget in the amount of \$246,486 and Capital Budget of \$163,000 as presented.

CARRIED.

12.2 Shelburne Fire Board Budget

Heather Boston, Treasurer, presented the budget as approved at the Shelburne and District Fire Board, noting a shortfall in the Township's approved budget, the proposed capital plan, and the Board's passing of the budget prior to responding to the Township's questions.

Discussion ensued in response to the Township's budget inquiries and increase in training wages.

Direction was given to staff to draft a motion for consideration, addressing the increased training costs being incurred by local volunteer fire departments as a result of Provincial downloading.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council approve the Shelburne & District Fire Board 2023 operating budget in the amount of \$825,275 and capital budget of \$350,000 as presented.

CARRIED.

12.3 NDCC 2023 Budget

Heather Boston, Treasurer, presented the first draft of the North Dufferin Community Centre budget for Council consideration, noting repairs to roof leaks and the Zamboni door replacement.

Discussion ensued on budgeted line items.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council approve the NDCC Board of Management 2023 Budget in the amount of \$232,246 as presented.

CARRIED.

13.0 ADMINISTRATION

13.1 2023 Community Grant Applications

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, presented the applications received for consideration.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, 2023 Community Grant Applications;

AND THAT Council approve the following grant applications:

- Team Van Go: \$500
- Primrose Elementary School: \$500 (Academic Excellence Award \$100 / Playground \$400)

CARRIED.

Mayor Horner requested Council support for the Author's in the Hill Festival in Mulmur.

Discussion ensued on ticket sales, event profits, event capacity and maintaining funds for community grants.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council support the 2023 Author's in the Hills Festival in Mulmur through promotion on the Township's social media channels, off site rental items, and a community grant in the amount of \$500;

AND THAT further financial support for the Author's in the Hills Festival in Mulmur be considered as part of Council's annual budget as directed by Council.

CARRIED.

13.2 Procedural By-law Amendments

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, presented the amendments proposed to Council's Procedural By-law.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson CAO/Clerk/Planner and Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Procedural By-law Amendments.

CARRIED.

13.3 Mansfield Community Hub

Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk/Planner sought Council direction on investigating the need for a community hub in Mansfield as part of the planning and development process.

Discussion ensued on fire boundaries, community needs and incorporation of a medical center.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson CAO/Clerk/Planner; Mansfield Community Hub;

AND THAT Council direct staff to research fire boundaries and land requirements for the components discussed.

CARRIED.

14.0 PLANNING

14.1 Environmental Services (NVCA Letter and verbal update)

Tracey Atkinson, Planner, provided a verbal update on the conservation authority's inability to review of Environmental Impact Studies outside of their mandate. Atkinson confirmed the Township has received quotes from third party agencies who are able to provide environmental review.

Discussion ensued on the recovery of costs.

15.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

- 15.1 Shelburne & District Fire Board Minutes: January 3, 2023**
- 15.2 Dufferin County Council Minutes: January 12, 2023**
- 15.3 Shelburne & District Fire Board Minutes: January 20, 2023**
- 15.4 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Minutes: January 30, 2023**
- 15.5 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Minutes: February 13, 2023**
- 15.6 Dufferin County Council Minutes: January 31, 2023**
- 15.7 Joint Mulmur-Melancthon Council Minutes: February 6, 2023**

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council receives the Committee Minutes as copied and circulated.

CARRIED.

15.8 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Hall: Emergency Shelter

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board: Emergency Shelter

AND THAT Council support the relocation of the Township's warming station and emergency shelter from the North Dufferin Community Centre to the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Hall;

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board for consideration.

CARRIED.

16.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 16.1 Federal Electoral Boundaries Report**
- 16.2 Councillor Lyon: ROMA Report**
- 16.3 Mayor Horner: ROMA Report**
- 16.4 Source Water Protection Program**
- 16.5 Proposed Minister Regulation under the Planning Act**
- 16.6 Ken Jewett: Forest Ontario Award Winners**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receives the information items as copied.

CARRIED.

17.0 CLOSED SESSION

17.1 Legal Advice: Event

17.2 By-law Enforcement

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council adjourn to closed session at 11:33 a.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for one (1) matter relating to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and one (1) matter relating to litigation or potential litigation, 239(2)(b)(e).

CARRIED.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council do rise out of closed session and into open session at 12:19 p.m. with the following motions/directions:

THAT Council direct staff to proceed as discussed in closed session.

CARRIED.

18.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

18.1 Recreation Strategy

18.2 Election Signage

18.3 Fireworks Survey

18.4 Development Charges

18.5 Pickleball Program Results

18.6 Mansfield Ski Club: Noise

19.0 NOTICE OF MOTION - NONE

20.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS

20.1 Procedural By-law

20.2 Confirmatory By-law

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

THAT By-Laws 20.1 and 20.2 be approved.

CARRIED.

21.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council adjourns the meeting at 12:36 p.m. to meet again on March 21, 2023 for the Joint Council meeting with the Township of Melancthon and April 5, 2023 for the next regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED.

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Janet Horner, Mayor

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Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk

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DELEGATION REQUEST

Any written submissions and background information for consideration by Committee or Council must be submitted to the Clerk's office at least 7 (seven) days prior to the set meeting date.

PLEASE PRINT

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE: _____

DATE: _____

SUBJECT: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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NAME OF GROUP OR PERSON(S) BEING REPRESENTED: (if applicable)

BRIEF STATEMENT OF ISSUE OR PURPOSE OF DEPUTATION:

Personal information on this form will be used for the purposes of sending correspondence relating to matters before Council. Your name, address, comments, and any other personal information, is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public in a hard copy format and on the internet in an electronic format pursuant to Section 27 of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.56, as amended.

Submission of this form does not automatically guarantee a deputation. Questions about this collection should be directed to **Tracey Atkinson (705) 466 3341 x222, clerk@mulmur.ca**

**Overview of Bill 5: The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
Delegation to Mulmur Township Council by Kathleen Wynne on behalf of:
#thewomenofontariosayno**

April 17, 2023

The Issue at Hand

Municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace. In fact, if a claim of egregious (the most severe) harassment is substantiated; the maximum penalty that can be imposed is three months without pay. But the councillor can retain their position, return to the workplace and seek re-election. This differs from any other workplace in the province, where not only are workplaces mandated to have violence and harassment in the workplace policies (Bill 168), these policies outline consequences for egregious violation which includes termination.

Why this Bill is so important

The Bill was introduced as a private members bill, as a response to a sitting councillor in Ottawa who was able to seek re-election, even with outstanding claims of egregious sexual harassment (investigation by the integrity Commissioner was underway). Other instances of councillors perpetrating harassment include Brampton, Barrie and Mississauga. Since this advocacy effort has started, there are further instances cited in many other municipalities across the province of Ontario.

What will the Bill do?

The Bill has three primary components:

1. Require councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent.
2. Permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies.
3. Restrict councillors—whose seat has been vacated—from seeking immediate subsequent re-election.

The Consequences of Doing Nothing

When councillors are able to perpetrate harassment without being held to account, a toxic message is sent to the community.

It means that as an elected official:

1. You are immune to the communal standards of treatment we have come to expect from the population at large, and;
2. You can abuse your power, unchecked, and continue to have the privilege of serving the population that elected you.

A fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is SAFE. This is currently not the case. As such, despite the most recent municipal elections in October, 2022, councillors currently can perpetrate the most egregious acts of harassment and keep their jobs. This has an immeasurably negative impact on communities.

1. Community members and/or municipal staff may not feel safe meeting with their local ward councillor.
2. If a person is harassed, they may not see the point of filing a complaint with the Integrity Commissioner—if suitable action cannot be taken.
3. There is no deterrent for councillors when it comes to perpetrating harassment when they know they can still keep their job.
4. It stifles diversity of voice at the local decision making table—when personal safety is at risk, quality people may be deterred from seeking election.
5. When councillors who have perpetrated harassment to staff or fellow councillors can retain their position, no matter how serious, it creates and protects toxic workplaces, which in turn has an adverse effect on mental health in the workplace and throughout the community. An Overview for Bill 5*: The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act To learn more check out: <https://womenofontariosayno.squarespace.com> * In reference to Bill 5, once passed, it will be applicable to ALL municipalities in Ontario at the same time.
6. Lack of accountability supports current systems of privilege and immunity of a certain segment of the population, which is not optimal for healthy communities.
7. It sends the message that if you have power, you are different, and superior to the average citizen

The Bill would amend the Municipal Act, 2001 and the City of Toronto Act, 2006.

I ask that Council pass a motion to endorse Bill 5, and to write a letter of support circulated to:

- **your local MPP**
- **Premier Ford**
- **The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark**
- **The Association of Municipalities of Ontario and**

- **The MPP for Orleans, Stephen Blais.**

Municipalities from around the province have already taken this action including Barrie, Springwater, Wasaga Beach, Ottawa, Woodstock, Tiny, Orillia, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Adjala-Tosorontio, New Tecumseth and Richmond Hill among others.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter of human rights.

Bill 5 Council Motion

WHEREAS Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member's Bill on August 10, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement.

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP's); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's); and all Ontario Municipalities.



BURNSIDE



Bridge Inventory Update

April 5, 2023

Agenda

- Introduction
- Bridge Inspection Process
- Structure Inventory and Condition (2022)
- Recent Bridge and Culvert Capital Work
- Priorities, Recommendation and Next Steps (10-Year Capital Plan)

Introduction to Burnside

- R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited (Burnside) is an employee owned engineering and environmental consulting firm founded in Orangeville in 1970
- Currently over 400 employees (9 Ontario offices and 1 Manitoba office)
- Primary focus is civil and environmental engineering (servicing both public and private sectors)

Burnside Services

- Burnside is currently the Engineer of Record for most of the Municipalities in Dufferin County, including the Township of Mulmur
- Burnside services currently provided to Mulmur include
 - Development Peer Review
 - Bridge and Culvert Works
 - Structural / Building Services
 - Water / Wastewater Services
 - Landfill Monitoring

Why do I have to Inspect my Bridges?

- Legislation – Ontario Regulation 104/97 of the Public Transportation and Highways Improvement Act
- Serious structure defects and emergencies
- Identify repairs and improvements
- Identify maintenance and safety issues
- Assist with future Capital Planning
- Linked to Funding!

(3) The structural integrity, safety and condition of every bridge shall be determined through the performance of at least one inspection in every second calendar year under the direction of a professional engineer and in accordance with *Ontario Structure Inspection Manual*, published by the Ministry, as it may be amended from time to time. O. Reg. 278/06, s. 2.

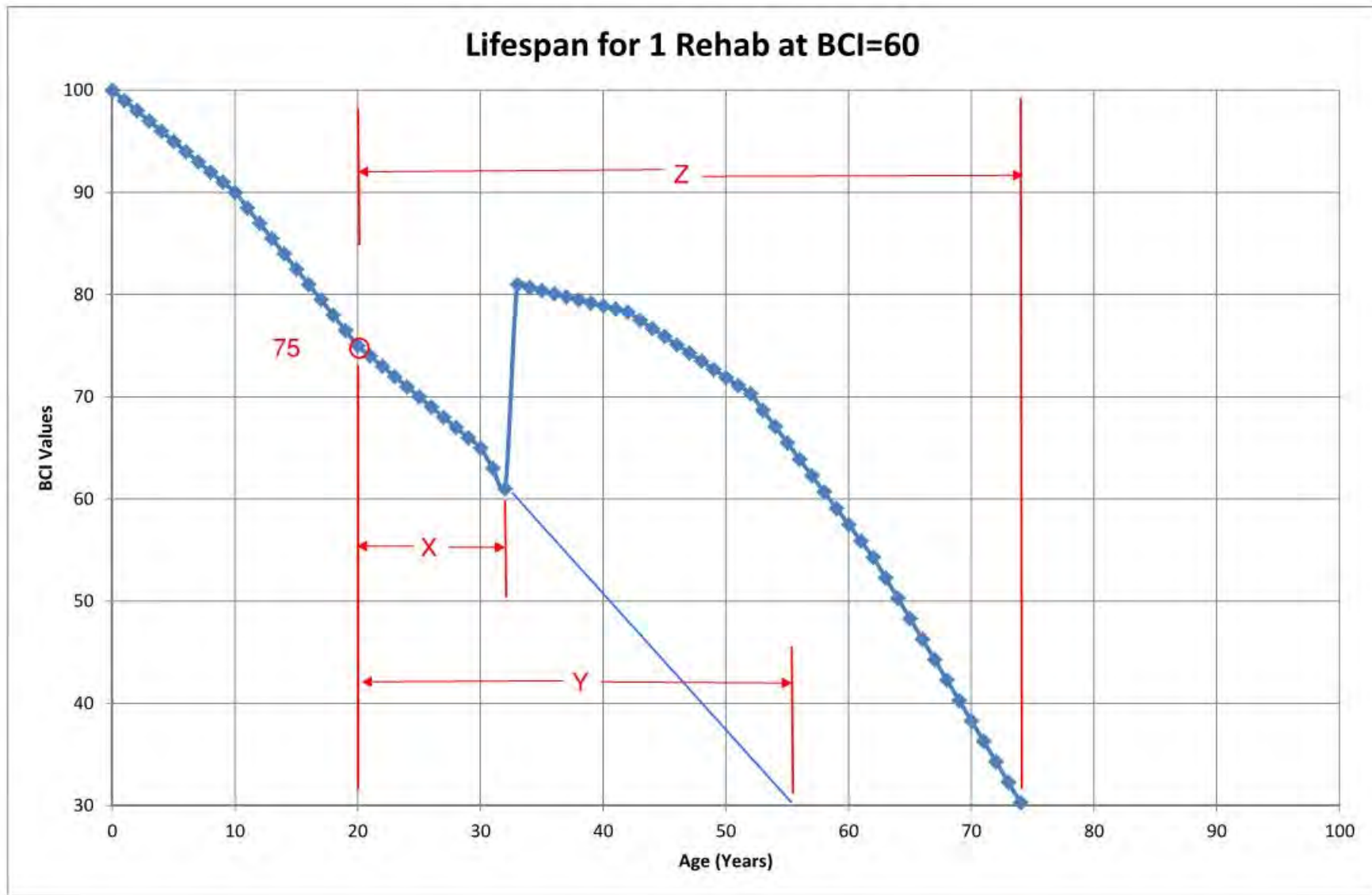
Bridge Condition Index (BCI)

- Bridge Conditions are Excellent, Good, Fair and Poor
- BCI – ratio of the area of any defect relative to the total area of the component
- Weighted by value of the component
- Ranges from 100 (new) to 0 (all poor)
- Declines over time – each bridge different

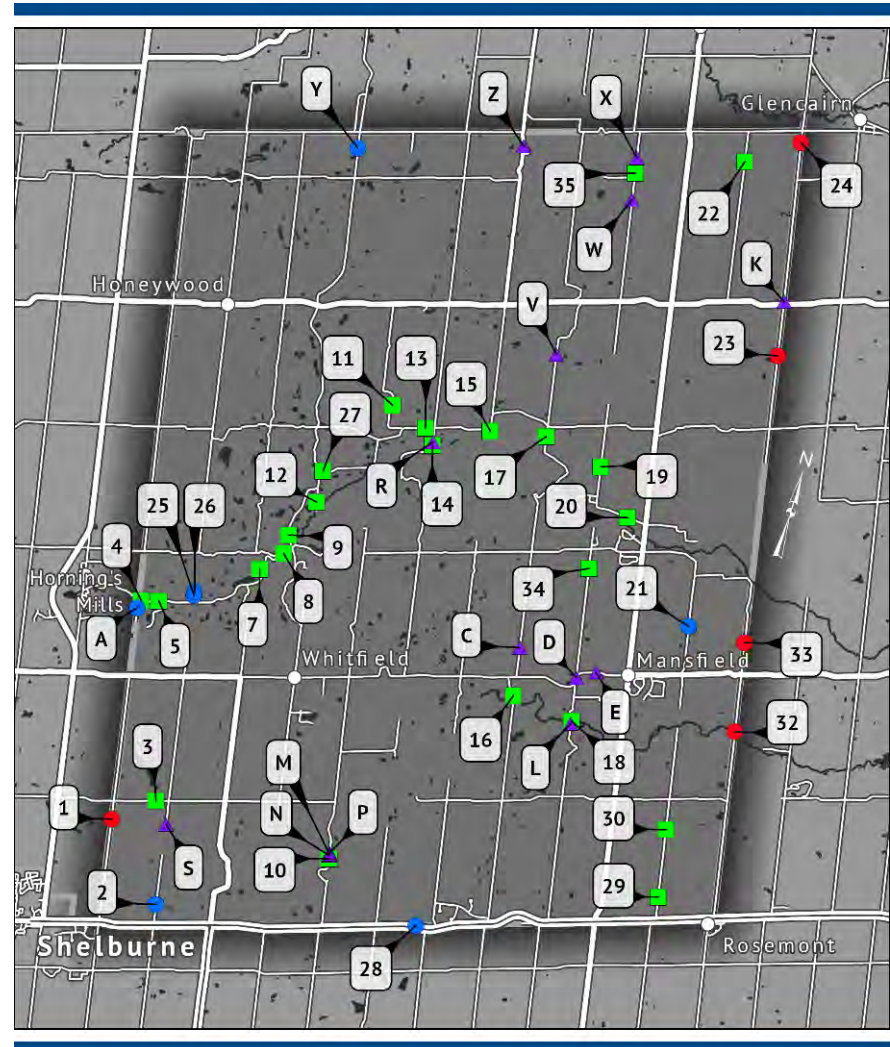
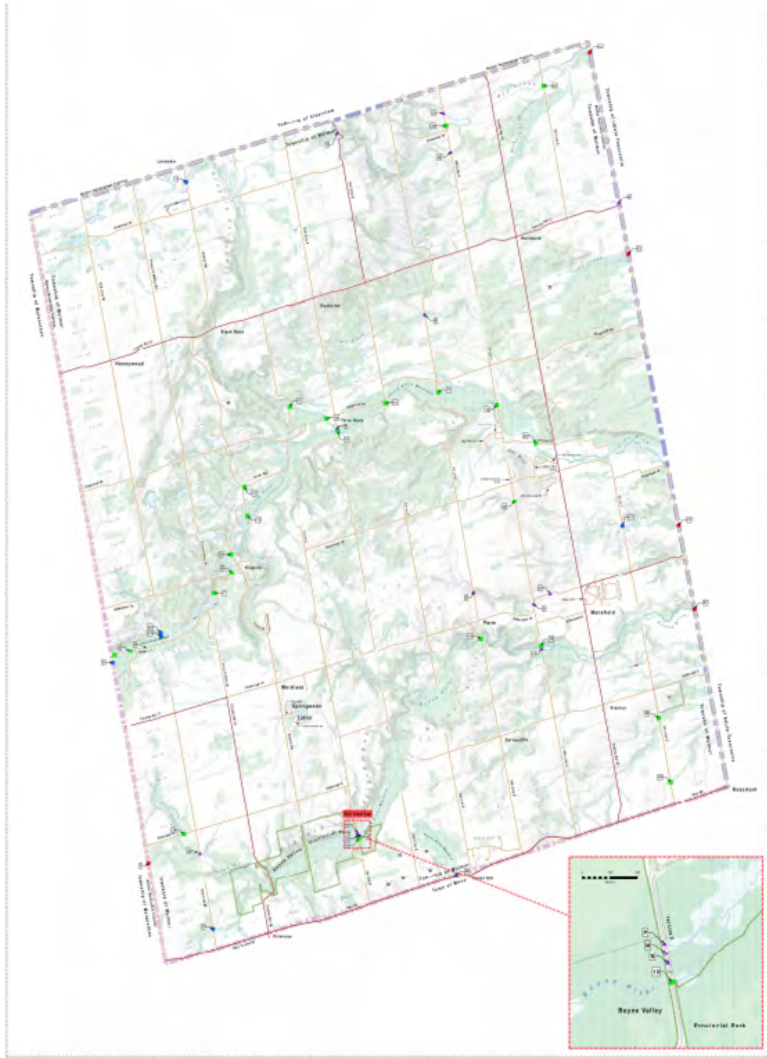
BCI - Priority

- BCI – allows you to prioritize bridges by their immediate condition. Lowest score
- BCI – is **one** input into planning decision
- Traffic volume, road geometry, load limits, future growth, history of accidents, budgets, etc. – all must be considered

Planning use of BCI



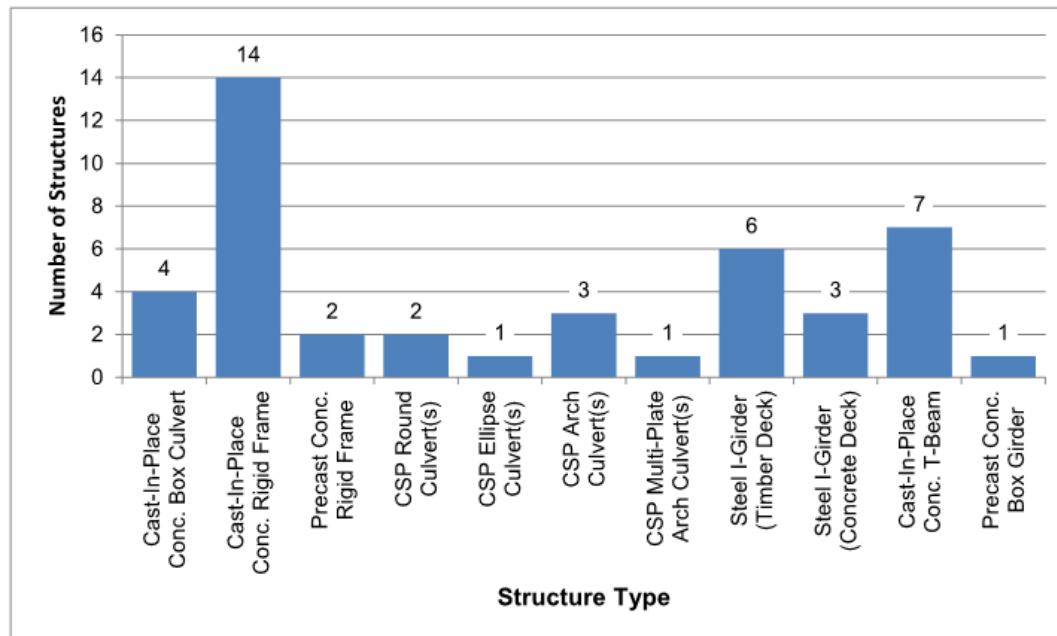
Bridge Locations



Structure Inventory

- 2022 - The Township has 44 structures over 3 metres in span (28 Bridges, 16 Culverts).

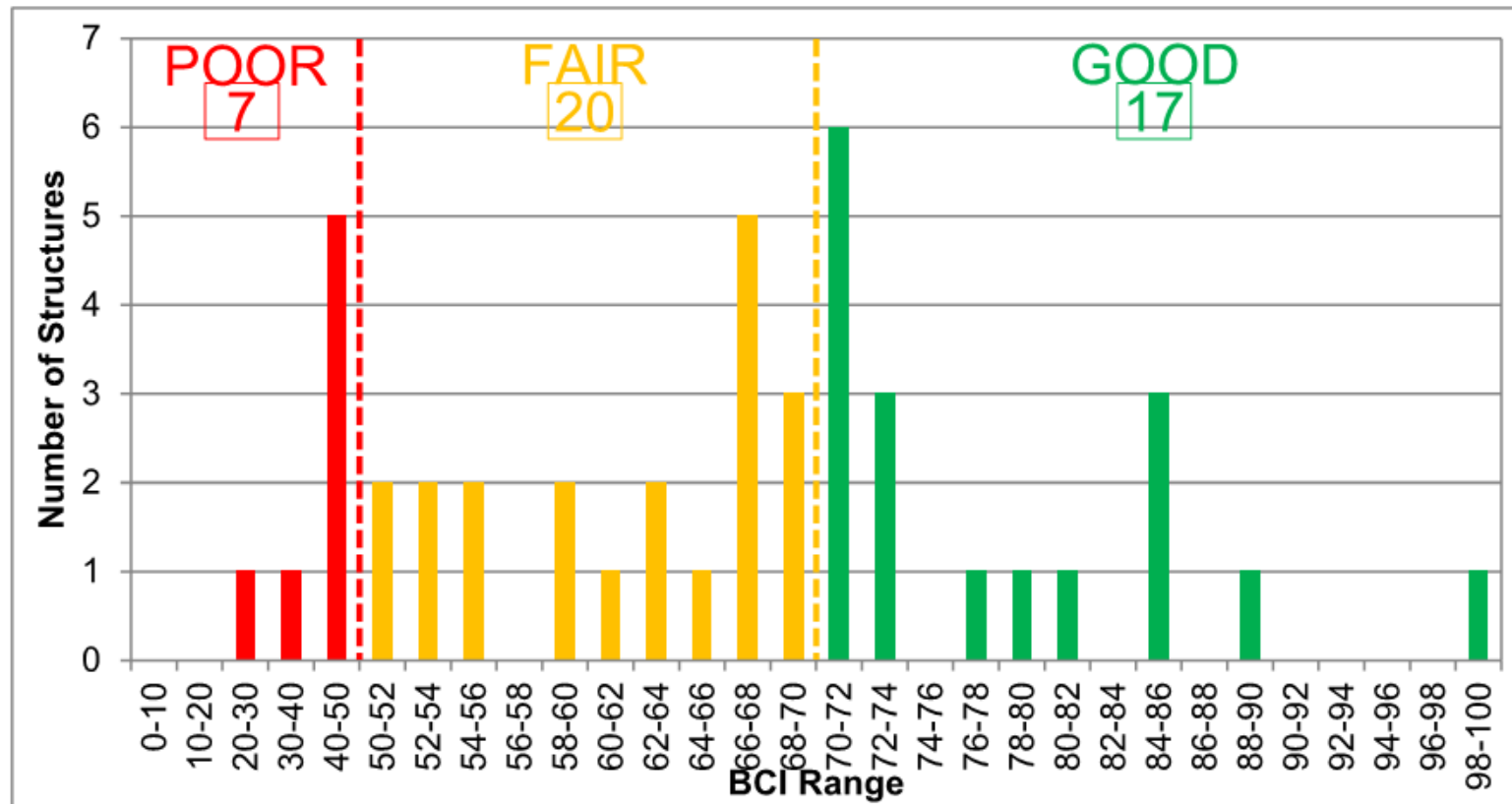
Figure 1 - Types of Structures



- R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited (Burnside) last completed inspections in 2022, scheduled again in 2024.

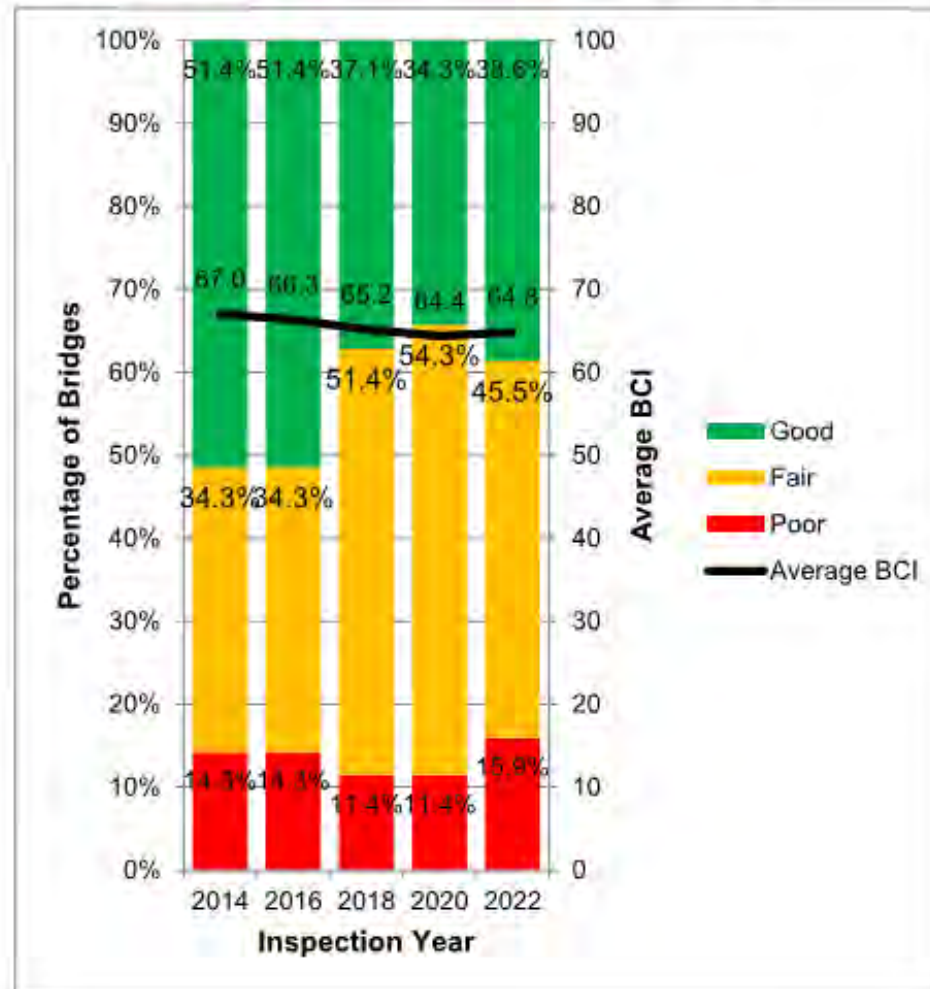
Bridge and Culvert Inventory Condition

Figure 2 - Bridge Condition Index Distribution (2022)



Bridge and Culvert Inventory Condition

Figure 3 - Bridge Condition Index Historical Trend



Load Limit Postings (Low Volume)

Bridge 15



Bridge 26



Table 3 - Load Postings and Recommendations

Bridge Name	Load Posting (tonnes)		Reasoning
	Current	Proposed	
12	N/A	15	Limitations of the timber decking.
15	N/A	15	Limitations of the timber decking.
25	N/A	15	Limitations of the timber decking.
26	N/A	15	Limitations of the timber decking.
A	N/A	15	Limitations of the timber decking.

The five (5) steel girder bridges with timber decks listed in Table 3 are unlikely to support the full CL-625-ONT loading required under the Bridge Design Code and should be considered for load postings based on limitations of the timber decking. All of these structures are located on low-volume roads.

Recent Bridge & Culvert Capital Work

Recent Bridge and Culvert Capital Work Construction Projects include:

- Bridge 20 (Sideroad 17) – Replacement (2017)
- Bridge 8 (River Road) – Temporary Repair Work (2019)
- Bridge 7 (River Road) - Rehabilitated (2020)
- Bridge 9 (River Road) - Rehabilitated (2020)
- Culvert Z (3rd Line EHS) – Emergency Replacement (2021)
- Bridge 15 (3rd Line EHS) – Timber Decking Repairs (2021)

Projects currently in the design stages ('shovel ready design') include:

- Bridge 10 (1st Line EHS) - Replacement
- Culvert M (1st Line EHS) - Replacement
- Culvert N (1st Line EHS) - Replacement
- Culvert P (1st Line EHS) - Replacement

Bridge 20 (Sideroad 17)



Burnside not involved in this replacement
2017 Construction Cost Unknown

Bridge 8

Temporary Strengthening Repairs (River Road)



2019 Temporary Repair: \$12,000

Bridge 7 (River Road)



2020 Rehabilitation Construction Cost: \$360,000

Replacement Construction Cost Estimated over \$1M

Bridge 9 (River Road)



2020 Rehabilitation Construction Cost: \$270,000
Replacement Construction Cost Estimated over \$1M

Culvert Z (3rd Line EHS)



2021 Emergency Replacement Construction Cost: \$200,000

Bridge 15 Timber Deck Repairs (3rd Line EHS)



2021 Timber Deck Repairs (construction cost unknown)

Current Structures in Design and Priorities

Bridge 10, Culvert M, N & P (1st Line EHS)

1.35 Culvert M

2022 BCI: 48.4

<u>Structure Name:</u>	Culvert M		
<u>Road Name:</u>	1st Line EHS		
<u>Location:</u>	North of Highway 89 (Second Structure from North)		
<u>Structure Type:</u>	Cast-In-Place Conc. Rigid Frame		
<u>Number of Spans:</u>	1	<u>Span Lengths:</u>	3.7 m
<u>Overall Structure Width:</u>	7.38 m	<u>Roadway Width:</u>	6 m
<u>Year of Construction:</u>	1975	<u>Current Load Limit:</u>	N/A



Recommendation: Structure replacement is recommended as soon as possible.



- Four structures in a row
- Township safety concern with narrow platform width
- ‘Shovel ready’ design to be completed in 2023 for future funding/grant opportunities
- Estimated replacement cost of all four structures \$2.5M +/-

Bridge 17 (4th Line EHS) – Missing Bolts



Missing bolts noted from structural steel beam connection plates, replace bolt with additional maintenance work

1.6 Bridge 8

2022 BCI: 40.2

<u>Structure Name:</u>	Bridge 8		
<u>Road Name:</u>	River Road		
<u>Location:</u>	North of the 15th Sideroad		
<u>Structure Type:</u>	Steel I-Girder (Concrete Deck)		
<u>Number of Spans:</u>	1	<u>Span Lengths:</u>	9.1 m
<u>Overall Structure Width:</u>	9.92 m	<u>Roadway Width:</u>	8.9 m
<u>Year of Construction:</u>	1945	<u>Current Load Limit:</u>	N/A

- Rehabilitated in 2013
- Temporary repair completed in 2019
- Recommend replacement of the superstructure (deck, barrier and beams)
- Estimated construction cost = \$750k +/-
- Estimated full bridge replacement = \$1.1M +/-



Recommendation: Major rehabilitation is recommended as soon as possible.



1.24 Bridge 28

2022 BCI: **50.2**

<u>Structure Name:</u>	Bridge 28		
<u>Road Name:</u>	Mono-Mulmur Townline		
<u>Location:</u>	North of Highway 89		
<u>Structure Type:</u>	Cast-In-Place Conc. Rigid Frame		
<u>Number of Spans:</u>	1	<u>Span Lengths:</u>	3.7 m
<u>Overall Structure Width:</u>	5.5 m	<u>Roadway Width:</u>	4.4 m
<u>Year of Construction:</u>	Unknown	<u>Current Load Limit:</u>	N/A



Recommendation: Structure replacement is recommended as soon as possible.

Estimated Replacement Cost (precast concrete box culvert): \$485k +/-

1.29 Culvert A

2022 BCI:

26.4

<u>Structure Name:</u>	Culvert A		
<u>Road Name:</u>	Mulmur-Melancton Townline		
<u>Location:</u>	South of River Road		
<u>Structure Type:</u>	Steel I-Girder (Timber Deck)		
<u>Number of Spans:</u>	1	<u>Span Lengths:</u>	7.87 m
<u>Overall Structure Width:</u>	4.9 m	<u>Roadway Width:</u>	3 m
<u>Year of Construction:</u>	1930	<u>Current Load Limit:</u>	N/A



Recommendation: Structure replacement is recommended as soon as possible.

Estimated Replacement Cost (single lane prefabricated bridge): \$460k +/-

1.33 Culvert K

2022 BCI: 43.1

<u>Structure Name:</u>	Culvert K		
<u>Road Name:</u>	Mulmur-Tosorontio Townline		
<u>Location:</u>	North of County Road 21		
<u>Structure Type:</u>	Cast-In-Place Conc. Rigid Frame		
<u>Number of Spans:</u>	1	<u>Span Lengths:</u>	4.27 m
<u>Overall Structure Width:</u>	7.92 m	<u>Roadway Width:</u>	6.0 m
<u>Year of Construction:</u>	1950	<u>Current Load Limit:</u>	N/A



Recommendation: Structure replacement is recommended as soon as possible.

Estimated Replacement Cost (precast concrete box culvert): \$600k +/-

1.14 Bridge 16

2022 BCI: 55.6

<u>Structure Name:</u>	Bridge 16		
<u>Road Name:</u>	4th Line EHS		
<u>Location:</u>	South of the 10th Sideroad		
<u>Structure Type:</u>	Cast-In-Place Concrete T-Beam		
<u>Number of Spans:</u>	1	<u>Span Lengths:</u>	12 m
<u>Overall Structure Width:</u>	6.4 m	<u>Roadway Width:</u>	5 m
<u>Year of Construction:</u>	1930	<u>Current Load Limit:</u>	N/A



Considering the current condition, approach geometry and safety concerns full replacement is recommended. Estimated Replacement Cost: \$1.4M +/-

1.20 Bridge 22

2022 BCI: 53.9

Structure Name: Bridge 22
Road Name: 7th Line EHS
Location: North of County Road 21
Structure Type: Cast-In-Place Conc. Rigid Frame
Number of Spans: 1 Span Lengths: 7.92 m
Overall Structure Width: 6.5 m Roadway Width: 5.6 m
Year of Construction: 1940 Current Load Limit: N/A



Recommendation: Major Rehabilitation is recommended as soon as possible.

Estimated Rehabilitation (including widening) Cost = \$350k +/-
Estimated Replacement Cost: \$900k +/-

Prefabricated (Acrow) Bridge Opportunity

Acrow Panel Bridge Opportunity

- **W.G. Kelly Construction** recently contacted Burnside indicating that they were considering selling their Acrow Panel (300 Series) Bridge
- Bridge is currently stored indoors (Monkton, ON) and is noted to be in very good condition (visual inspection required to confirm this)
- Single lane prefabricated bridge (4.2 m driving width, 4.8 m inside of barriers)
- The bridge is a 100 ft span (30.5 m) which can used at two separate sites (e.g. 2 x 50 ft spans)

Acrow Panel Bridge Opportunity

- Selling price is “used as is condition”
\$85k (+HST)
- Similar 100ft span prefabricated new bridges can be upwards of \$300k - 400k (+HST)
- Price does not include delivery, timber decking, guide rail or installation
- Burnside has reviewed suitable low volume sites with Township Public Works and determined **Bridge 21 and 12** would be the most suitable candidates based on current condition, low volume roads and the best use of the full 100ft at two sites

Acrow Panel Bridge Examples



1.19 Bridge 21

2022 BCI:

36.3

<u>Structure Name:</u>	Bridge 21		
<u>Road Name:</u>	7th Line EHS		
<u>Location:</u>	North of County Road 17		
<u>Structure Type:</u>	Cast-In-Place Concrete T-Beam		
<u>Number of Spans:</u>	1	<u>Span Lengths:</u>	9.14 m
<u>Overall Structure Width:</u>	6.3 m	<u>Roadway Width:</u>	4.5 m
<u>Year of Construction:</u>	1930	<u>Current Load Limit:</u>	N/A



Recommendation: Structure replacement is recommended as soon as possible.

Estimated Replacement (new prefabricated bridge) Cost: \$600k +/-

Estimated Replacement (Acrow Panel Bridge) Cost: **\$300k +/-**

1.10 Bridge 12

2022 BCI: 53.2

<u>Structure Name:</u>	Bridge 12		
<u>Road Name:</u>	Centre Road		
<u>Location:</u>	South of River Road		
<u>Structure Type:</u>	Steel I-Girder (Timber Deck)		
<u>Number of Spans:</u>	1	<u>Span Lengths:</u>	9.9 m
<u>Overall Structure Width:</u>	4.3 m	<u>Roadway Width:</u>	3.04 m
<u>Year of Construction:</u>	1960	<u>Current Load Limit:</u>	N/A



Recommendation: Major Rehabilitation is recommended as soon as possible.

Estimated Replacement (new prefabricated bridge) Cost: \$600k +/-
Estimated Replacement (Acrow Panel Bridge) Cost: **\$300k +/-**

Recommendations (10-Year Plan)

Table 5 - 10-Year Capital Plan

Year	Structure No./Name	Road Name	Recommended Work	Estimated Cost	Total Annual Budget
2023	Bridge 12	Centre Road	Engineering (prefabricated bridge replacement design and approvals)	\$15,000	\$352,500
	Bridge 21	7 th Line EHS		\$15,000	
	*Bridge 21	7th Line EHS	Replacement (pre-fabricated bridge)	\$300,000	
	Bridge 17	4 th Line EHS	Replace Missing Bolts in Splice Plates	\$2,500	
	Bridge 10	1 st Line EHS	Engineering (completion of 'Shovel Ready' package with permits)	\$20,000	
	Culvert M				
	Culvert N				
Culvert P					
2024	Bridge 8	River Road	Engineering	\$62,000	\$1,246,000
			Rehabilitation	\$834,000	
	Bridge 28	Mono-Mulmur Townline	Engineering	\$50,000	
	*Bridge 12	Centre Road	Replacement (pre-fabricated bridge)	\$300,000	
2025	**Bridge 10	1 st Line EHS	Replacement	\$2,500,000	\$2,982,500
	**Culvert M				

Recommendations (10-Year Plan)

	**Culvert N				
	**Culvert P				
	Bridge 28	Mono-Mulmur Townline	Replacement	\$482,500	
2026	Culvert A	Mulmur-Melancthon Townline	Engineering	\$43,000	\$93,000
	Culvert K	Mulmur-Tosorontio Townline	Engineering	\$50,000	
2027	Culvert A	Mulmur-Melancthon Townline	Replacement	\$460,000	\$460,000
	Culvert K	Mulmur-Tosorontio Townline	Replacement	\$600,000	
2028	Bridge 22	7 th Line EHS	Engineering	\$40,000	\$94,000
	Bridge 16	4 th Line EHS	Engineering	\$54,000	
2029	Bridge 22	7 th Line EHS	Rehabilitation	\$439,000	\$1,024,000
	Bridge 16	4 th Line EHS	Rehabilitation	\$585,000	
2030	Culvert X	5 th Line EHS	Engineering	\$37,000	\$37,000
2031	Culvert X	5 th Line EHS	Replacement	\$400,000	\$420,000
	Bridge 13	20 th Sideroad	Engineering	\$20,000	
2032	Bridge 5	River Road	Engineering	\$26,000	\$26,000
2033	Bridge 13	20 th Sideroad	Rehabilitation	\$313,000	\$718,000
2034	Bridge 5	River Road	Rehabilitation	\$374,000	\$374,000
Total					\$7,827,000

Thank You
Comments/Questions?



STAFF REPORT

TO: COUNCIL
FROM: Heather Boston, Treasurer
DATE: April 5, 2023
SUBJECT: Restatement of Mulmur's 2023 Budget per O.Reg. 284/09

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to restate the 2023 budget per O.Reg. 284/09 to convert it to an accrual basis of accounting rather than a cash basis.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

Attached, as Schedule A, is the restatement breakdown from the Township's cash basis 2023 budget to an accrual basis per O.Reg. 284/09.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact from this report as this is just a restatement for accounting purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive and approve the report of Heather Boston, Treasurer, Restatement of Mulmur's 2023 Budget per O.Reg. 284/09.

Respectfully submitted:

Heather Boston

Heather Boston, CPA, CA, CGA, BComm
Treasurer



Re-Statement of Township of Mulmur 2023 Budget per O.Reg 284/09

Adjustments from Cash Basis Budget to Accrual Basis Budget

	Cash Basis 2023 Budget	"A" Debt Principal	"C" Reserves Withdrawals Tsf From	"D" Reserves Additions Tsf To	"F" Amortization	Accrual Basis 2023 Budget
General Government						
Revenue	(708,866)		100,000			(608,866)
Expenses	1,148,274	(16,667)		(37,000)	22,123	1,116,730
Protection Services						
Revenue	(84,690)		15,000			(69,690)
Expenses	1,146,352			0	100,280	1,246,632
Transportation						
Revenue	(55,552)		0			(55,552)
Expenses	2,870,696	(26,640)		(952,295)	750,457	2,642,218
Environmental Services						
Revenue	(216,450)		0			(216,450)
Expenses	216,450			(60,636)	91,566	247,380
Recreation & Cultural Services						
Revenue	(20,460)		0			(20,460)
Expenses	214,117			(58,200)	38,092	194,009
Health Services						
Revenue	(4,347)		4,347			0
Expenses	17,548			0	2,444	19,992
Planning & Development						
Revenue	(111,370)		8,561			(102,809)
Expenses	57,986			0	-	57,986
Net Department Costs	\$ 4,469,688	-\$ 43,307	\$ 127,908	-\$ 1,108,131	\$ 1,004,962	4,451,120
Tax Levy	(4,469,688)					(4,469,688)
Net Budgeted (Surplus) deficit	\$ -					(18,568)

Notes:

1 Tax levy for 2023 is \$4,469,688 as per motion dated February 1, 2023



STAFF REPORT

TO: COUNCIL
FROM: Heather Boston, Treasurer
MEETING DATE: April 5, 2023
SUBJECT: Schedule of User Fees and Charges

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to highlight proposed changes to the schedule of fees.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION:

The Schedule of Fees by-law was last reviewed and approved on February 2, 2022 and is typically reviewed on an annual basis. All of the proposed changes to the fees are highlighted in the attached schedule, and described below.

Proposed Changes

- Added in \$35 for ownership changes to reflect the time needed to complete the task.
- Added hourly rate of \$25 for basement non-resident/commercial use rentals.
- Increased basement rentals for residents to \$60 from \$50 per day.
- Increased the sale price for hats to \$15 from \$10 to reflect costs.
- Added in Mugs at \$15 as some residents have asked to purchase Township mugs.
- Increased entrance permits to \$500 from \$400 to better reflect time to complete work.
- Increased Kennel Licence fee to \$200 from \$100 for after the first year.
- Increased Security for new dwellings to \$20,000 from \$12,000 to cover cost of Development charges and enforcement.
- Grouped all planning agreements together (Consent, Development, Encroachment, and Other Agreements) and increased them all to \$3,000 from \$2,000 to be in line with Site Plan Fee which was already \$3,000.
- Removed second dwelling agreement fee of \$2,000; we are no longer allowed to have second dwelling agreements per Bill 23.



STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

1. Growing a Prosperous Mulmur: Responsibly managing the fiscal resources of Mulmur and providing opportunities for success
3. Growing a Supportive Mulmur: Providing local services to support the needs of Mulmur residents and businesses
4. Growing a Sustainable Mulmur: Being Proactive in Sustainable Initiatives to ensure the long term well being of Mulmur (includes Resources/Financial/People)

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

The proposed changes will support Township cost recoveries and better reflect actual costs incurred by the Township.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive the report of Heather Boston, Treasurer, Schedule of User Fees and Charges, as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Boston

Heather Boston, CPA, CA, CGA, BComm
Treasurer



SCHEDULE OF USER FEES & CHARGES 2023

(Updated April 2023)

<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	<u>FEES</u>	<u>PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>FEES</u>
Arrears Statement by Mail	\$5	Annual Trailer Licence	\$240
Colour 11x17 Zoning/OP Maps	\$3 each	Annual Wide Load Permit	\$50
Commissioner of Oaths	\$15 for non-resident	Annual Wrecking Yard Licence	\$10
Fax	\$2 per page	Entrance Permit (Twp. rds only: \$200 Non Refundable)	\$500
Late Payments Penalty	1.25%	Road Occupancy Permit-Construction	\$50
Lottery Licensing Fee	3% of Prize Value	Road Occupancy Permit-Comm./Events	\$250
NSF Returned Cheques	\$40	Road Occupancy Permit-Forestry	\$500
Ownership Changes	\$35	<u>WASTE</u>	
OPP False Alarms (3rd offence & subsequent) (see By-law 16-2014)	\$500 per offence	Composter (Black-Backyard)	\$35 each
Photocopying	\$0.50 per copy	Garbage Bag Stickers	\$ 2 per bag
Refreshment Vehicles/Stand	\$500 annually	Green Bin (roadside pick-up)	\$15 each
Satellite Photos	\$10	Kitchen Catcher (additional)	\$5 each
Search of Records or Admin work required	\$15/qtr hr.	<u>DOG LICENSE FEES</u>	
Sign Variance	\$500	Replacement Tag	\$10 each
Tax & A/R Bill/Statement Reprints by mail	\$5	<u>SPAYED/NEUTERED</u>	
Tax Certificates	\$75	First Dog	\$20
Township Basement Hall Rental - Non Resident or Commercial Use	\$100/day*	Second Dog	\$30
Township Basement Hall Rental - Non Resident or Commercial Use	\$25/hr*	Third Dog	\$80
Township Basement Hall Rental - Resident	\$60/day*	<u>NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED</u>	
Township Basement Hall Rental Hourly Rate - Resident	\$15/hr*	First Dog	\$30
Township Hats	\$15	Second Dog	\$40
Township Mugs	\$15	Third Dog	\$90
Township Pins	\$3	Kennel Licence first year	\$300
Transfer unpaid accounts to taxes	\$10	Kennel Licence after first year	\$200
<u>MANSFIELD PARK RATES</u>		<u>OFF SITE RENTALS</u>	
Adult Baseball per hour fee	\$13/hr.*	Tent Rentals	\$50/day*
Minor Baseball per hour fee	\$8/hr.*	Tables (per item / per day)	\$10
Pavilion Rental (includes use of washrooms, ball diamond, children's playground, picnic tables and garbage cans). Half a day is 4 hours or less.	\$50/half day* \$100/full day*	Chairs (per item / per day)	\$2
Sign Sponsorship (sign 40 inches x 40 inches)	\$150 per sign*	Coffee Urns (per item / per day)	\$15

* Plus HST

** No administrative fees will be charged related to name changes and revision of official documents for residential school survivors as per Council Motion related to the TRC Calls to Action on December 8, 2021



SCHEDULE OF USER FEES & CHARGES 2023

(Updated April 2023)

APPLICATION & AGREEMENT FEES	FEES
Committee of Adjustment Certificate	\$200
Consent Entrance Letter	\$50
Consent Application (includes boundary adjustment and easement)	\$2,500
Consent Condition Amendment	\$1,000
Lot Grading/Drainage Plan Review	\$500
Minor Variance (as part of Zoning By-Law amendment process)	\$1,500
Official Plan Amendment	\$5,000
Part Lot Control	\$3,000
Plan of Subdivision/Condominium	\$15,000
Posting Sign	\$100
Pre Consultation Deposit (for peer review and consultant review if required)	\$2,500
Pre Consultation Fee	\$500
Removal of Holding By-Law	\$1,000
Security for new dwelling without proof of demolition of previous dwelling unit	\$20,000
Agreements (Site Plan, Development, Encroachment, etc.)	\$3,000
Site Plan Deposit	\$3,500 minimum
Subdivision Applications Deposit	\$10,000 minimum
Validation of Title	\$800
Zoning By-Law Amendment	\$2,500

PLANNING FEES	
Minimum Distance Setback Calculation	\$200
Municipal Approval	\$150
Municipal Approval after construction has commenced	\$500
Paper Copy of the Official Plan	\$75
Paper Copy of the Zoning By-Law	\$40
Property Information Report, Zoning/Subdivision Compliance Letter	\$150
Risk Management Plan Application/Source Protection Plan Agreement, RMO and amendments thereto	\$300
Special Events Permit	\$250



STAFF REPORT

TO: Council
FROM: Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk
MEETING DATE: April 5, 2023
SUBJECT: Fire Training Motion

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with background to previously passed fire training resolutions and seek direction.

BACKGROUND:

At the regular Council meeting on March 1, 2023, direction was given to staff to draft a motion for consideration addressing the increased training costs being incurred by local volunteer fire departments.

Council previously circulated a motion to the Province with respect to the downloading of fire training on local municipalities and the financial implications.

The following one-time fire safety grant transfer payment was received from the Province in 2021:

Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department: \$5,400

Rosemont & District Fire Department: \$6,700

Shelburne & District Fire Department: \$6,600

On March 2, 2021 Council passed the following motion:

Ontario Fire College

Moved by: Hawkins and Seconded by: Boxem

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Mulmur requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and municipalities within Dufferin County.

A Recorded vote was requested by Deputy Mayor Hawkins

	Yea	Nay
Councillor Boxem	Yea	
Councillor Clark	Yea	
Councillor Cufaro	Yea	
Deputy Mayor Hawkins	Yea	

Mayor Horner
CARRIED.

Yea

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

1. Growing a Prosperous Mulmur: Responsibly managing the fiscal resources of Mulmur and providing opportunities for success.
3. Growing a Supportive Mulmur: Providing local services to support the needs of Mulmur residents and businesses.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Fire Training Motion;

AND THAT Council provide direction to staff on their desire to recirculate the March 2, 2021 motion, or formulate a new motion for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk



STAFF REPORT

TO: Council
FROM: Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk
Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk
MEETING DATE: April 5, 2023
SUBJECT: Strategic Plan Initiatives

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek direction from Council on commencement of strategic planning actions.

BACKGROUND:

Mulmur's current Strategic Plan (2020-2024) was approved on December 11, 2019 and is scheduled to be updated in 2024.

The Township applied for a grant through the Ontario Trillium Foundation to commence updating Mulmur's Strategic Plan prior to its maturity at the end of 2024.

ANALYSIS:

The Township was unsuccessful in securing the OTF grant, which included facilitated community conversations and the development of a new strategic plan.

In order to allow sufficient time for this Council to implement strategic plan actions, it is important to commence the strategic planning process, the first step being community conversations.

Following community conversations, information would be analyzed to identify common goals and actions for inclusion in a new strategic plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

Facilitated community conversations are within the 2023 approved Council budget of \$5,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk and Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Strategic Planning Initiatives;

AND THAT Council direct staff to move forward with facilitating community conversations as approved within the 2023 Council Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Atkinson

Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk

Schedule A – OTF Grant Response

Roseann Knechtel

Subject: FW: Ontario Trillium Foundation Application ID# RF125188 Funding Decision

From: do-not-reply@otf.ca <do-not-reply@otf.ca>

Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 2:56 PM

Subject: Ontario Trillium Foundation Application ID# RF125188 Funding Decision

Please note: This is an unmonitored mailbox. Do not reply directly to this message.

Thank you for submitting an application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) for the Resilient Communities Fund. We appreciate the time and effort that went into the application, and we understand the commitment you have to the success of your organization's mission.

OTF receives a very high volume of applications and while there are so many worthy proposals, we are only able to fund a limited number of grants. Unfortunately, we are not able to fund your application as outlined further in this letter.

We understand this notification is arriving at a challenging time during which your organization is rebuilding its resiliency to provide valued programs and services in your community.

Having reviewed your application, we have determined that your project does not meet OTF's eligibility requirements. More specifically:

- The project does not comply with the following:
Eligibility Policy

To offer you support for this declined application, coaching calls are now available by following this link: <https://otf.ca/support/application-coaching>

To learn more about other grant deadlines, please visit www.otf.ca or contact the OTF Support Centre at 1-800-263-2887 or otf@otf.ca.

We wish you the very best with the important work you do in your community and urge all organizations to continue to follow Public Health guidelines to keep our communities safe and healthy.

Thank you for applying to the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Sincerely,

Nicole Adan
Bilingual Director, Community Investments



STAFF REPORT

TO: COUNCIL
FROM: Tracey Atkinson CAO/Clerk/Planner
MEETING DATE: April 5, 2023
SUBJECT: Rural Medicine

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update regarding Rural Medicine opportunities in Mulmur.

BACKGROUND

The Rural Ontario Medical Program was a topic of discussion at the 2023 ROMA Conference.

Following ROMA, the Township was invited to attend the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Inaugural Meeting. Following the meeting, a Terms of Reference was drafted for a Physicians Recruitment and Retention Task Force and Steering Group. Member organizations include but are not limited to: Hills of Headwaters Ontario Health Team, Headwaters Health Care Centre, Dufferin County, Town of Caledon, Local Elected Officials, Primary Care Representatives. The Township could continue its involvement by appointing an elected official to the task force moving forward. The next Steering Committee meeting is being scheduled for the week of April 11th, 2023.

The Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team has provided the Township a better understanding of the relationship between physicians, nurse practitioners, and nurse practitioner lead clinics.

Mulmur Township has a Health Force Ontario RIO Score of 44, thereby falling in the under-represented category and may qualify for incentives to attracting medical professionals.

The Township currently utilizes some of its facilities for day-rentals and has under-utilized space that it could assess the feasibility of utilizing for rural medicine. The Township is exploring options within Mulmur to investigate possible sharing models.

ANALYSIS:

Based on our findings to date, the key to establishing a nurse practitioner in Mulmur is through the support of a physician or a practitioner qualified and able to oversee a 'nurse practitioner lead clinic'.

The Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team is focused on attracting and retaining physicians. A number of Council members from within Dufferin County have expressed an interest in being involved in a task force for these purposes.

The County is currently developing its strategic plan. Inclusion of a goal to attract and retain physicians in the larger centres would subsequently further rural medicine and build the framework required to support a nurse practitioner in Mulmur as well as other rural local municipalities in the vicinity.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

1.= Growing a Supportive Mulmur

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Mulmur Township does not financially contribute to medical professionals as health care is largely a provincial responsibility. The wages of medical professionals are generally covered through the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP). However, some municipalities fund additional costs or incentivize physicians. Mulmur may be eligible for a grant of \$80,000 distributed over four years for a physician, with other grants being available for nurses. The Township has not explored the full financial implications.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson CAO/Clerk/Planner;

AND THAT Council request the County of Dufferin consider an action item within the Dufferin County Strategic Plan to expedite the attraction of physicians in Dufferin County;

AND THAT Council appoint _____ to the Physicians Recruitment and Retention Task Force to further relationship building with local physicians.

Respectfully submitted;

Tracey Atkinson

Tracey Atkinson, BES MCIP RPP, M.M Dipl
CAO/Clerk/Planner



STAFF REPORT

TO: COUNCIL
FROM: Tracey Atkinson CAO/Clerk/Planner
MEETING DATE: April 5, 2023
SUBJECT: Development Charges Background Report (Second Dwellings)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide background information related to development charges and updated information regarding applicability of charge to second dwelling building permits and seek direction on implementation.

BACKGROUND

Amongst other changes, Bill 23 changed the applicability of Development Charges to second dwellings and also removed the authority under section 41 of the Planning Act to apply site plan control to residential developments of less than 10 units.

The Planning Act still provides express authority to municipalities to enter into section 29 community improvement agreements, section 39 garden suite agreements, section 40 parking exemption agreements, section 41 site plan control agreements for greater than 10 units, section 51(26) subdivision agreements and section 53(4) consent agreements. There are various other agreements available to municipalities under the Municipal Act.

The Township has historically entered into "Consent" or "Development" agreements to implement building envelopes. The scope of these agreements is limited to addressing matters raised through the proposed development such as implementing mitigation measures provided for in an Environmental Impact Assessment supporting a severance. The Township has also used zoning to implement site specific setbacks and vegetative/fencing buffers to attain rural character and address conflict between neighbors.

ANALYSIS:

DEVELOPMENT CHARGE EXEMPTIONS

Amendments to the Planning Act and Development Charges Act as a result of Bill 23 allow up to 3 units on any lot where residential uses are permitted in fully municipally serviced areas. To date, there are no areas in Mulmur with full municipal services, being

a water system and sewage disposal system, and as such the legislative change does not increase the number of permissible units in Mulmur, and specifically Mansfield.

Section (2) (3.1-3.3) of the Development Charges Act continues to exempt Development Charges from second units within an existing dwelling and extended the legislation to third units within existing dwelling.

Section (2) (3.1-3.3) also exempts a residential dwelling in a detached structure, but only “on a parcel of urban residential land”. As such, detached residential units are subject to a Development Charge in Mulmur.

Section 2 of O. Reg 82/98, which sets out exceptions relating to the creation of additional dwelling units no longer apply as this section references clause 2 (3)(b) of the Development Charges Act, which was removed through Bill 23 amendments. The section of the Ontario Regulation previously exempted second dwelling units where they were located in ancillary buildings (not attached to the main dwelling), where the gross floor areas was equal or less than the existing dwelling. This means that the exemption no longer limits the application of a Development Charge to detached second dwellings.

When the Township’s Development Charges By-law was updated in 2021 through by-law 46-2021, the exemption section was updated to reflect the legislation in effect at the time, and exempted second (detached) dwellings that were smaller than the existing dwelling.

The legislative change allows the Township to apply a Development Charge to all detached second dwellings, regardless of their size. The Township would be required to amend the Development Charge by-law to make the charge applicable to all detached second dwellings.

SITE PLAN CONTROL APPLICABILITY

The Township’s zoning by-law currently permits a range of detached dwellings, but includes a provision that such development is subject to site plan control.

The current provisions are as follows:

3.3.2 Detached Additional Single Dwellings

Where an additional detached single dwelling is permitted, such dwelling shall comply with the following provisions:

- i) Minimum lot size shall be 2.0 ha.
- ii) The gross floor area of the additional single dwelling shall be no more than 50% of the gross floor area of the principal single detached dwelling, and no more than 80 m², and shall not exceed the lot coverage for all accessory structures in subsection 3.2.3.

iii) Such dwelling shall only be permitted where there is a site plan agreement between the owner and Township.

- iv) A detached accessory dwelling unit shall not be permitted if there is already more than one dwelling unit.

The “Severability Provision of section 1.5 of the zoning by-law states that

1.5 SEVERABILITY PROVISION

A decision of a Court that one or more of the provisions of this By-law are invalid in whole or in part does not affect the validity, effectiveness, or enforceability of the other provisions or parts of the provisions of this By-law.

As staff are aware that a portion of the by-law is invalid due to legislative changes, site plan control is no longer applicable to second dwellings. At the time of the next housekeeping by-law this provision should be removed. While the provisions of section 1.5 reference a court decision, it is the opinion of staff that site plan should not be applied, regardless of a housekeeping amendment, as the Township does not have the authority to require it.

Staff have made note of the amendment requirement at the time of the next housekeeping by-law.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- 1. Growing a Sustainable Mulmur

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The current Development Charge expires in 2029. Township is required to undertake a study and create a new Development Charge by-law should it desire to continue to charge. Mulmur is permitted to do amendments or full replacements at any time. The Township allocates funds each year to fund full updates undertaken by a consultant.

The proposed amendment is simple and can be undertaken by the Clerk/Planning staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive the report of Tracey Atkinson CAO/Clerk/Planner;

AND THAT Council direct staff to undertake an amendment to the Development Charges By-law to remove the exemption for second detached dwellings.

Respectfully submitted;

Tracey Atkinson

Tracey Atkinson, BES MCIP RPP, M.M Dipl
CAO/Clerk/Planner



DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Video Conference

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 Steve Soloman (Grand Valley)
Councillor Todd Taylor (Orangeville)
Councillor Darren White (Melancthon)

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley)(prior notice)

Staff Present:

Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer
Michelle Dunne, Clerk
Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk
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 by video conference on Thursday, February 23, 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 Taylor, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the February 9, 2023 meeting of Council, as amended, 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 Taylor declared a pecuniary interest regarding General Government Services Item #3 – Cost of Living Adjustment (Non-Union staff), citing a family member is employed by Dufferin County.

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

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Gerrits

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of January 12, 2023, be adopted.

-Carried-

PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6. Proclamation & Flag Raising: Black History Month – February 2023

Warden Mills declared the month of February 2023 to be Black History Month in the County of Dufferin. The Pan-African flag was raised at the Museum of Dufferin on February 1, 2023.

7. Proclamation & Delegation: Non-Profit Appreciation Week – February 13-19, 2023

Warden Mills declared the week of February 13 – 19, 2023 as “Non-Profit Appreciation Week” in the County of Dufferin.

Michele Fisher, Executive Director, Dufferin Community Foundation, presented to Council regarding non-profits in Dufferin County

8. International Plowing Match

8.1. International Plowing Match Committee

Gord Gallaugher, Jim Hastings, Cathy Lasby and Dawn van Kampen, the 2023 International Plowing Match Organizing Committee, presented to Council regarding details of the upcoming Plowing Match in Amaranth and a summary of their in-kind requests.

8.2. Chief Administrative Officer & Director of Development & Planning’s Report – 2023 International Plowing Match Request – Scope & Cost

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Planning and Tourism, dated February 9, 2023, to outline the scope and cost involved for the County to support the International Plowing Match.

Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism and the Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 9, 2023, 2023 IPM Request – Scope and Cost, be received;

AND THAT Dufferin County Council support the 2023 International Plowing Match (IPM);

AND THAT funds totaling \$787,000 be added to the 2023 budget to provide support and resources (as outlined) to the International Plowing Match;

AND THAT staff be directed to draft an agreement outlining the support and expectations of all parties, including the need for detailed accounting of resources and staff time during the planning period and for the event;

AND THAT following the event Dufferin County work with other host communities to advocate to the province for better support for this important agricultural event.

IN AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Little

THAT the motion be divided into three separate main motions being:

Motion #1: THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism and the Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 9, 2023, 2023 IPM Request – Scope and Cost, be received;

AND THAT Dufferin County Council support the 2023 International Plowing Match (IPM).

Motion #2: THAT Dufferin County provide a \$50,000 donation to the International Plowing Match as requested;

Motion #3: THAT funds totaling \$737,000 be added to the 2023 budget to provide support and resources (as outlined) to the International Plowing Match;

THAT staff be directed to draft an agreement outlining the support and expectations of all parties, including the need for detailed accounting of resources and staff time during the planning period and for the event.

AND THAT the last paragraph of the motion that reads “AND THAT following the event Dufferin County work with other host communities to advocate to the province for better support for this important agricultural event”, be stricken.

-LOST-

MAIN MOTION

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism and the Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 9, 2023, 2023 IPM Request – Scope and Cost, be received;

AND THAT Dufferin County Council support the 2023 International Plowing Match (IPM);

AND THAT funds totaling \$787,000 be added to the 2023 budget to provide support and resources (as outlined) to the International Plowing Match;

AND THAT staff be directed to draft an agreement outlining the support and expectations of all parties, including the need for detailed accounting of resources and staff time during the planning period and for the event;

AND THAT following the event Dufferin County work with other host communities to advocate to the province for better support for this important agricultural event.

A recorded vote was requested and taken as follows:

	Yay	Nay
Councillor Creelman (3)	x	
Councillor Gardhouse (2)	x	
Councillor Gerrits (1)		x
Councillor Hall (2)	x	
Councillor Hawkins (1)	x	
Councillor Horner (1)	x	
Councillor Little (1)	x	
Councillor McLean (1)		x
Councillor Mills (2)	x	
Councillor Nix (2)	x	

	Yay	Nay
Councillor Post (8)	x	
Councillor Rentsch (1)	ABSENT	
Councillor Soloman (1)	x	
Councillor Taylor (7)	x	
Councillor White (1)	x	
Total (33)	31	2
	-MOTION CARRIED-	

9. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions received from the public.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS

10. **Infrastructure and Environmental Services Minutes – January 26, 2023**

Moved by Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Post

THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure and Environmental Services meeting held on January 26, 2023, be adopted.

-Carried-

11. **General Government Services Minutes – January 26, 2023**

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the minutes of the General Government Services meeting held on January 26, 2023, and the recommendations set out, excluding Item #3 – Annual Cost of Living Adjustment Policy (Non-Union Staff), be adopted.

-Carried-

12. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – January 26, 2023 – ITEM #2
Emergency Readiness Fund Grant Request – Grand Valley

THAT the report of the Manager – Preparedness, 911 & Corporate Projects dated January 26, 2023, regarding a Municipal Emergency Readiness Fund – Grant Request, be received;

AND THAT the request for the acquisition and installation of hybrid meeting/communications equipment by the Town of Grand Valley in the amount of \$10,000, be approved.

Councillor Taylor turned off his camera and muted his microphone during discussions on the Annual Cost of Living Adjustment Policy (Non-Union Staff).

13. **Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Hall**

THAT Item #3 – Annual Cost of Living Adjustment Policy (Non-Union Staff) from the General Government Services Committee Minutes, be approved.

-Carried-

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – January 26, 2023 – ITEM #3
Annual Cost of Living Adjustment Policy (Non-Union Staff)

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated January 26, 2023, regarding the Annual Cost of Living Policy (non-union staff), be received;

AND THAT the Annual Cost of Living Adjustment policy for non-union staff be approved;

AND THAT Council Remuneration by-law be updated to reflect the same policy for annual cost of living adjustments;

AND THAT cost of living adjustment for 2023 be set at 4% with an effective date of July 1, 2023.

Councillor Taylor rejoined the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

14. **Health and Human Services Minutes – January 26, 2023**

Moved by Councillor Soloman, seconded by Councillor Horner

THAT the minutes of the Health and Human Services meeting held on January 26, 2023, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

15. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – January 26, 2023 – ITEM #1
2023 Draft Budget

THAT Dufferin County allocate the following funds be added to the Draft 2023 budget:

- \$50,000 to Orangeville Food Bank
- \$10,000 to Grand Valley Food Bank
- \$10,000 to Shepherd’s Cupboard Food Bank, Shelburne

16. **Community Development and Tourism Minutes – January 26, 2023**

Moved by Councillor Little , seconded by Councillor Post

THAT the minutes of the Community Development and Tourism meeting held on January 26, 2023, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

17. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – January 26, 2023 – ITEM #1
Ontario Plowmen’s Association

THAT County Council support the International Plowing Match (IPM) happening in Dufferin in 2023;

AND THAT Staff be directed to work with the IPM Committee to compile a comprehensive list of in-kind contributions requested and to estimate the financial implications of same;

AND THAT the IPM Committee be invited to County Council on February 9th, 2023.

18. **Director of Community Services’ Report – Request for Continuation of Funding – Family Transition Place**

A report from the Director of Community Services dated February 9, 2023 to seek approval for the continuation of funding for Family Transition Place. Norah Kennedy, Executive Director, Family Transition Place, was in attendance to answer questions about the project.

Councillor Creelman left at the meeting 8:27 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Horner

THAT the report of the Director of Community Services, dated February 9, 2023, titled Request for Continuation of Funding – Family Transition Place, be received;

AND THAT Council approve the continuation of funding at the existing level for a new twenty (20) year period;

AND THAT Council approve the signing of a Letter of Intent to provide Family Transition Place with a formal funding commitment, for twenty (20) years, to support their application to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC);

AND THAT staff be directed to work with Family Transition Place on the creation of a new Operating Agreement to stipulate the terms regarding timeline, operations, administration and funding to meet the requirements set out in O. Reg 367/11 under the Housing Services Act, 2011 for the new Community Housing Project.

-Carried-

19. **Chief Paramedic & Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer's Report – Community Paramedic Donations**

A report from the Chief Paramedic and Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated February 9, 2023, to seek Council permission transfer donations related to the Community Paramedic program to a program specific trust fund.

Moved by Councillor Soloman, seconded by Councillor Post

THAT the report of the Chief and Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated February 9, 2023, regarding Community Paramedic Donations, be received;

AND THAT the 2022 donation of \$75,000 be transferred to a new Community Paramedics Trust Fund;

AND THAT future donations to the Community Paramedic Program be transferred to the Community Paramedic Trust Fund.

-Carried-

20. **Manager – Preparedness, 911 & Corporate Projects’ Report – On-Demand Transit Pilot Project**

A report from the Manager – Preparedness, 911 & Corporate Projects, dated February 9, 2023, to provide an update on the On-Demand Transit Pilot Project following review of the Request for Proposals (RFP) submitted.

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Nix

THAT the report of the Manager – Preparedness, 911 & Corporate Projects, dated February 9, 2023, regarding the establishment of an On-Demand Transit program, be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to investigate alternate solutions to enhance transportations services for seniors through Dufferin County Community Support Services.

-Carried-

Councillor Nix left the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

21. **Chief Administrative Officer’s Report – Vaccine Policy Repeal**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 9, 2023, to consider repealing THAT the Members of Council Vaccination Policy #1-2-13 and Non-Union Staff COVID Vaccination Policy #IPAC 1.06 (excluding Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home employees).

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 9, 2023, regarding Vaccine Policy Repeal, be received;

AND THAT the Members of Council Vaccination Policy #1-2-13 and Non-Union Staff COVID Vaccination Policy #IPAC 1.06 (excluding Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home employees), be repealed.

-Carried-

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

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 9, 2023, to provide Council with an update of activities from outside boards and agencies.

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor McLean

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 9, 2023, with respect to Reports from Outside Boards, be received.

-Carried-

23. **Chief Administrative Officer’s Report – Additional Staffing Requirements – 2023 DRAFT Budget**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 9, 2023, to provide supplementary information to outline how and why additional staffing requirements are proposed in the 2023 DRAFT Budget.

Moved by Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Horner

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 9, 2023, regarding Additional Staffing Requirements – 2023 DRAFT Budget, be received.

-Carried-

24. **Budget Presentation**

The Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer provided a presentation to Council regarding the draft 2023 budget. The County’s status quo budget is currently 3.79% and growth is estimated at 5.74% which leaves a net increase of 4.18%. The presentation also outlined the mitigation tactics, budget items discussed at the Committee meetings and the resulting adjustments.

However, after making Council’s requested changes, the net adjustment would be 5.79% after growth.

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Solomon

THAT \$500,000 be moved from the Rate Stabilization Reserve to offset the budget increase.

-Carried-

25. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

26. **MOTIONS**

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Little

THAT Councillor Hall, Councillor Post, and Councillor White be appointed as Council's representative on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee.

-Carried-

27. **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT Council moved into Closed Session (9:11 p.m.) in accordance with the Municipal Act, Section 239 (2)(d) – Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations.

-Carried-

While in Closed Session, Council reviewed a report from the Administrator of Dufferin Oaks regarding an Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) settlement and a report from the Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Paramedic regarding paramedic compensation adjustment.

Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

THAT Council move into open session (9:20 p.m.).

-Carried-

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

28. **Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Little**

THAT the report of the Administrator of Dufferin Oaks and Director of People and Equity, dated February 9, 2023, regarding the Memorandum of Settlement Between the County of Dufferin and the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) be received;

AND THAT Council ratify the terms of the Memorandum of Settlement between the County of Dufferin and the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) dated January 20, 2023;

AND THAT the necessary by-law be presented to Council.

-Carried-

29. **BY-LAWS**

2023-07 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 Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team. (Collaboration Amending Agreement)
Authorization: Council – January 12, 2023

2023-08 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 His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. (Municipal Modernization Funding Amending Transfer Payment Agreement)
Authorization: Council – April 16, 2020

2023-09 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 Family Transition Place. (Lease – Mel Lloyd Lease)
Authorization: Council – February 9, 2023

Moved by Councillor Soloman, seconded by Councillor White

THAT By-Law 2023-07 through to 2023-09, inclusive, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

30. **OTHER BUSINESS**

31. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

2023-10 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on February 9, 2023.

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Hall

THAT By-Law 2023-10, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

32. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Taylor

THAT the meeting adjourn.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Next meeting: Special Meeting of Council – Budget
Thursday, February 23, 2023
Location to be Announced

Wade Mills, Warden

Michelle Dunne, Clerk



DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

W & M Edelbrock Centre, Dufferin Room, 30 Centre St, 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) (arrived at 10:07 a.m.)
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
Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer
Cody Joudry, Director of Development & Tourism
Anna McGregor, Director of Community Services
Brenda Wagner, Administrator of Dufferin Oaks
Tom Reid, Chief Paramedic
Aimee Raves, Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer

Warden Mills called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Warden Mills announced that the meeting is the first hybrid meeting with some members of Council being present virtually. The meeting was also live streamed and publicly broadcast.

The recording of this meeting will also be available on our website in the future.

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 Gerrits , seconded by Councillor Little

THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the February 23, 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. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions received from the public.

Councillor Rentsch joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS

6. **Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer's Report – 2023 Draft Budget**

A presentation and report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated February 23, 2023, regarding the draft 2023 budget.

The Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer provided an overview of the draft budget, along with background information after discussion and changes from the standing Committees.

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Horner

THAT the report of the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated February 23, 2023, regarding 2023 Budget Update, be received;

AND THAT the 2023 budget with tax levy of \$44,899,761, be approved.

-Carried-

7. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

2023-11 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on February 23, 2023.

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor White

THAT By-Law 2023-11, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Taylor

THAT the meeting adjourn.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Next meeting: March 9, 2023
 W & M Edelbrock Centre, Dufferin Room, 30 Centre St, Orangeville

Wade Mills, Warden

Michelle Dunne, Clerk



MINUTES
MANSFIELD PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 28, 2023 7:00 PM

Present: Andrew Cunningham
Mandy Little
Emerson Pendleton
Gavin Longmuir
John Willmetts – Director of Public Works
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR

Moved by Little and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Emerson Pendleton be appointed Chair of the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee for the year 2023.

CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Pendleton and Seconded by Longmuir

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

4. PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES

Moved by Little and Seconded by Pendleton

THAT the minutes of September 26, 2022 be approved.

CARRIED.

5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - NONE

6. ADMINISTRATION

6.1 2023 Parks Budget

Staff provided an update on items included in the approved 2023 budget noting the repair of the lime shed, batters boxes, and advancement of the Township's grant for installation of a warning track.

The Committee requested 6 bags of ready mound be available at the diamond for the start of the season.

Discussion ensued of the Township pickleball grant, equipment usage, and pickleball lines at the Thomson Trail Park.

6.2 Parks Maintenance Report

John Willmetts, Director of Public Works provided a verbal update on spring maintenance including infield edged of the baseball diamond, repairs to fencing, repairing leaks at the equipment shed, walking path maintenance and tree removal.

Direction was given to John Willmetts to coordinate a date for volunteers to assist with the repair of the batters boxes.

6.3 Mansfield Community Park

2023 User Fee Recommendations

Members discussed protocols for cancellations, expressing a desire to utilize the same procedures as the NDCC and minor hockey. User groups are satisfied with the current rental rates, but expressed the need for more facilities and greater diamond time as minor ball currently has to utilize outside diamonds for rentals.

Direction given to the Treasurer to look at the feasibility of a minimal increases to advertising signage rates.

Fall 2023 Community Baseball Tournament

Members supported the organization of a fundraising baseball tournament in fall 2023.

Other

Members discussed the feasibility and impact of installing lighting at the baseball diamond and the opportunities available for parkland for the new subdivisions. As an alternative to lighting, members discussed the installation of a second baseball diamond, as well as the inclusion of a soccer pitch, and multipurpose pads.

Moved by Little and Seconded by Longmuir

THAT the Mansfield Parks Committee request that Council consult with the Mansfield community and the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee with respect to the development of parkland in the proposed Mansfield subdivisions.

CARRIED.

6.4 Thomson Trail Park

Community Ice Rink

Members discussed supplying additional materials and use of the bunker, expressing a desire to recognize the rink volunteers. Members discussed recognition initiatives including providing additional materials required to ease the burden of maintenance, an acknowledgement plaque and recognition at the grand opening of the playground.

Members were advised that the Thomson Trail Ice Rink is the only outdoor rink, not only in Mulmur, but in the great surrounding area.

Direction was given to include volunteer recognition as a topic for discussion at the next meeting.

Playground Grand Opening Event

Members discussed organization of a grand opening event at Thomson Trail for the new playground. A tentative date was set for May 6th with May 13th as a backup rain date.

Members discussed organization of a community BBQ (\$2 hotdogs), cake, water and pop with a portable speaker for music.

Members discussion inviting the Rosemont Firefighters and having a fire truck on site. Direction was given to Andrew Cunningham to speak with Chief Blacklaws and the Rosemont Firefighters Association.

Other

Members discussed the storage of pickleball supplies at the bunker or a construction box at Thomson Trail.

Moved by Little and Seconded by Longmuir

THAT the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee respectfully request Council consider placement of the Township's pickleball materials and painting of lines at the Thomson Trail Park.

CARRIED.

6.5 Maes Cres Park

Future Improvements

Members discussed tree maintenance and control, fence repair and the location of a soccer pitch.

6.6 2023 Committee Goals and Objectives

Members discussed the follow goals and initiatives:

- Spreading the word, getting the community more involved.
- Centralized booking system that everyone could see online and book online.
- Promotion of Mansfield Minor Ball in the Township's communications channels.
- Installation of electricity at the Honeywood diamond to provide greater diamond time for Mansfield Minor Ball.

Moved by Little and Seconded by Pendleton

WHEREAS the Mansfield Minor Ball is currently going outside of Mulmur to utilize diamonds that have access to power for use of pitching machines;

NOW THEREFORE the Mansfield Parks Committee respectfully request that Council reconsider providing hydro access to the Honeywood Baseball diamond for use of Mulmur user groups specifically Minor Ball.

CARRIED.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee Mandate

7.2 Mansfield Parks Maps

7.3 Council's Procedural By-law

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

8.1 2023 Baseball Tournament

8.2 Thomson Trail Park Grand Opening

8.3 Ice Rink Volunteer Recognition

8.4 Pickleball

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Longmuir

THAT the Committee adjourns the meeting at 8:44 p.m. to meet again March 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

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DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 6:00 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 Gail Little (Amaranth)
- 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)

Council Members Absent:

- Councillor Janet Horner (Mulmur)(prior notice)
- Councillor James McLean (Melancthon)(prior notice)

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

Warden Mills called the meeting to order at 6:04 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, March 23, 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 Taylor, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the March 9, 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. **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

THAT Council moved into Closed Session (6:07 p.m.) in accordance with the Municipal Act, Section 239 (3.1) – Education or Training of the Members.

-Carried-

While in Closed Session, Council members received diversity training from Dr. Stephanie Nixon, Stephanie Nixon & Associates Consulting Firm, and Dr. Ciann Wilson, Wilfred Laurier University, School of Psychology.

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT Council move into open session (8:37 p.m.).

-Carried-

Warden Mills called a ten minute recess at 8:37 p.m.

Councillor Little left the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Councillor Creelman, seconded by Councillor Hall

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of February 12, 2023, and the special meeting of Council of February 23, 2023, be adopted.

-Carried-

PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7. Proclamation: Amyloidosis Awareness Month – March 2023

Warden Mills declared the month of March 2023 to be Amyloidosis Awareness Month in the County of Dufferin.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions received from the public.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS

9. Health and Human Services Minutes – February 23, 2023

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Post

THAT the minutes of the Health and Human Services meeting held on February 23, 2023, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

10. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #1
Canada Wide Early Years and Child Care System (CWELCC) Update 2

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System (CWELCC) Update 2, dated February 23, 2023, be received.

11. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #2
Early Years and Child Care Workforce Strategy Update 2

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, Early Years and Child Care Workforce Update 2, dated February 23, 2023, be received.

12. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #3
Ontario Works Update

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, dated February 23, 2023, titled Ontario Works Update, be received.

13. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #4
Quarterly Community Services Activity Report – Third Quarter 2022

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, dated February 23, 2023, titled Ontario Works Update, be received.

14. **Community Development and Tourism Minutes – February 23, 2023**

Moved by Councillor Creelman, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the minutes of the Community Development and Tourism meeting held on February 23 2023, and the recommendations set out, be adopted.

-Carried-

15. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #2
Museum of Dufferin Annual Report – 2022

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "Museum of Dufferin Annual Report - 2022", February 23, 2023, be received.

16. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #3
Updating the Land Acknowledgement Statement

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "Updating the Land Acknowledgement Statement", February 23, 2023, be received;

AND THAT staff develop an education and training program for staff and Councillors on Canadian Indigenous history, culture, and challenges;

AND THAT staff bring a Dufferin County Reconciliation towards Indigenous Peoples Plan for Council's consideration.

17. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #4
Collecting the Community Project

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "Collecting the Community Project", dated February 23, 2023, be received.

18. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #5
Building Services Division 2022 Annual Report

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "Building Services Division 2022 Annual Report", dated February 23, 2023, be received.

THAT staff be directed to report back to the March Committee with an assessment on implementing the CityView Planning module.

19. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #6
Land Development Planning Application Review Process

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "Land Development Planning Application Review Process", dated February 23, 2023, be received;

AND THAT By-Law 2019-10 Pre-Consultation By-Law and By-Law 2015-38 Prescribed Fees for Planning Matters By-Law, be amended, as outlined in the report;

AND THAT the necessary by-laws be enacted.

20. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #7
Economic Development 2023

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "Economic Development 2023", dated February 23, 2023, be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to commence the economic development strategic planning process, as outlined in the report.

21. Community Development & Tourism – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #10
Amendment to Fees and Charges – Museum of Dufferin

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "Amendment to Fees and Charges – Museum of Dufferin", dated February 23, 2023, be received;

THAT the fees outlined below be approved:

Memberships

SERVICE	FEE
Individual	\$45
Student/Senior	\$35
Family	\$65

Gift Shop

SERVICE	FEE	NOTES
Vendor Fee	\$50	Used for vendors at markets; can be adjusted at staff discretion
Artist Commission Fee	25%	Used for art sales at exhibitions; can be adjusted at staff discretion
Gift Shop Vendor Commission	25%	Items sold in the gift shop on consignment

Facility Rental

SERVICE	BASE FEE	HOURS INCLUDED IN BASE FEE	EXTRA HOURS FEE
Corbetton Church	\$650.00	4	\$100/hr + base

SERVICE	BASE FEE	HOURS INCLUDED IN BASE FEE	EXTRA HOURS FEE
Main Gallery	\$850.00	4	\$100/hr + base
Program Room	\$200.00	3	\$50 + base
Archive Room	\$200.00	3	\$50 + base

Equipment Rental

SERVICE	FEE PER ITEM
Up to 10 (ten) 8' tables	\$10.00
Up to 50 (fifty) program chairs	\$3.00
Speaker & Microphone	\$70.00
Linens	\$5.00
Projector and Screen	\$70.00

Archive Services

SERVICE	BASE FEE	NOTES
Research > 30 mins	\$20/15 min	Done by museum staff on behalf of the public
Research < 30 mins	\$50/hr	Done by museum staff on behalf of the public; includes low-resolution scans of materials found
New High-Res Scans	\$20.00	Done by museum staff on behalf of the public
Scans (already have a hi-res)	\$10.00	Done by museum staff on behalf of the public; this is an image that we have already scanned for an exhibit, conservation, or preservation.
B & W Photocopy (over 10 pages) Letter or Legal	\$0.50	Matches Admin fee of Dufferin County
B & W Photocopy (over 10 pages) Tabloid/11x17	\$1.00	Matches Admin fee of Dufferin County
Colour Photocopy (over 10 pages) Letter or Legal	\$1.00	Matches Admin fee of Dufferin County

SERVICE	BASE FEE	NOTES
Colour Photocopy (over 10 pages) Tabloid/11x17	\$2.00	Matches Admin fee of Dufferin County
Rush Request	double the base fee	Done by museum staff on behalf of the public – Rush = less than 48 hours' notice.
High Resolution Images - For Profit Publication	\$100 - 350	Varies depending on intended use and media. At the discretion of museum staff.

Group Programs & Tours

SERVICE	BASE FEE	HOUR	INCLUDED IN FEE
Parties – room rental with activity	\$250.00 Extra participants are \$12/per person	3	Includes 15 children + 2 adults, if for minors
Group Guided Tours	\$10 /person	1	Minimum group number is 6
Outreach Speaker - Non-Profit	\$3.50 /attendee	1.5	Museum staff go off-site to deliver a talk
Outreach Speaker - For-Profit	\$7 /attendee	1.5	Museum staff go off-site to deliver a talk
School Programs	Full day - \$14 Half Day - \$7	3-5	Full day is 5 hours; half day is 3 hours

AND THAT necessary by-law be presented to Council.

22. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #8**
Lake Erie Source Protection Member Nomination

THAT the correspondence from Grand River Conservation Authority, Township of Melancthon and Township of Amaranth, regarding appointing a member to the Lake Erie Source Protection, be received;

AND THAT Dufferin County nominate John Sepulis to be the Group 1 (Grey, Dufferin, Wellington, Halton) municipal representative on Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee (SPC).

23. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #9
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

THAT the correspondence from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, dated February 14, 2023, regarding the Protection of raw sources of municipal drinking water through the Drinking Water Source Protection Program, be received.

24. **Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer’s Report – 2022 Statement of Council Remuneration and Expenses Paid**

A report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated March 9, 2023, to present to Council the Statement of the Treasurer of the Remuneration and Expenses paid to Members of Council, required by Section 284 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, for 2022.

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Hall

THAT the report on 2022 Statement of Council Remuneration and Expenses Paid, from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated March 9, 2023, be received.

-Carried-

25. **Administrator of Dufferin Oaks’ Report – Dufferin Oaks Declaration of Compliance**

A report from the Administrator of Dufferin Oaks, dated March 9, 2023, regarding the annual declaration of compliance of the Long Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement (LSAA).

Moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

THAT the report of the Administrator of Dufferin Oaks, dated March 9, 2023, regarding the Declaration of Compliance, be received;

AND THAT Council authorize the Warden to sign the Declaration on behalf of Council for submission to Ontario Health – Central Region.

-Carried-

26. **Director of Development & Tourism’s Report – Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) Phase II Official Plan Amendment (OPA) - Schedule B, C, and E Changes**

A report from the Director of Planning & Tourism, dated March 9, 2023, to present the proposed second Official Plan Amendment (OPA) for the Dufferin County Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) to County Council for their review.

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the report of the Director of Development and Tourism, "Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) Phase II Official Plan Amendment (OPA) - Schedule B, C, and E Changes", dated March 9, 2023, be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to submit the draft Municipal Comprehensive Review Phase II Official Plan Amendment – Schedule B, C, and E Changes and related draft Official Plan Amendment to the Province for review.

-Carried-

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

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated March 9, 2023, to provide Council with an update of activities from outside boards and agencies.

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Rentsch

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated March 9, 2023, with respect to Reports from Outside Boards, be received.

-Carried-

28. **Director of People & Equity’s Report – Dufferin County Equity Audit: Results of the Fall 2022 Audit**

A report from the Director of People and Equity, dated March 9, 2023, to provide the complete findings of the Dufferin County Equity Audit conducted in the Fall of 2022.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor White

THAT the report of the Director of People & Equity, dated March 3, 2023, regarding the Dufferin County Equity Audit Findings Report be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to report back to Council with a Draft Equity Strategy.

-Carried-

CORRESPONDENCE

29. **Town of Caledon**

Correspondence from the Town of Caledon, dated January 23, 2023, regarding appointing a staff representative to serve on the Dufferin Municipal Provincial Offences Act Board.

Moved by Councillor Creelman, seconded by Councillor Gerrits

THAT the correspondence from the Town of Caledon, dated January 23, 2023, regarding appointment of a staff representative to serve on the Dufferin Municipal Provincial Offences Act Board, be received;

AND THAT Dufferin County Clerk, Michelle Dunne, be appointed as the representative on the Dufferin Municipal Provincial Offences Act Board.

-Carried-

30. **Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)**

Correspondence from AMO, dated February 13, 2023, regarding its pre-budget submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs and a request for members to pass a resolution regarding homelessness.

Moved by Councillor White , seconded by Councillor Post

WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

WHEREAS the homeless crisis is identified as a priority need in various arenas, such as Provincially mandated Housing and Homelessness Plans and Community Safety and Well-Being Plans;

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;

WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and importantly health solutions from government;

WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;

WHEREAS designated Service Managers and their local communities are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Dufferin calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;**
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;**
- c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal;**

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association and the Western Ontario Warden's caucus.

-Carried-

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

31. Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Taylor

THAT Council suspend the requirement in Section 19.7 of the Procedural By-law.

-Carried-

32. **Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Taylor**

WHEREAS driver and pedestrian safety is a priority of our Council;

AND WHEREAS Provincial Highway 10, from the northern border of Brampton to the northern border of Dufferin County, contains various uses such as urban and rural and experiences high traffic volumes, chronic speeding, and an increased number of commercial vehicles;

AND WHEREAS the projected growth will continue to exasperate these issues;

AND WHEREAS our neighbours to the South in the Town of Caledon have recently made a delegation at ROMA to ask the Province to work with the Town of Caledon to develop a terms of reference for a traffic and road safety study to be funded by the MTO, of the entire length of Highway 10 within Caledon;

AND WHEREAS the County of Dufferin would benefit from such a traffic and road safety study being done including the length of Highway 10 within the County of Dufferin;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a letter of support be provided to the Town of Caledon regarding their request to the Province on behalf of Council;

AND FURTHER request that the Town of Caledon include the portion of Highway 10 that runs through the County of Dufferin in the proposed study;

AND THAT County of Dufferin staff be available for consultation as part of this project;

AND THAT a copy of the letter of support be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Deputy Premier, Sylvia Jones, Minister of Transportation, Caroline Mulroney, the Town of Caledon and all municipalities in Dufferin County.

-Carried-

33. **Moved by Councillor Creelman**

WHEREAS it is desirous to ensure municipalities in Dufferin County are purchasing goods and services in the most cost effective and efficient way;

AND WHEREAS, cost economies and efficiencies may be realized through group purchasing and participation with Group Purchasing Organizations (GPOs) such as the Canoe Procurement Group of Canada (LAS/AMO), Sourcewell, Kinetic as well as federal and provincial organized buying opportunities to name but a few examples;

AND WHEREAS group purchase of goods and services by Dufferin municipalities appears fragmented and, at the very least, better explained and promoted;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive a report from municipal staff indicating the following information:

- **GPOs and others engaged by the municipality to realize group purchasing opportunities**
- **Examples of group purchasing experiences over the previous calendar year and where possible, information regarding outcomes**
- **Targets and objectives for the upcoming year to achieve economies and efficiencies in the purchase of goods and services for the municipality;**

AND THAT such a report be presented to Council ideally along with the annual budget but no later than May 1st of every year.

34. **MOTIONS**

35. **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Gerrits

THAT the Closed Session minutes from the February 9, 2023 meeting of Council, be adopted.

-Carried-

36. **BY-LAWS**

- 2023-12 A by-law to amend By-Law 2019-10 requiring pre-consultation on Planning Act applications in the County of Dufferin. (Pre-Consultation By-Law)
Authorization: Community Development & Tourism – February 23, 2023
- 2023-13 A by-law to amend By-Law 2015-38, tariff of fees for planning matters in the County of Dufferin. (Amend Schedule A)
Authorization: Community Development & Tourism – February 23, 2023
- 2023-14 A by-law to adopt the estimates for the sums required during the year 2023 for general purposes of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin.
Authorization: Council – February 23, 2023
- 2023-15 A by-law to set tax ratios, and to set tax rate reductions, for prescribed property subclasses, for County purposes and lower-tier municipal purposes, for the year 2023.
Authorization: Council – February 23, 2023
- 2023-16 A by-law to establish property tax rates for upper-tier (County) purposes for the year 2023.
Authorization: Council – February 23, 2023
- 2023-17 A by-law to provide tax relief to certain low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities, who are owners of real property in the County of Dufferin, for the year 2023.
Authorization: Council – February 23, 2023
- 2023-18 A by-law to amend By-Law 2015-41, fees and charges for services and activities provided by the County of Dufferin. (Schedule "A" – Museum of Dufferin)
Authorization: Community Development & Tourism – February 23, 2023

2023-19 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 (Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home) and the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA). (Memorandum of Understanding – Collective Agreement)
Authorization: Council – February 9, 2023

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT By-Law 2023-12 through to 2023-19, inclusive, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

37. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor White thanked the Museum of Dufferin staff for the recent exhibit opening of “Our Story: Past and Present” on March 3, 2023.

Councillor White would also directed staff to request a delegation at the upcoming Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Conference regarding homelessness.

38. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

2023-20 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on March 9, 2023.

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Taylor

THAT By-Law 2023-20, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

39. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Soloman

THAT the meeting adjourn.

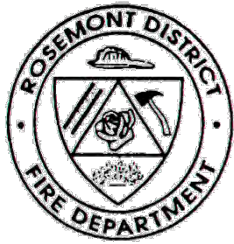
-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2023
 W & M Edelbrock Centre, Dufferin Room, 30 Centre Street,
 Orangeville ON

Wade Mills, Warden

Michelle Dunne, Clerk



MINUTES

Monday, March 20, 2023

Rosemont District Fire Board

10:00 am

Present: Elaine Capes-Chair-Town of Mono Julius Lachs-Vice Chair-Adjala-Tosorontio
Patricia Clark – Township of Mulmur Earl Hawkins - Township of Mulmur
Ronald O’Leary – Adjala-Tosorontio
Mike Blacklaws - Fire Chief Chris Armstrong - Deputy Fire Chief
Heather Boston - Secretary-Treasurer
Absent: Melinda Davie – Town of Mono

1) **Call to order by the Secretary/Treasurer:** The Secretary/Treasurer called the meeting to order at 9:58 am

2) **Appointment of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary**

Moved by: O’Leary/Hawkins

THAT Elaine Capes be appointed as Chair, Julius Lachs be appointed as Vice Chair and that Heather Boston be appointed as the Secretary/ Treasurer.

CARRIED.

3) **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Clark/Lachs

THAT the March 20, 2023, Rosemont Fire Board agenda be approved as amended to include item 7 being the Presentation made by Andy Kennedy, item 9 e) being the Fire Chief’s Year End Report 2022, and item 9 f) being Land Acknowledgement.

CARRIED.

4) **Approval of previous meeting minutes**

Moved by: Lachs/O’Leary

THAT the minutes of November 30, 2022, are approved as copied and circulated.

CARRIED.

5) **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

The Chair stated that if any member of the Board has a pecuniary interest, they may declare the nature thereof now or at any time during the meeting.

6) **Public Question Period - None**

7) Presentation - Andy Kennedy

a) Benefits

- Look at recruitment and retention strategies.
- Five new recruits hired in 2023.
- Some recruits don't qualify and some don't pass physical.
- Orangeville is having retentions and recruitment issues.
- 1/3 of firefighters are self-employed or in jobs without benefits.
- Volunteer Firefighters get VFIS insurance which includes Life and AD&D insurance, and they also have an Employee Assistance Program.
- Risks to firefighters covered with VFIS and WSIB.
- 30% cut in pay with WSIB.
- Secretary to look in WSIB Coverage as Board is paying maximum WSIB amount.
- Would like to investigate comprehensive benefit plan or a self-funded plan, dental and medical.
- Suggested a graduated scale dependent on service to cover self-funded plan.
- Hope that it would reduce ongoing issues that would take firefighters out of service.
- Could help to increased attendance knowing that benefits are based on service.
- Secretary to look into benefit coverage costs and bring back a report to the next meeting.
- Shelburne and Mulmur Melancthon Fire Departments do not have benefits.
- What happens to fire fighters that have coverage already?
- Firefighters could pay for benefits themselves.
- Compare family vs single coverage.
- May want to look at benefits for all three Boards together in a bigger plan.
- Rosemont has 26 - 30 firefighters.
- Secretary to bring a report back to the Board first and then consider including other fire departments.

8) Treasury

a) Approval of Accounts

Motion by: Clark/Lachs

THAT the accounts as presented in the amount of \$198,016.67 are ordered paid.

CARRIED.

9) Administration

a) Tanker Quotes

i) Quote from Midwest Fire for \$452,452.00 USD

Motion by: O'Leary/Clark

THAT the Board approve the purchase of a new tanker from Midwest Fire at a cost of \$452,452.00 USD.

CARRIED.

b) COVID Policy

- Enquiry from resident if policy will now be rescinded.
- Policy requires that all new recruits be vaccinated for COVID-19.
- Chief will send Secretary a copy of the policy and it will be reviewed at future meeting.

c) Incident Summary 2023

Motion by: Lachs/Clark

THAT the Board receive the Fire Chief's Incident Summary 2023.

CARRIED.

d) Fire Chief General Update

- Compressor has been delivered and in process of getting hooked up.
- \$3500 raised at annual Caleigh.
- Pancake supper \$1000.
- Fire Department has been advertising public safety announcements on 104.9 FM radio.
- Working on engineering for storage container structure and that will go to Dufferin County.

e) Fire Chief's Year End Report 2022

- 104 calls this year.
- During COVID calls dropped drastically.
- \$1.6 million in losses due to structural fires.
- Went into a training agreement with Adj/Tos at a cost of \$3500 per firefighter at the Fire Academy.
- Board may ask questions at next meeting after reviewing report.

Motion by: Hawkins/O'Leary

THAT the Board receive the Fire Chief's Year-end Report 2022 as information.

CARRIED.

f) Land Acknowledgement

- Direction was given by the Board that the Secretary to bring back a couple of examples to the next meeting.

10) Closed Session

Closed session pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, 2001 S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 239 (2) (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

Moved by: O'Leary/Hawkins

THAT the Rosemont District Fire Board move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 (2) (e) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended at 11:27 a.m. for the following reasons: litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED.

Moved by: Clark/Lachs

THAT the Board rise out of the closed session and into open session at 11:52 a.m. with the following motions/directions:

THAT the Fire Chief proceed as discussed in closed session.

CARRIED.

11) Adjournment

Moved by: O'Leary/Clark

THAT the meeting adjourn at 11:54 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

Approved by:

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer



JOINT COUNCIL MEETING of MULMUR TOWNSHIP MELANCTHON TOWNSHIP

March 21, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.

Council Present (In Person at the North Dufferin Community Centre)

Mulmur: Mayor Horner, Deputy Mayor Hawkins, Councillors Clark, and Cunningham

Melancthon: Mayor White, Deputy Mayor McLean, Councillors Neilson, Moore and Plowright

Staff Present:

Mulmur: Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk

Melancthon: Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Horner called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2.0 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Mayor Horner shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3.0 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Moved by: Clark, seconded by: McLean.

THAT Janet Horner of Mulmur Township be appointed as Chair for the Joint Council Meeting for the Townships of Melancthon and Mulmur. CARRIED.

4.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Neilson, seconded by: Cunningham.

THAT the Joint Councils approve the agenda, as amended to include Strawberry Supper and Beef BBQ. CARRIED.

5.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: Clark, seconded by: Moore.

THAT the Joint Councils approve the minutes of February 6, 2023. CARRIED.

5.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were declared at this time.

6.0 ADMINISTRATION

6.1 **NDCC Agreement**

The Joint Councils discussed the role of the Board, committees, and various other governance models to be considered. There were discussions related to the historic contributions, operations, agreements, user-fees, sustainability, facility life-span, grants, fundraising, events and viability for each Township.

There was agreement that the goal of a future committee should be on community building, event organizing and fundraising to create a fund for ongoing community events and capital expenditures at the NDCC.

Melancthon expressed satisfaction with Mulmur undertaking a management role.

Melancthon expressed concerns with the current funding model and will need to further examine what annual fee (toward operational costs) would be sustainable for their Township. It was agreed that this would be a discussion at a future joint meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding capital costs. Melancthon expressed support with considering contributions to capital costs using a project-specific approach. Direction was given for the Treasurer to provide a summary of the capital projections and excerpts of reports on building assessment as well as for the Arena Manager to provide a list of deficiencies (capital).

6.2 NDCC Board of Management – Changing Structure to an Events Committee

Moved by McLean, seconded by Moore.

That the Joint Councils direct the CAO of Melancthon and the CAO of Mulmur to jointly draft a governance model and mandate for an NDCC Community Building & Event Team as discussed. CARRIED.

6.3 Number of Users of the North Dufferin Community Centre

The number of users were discussed, including the number of users from outside of both municipalities and out-of-area user fees.

6.4 Food Booth Rental in the Summer

Scot Robinson presented his proposal to operate the Wood Smoke Shack and utilize the NDCC food booth to increase production and offer a larger menu. No patrons would have access to the NDCC building. The Smoke Shack would be serviced with a porta-potty.

The Joint Council's expressed a desire to use the food booth during events, including but not limited to the Strawberry Supper and Beef BBQ if the events were to be held, and discussed a pro-ratio monthly charge to compensate for the decreased access.

Direction was given to Mulmur staff to incorporate liability clauses, limited access and food booth standard clauses into a Food Booth Agreement.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Hawkins

THAT the Joint Councils receive the Report of Denise Holmes and Tracey Atkinson;

AND THAT the Council of the Township of Melancthon and the Township of Mulmur support the rental of the food booth from May 1 to September 30, 2023, for \$500/month with hydro and propane, to Scot Robinson, The Wood Smoke Shack;

AND THAT the fee be discounted by \$125 per weekend where the Townships utilize the kitchen. CARRIED.

6.5 Strawberry Supper and Beef BBQ (Added)

Discussion ensued regarding historic fundraising, leadership and attendance at previous events, including the 2022 Strawberry supper. There were discussions regarding combining the events and “re-imagining” the events. There were discussions regarding local talent, age of attendees and community building.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Neilson

THAT the Joint Council direct staff to advertise for a Strawberry Supper on July 1, 2023 and that the Beef BBQ discussion be deferred. CARRIED.

7.0 CONFIRMING MOTION

Moved by: McLean, seconded by: Cunningham,

THAT all actions of the Joint Council Meeting for the Townships of Melancthon and Mulmur, with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Councils on March 21, 2023 are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; AND THAT each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Council Members at the Joint Council meeting held on March 21, 2023 are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. CARRIED.

8.0 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Moved by McLean, seconded by: Cunningham,

THAT the Councils of Melancthon and Mulmur adjourn the meeting at 8:35p.m. to meet again at a date in April at the North Dufferin Community Centre. CARRIED.



**MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
March 22, 2023**

Present: Daryl Stansfield, Chair
Lisa Thomson
Diana Morris
Janet Horner
Savannah Rogers
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

2. APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR

Moved by Thomson and Seconded by Morris

THAT Darryl Stansfield be appointed Chair of the Mulmur Economic Development Committee for the year 2023.

CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Thomson and Seconded by Morris

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Thomson and Seconded by Rogers

THAT the minutes dated August 29, 2022 be approved.

CARRIED.

5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - NONE

6. ADMINISTRATION

6.1 2023 Budget

Members reviewed the 2023 EDC budget, RED Grant submission for EDC Videos and discussed covering the costs to feature Mulmur businesses as part

of the Dufferin Board of Trade video series if Mulmur is not successful in obtaining the grant.

The Secretary will report back to the Committee when more information is available on the status of the RED grant.

6.2 2023 Goal Setting

Members discussed 2023 initiatives and identified the following projects for completion in 2023.

1. EDC Breakfast: Tentative dates have been set for June 6th or 8th, pending availability. The event will feature a continental breakfast with the theme of "Growing and Starting Home Based Business". Topics of discussion will include, how to start a business, financial and digital tips.
2. Ask an Expert Series – for inclusion in Township communications.
3. A One Day Summer Market – to be discussed at the next meeting.
4. International Plowing Match – Mulmur Business Table. Diana Morris will send greater information for consideration at the next meeting.

6.3 2023 Bursary Program: Selection Committee

Members discussed the bursary program.

Moved by Morris and Seconded by Stansfield

THAT Lisa Thomson be appointed to sit on the 2023 selection committee for the Mulmur Post-Secondary School Grant Program.

CARRIED.

6.4 2023 Mulmur EDC Business/Showcase/Contest

Members discussed the success of the 2022 Best Burger Competition and supported a 2023 Farm Passport Program/Trail. Township staff will commence planning and bring forward greater information to the next meeting.

6.5 Other

Nominations for the Dufferin Board of Trade Business Excellence Award will be opening soon. Diana Morris will circulate categories for nomination and consideration at the next meeting.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Council Procedural By-law

7.2 Rural Economic Development Grant (RED)

7.3 Community Economic Development 101: Virtual Session

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

8.1 EDC Breakfast

8.2 Summer Market

8.3 International Plowing Match

8.4 Farm Passport Program

8.5 DBOT Business Excellence Award Nominations

8.6 Dufferin County Tourism Update

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Thomson and Seconded by Horner

THAT the Committee adjourns the meeting at 10:56 am to meet again April 19th at 9:30 am in person at the Township Office, with virtual accommodation.

CARRIED.



“Schedule A”

“Learn to Play Pickleball” Results

A Seniors Community Grant was secured by the Township to host a learn to pickleball program, targeting seniors in the Township of Mulmur. The Township began hosting Learn to Pickleball Sessions consisting of 5 weeks each on January 9, 2023 at Primrose Elementary School.

The purpose of the grant is to allow seniors to connect, contribute, learn, and lead active lives. Pickleball is a game for all ages but is especially popular among seniors because it affords a great opportunity for exercise as well as the health benefits derived from remaining active.

The Learn to Pickleball Program was extremely successful and well received. 24 people were able to participate each week for one hour.

Post Participant Survey

11 Respondents

89 % (60/67) of residents surveyed said they would use a Pickleball Court in Mulmur.

Age Range

40 - 49	18.18%	2
50 - 59	27.27%	3
60 - 69	45.45%	5
70 - 79	9.09%	1

Level of Play

Beginner	Intermediate
45.45% (5)	54.55% (6)

54.55% said their Pickleball experience was excellent, 45.5% said it was very good

9.09% of players preferred to play indoors, 9.09% prefer the outdoors and 81.82% said they are happy to play in or outdoors.

90.91% Would be interested in more instructional courses for the first hour of play, followed by open play.

100% would prefer open play drop in sessions.

90.91% would be willing to purchase their own equipment.

Cost

\$0 - 10	\$10 - 20		\$20 - 25
36.36% (4)	54.55% (6)		9.09% (1)

54.55% of players would like one court designated for beginners and one for intermediate/advanced.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Shephard

Jennifer Shephard
Office & Communications Coordinator



MINUTES
MANSFIELD PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 28, 2023 7:30 PM

Present: Emerson Pendleton, Chair
Andrew Cunningham
Gavin Longmuir
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary

Absent: Mandy Little

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Pendleton and Seconded by Longmuir

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

3. PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES

Moved by Little and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT the minutes of February 26, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - NONE

5. ADMINISTRATION

5.1 Mansfield Community Park

2023 Rates (Verbal Update)

Roseann Knechtel, Secretary provided members with the proposed 2023 rates, including no change to Minor and Men's Ball and a \$10 increase to advertising signage. The proposed User Fees and Charges are scheduled to be presented to Council for approval at the April 5, 2023 Council meeting.

Fall 2023 Community Baseball Tournament

Members discussed organizing a one-day tournament of 4 to 5 teams. The event would include a fee for team registration, prize for the winning team, BBQ and liquor license. A date of September 9th has been set aside with a rain out date of September 10th.

Other

Members requested Public Works arrange a date for batter box repair and installation of the netting of the batting cages.

5.2 Thomson Trail Park

Ice Rink Volunteer Recognition

Members supported the placement of a generalized thank you sign and personal cards of thanks, signed by Council, for presentation at the Grand Opening of the Park.

Playground Grand Opening Event

The Rosemont Firefighters Association has agreed to participate in the event, running a BBQ and selling pop/water. A fire truck will be in attendance.

Members requested the Township supply coffee and a sweet, such as cake or Timbits. Members requested the use of the Township's PA system for music and speaking.

The event will take place of May 27, 2023 and feature a ribbon cutting and volunteer recognition.

Other

Members sought confirmation on when the ice rink would be decommissioned.

Discussion ensued on Pickleball at the Thomson Trail Park. Members supported grant opportunities to allow for the installation of a standalone pickleball court.

5.3 Maes Cres Park

Other

Members confirmed the desire to install soccer posts at the Maes Cres Park.

6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

6.1 2023 Baseball Tournament

- 6.2 Thomson Trail Park Grand Opening
- 6.3 Pickleball

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Longmuir

THAT the Committee adjourns the meeting at 8:01 p.m. to meet again in person at the Mansfield Community Park, April 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

DRAFT



STAFF REPORT

TO: Council
FROM: Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk
MEETING DATE: April 5, 2023
SUBJECT: Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee Motions to Council

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to present Council with motions passed by the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee at their meeting on February 28, 2023.

MOTION #1

Members discussed opportunities available for parkland for the new subdivisions. The following motion was passed.

Moved by Little and Seconded by Longmuir

THAT the Mansfield Parks Committee request that Council consult with the Mansfield community and the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee with respect to the development of parkland in the proposed Mansfield subdivisions. **CARRIED.**

MOTION #2

Members discussed the feasibility and impact of installing lighting at the baseball diamond and upgrades to the Honeywood baseball diamond to address the need for greater diamond time in Mulmur. The following motion was passed:

Moved by Little and Seconded by Pendleton

WHEREAS the Mansfield Minor Ball is currently going outside of Mulmur to utilize diamonds that have access to power for use of pitching machines;
NOW THEREFORE the Mansfield Parks Committee respectfully request that Council reconsider providing hydro access to the Honeywood Baseball diamond for use of Mulmur user groups specifically Minor Ball. **CARRIED.**

MOTION #3

Members discussed the pickleball grant and expressed a desire to investigate the feasibility of supplying pickleball materials at the Thomson Trail Park. The following motion was passed:

Moved by Little and Seconded by Longmuir

THAT the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee respectfully request Council consider placement of the Township's pickleball materials and painting of lines at the Thomson Trail Park. **CARRIED.**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive the report of Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk, Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee Motions to Council;

AND THAT Council direct staff to consult with the public, residents of Mansfield and the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee on park development in Mansfield;

AND THAT Council provide direction to staff on the installation of hydro at the Honeywood Baseball Diamond;

AND FURTHER THAT Council support the placement of one pickleball set at the Thomson Trail Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk



INFORMATION

NDCC Financial Analysis

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide background information related to the annual capital and operating costs to run the North Dufferin Community Centre (NDCC).

BACKGROUND

The Councils of Melancthon and Mulmur discussed the users and costs of operating the NDCC at the joint meeting of March 21, 2023. Discussions also included Melancthon's contributions towards specific capital costs.

ANALYSIS:

2017 AGREEMENT

The 2017 NDCC agreement was founded on a partnership structure, with 50% contributions to the operating and capital costs. In 2023 this amount equates to \$47,000 for operating, and \$15,000 for capital.

PERCENTAGE OF USAGE

Users of the NDCC vary from year to year but are generally made up of a third Melancthon residents, a third Mulmur residents and a third out-of-area users. More detailed analysis over the past decade shows an average of approximately 38% of total users being from Melancthon.

The table found as Schedule A to this report provides the actual breakdown of users from 2012-2022, excluding hourly ice rentals and hall rentals.

OPERATING COSTS

The annual operating costs of the NDCC are approximately \$200,000 with a revenue income of approximately \$100,000. This results in a shortfall of approximately \$100,000 to cover net operating costs.

Applying the same ratio of Melancthon users of minor hockey/figure skating (38%), to all other rentals, would equate to a contribution of approximately \$38,000 towards operating.

CAPITAL

The capital budget for the NDCC varies from year to year but should be based on creating and maintaining sufficient reserves to meet future capital needs. As per the asset management plan the amount required is \$58,150 per year. The capital budget for 2023 is \$30,000.

Meeting the capital needs of the NDCC facility requires a capital budget greater than the annual amortization of \$43,538 because amortization is based on historical costs and not future costs. The replacement cost and time remaining until replacement needs to be considered when budgeting the amount to be transferred into reserves. Given that the building needs major capital investment within the next few years, we are reliant on grants to fund these costs.

Applying the same ratio of Melancthon users of minor hockey/figure skating (38%), to all other rentals, would equate to a capital contribution of approximately \$16,544 (38% of amortization).

5 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

The Township has a list of capital needs that are used for determining the capital budget, grant opportunities and transfers to reserves.

Capital needs over the next five years include:

- Zamboni (10k)
- Ice surface (800k)
- Expansion (new changerooms and washrooms)
- Roof (50k)
- Lift/elevator (100k – assumption of 80% Trillium grant or 100% accessibility grant)

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

1. Growing a Sustainable Mulmur

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Since 2017, the NDCC has operated with an annual net loss of approximately \$100,000 a year, with Mulmur and Melancthon each contributing approximately \$50,000.

Mulmur's \$50,000 contribution currently equates to approximately 1.25% of Mulmur's total budget. Without neighbouring contributions, Mulmur's budget would need to further increase by approximately 1.25% (being a grand total of 2.5% of Mulmur's total budget) to maintain operations of the NDCC facility.

April 5, 2023

Staff will continue to further analyze the financial implications of out-of-area charges.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Atkinson

Tracey Atkinson, BES MCIP RPP, M.M Dipl
CAO/Clerk/Planner

Heather Boston

Heather Boston, CPA, CA, CGA, BComm
Treasurer

Schedule A – 2012-2022 NDCC User Information

SCHEDULE A

Minor Hockey / Figure Skating Usage by Municipality

Municipality	Minor Hockey										
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Mulmur	43	40	32		39	25	33	38			44
Melancthon	73	55	36		40	32	31	37			47
Other	46	31	39		41	40	38	44			44
Totals	162	126	107	0	120	97	102	119	0	0	135

Municipality	Figure Skating										
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Mulmur	6	5	5		4	9	11	14	12	12	10
Melancthon	12	10	13		6	8	16	15	11	11	11
Other	17	9	0		1	0	6	7	6	6	4
Totals	35	24	18	0	11	17	33	36	29	29	25

Municipality	Total											Average	% Share
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23		
Mulmur	49	45	37	0	43	34	44	52	12	12	54	34.73	31%
Melancthon	85	65	49	0	46	40	47	52	11	11	58	42.18	38%
Other	63	40	39	0	42	40	44	51	6	6	48	34.45	31%
Totals	197	150	125	0	131	114	135	155	29	29	160	111.36	



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INFORMATION

2023 1st QTR Planning Report

2023 Municipal Approvals / Building Permits

ROLL #	DEVELOPMENT TYPE
5 00120	ACCESSORY STRUCTURE GARAGE
6 08700	SEPTIC REPLACEMENT
1 12276	Pool Enclosure
1 31050	Solar Panels (Roof Mounted)
1 11800	Interior Renovations
1 01900	DEMO DWELLING
1 01900	new dwelling
2 00700	IMPLEMENT SHED ADDITION
1 21800	Solar Panels (Roof Mounted)
2023 BUILDING PERMITS TO DATE: 9	

Zoning Amendments

File Number	Type	Status
Z01-2023	Chouhan Rezoning (set backs and lot coverage)	Complete
2023 Zoning Applications To Date: 1		

Consent Applications

File Number	Type	Status
B01-2023	Bonnefield Lot Re-Creation	Open
B02-2023	Bonnefield Lot Re-Creation	Open
2023 Consent Applications To Date: 2		

Site Plan Agreements

File Number	Type	Status
2023 Site Plan Applications To Date: 0		

Subdivisions

File Number	Type	Status
SUB01-2021	Primrose Employment subdivision	Ongoing
SUB02-2021	Armstrong Residential subdivision	Ongoing

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator



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INFORMATION

2023 1st QTR By-law Enforcement Report

The following enforcement files were received and/or remain open as of the 1st QTR 2023. Please note, the list below does not include complaints received that were resolved without taking enforcement measures.

ROLL #	COMPLAINT	STATUS
1-24200	Noise	2022 - Open
4-11100	Property Standards	2022 - Open
1-11450	Animal Control	2023 - Open
2023 BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT FILES TO DATE: 1		

SPRING TOWN HALL AGENDA

9:00 AM: Council Meeting (Closed Session)

9:30 AM: Garden Market Opens - (9 Vendors)

Meet and Greet (Refreshments provided)

10:00 AM: Town Hall Meeting

- Opening Remarks and Introductions
- Garden Township – Vision for the Township
- Recreation in Mulmur
 - What do you want to see in the new parklands in Mansfield?
 - How can we better utilize the North Dufferin Community Centre
- OPP Seniors Education (Fraud) – Aux/Const Jason Miles
- Closing Remarks



THE SHEPHERD'S CUPBOARD Foodbank
167 Centre St. Shelburne, Ontario. L9V 3R8

February 28, 2023

The Township of Mulmur
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RE: The Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank

Dear Mayor Janet Horner and Council:

We are contacting you today to inform you of the needs of the foodbank. The Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank has been in operation for 32 years here in Shelburne, serving not only the Town of Shelburne, but also residents in Melancthon, Mulmur, North Amaranth and North Mono. The foodbank is open on Wednesdays in the day and Thursdays in the evenings weekly. We are open daily to receive any emergency calls for food that are left on the foodbank extension on the main town line or that come in via our Facebook page. We deliver to medically fragile seniors once a month and also have a travelling Seniors Market that goes to the four county run seniors homes in Shelburne, looking to possibly expand that to include a rural location later this year. We assist in August with Rotary to provide a Backpack Program and in December to provide Christmas Hampers. We are 100% volunteer operated which allows all donations to be used on our clients. We have a board of directors and operate utilizing around 60 volunteers. We are currently housed on the bottom level of the Mel Lloyd Centre where our rent is lieu of accessing certain grants with the county. We are not licensed, but are loosely housed under the umbrellas of Compass Community Church and Trinity United Church so we can give tax receipts. We are able to do all this through the generous donations we receive and through grants. Since COVID, we have experienced unprecedented growth in usage numbers, coupled with high food costs and stock acquisition difficulties.

We have accessed a municipal grant from the Town of Shelburne and were asked to approach the other municipalities that utilize our services to see what funding is available. We would also like these municipalities to investigate ongoing ways they can inform their residents of the increased need of food insecurity and promote both food and monetary donations. Many of our current volunteers are residents of Mulmur and are eager to see there is ongoing support for the foodbank. We were very happy to



have been contacted in November of your holiday food drive for the foodbank and did provide the requested list of most needed items but were quite taken aback when we heard that donations were delivered to the Orangeville foodbank.

We would be happy to appear as a delegation to answer any questions about the foodbank, it's services and the ongoing needs. we look forward to hearing from you how the township plans on helping us continue to assist those experiencing food insecurity in Mulmur.

Many thanks!

Sincerely,

The Board of the Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank



for food. for farming.
for our future.

March 8, 2023

Dear Mayor Horner and Members of the Mulmur Council

On behalf of Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance we are writing to thank you for your continuing support of the Headwaters Farm Fresh Guide. It was another successful year for the guide and our local farmers.

Life is returning to normal after the pandemic. And one positive thing that came out of Covid was people's interest in finding local, nutritious food. More than ever people are searching out their local food providers. They are finding new — and old — farmers at their farmers' markets. They are shopping online with more and more producers. They are visiting on-farm stores to keep contact with their local neighbourhood farmers. The richness of this ability to connect with our local farmers is one of the things that makes living in Headwaters such a unique experience.

As well as connecting our local community with fresh, healthy food, the annual Headwaters Farm Fresh Guide is used by visitors to our region who are looking for local food and beverages. It provides an opportunity for local farmers to develop relationships with their neighbours. Every dollar that is spent on this project goes toward building a stronger community.

We continue to partner with In the Hills magazine to distribute the guide to 45,000 households in Headwaters via their June issue. The guide can also be found online at <http://headwatersfarmfresh.ca>. As well, we will be printing an additional 5,000 copies of the stand-alone guide to be distributed to Town offices, libraries, local eating and drinking establishments, and at long last, fall fairs and other outdoor events.

This year, with the cost of everything rising, we depend more than ever on your support for this essential community asset, which benefits local food producers and contributes to the well-being of eaters in the Orangeville area.

We respectfully request a contribution of \$500.00 to help cover the costs of updating, printing, distributing and promoting the 2023 Headwaters Farm Fresh Guide.

We appreciate Council's consideration of this request. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Marci Lipman, HFFFA Co-Chair 416-346-5511

Karen Hutchinson, HFFFA Agriculture and Food Sector Representative 416-802-7245

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Re: Strawberry Supper Report

I first want to bring to the board's attention that there are some incorrect statements in your report.

The Take A Break Group had nothing to do with the Strawberry Supper since July 1st 2017.

The July 1st 2017 strawberry supper completed 150 years of Strawberry Suppers sponsored by Lavender and Honeywood United Church communities.

I have enclosed the letter which was sent to the North Dufferin Recreation Committee Board in February of 2018. The letter stated as a group we no longer wished to organize any further strawberry suppers.

We offered the Recreation Committee the opportunity to continue the Strawberry supper as a fundraiser for the arena.

Some of our ladies continued to help as Volunteers.

In April or May of 2018 Debbie Fawcett phoned and asked me if I would help her head the Strawberry Supper on July 1st of which I agreed to do. We set a date and 2 ladies from the Take A Break including myself met at Hornings Mills Hall with Debbie and discussed the supper along with handing over all information.

: Quantities of food and supplies required

: Where the food and supplies were purchased

: List of phone numbers of volunteers who donated food and worked. This information seems to have been misplaced.

I have included the list that I handed over that day.

Some of the food (potato salads, jellied salads) was donated by Take A Break ladies and the community at large. Since some of the group wished to no longer participate, Debbie and I had to call others in the community for food donations. At the same time we asked if they could provide something for the dessert table.

All of the supplies, table cloths, cutlery etc. and ingredients for the bean and carrot salad were bought by Harold and Margaret Ritchie and myself at the

Wholesale Club in Barrie. I also made a second trip to Barrie for tablecloths and to pick up slab cakes that were ordered from Costco. The trips to Barrie, the many trips to Honeywood for planning meetings, to the arena for salad making, helping to set up and wash tables and chairs were all a part of many hours of volunteer work I contributed to the community. Speaking for myself and many others we never expected to receive remuneration, or a free supper when working / volunteering for a community fund raiser.

Debbie asked Crystal Lucas to help us 2019. Due to family circumstances I could not help with further planning nor be at the supper. I immediately gave Debbie the names of the people I had contacted for food and volunteer workers. I understand there were problems when they gathered at the arena to prepare the bean and carrot salad. It was discovered there was not enough potato salad asked for. Some of the ladies who were there decided to double up and making their potato salad for 50 instead of 25.

When I returned home I was told the bills for the supper had been mislaid and nothing was paid for. I contacted the stores where we purchased the food and gave the bills to Mulmur Township for payment.

On Sunday June 19, 2022, a phone call was received by a Take A Break member requesting the phone numbers of the Take A Break ladies. She declined because Take A Break was no longer a catering group. Most of us ladies were happy to have retired from the baking, preparing salads and dedicating their July 1st to a very busy and tiring day. They looked forward to attending and enjoying a relaxing, wonderful strawberry supper.

It was also stated that no arrangements for food or workers had been made at this time. The advertising posters had been made by Mulmur Township.

For this reason as a Take A Break member I knew, how much work, planning and preparation (salad and dessert providers, kitchen help, meat rollers, table help, strawberry hullers, etc.) it takes to make sure you have enough food and volunteer help to make the Strawberry Supper a successful event.

Therefore I felt cancelling might be the route to take at this late date.

The people, of local and surrounding areas near and far, have always supported our Take A Break group. We became successful by working together to contribute \$60,000.00 back into our communities.

The dedicated spirit of the many volunteers including our husbands and families and friends who gave their time and effort every year is why the famous Honeywood BBQ (1965- 2019) and the Strawberry Supper (150 years) were so successful.

For those who are new to the North Dufferin Management Board, the Women's Institute and then the Take A Break kept the arena kitchen supplied with dishes, stoves, fridges, dishwasher, cutlery, pots and pans etc. These were all necessary for the Norduff Room to be rented out by the Township of Mulmur.

Our group has had nothing to do with this supper since 2017 and I cannot believe or understand why we have been included in this report at all.

The Take A Break has worked hard for the arena and the community and to be saddled with accusations that we were not willing to supply contact information nor help in any way is not appropriate and an insult to me and our group of ladies.

Therefore being condemned for things that are not true and in reports that anyone can read, I think that a public apology should be forthcoming to the ladies of the Take A Break.

Thank you for taking the time to read and discuss this letter at your Management Meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Weatherall". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Submitted by Elizabeth Weatherall,

Chester Tupling

Chairman,

North Dufferin Arena Management Committee

Re: Strawberry Supper 2018

The Take A Break Ladies held their meeting on Monday February 26th and discussed the letter from you and Bert on the Strawberry Supper.

We came to an agreement that there were not enough ladies to organize and carry out the supper this year, but some are willing to help by providing food and also working.

We are willing to provide you with the guide lines as to quantities and those who provided the food, schedules and helpers.

As a group commitment we are sorry that we can no longer do the supper but hopefully some of us can group with you to keep July 1st an on going event.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Weatherall.

Take A Break

Strawberry Supper 2018

- 25 lbs carrots (just right) (after peeled and ends removed, small carrots if big cut in half)
- 7 large cans mixed beans (1 can to many) (Wholesale Barrie)
- 4 2 kg bags frozen green beans
- 4 cans yellow beans (just for colour)
- 10 large green peppers
- 10 large red onions
- 10 cans tomato soup
- 1 jug white vinegar
- 1 jug cider vinegar
- 1 ½ bags white sugar

Mazola oil (not cheap oil)

Table plastic from Party place Barrie Koslov mall

Plates 10 ½" and dessert plates, white plastic cutlery (Yellow box sturdy), dessert forks (middle price), styro cups and juice cups (red plastic) from Wholesale Club Barrie. (Watch price of cups larger can be cheaper.

Strawberries (Lennox Farms) Mary Lynne ordered probably use 2 flats less but all were sold with no problem

Cabbage (Sanflipo, Collingwood, Carol Rutledge ordered for us)
3 boxes each had 4 bags probable 2 boxes would do)

1 Bunch Parsley needed

Meat Black Forest Ham (Foodland Shelburne, too much and not cut properly could not be rolled nicely had too much white fat in places)

Buns (Foodland) 3 – 4 dozen left over

Butter pats (3 bags 120 each) Wholesale Club (few left over, much better than regular butter whipped as they can take to their seat and not hold up line

Mustard 2 – 3 containers probably some left

Pickles 5 large jars (1 left over) Sweet Mixed, Pat Tupling ordered and they were donated

Could use a couple more **jellied salads**

Lots **potato salad**

Dessert was good

Cans of whipped topping (Deb)

Need more people on clean up duty at last (young legs to carry upstairs)

1 jug **juice** would probably do (1 large can each peach, orange and 3 bags lemonade. (Wholesale Club)

2 jugs **water**

2 large and 1 smaller pot **coffee**

1 box **sugar packets** (Wholesale Club) 2000 per box cheaper than buying bags of packets

Need some packets of **Sweetner**

Flower arrangement for serving table and other tables by Marie Halliday (just adds colour and looks nice)

Coffee / water stations set up each side of arena about the middle and works well to keep congestion away from front where the traffic serving the head table and patrons are.

Arena set up the same way as for the barbeque with the exception of the serving table (no stall divisions) and the dessert table is in the middle divide between the first length of 5 rows of tables and the second set of 5 rows of tables.

With this set up there was room for all to be seated with no line up very important to the older folks, heat wise and standing in line.

Some chairs set around for patrons to use and visit.

Floor was really wet from sweat after people came in, maybe needs to be opened up earlier and floor let sweat earlier in the season. Temperature was good inside but really hot outside.

Report on Strawberry Supper – 2022
Submitted by: Janet Horner

It takes a Village? It takes two Townships, International visitors and a lot of friends!

After a two-year hiatus, the Strawberry Supper returned to the North Dufferin Community Centre on July 1, 2022. After the Supper in 2019, the “Take a Break” group of Honeywood had announced that they would no longer be offering the Supper as their members had felt that the event was too much work for their small group. In 2019, 375 people attended the Supper.

At the April 2022 meeting of the Management Board, it was decided that the Board could consider offering the Supper again and it would be run by new volunteers. Mayor Horner offered to contact Crystal Lucas, who had previously helped at the supper to see if she had interest and Debbie Fawcett, Board member to see if a core of experience could be assembled. Both expressed an interest in continuing the Supper. Unfortunately, the next two meetings of the Board were cancelled – May and June due to lack of quorum.

Covid seemed to be trending downward and planning began in early June and despite the dire warnings from the Honeywood group that the event was sure to fail, plans began to come together. There were extensive notes re the food quantities required and the suppliers that had been used in the past. Because we had no idea how many people would actually come to the event, we decided to plan for approximately 300 attendees. As food prices have increased since 2019, we decided to charge \$20 for adults and \$10. For children 6-12. Under 6 were free.

Our biggest challenge for the supper was getting volunteers to contribute food and time for the day of the event. The previous group would not share any phone numbers or email contacts so we had to contact Board members, council members and friends and family to have enough help and food.

Posters were developed at the Mulmur Township Office and posted at mailboxes and businesses to advertise the Supper

The Food

The menu was modified slightly and Crystal arranged and personally purchased all food items. Janet and Crystal assembled paper products and supplies from previous events in Mulmur and Honeywood and no new paper products or plastic had to be purchased.

Two days prior to the event, Crystal and Janet met at the arena to organize the dishes etc. in the downstairs booth space. At the same time, we prepared the bean salad and left it to marinate in the fridge. Strawberries were delivered by Lennox Farms and placed in fridges downstairs and up. Janette and Dave McFarlane and Crystal’s family members arrived to set up the tables and chairs. 130 seats were set up originally but this was expanded during the Supper to 175 seats.

With the help of Rhonda Hawkins, Janet prepared and donated potato salad for 200 people. Additional potato salad was donated by 3 additional volunteers. In the past there had been potato salad donations from 17 people. Other salad volunteers contributed Green Salad, Jellied Salads, and Pasta Salads. Unfortunately, Debbie's family faced a significant health crisis, so her participation was limited but she was able to contribute 10 pies to the event. Pies and Squares were donated by a limited number of people. Anticipating a "dessert shortage" we ordered 2 slab cakes from Foodland in Shelburne. Thursday night, Crystal's family had a "ham rolling party" to roll 40 kg of Ham into foil pans for service.

The Day of the Event

At 10:00 am on July 1, a team of 7 volunteers met for 2 hours to hull 27 flats of strawberries. Those volunteers included Shaen Armstrong – a new resident from Hornings Mills, Nancy and Neil Noble, Marilyn Armstrong, Councilor Bill Neilson, Harold Ritchie and Tracey Atkinson.

Volunteers arrived at 4 pm to prepare for service beginning at 5:00. In the past, the supper has required approximately 25 people on the floor in two shifts. We had approximately 20 volunteers that were required to work for the whole evening.

Volunteers Carl and Natalie Cozack volunteered to work and brought international visitors they had at the farm with them. We had a volunteer from France manning one beverage station and a visitor from Germany on the other beverage station. A mother and son team from Ukraine were on the food table. We were very grateful for their help!

Cheryl Rowbottom stayed in the kitchen the whole time and washed dishes and replenished food items. Friends from Dundalk, Owen Sound and Markdale cleared tables, made coleslaw and acted as runners. We couldn't have done this without them. They stayed until the end and even paid for their dinners. Another time we should ensure that volunteers at the dinner have their meal for free as this is difficult work.

A small amount of leftover items were bought by the volunteers.

In all, approximately 275 people attended the Strawberry Supper

The day after

Arrangements had been made ahead of time with Heather Hayes at the Orangeville Food Bank to take any extra food items that we may have had left over. Because they have extensive refrigeration, this was the only food bank in the area that could take the fresh items. In all, we took 163 lbs of food to the foodbank that included – Ham, bean salad, Strawberries, Dairy products – butter, milk and cream, Salad Dressings and Shredded Cabbage.

The Money

Income

275 attendees plus cash from leftover purchases \$5,830

Expenses (receipts provided)

Dundalk Herald	84.75
Walmart	42.56
Masonville (Ice)	48.00
Foodland	823.75
Circle K	41.64
Sobeys	8.98
Wholesale Club	581.64
Shelburne Fresh	90.00
Shelburne IDA (Sanitizer and Gloves)	37.59
Lennox Farms	1015.00
Shelburne Free Press – invoice pending	

Total \$ 2773.91

Anticipated Profit - \$2975.

Recommendations

- 1) That the Board consider offering the Strawberry Supper again in 2023 but add some afternoon events that would make the day more appealing to younger families. That the day be billed as a Strawberry Festival.
- 2) That during 2022-23 email addresses and telephone numbers of volunteers and food donators be compiled. This would also allow for follow-up and thank yous.
- 3) That the money raised by the Strawberry Supper 2022 does not go into general revenues for the arena but is designated to go directly to Honeywood Minor Hockey and Figure Skating
- 4) That the Honeywood Minor Hockey and Figure Skating Groups be enlisted to help at the Strawberry Event.
- 5) That planning for the Events begin earlier in the year
- 6) That a thank you from the Board goes to Crystal Lucas and family for their efforts.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
County of Dufferin Official Plan Amendment
Municipal Comprehensive Review Phase 1 – Growth Management

TAKE NOTICE that the County of Dufferin will hold a Public Meeting pursuant to subsection 17(15) and 17(16) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, regarding a proposed first phase growth management amendment to the County of Dufferin Official Plan as a result of the County's Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) exercise under Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

PUBLIC MEETING

The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the W. & M. Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville, L9W 2X1. The purpose of the public meeting is to present the proposed first phase growth management OPA being put forward for consideration as a result of the County's MCR exercise under Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, and give an opportunity for the public to provide input.

Any person or public body wishing to participate in the meeting, may attend in-person or virtually. To join the meeting virtually on Zoom, please use the following link:
<https://dufferincounty-ca.zoom.us/j/85885372087>
Password: 011210305

If you wish to attend the meeting either in-person or virtually, please email dcmcr@dufferincounty.ca before April 12, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. to pre-register.

Written comments can be sent to the attention of the County Clerk by email or via regular mail to the address listed at the end of this notice.

The meeting will be livestreamed and will be available on the County's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/DufferinOne>

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

This proposed first phase growth management Official Plan Amendment (OPA) has been prepared in association with the County's MCR to bring the County Official Plan into conformity with the Provincial Growth Plan, A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater

Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan) (Office Consolidation 2020), ensure that it has appropriate regard for matters of Provincial interest, and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020. The Growth Plan now requires that the County plan for a population of 99,000 residents and 40,700 jobs to the year 2051. This proposed OPA represents the first of multiple amendments to the existing County Official Plan that will establish where and how growth is to occur in the County to 2051.

The first phase growth management OPA applies to the whole of the County of Dufferin and therefore, a key map is not provided with this Notice.

NOTE: The County is specifically looking for your input on the first phase growth management OPA at this time. There will be opportunity through future statutory Open Houses and Public Meetings regarding additional County OPAs to address settlement area boundary expansions, natural heritage systems, and agricultural lands for the public to provide comment on these matters as it relates to specific properties, and in general.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A copy of the proposed OPA and additional information is available at <https://joinindufferin.com/dufferin-county-municipal-comprehensive-review>

NOTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed OPA, you must make a written request to the County Clerk at the address listed below. Such requests must include the name and mailing address/email address to which such notice should be sent.

NOTE: The approval authority for adopted County of Dufferin Official Plan Amendments is the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions of the public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Dufferin before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Dufferin before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless in the opinion of the Tribunal there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

NOTICE OF COLLECTION, USE, AND DISCLOSURE

All personal information collected will be used to support Council in their deliberations and decision making, and by staff, about the first phase growth management Official Plan Amendment, in accordance with sections 17 and 26 of the Planning Act and disclosed in full, including names, opinions, addresses and email, to any other persons requesting access to these records, or published as part of a public agenda. All information submitted to the County is subject to the Municipal Freedom of Information Act and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). Questions about this notice of collection should be directed to the County Clerk.

DATED at Orangeville this 17th day of March, 2023.

Michelle Dunne, County Clerk

W. & M. Edelbrock Centre

30 Centre Street, Orangeville, ON L9W 2X1

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DUFFERIN CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

REPORT CARD 2022





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On March 11, 2021 Dufferin County adopted the Dufferin Climate Action Plan, our first comprehensive strategy to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050 and build resilience to the impacts of climate change. This Report Card provides an update on the County's progress on the implementation of the Dufferin Climate Action Plan.

The climate crisis requires urgent action. The social, cultural, environmental, and economic well-being of current and future generations of Dufferin County depends on the actions we take now to confront climate change.

The Dufferin Climate Action Plan is a strategy to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 while also increasing community resilience to the impacts of climate change. Under 6 Focus Areas, the Dufferin Climate Action Plan outlines 34 primary actions and 99 sub actions that the County will take to build a net-zero and resilient community:

					
On the Move	In Our Buildings	For Our Land	Planning Our County	In Our Bins	Empowering Our Community

This Report Card, prepared for Dufferin County Council and residents, provides a summary of the actions taken in the 2022 calendar year towards our climate goals.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY

On September 8, 2022, Dufferin County Council passed a motion to declare a climate emergency, reaffirming the County's commitment to climate action.

The declaration of a climate emergency signals a commitment to urgent climate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of a changing climate. With this declaration, Dufferin County is joining 644 Canadian municipalities and over 1,200 jurisdictions globally in acknowledging that climate change poses a serious risk to the environment, infrastructure, and people.

"Dufferin County is joining municipalities across the world in declaring a climate emergency and committing to further climate action.

As the County continues to integrate climate considerations in policies, strategies, and budgets, this climate emergency declaration will help us respond with the necessary urgency to ensure Dufferin County continues to thrive and embrace new opportunities in a changing climate."

~ Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer

5 YEARS, 5 BIG MOVES

In order to shift away from business as usual and respond quickly and effectively to the climate crisis, the Dufferin Climate Action Plan identified 5 priority actions for implementation between 2021 – 2025.

Progress on each of the 5 priority actions in 2022 is reported below:

PRIORITY ACTION 1

Develop a municipally-led financing program for home energy retrofits to encourage and make the uptake of deep energy retrofitting and efficiency measures in residences more accessible for residents.

The development of a residential energy retrofit program is a priority of the Dufferin Climate Action Plan (DCAP). In 2022 Dufferin County joined the BetterHomes Ontario Consortium. The purpose of the Consortium is to develop a regional southern-Ontario Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)-style home energy retrofit program.

Following the creation of the Consortium, and with funding from FCM, the Clean Air Partnership led feasibility studies with seven Ontario municipalities – Dufferin County, London, Huntsville, Barrie, Kawartha Lakes, Clarington, and Tay Valley Township. The BetterHomes Dufferin County Energy Retrofit Program: Design Considerations report was presented to committee on June 23, 2022. The report highlighted that in addition to helping Dufferin meet its GHG reduction targets, the program will address housing affordability.

Moving forward, in 2023 the County will proceed to the next phase of the program to work with local municipalities to determine desired participation and financing mechanisms and explore FCM's Community Efficiency Financing (CEF) Capital and Grants Stream application process.



PRIORITY ACTION 2

Accelerate the transition to low GHG transportation by developing an electric vehicle charging network across Dufferin and neighbouring municipalities.

Charging Ahead: Electrifying Fleets in Dufferin

In 2022, the Climate and Energy Division implemented the project Charging Ahead: Electrifying Fleets in Dufferin, which consisted of the installation of 20 Level-2 electric vehicle connectors to support the electrification of municipal fleets. As 37.5% of corporate emissions are attributed to fleet emissions, the promotion of zero-emission vehicles and electric vehicle infrastructure development was identified as a priority for corporate fleets. Dufferin County has 12 stations at three sites, the Town of Orangeville has six stations at two sites, and Melancthon Township has two stations at one site.

Regional Electric Vehicle Network

The development of a Regional Electric Vehicle network was also initiated in 2022 in partnership with Bruce, Dufferin, Huron and Perth, the City of Guelph and the Nuclear Innovation Institute. The Community Energy Association was contracted to develop a [Regional EV Charging Network Strategy](#), which has identified a need for 17 Level 3 Direct Current Fast Charger locations across the study area. Currently Dufferin and regional partners are seeking a consultant to support the installation of the network by the end of 2023.

PRIORITY ACTION 3

Empower the community to take climate action by institutionalizing climate action in municipal planning and supporting community awareness, education, and knowledge sharing initiatives.

Community empowerment is central to the implementation of the Dufferin Climate Action Plan. In 2022 education and engagement activities focused on home flood protection, active transportation, residential energy efficiency, and the creation of volunteer programming.

Home Flood Protection Campaign

In collaboration with Emergency Management, the Home Flood Protection campaign ran from May 1 to May 31 with the goal of educating and encouraging residents to undertake low-cost measures to reduce home flood risk. The campaign included the creation of a [resource webpage](#) and the promotion of education materials through social media, newspaper and radio ads, and an instructive video featuring Warden Wade Mills. The campaign concluded with a webinar featuring Cheryl Evans, Director of Flood and Wildfire Resilience at the Intact Centre on Adaptation.

Bike Month

In celebration of Bike Month the County invited local cyclists and families to explore Orangeville through a self-guided community ride on June 25, 2022. Community stations were hosted by Sustainable Orangeville, Downtown Orangeville, Cycling Elements, Orangeville OPP, Orangeville Hydro, the Town of Orangeville, and the County's Climate and Energy, Forest, and Waste Services Divisions. 17 participants registered and Climate Action in Dufferin had about 50 community conversations during the event.

Home Energy Efficiency Campaign

From October 5 to November 30 2022 the Climate and Energy Division ran a community-wide energy efficiency campaign to educate and encourage residents to take low-cost actions to reduce their climate impact, increase comfort, and unlock savings in their home. The campaign included the creation of a [resource webpage](#) and the promotion of education materials through social media, newspaper ads, and the distribution of free home energy savings kits to residents. The campaign concluded with a Home Energy Savings workshop featuring Adam Dixon from Knowenergy.

Youth Climate Activation Circle

The County of Dufferin was 1 of 10 municipalities across Canada accepted into the Agents of Change Program delivered by ICLEI Canada. The program provided \$15,000 in funding and offered support in the design of a municipally-led volunteer engagement program. In 2022 the Climate and Energy Division launched the [Youth Climate Activation Circle](#), a volunteer program to empower 8 youth (ages 16 -25) to advance local climate solutions. Between October 2022 and October 2023 Youth Climate Ambassadors, will participate in climate change training and collectively design and implement a community project that supports greenhouse gas emission reductions in the County's priority sectors, while sharing their learnings and success to inspire the wider community.

In addition to primary engagement activities, in 2022 the Climate and Energy Division led 7 workshops and events including an Earth Day action workshop, Storytime at Shelburne Library, Coffee, Tea, and Connection at Grand Valley Library, a teacher information session, and a sustainable transportation workshop in collaboration with Upper Grand District School Board. In the community, staff hosted educational booths at 5 community events including Orangeville Lions Home Show, Blues and Jazz Festival, Orangeville Rotary Ribfest, Let's Make Mono Shine, and Melancthon Day.



PRIORITY ACTION 4

Support climate-resiliency initiatives in agricultural and natural systems to enhance food security, support local farmers, and protect natural systems.

The Climate and Energy Division began a collaboration with Our Food Future and Wellington County to deliver the Experimental Acres Pilot, which provided \$6000 in funding to 7 Dufferin farmers to adopt regenerative agriculture practices on a small scale. 2022 projects included:

- No-till brussels sprouts
- Managed grazing of pigs
- Tarping to break hay
- Incorporation of hedge row into fence line
- Tallgrass prairie planting
- Cover cropping a market garden

The goal of the pilot is to backstop any risk, develop a community of support, and assist in capturing the business cases that can demonstrate what will be worth repeating.

In addition to the Experimental Acres Pilot, the County supported the Ontario Agroforest Network application to the Living Labs Initiative and allocated \$50,000 in 2023 Budget to develop a Master Plan for the former DEEP site.





PROGRESS SUMMARY

PRIORITY ACTION 5

Create green development standards to ensure new development is environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable.

Green Development Standards are measures created by municipalities to encourage environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable design. GDS are comprehensive principles to guide development at a level of planning and design that focuses on the community as a whole, while using resources effectively and efficiently.

The Counties of Dufferin, Grey, and Wellington are in the early stages of developing a tri-county Green Development Standard to find efficiencies in the process as well as creating a degree of alignment across the region to provide more consistency for developers. To support this project, funding support will be sought through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

The Report Card identifies the County's progress to date on the implementation of the actions in the Dufferin Climate Action Plan since its release in March of 2021.

Each action is categorized in one of the following status categories:

COMPLETE

The action has been implemented.

IN PROGRESS

Work on this action is actively underway.

ONGOING

This action will be implemented on an ongoing or reoccurring basis.

EARLY STAGES

Early work has been started, but requires additional work and resources to develop and implement.

DELAYED

Implementation of this action is delayed to a later date.

FUTURE ACTION

Implementation of this action is delayed to a later date.

DISCONTINUED

For specified reasons, this action has been discontinued.



ON THE MOVE

Embracing diverse and low-emission transportation options is essential, as transportation represents 49% of Dufferin’s total emissions.

This means making climate-friendly transportation options convenient, accessible, and maintainable for community members. In 2022, Dufferin County:



Installed 20 Level-2 electric vehicle charging stations throughout the County in collaboration with Town of Orangeville and the Township of Melancthon



Completed a Feasibility Study and began progressing towards the implementation of a regional electric vehicle charging station network with the Counties of Grey, Perth, Huron and Bruce.



Virtually visited classrooms at the Upper Grand District School Board to promote sustainable transportation options and electric vehicle awareness.



Hosted a Community Bike Ride on June 25 2022, with community partners including Sustainable Orangeville, Cycling Elements, Orangeville OPP, Orangeville Hydro, the Town of Orangeville, and the County’s Forest and Waste Services Divisions.



Initiated the development of a Green Fleet Strategy through the Asset Management Initiative to electrify County fleet vehicles.

ACTION T1

Expand public transit options and support fleet electrification (See T5)

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
In Progress	Review bus routes and optimize connectivity and service within and between local and regional municipalities	2021 Transit Feasibility Study Report was completed on November 30, 2021.
		2022 Dufferin County Council allocated \$25,000 to explore on-demand transit options through Dufferin County Community Support Services.
Future Action	Advocate for increased GO transit service	Will support as opportunities arise.

ACTION T2

Increase public awareness of and education on climate friendly travel modes

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Ongoing	Develop an accessible educational campaign to prioritize active transportation and public transit, particularly for trips under 5km	2021 Bike Month Scavenger Hunt and cycling safety campaign hosted from June 1 – 30, 2021.
		2022 Community Bike Ride hosted on June 25 2022. Workshop on Sustainable Transportation hosted with UGDSB in July 2022 Ongoing social media promotion of active transportation options/benefits
Delayed	Develop an accessible educational campaign for trips over 10km to prioritize carpooling options (particularly for commuters) and telecommuting when possible	2022 Workshop on Sustainable Transportation hosted with UGDSB in July 2022

ACTION T3

Promote climate friendly driving habits to reduce GHG emissions associated with passenger vehicles

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Discontinued	Develop anti-idling campaigns to improve compliance with local anti-idling by-law	Anti-idling by-laws are already in place in local municipalities such as Mono, Orangeville, and Shelburne. Initial research indicates the potential impact this action on GHG emissions reduce is low, making this action a low priority for implementation. County will support as opportunities arise.
Discontinued	Work with businesses and organizations to create anti-idling policies	Initial research indicates the potential impact on GHG emissions reduce is low, making this action a low priority for implementation. County will support as opportunities arise.
In progress	Promote and increase awareness of existing eco-driving courses and insurance programs	2022 Eco-driving courses and available insurance incentives promoted across Climate Action in Dufferin social media channels in March 2022

ACTION T4

Work with regional and municipal partners to expand low and zero-emission vehicle uptake and charging networks

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
In progress	Partner with municipalities to develop a regional Electric Vehicle Strategy to achieve network connectivity	2021 Feasibility Study in development and regional EV survey distributed from Feb 1 – 15, 2022.
		2022 Feasibility Study completed in May 2022. Initiating Implementation Phase in progress.RFP developed for third-party implementation partner.
Complete	Develop EV policy at the County level to ensure consistency throughout the development of a County charging network	2021 Electric Vehicle Charging Station Policy and User Fees passed at Council on September 9, 2021.
Ongoing	Leverage funding opportunities to install charging stations throughout County	2021 Installation of Charge Up in Dufferin Network of 22 Level-2 2 Level-3 charging stations complete.
		2022 20 Level 2 charging stations installed at 6 sites around the County in collaboration with Town of Orangeville and the Township of Melancthon
Delayed	Work with local businesses and organizations to encourage low-emission and electric vehicles to be included in fleets	2021 & 2022 Likely to revisit in 2023 with action plan.
Ongoing	Educate and raise awareness of the benefits of electric vehicles among residents and local businesses	2021 Education campaign implemented November 2021 including test-drive event, social media campaign, and webpage launch. EV education workshops hosted Upper Grand District School Board in November 2021.
		2022 Applied to ZEVAI funding for an Electrifying Back Roads Campaign, but was unsuccessful Promotion of Charge Up in Dufferin network and EV benefits across Climate Action in Dufferin platforms and at community events
		Sustainable Transportation workshop hosted with Upper Grand District School Board in July 2022.



ACTION T5

Encourage the electrification of public transit vehicles and fleet vehicles

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Early Stages	Work with local municipalities to develop strategy to transition to electric public transit fleets	2022 Green Fleet Strategy in development through the Asset Management Initiative Town of Orangeville is conducting a feasibility study to determine options for fleet electrification
Future Action	Investigate options to electrify school bus fleets	Will support as partnership and funding opportunities arise.

ACTION T6

Create accessible and walkable communities

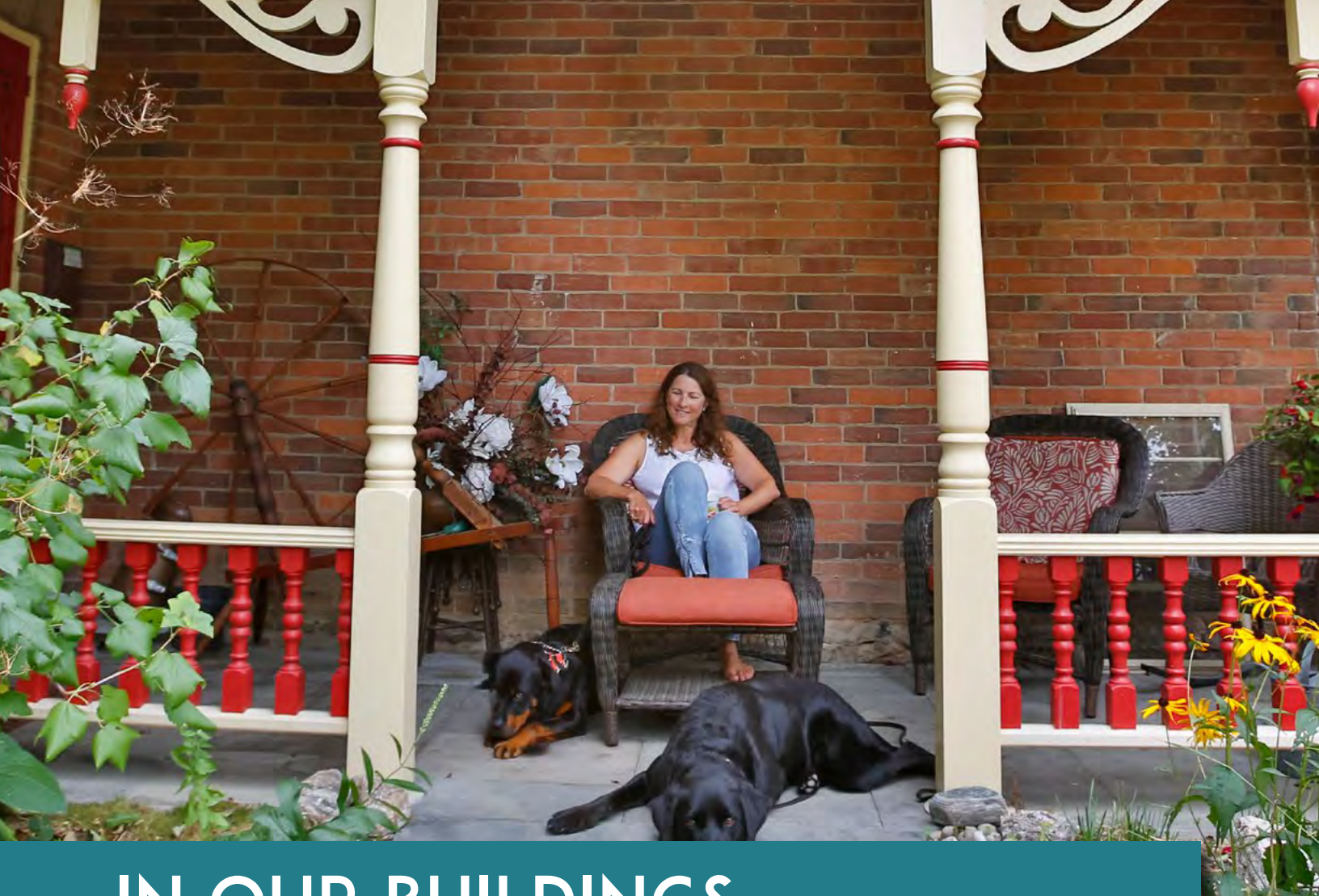
STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Future Action	Improve pedestrian crossing, comfortable walking route, and maps/ signage	2022 Town of Orangeville exploring options to enhance active transportation routes including conversion of rail line to shared pathway.
In Progress	Coordinate and expand accessible trails, walking, and cycling infrastructure throughout the County	2022 Rail Trail expansion project underway, Resurfacing expected to start in 2023. County Forest Division developed Outdoor Recreation Plan .

ACTION T7

Develop a TDM Plan and marketing strategy

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Delayed	Create a TDM Plan in partnership with local employers and neighbouring municipalities	After evaluation, it is too premature to do a TDM without having a public transportation plan. Timeline should be shifted to the next DCAP update.
Delayed	Develop an engagement process to include community members in the TDM planning process	After evaluation, it is too premature to do a TDM without having a public transportation plan. Timeline should be shifted to the next DCAP update.





IN OUR BUILDINGS

Residential, commercial, and industrial buildings account for 29% of Dufferin’s total GHG emissions.

To reduce emissions Dufferin County has set a 2050 target of net-zero emissions buildings. In 2022, Dufferin County:



Joined the **Ontario BetterHomes Consortium** to leverage existing resources in the development of a municipally led financing program for deep energy retrofits.



Implemented a **home energy efficiency campaign in November 2022**, including a workshop for residents and the distribution of free home energy savings kits.

ACTION B1

Promote deep energy retrofit programs and provide information on resources and financing programs

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Complete	Complete a feasibility study undertaking a baseline assessment of Dufferin County's housing stock and energy upgrade potential, including the cost benefit of different types of retrofits to maximize dollars spent	2021 Completed a feasibility study for a deep energy retrofit financing program with Lightspark Software outlining existing housing stock and initial uptake analysis.
In Progress	Investigate options to develop municipally led financing program for residential deep energy and resiliency retrofits	2021 Exploration of financing options in progress. 2022 Joined the Ontario BetterHomes Consortium to leverage existing resources in the development of a municipally led financing program for deep energy retrofits. Engagement underway with local municipalities.
Future Action	Implement selected municipally led financing program for residential deep energy and resiliency retrofits with a strategic lens to address energy poverty	
Future Action	Support existing training programs for contractors to complete home energy work	
Ongoing	Educational campaign on home energy efficiency and fuel switching	2022 Education campaign implemented throughout November 2022, including including workshop, distribution of free home energy savings kits, radio and social media campaign, and webpage launch.
Future Action	Explore options for customer utility data comparison	



ACTION B2

Promote home resilience programs and provide information on resources and financing program

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Early Stages	Create resilience check-list for residences	2022 Resilience measures for flood protection shared through Home Flood Protection campaign.
Ongoing	Improve homes and businesses capacity to manage stormwater on-site through education campaigns, trainings, programs, and on-site consultations	2022 Home Flood Protection campaign held throughout May 2022 including workshop, development of education video, radio and social media campaign, and webpage launch.
Early Stages	Support training programs for contractors to complete resilience work	2022 Exploring options to support through BetterHomes Consortium.

ACTION B3

Support retrofit, energy, and resilience upgrades for rental homes and apartments

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Ongoing	Educate building occupants and landlords on available energy retrofit programs and encourage participation in future financing options led by the County	2022 Education campaign implemented throughout November 2022, including including workshop, distribution of free home energy savings kits. social media campaign, and webpage launch.
Delayed	Explore feasibility to require property standards by-law for maximum temperature in rented residences	2022 Case study review to be completed as student project in 2023

ACTION B4

Ensure all new buildings are net-zero emissions ready through the implementation of green development standards (See Action P2)

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Early Stages	Prioritize building designs that reduce energy demand and increase efficiency (passive cooling, air source heat pump, ground source heat pump, triple pane windows, light coloured roofs, etc.)	2022 Early stages of a Tri-County Green Development Standard in collaboration with Grey and Wellington Counties.
Early Stages	Prioritize climate resilient building designs (e.g. flood prevention strategies, passive cooling designs, expansion of hurricane clip program)	2022 Early stages of a Tri-County Green Development Standard in collaboration with Grey and Wellington Counties.

ACTION B5

Develop ecoindustrial park/business zone that is a low-GHG development zone

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Discontinued	Investigate the potential for district energy systems to maximize energy efficiency	2022 Current capacity constraints make this action infeasible at this time and ICI emissions locally are low, making this a lower-priority.
Discontinued	Work with local municipalities to review and enhance local Community Improvement Plans (CIP) to enable retrofits to commercial buildings	2022 Current capacity constraints make this action infeasible at this time and ICI emissions locally are low, making this a lower-priority.

ACTION B6

Increase capacity of ICI stakeholders to achieve energy efficiency and GHG reduction goals

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Ongoing	Encourage ICI stakeholders to take advantage of energy efficiency programs and incentives for new and remodeled buildings	2022 Climate and Energy Division shares programs, resources, and funding opportunities with ICI stakeholders as opportunities arise.
Ongoing	Support educational campaigns and training for owners and employees to maximize energy efficiency and options for retrofits	2022 Climate and Energy Division shares programs, resources, and funding opportunities with ICI stakeholders as opportunities arise.



FOR OUR LAND

While agriculture accounts for 16% of Dufferin’s GHG emissions, both natural and agricultural lands serve as carbon sinks and provide important services to the community.

Dufferin’s natural systems play a key role in adapting to climate change by providing essential stormwater management and purification services, mitigating extreme heat, and supporting biodiversity. In 2022, Dufferin County:



Partnered with the County of Wellington to launch the Experimental Acres Farm Pilot to provide funding and support to 7 Dufferin farmers to adopt regenerative agriculture practices on a small scale.



Allocated \$50,000 in 2023 Budget to develop a Master Plan for the former DEEP site.



Implemented Home Flood Protection campaign in May 2022 including workshop, development of education video, radio and social media campaign, and webpage launch.



ACTION L1

Promote and incentivize the adoption of climate-friendly practices in agriculture sector

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
In progress	Complete a study detailing the barriers preventing the adoption of climate-friendly and resilient practices in agriculture and the values that facilitate adoption	2021 Initially had PhD student to do this work; however, their area of research changed
		2022 Climate and Energy Division shares programs, resources, and funding opportunities with ICI stakeholders as opportunities arise.
In progress	Support evolving research opportunities investigating the carbon sequestration potential of agriculture sector	2021 Experimental Acres Project in progress with the County of Wellington.
		2022 Support of Ontario Agroforest Network application to the Living Labs Initiative. Research on soil carbon sequestration underway as component of Experimental Acres Pilot program.
Ongoing	Encourage regenerative and ecological agriculture practices where applicable such as no-till and cover crops to control run off, tile, or controlled drainage systems	2021 Experimental Acres Project in progress with the County of Wellington. Hosted Agriculture Roundtable on September 15th promoting the Rural Water Quality Program.
		2022 7 Dufferin farmers participated in 1st year of Experimental Acres Pilot. Applications for 2023 cohort participants opened in December 2022.
Ongoing	Encourage mapping of existing crop varieties against future climate projections	2021 University of Guelph research project completed to assess the impact of climate change on the sustainability to agricultural lands to grow a multiple crop varieties.

ACTION L2

Develop education partnership with agricultural community and partners to support long-term climate friendly practices and knowledge sharing

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Ongoing	Promote co-learning and networking opportunities for sustainable and resilient agriculture, energy efficiency, crop diversification, new technologies, and water conservation	2021 Experimental Acres Project in progress with the County of Wellington. Hosted Agriculture Roundtable on September 15th promoting the Rural Water Quality Program.
		2022 7 Dufferin farmers participated in 1st year of Experimental Acres Pilot. Applications for 2023 cohort participants opened in December 2022. Climate and Energy Division shares programs, resources, and funding opportunities as opportunities arise.
Ongoing	Support a variety of educational opportunities tailored to diverse producers and their unique needs	2021 Experimental Acres Project in progress with the County of Wellington. Hosted Agriculture Roundtable on September 15th promoting the Rural Water Quality Program.
		2022 7 Dufferin farmers participated in 1st year of Experimental Acres Pilot. Applications for 2023 cohort participants opened in December 2022. Climate and Energy Division shares programs, resources, and funding opportunities as opportunities arise.

ACTION L3

Encourage low-GHG energy alternatives on farms

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Ongoing	Explore on-site renewable energy production options	2022 Promotion of resources as opportunities arise via Climate Action in Dufferin communication channels.
Delayed	Explore options to incentivize manure management and biogas recovery as an alternative fuel source	2022 Current capacity constraints make this action lower-priority at this time.

ACTION L4

Protect and enhance local natural assets

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Complete	Complete a natural asset inventory for the County including a risk assessment	2021 Natural Asset Inventory was completed through the Municipal Natural Asset Initiative for Dufferin County and local municipalities.
Delayed	Develop municipal natural asset management plans based on inventory	2022 Scheduled to be completed by July 2024 by Finance Department.

ACTION L5

Increase tree coverage and protection in Dufferin County

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
In Progress	Create an urban forest/reforest strategy with climate resilient tree species	2022 Town of Orangeville currently developing an Urban Canopy Strategy.
Early Stages	Explore feasibility of developing a "Grown in Dufferin" tree supply program and or partner with conservation authorities to leverage existing nursery programs	2022 \$50,000 allocated in 2023 Budget to develop a Master Plan for the 193-acre of municipally-owned property in Grand Valley, which may include feasibility of tree supply program.
Early Stages	Amend the landscape regulations in both Zoning and Subdivision by-laws to increase tree protection and replacement requirement	2021 Planner vacancy delayed initiation of action.
		2022 Identified as a component of forthcoming Tri-County Green Development Standards.
Delayed	Adopt both a private and heritage tree protection by-law	2021 Planner vacancy delayed initiation of action.
		2022 Identified as a summer intern project for 2023 to undertake survey of existing by-laws across municipalities and provide recommendations for next steps.
	Ensure tree planting requirements are executed through new construction	2022 Initial research indicates Tri-County Green Development Standards should be avenue through which heritage tree protection is explored.





ACTION L6

Encourage green infrastructure and low-impact development initiatives to support resiliency goals

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Ongoing	Promote educational campaigns on options for and benefits of green infrastructure and low-impact development	2022 Home Flood Protection campaign held throughout May 2022 including workshop, development of education video, radio and social media campaign, and webpage launch.
Ongoing	Support backyard habitat creation initiatives to protect native biodiversity Encourage uptake of natural stormwater management solutions such as raingardens, soak-away pits, bioswales, or permeable groundcovers (See P2)	2021 Hosted Introduction to Rainscaping Workshop with Credit Valley Conservation to encourage uptake of natural stormwater management solutions with 66 participants. 2022 Invasive Species Awareness Week social media campaign February 28 – March 7 2022.
Ongoing	Encourage uptake of natural stormwater management solutions such as raingardens, soak-away pits, bioswales, or permeable groundcovers (See P2)	2021 Hosted Introduction to Rainscaping Workshop with Credit Valley Conservation to encourage uptake of natural stormwater management solutions with 66 participants. 2022 Home Flood Protection campaign held throughout May 2022 including workshop, development of education video, radio and social media campaign, and webpage launch.

ACTION L7

Support conservation and rehabilitation of ecological systems in rural areas

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Ongoing	Support restoration of degraded lands using erosion control, organic and nutrient amendments	2021 Experimental Acres Project in progress with the County of Wellington. Hosted Agriculture Roundtable on September 15th promoting the Rural Water Quality Program. 2022 7 Dufferin farmers participated in 1st year of Experimental Acres Pilot. Applications for 2023 cohort participants opened in December 2022. Climate and Energy Division shares programs, resources, and funding opportunities as opportunities arise.
Future Initiative	Support conservation of marginal farmland to perennial grasses or trees	
Future Initiative	Support restoration of wetlands (See L8, P5)	

ACTION L8

Support water protection initiatives

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Future Initiative	Support restoration of wetlands (See L7, P5)	
Future Initiative	Work with local municipalities to develop and/or update stormwater management plans	
Future Initiative	Work with local municipalities to develop and/or update stormwater management plans	



PLANNING OUR COUNTY

Dufferin County and local municipalities are planning to accommodate a population of 95,000 and 39,000 jobs to 2051.

Planning policies and processes will play a significant role in reducing local GHG emissions in both new and existing communities, by addressing urban sprawl to create efficient systems for infrastructure, energy, transportation, and land use. In 2022 Dufferin County:



Initiated the development of tri-county green development standards in collaboration with the Counties of Wellington and Grey.



Supported development of Sustainability Framework as part of Municipal Comprehensive Review.





ACTION P1

Plan complete communities

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
In Progress	Prioritize the design of urban areas to reduce personal vehicle use, vehicle kilometers travelled, and to encourage active transportation. This can be achieved through the development of compact, accessible, and walkable neighbourhoods that integrate residential office and retail developments	2022 Early stages of a Tri-County Green Development Standard in collaboration with Grey and Wellington Counties. Municipal Comprehensive Review is currently in progress that addresses active transportation via Transportation Master Plan.
In Progress	Prioritize infill and high-density housing in the downtown core, commercial zones, and along transit routes through policies	2022 Early stages of a Tri-County Green Development Standard in collaboration with Grey and Wellington Counties. Municipal Comprehensive Review is currently in progress and will prioritize this action.

ACTION P2

Create green development standards (GDS) and practices

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Early Stages	Create GDS that align with existing or upcoming policy goals and plans related to community energy, climate change, growth and intensification, resilience, and asset management	2022 Early stages of a Tri-County Green Development Standard in collaboration with Grey and Wellington Counties.
Early Stages	Engage the building and development community to integrate experiences and leading practices into a GDS	2022 Early stages of a Tri-County Green Development Standard in collaboration with Grey and Wellington Counties.
Early Stages	Create requirement for a 'climate impacts' section in all development applications and explore options to incentivize application of GDS by local developers	2022 Early stages of a Tri-County Green Development Standard in collaboration with Grey and Wellington Counties.
Delayed	Embed GDS in the Official Plan, especially as an implementation tool to achieve goals concerning sustainability, health, growth, and infrastructure management	2022 Early stages of a Tri-County Green Development Standard in collaboration with Grey and Wellington Counties and will be integrated into a future Official Plan update.
Early Stages	Work with member municipalities to integrate GDS into development standards with a focus on regional alignment	2022 Early stages of a Tri-County Green Development Standard in collaboration with Grey and Wellington Counties.

ACTION P3

Minimize flood risks in communities through enhancement of green infrastructure

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Completed	Conduct a study to identify priority areas to mitigate extreme heat across private and public properties	2022 Preliminary project completed by students at University of Guelph mapping tree canopy cover overlaid with marginalization index.
Future Initiative	Implement potential recommendations from extreme heat study such as installation of reflective white roofs, urban street tree planting, shading park structures, and the conversion of streets to light colours	

ACTION P4

Minimize flood risks in communities through built infrastructure

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Early Stages	Increase capacity to apply climate lens to infrastructure planning for stormwater management	2022 This is being integrated into Local Municipal Implementation Plans that are currently in development.
Early Stages	Update floodplain mapping and develop/update natural stormwater management plans to ensure no increase in vulnerability	2022 This is being integrated into Local Municipal Implementation Plans that are currently in development Town of Orangeville undertaking update of floodplain mapping with Credit Valley Conservation.

ACTION P5

Minimize flood risks in communities through enhancement of green infrastructure

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Early Stages	Enhance the amount of green space/permeable surface incorporated into all communities	2022 Early stages of a Tri-County Green Development Standard in collaboration with Grey and Wellington Counties.
Future Initiative	Support an increase in tree coverage through planning policy (See L5)	
Future Initiative	Strategically manage natural assets through the directives of the natural asset management plan (See L4)	
Ongoing	Increase uptake of low impact development technologies on private and public properties (See L6)	2022 Home Flood Protection campaign held throughout May 2022 including workshop, development of education video, radio and social media campaign, and webpage launch.
Future Initiative	Support wetland restoration and creation initiatives (See L8)	

ACTION P6

Explore opportunities to implement low GHG fuels and/or renewable energy generation and storage

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Delayed	Determine renewable energy potential in Dufferin, including potential sites for wind and solar installations	2022 Current capacity constraints have delayed initiation of this action.
Delayed	Identify options for local energy generation and storage options, such as microgrids that can also serve as back-up power supply during emergencies	2022 Current capacity constraints have delayed initiation of this action.
Delayed	Collaborate with the agricultural community and energy specialists to identify local options for on-farm renewable energy (See L3)	2022 Current capacity constraints have delayed initiation of this action.
Delayed	Identify opportunities for low GHG fuel use in the community such as hydrogen and renewable natural gas	2022 Current capacity constraints have delayed initiation of this action.

ACTION P7

Explore opportunities to develop a district energy and cogeneration system to decentralize energy production

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Future Initiative	Explore potential sites for a district energy system	
Delayed	Create a municipal energy map	2022 Current capacity constraints have delayed initiation of this action.
Future Initiative	Conduct an initial assessment to identify local fuel sources such as biomass or biogas products (See L3)	

ACTION P8

Enable the uptake of renewable and low GHG energy within the community through education

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Delayed	Provide learning and training opportunities for residents, developers, building owners, and businesses on renewable energy options such as ground mount solar, rooftop PV, geothermal, and renewable natural gas	2022 Current capacity constraints have delayed initiation of this action.
Future Initiative	Promote financing opportunities for neighbourhood level energy generation and ownership, such as solar installations	2022 Current capacity constraints have delayed initiation of this action.



IN OUR BINS

Although waste only accounts for 2% of Dufferin's total GHG emissions, the County can continue to support waste initiatives to increase the reduction of organic waste and local circular economy initiatives.

In 2021, Dufferin County:



Composted 3,200 tonnes of organics through Dufferin Waste's Green Bin program.



Engaged over 100 people through Dufferin Waste's Plan to Save, Reduce Food Waste campaign, in which participants built skills to reduce food waste in their households.



Over 700 social media engagements on Dufferin Waste's Clothes'ing the Loop on Textiles campaign.



ACTION W1

Increase diversion of organic waste

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Ongoing	Work with Waste Services to increase rates of, and participation in, composting through educational campaigns	2021 3,200 tonnes of organics through Dufferin Waste's Green Bin program.
		2022 930 tonnes of organics through Dufferin Waste's Green Bin program. 2265 tonnes of yard waste diverted through Dufferin Waste Green Bin program promoted through multi-residential engagement and neighbourhood campaign. BYC engagement
Ongoing	Work with Waste Services to support food waste reduction efforts	2021 Dufferin Waste engaged over 100 people through the Plan to Save, Reduce Food Waste campaign.
		2022 Dufferin Waste's Love Your Leftovers Draw reached 150 people. Climate Action in Dufferin amplified the Love Food, Hate Waste, campaign in March 2022.
Ongoing	Develop organic waste diversion educational opportunities for ICI stakeholders	2022 Service & engagement visits to 150 businesses.

ACTION W2

Support local circular economy initiatives

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
	Support individuals, businesses, and industry efforts to reduce waste through circular economy initiatives	2022 Over 50 business and organization promoted through Dufferin Waste's Take it Back directory. Promotion of Clothes'ing the Loop on Textiles campaign & map tool with over 700 social media engagements. Textiles feature blog on Climate Hub.
	Work with community stakeholders to increase knowledge of and participation in circular economy initiatives	2022 Over 50 business and organization promoted through Dufferin Waste's Take it Back directory. Promotion of Clothes'ing the Loop on Textiles campaign & map tool with over 700 social media engagements.



EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY

The County is committed to building community capacity, addressing systems of inequality inequality, and, ultimately, empowering all community members to participate in and benefit from climate action.

In 2022, Dufferin County:



Launched 2 new webpages for Home Flood Protection and Residential Energy Efficiency for residents to access tools, resources, and local stories to support them in taking action.



Developed an annual Climate Engagement Strategy to empower residents to participate in the implementation of the Dufferin Climate Action Plan.



Attended 5 community events, including Orangeville Lions Home Show, Blues and Jazz Festival, Orangeville Rotary Ribfest, Let's Make Mono Shine, and Melancthon Day.



Hosted 7 workshops and events including an Earth Day action workshop, Community Bike Ride, Home Flood Protection webinar, Energy Efficiency Workshop, Storytime at Shelburne Library, Coffee, Tea, and Connection at Grand Valley Library, and a Climate Solutions Fair.

ACTION C1

Provide capacity building opportunities for residents, businesses, and institutions

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Ongoing	Provide resources and learning opportunities for residents with detailed information on tools, resources, and supports to reduce GHG emissions	<p>2021 Launched the Climate Hub and Climate Action in Dufferin e-newsletter</p> <p>Educational resources shared on an ongoing basis via social media channels</p> <p>Saved 3,500 pounds of carbon dioxide and took 753 climate actions through the Earth Month Ecochallenge, led with Headwaters Communities in Action and Sustainable Orangeville</p> <p>2022 Launched two new webpages to provide resources on home flood protection and residential energy efficiency</p> <p>Hosted 7 workshops and events including an Earth Day action workshop, Community Bike Ride, Home Flood Protection webinar, Energy Efficiency Workshop, Storytime at Shelburne Library, Coffee, Tea, and Connection at Grand Valley Library, PD session at Upper Grand District School Board, and a Climate Solutions Fair.</p> <p>Attended 5 community events including Orangeville Lions Home Show, Blues and Jazz Festival, Orangeville Rotary Ribfest, Let's Make Mono Shine, and Melancthon Day.</p> <p>Educational resources shared on an ongoing basis via social media channels and e-newsletter</p> <p>Led the Earth Month Ecochallenge, in partnership with Headwaters Communities in Action, County of Wellington, and Upper Grand District School Board.</p>



ACTION C2

Create a community culture around climate action

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Complete	Create a "Climate Engagement and Cultural Plan" with diverse community groups, particularly with equity and sovereignty seeking groups	2021 Annual communications strategy developed; however, it did not include consultation. Intention to co-create engagement strategy with DC4 during 2025 plan update.
Delayed	Conduct market research to identify barriers and motivations for desired sustainable behaviours	2022 Student project to be completed as opportunities arise.
Ongoing	Promote educational campaigns to encourage sustainable behaviours, such as supporting local food and farming	2021 Lead and/or amplified 3 campaigns including Bike Month, Charge Up in Dufferin, and Climate Stories of Dufferin.
		Lead and/or amplified 5 campaigns including Invasive Species Awareness Week, Love Hate Food Waste, Home Flood Protection, Bike Month, and Residential Energy Efficiency.
Complete	Promote local stories and highlight success in the community	2021 Spotlighted local climate champions through the Climate Stories of Dufferin Project. Ongoing amplification of submitted stories.
Complete	Establish a multi-level Climate Ambassadors Program to facilitate the inclusion of all community members in climate action initiatives	2021 Proposal submitted to ICLEI Canada's Agents of Change Project.
		2022 Youth Climate Activation Circle established through ICLEI Canada's Agents of Change Project.

STATUS	SUB ACTION	PROGRESS NOTES
Complete	Create a "Community Climate Fund" to support existing programs in the community for organizations undertaking environmental or social justice work	2021 Climate Action stream incorporated into Community Grants Program.
Delayed	Develop a climate change toolkit for businesses to assist with climate change impact analysis and continuity planning for extreme weather	2022 Current capacity constraints have delayed initiation of this action.
Delayed	Develop a green procurement guide for ICI stakeholders	2022 Current capacity constraints have delayed initiation of this action.



LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead to 2023, the Climate and Energy Division will advance the following priority actions:

DUFFERIN CLIMATE ADAPTATION STRATEGY

In 2022 the Climate and Energy Division completed a draft of the Dufferin Climate Adaptation Strategy. The goal of the Strategy is to compliment the Dufferin Climate Action Plan by proactively identifying opportunities to advance climate resilience in our community's social, economic, built and natural systems. The development of this Plan was facilitated by the County's participation in the ICLEI Canada-led Advancing Adaptation project and contributed to by the Climate Adaptation Working Group, comprised of 25 community representatives.

In 2023 the Dufferin Climate Adaptation Strategy will be brought to Council for adoption and work will begin to implement the actions outlined in the Strategy.

MUNICIPAL CLIMATE ACTION IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

In 2022 the Climate and Energy Division collaborated with the Township of Mono to develop the Mono Climate Action Plan, adopted by Council on September 13, 2022. The Mono Climate Action Plan aligns with the Dufferin Climate Action Plan and is intended to maximize the efficiency, reach, and cost-effectiveness of climate action initiatives. Throughout 2023, the Climate and Energy Division will work with other local municipalities to develop their own climate action implementation plans.

YOUTH CLIMATE ACTIVATION CIRCLE

Dufferin's Youth Climate Activation Circle was launched in October 2022 to empower youth ages 16 – 25 to advance local climate solutions. Throughout 2023 the Climate and Energy Division will support 8 Youth Climate Ambassadors in designing and implementing a local climate action project, complete a program evaluation, and recruit for the 2024 cohort.

MASTER PLAN FOR 193-ACRE PROPERTY

The County of Dufferin currently owns a 193-acre parcel of land and is exploring options to utilize the land to support agriculture innovations in alignment with the Dufferin Climate Action Plan. In the 2023 budget, \$50,000 has been allocated for the development of a master plan for the parcel of land. The plan will investigate the potential of transforming the 193-acre parcel into a demonstration site for regenerative agriculture practices, and to explore revenue-generating activities to sustain the project into the future.

OTHER 2023 PRIORITIES

- Implement Regional EV Charging Network Strategy with partner municipalities
- Continue delivery of Experimental Acres Pilot to support farmers adopt regenerative agriculture practices
- Develop and deliver climate change training for County and local municipal staff
- Continue community engagement and capacity building

The Dufferin Climate Action Plan is ambitious, but with meaningful action from local municipalities, businesses, organizations, schools, and individuals we can create a prosperous future for the current and future generations of Dufferin County.

A net-zero community is dynamic community that embraces low-carbon transportation options, supports and enhances local agriculture, grows sustainable and vibrant urban centers, protects land, water, and air, stimulates local economies, creates healthy and equitable neighbourhoods, and is resilient in the face of climate change.

THE CLIMATE IS CHANGING. SO MUST WE.

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	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Budget 2022	Act Y/E 2022	Budget 2023	
Income						Income
Grants						Grants
Provincial Operating Grant	6283	6283	6283	6283	6283	
SOLS	564	500	750	1326	2000	
Government Grants - other						
Summer Student Grants	3780	3000	3000	2918	3000	
subtotal grants	10,627	9,783	10,033	10,527	11,283	subtotal grants
Donations						Donations
Donations	6129	3500	3500	5453	3500	
Silent Auction Income		0	0	3362	1500	
Donations for special projects	30780	1300	2000	122226	1000	
subtotal donations	36,909	4,800	5,500	131,041	6,000	subtotal donations
Other Income						Other Income
Miscellaneous Income	158	200	200	174	200	
Interest Income	2248	450	450	3762	12000	
surplus/deficit carry forward						
Rental - Facility	1320	0	500	1017	1500	
Program Income				280		
Library sales and services	2115	500	650	3455	3500	
subtotal other income	5,841	1,150	1,800	8,688	17,200	subtotal other income
Total Income	53,377	15,733	17,333	150,256	34,483	Total Income
Reserve transfers to Revenue						Reserve transfers to Revenue
transfer from collections reserve		7500	7500	0	5000	
transfer from special bequest acct		27000	50,000	30890	30,000	
transfer from special projects	7608	1300	1300		1000	
transfer from computer& tech reserve		1000	1000	4951	1000	
Transfer from Operating Reserve		0	0	0		
Transfer from Building Fund reserve	10350	2000	2000	0	2000	
	17,958	38,800	61,800	35,841	39,000	
Total Income	71,335	54,533	79,133	186,097	73,483	Total Income
Municipal Contribution						Municipal Contribution
Amaranth	27879	28362	28809	28809	30381	
Melancthon	56817	57802	58711	58711	61915	
Mono	26115	26567	26985	26985	28458	

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Expense							
Services							
	Collection Purchases		46488	55000	55000	37115	50000
	ILLO exp		877	1000	1000	1836	1800
	Database Expense (KOHA)		4470	4600	4600	4612	4800
	Supplies library and office		9062	9500	10500	10073	10500
	Program Expense		3085	5000	5000	7374	6000
	Subtotal Services		63982	75100	76100	61010	73100
Facility							
	Elevator		6300	6000	3800	4141	4500
	Utilities and Telephone		12349	14000	14000	13631	15000
	Maintenance - building & grounds		14180	15000	15000	8578	13000
	Insurance		6218	6500	8250	9162	10000
	Furniture & Equipment		140	500	500	0	500
	Subtotal Facility Exp		39187	42000	41550	35512	43000
Staffing							
	Payroll Expenses		219568	237150	241700	238812	265000
	Professional Development		1232	2500	2500	967	2500
	Employee travel and meals		0	400	400	212	400
	Honorariums/Memorial		350	350	350	975	350
	Subtotal Staffing Exp		221150	240400	244950	240966	268250
Other Operating							
	Advertising & Promotion		191	1000	1000	2197	1200
	Licenses and Memberships		281	200	300	420	500
	Accounting Fees		3775	3900	3950	4083	4100
	Bank charges		272	300	300	359	300
	Miscellaneous			100	100	100	100
	Web site			800	800	1028	1000
	Computers - Mtce & annual fees		1243	1500	1500	1555	1500
	Subtotal Other Operating		5762	7800	7950	9742	8700
	total operating expense		330,081	365,300	370,550	347,230	393,050
Capital Exp							
	computers includes software		510	1000	1000	4951	1000
	Capital expense		13720	25000	50000	30890	30000
	total capital costs		14,230	26,000	51,000	35,841	31,000

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Total Expenditure		344,311	391,300	421,550	383,071	424,050	
Reserve Additions from Revenue							
Transfer interest income to reserve			450	450	3762	12000	
transfer to Building Lifecycle reserve		15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	
Transfer to collection from Donation & silent auct		6079	3500	3500	6794	5000	
Transfer to Computer & tech reserve		2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	
Transfer to the Special Projects (reserve)		32855	1300	1300	121000	0	
Transfer to operations (surplus)		23412	0	0	0	0	
Total Reserve Transfer		79,346	22,250	22,250	148,556	34,000	
Total Expenses & Reserve Change		423,657	413,550	443,800	531,627	458,050	
Net Income or Loss		580	0	0	19,137	0	



NVCA February 2023 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: March 24, 2023, held virtually

For the full meeting agenda including documents and reports, visit [NVCA's website](#).

Board Orientation

NVCA's Senior Management Team conducted an orientation presentation to the Board of Directors.

Topics covered in the presentation include an overview of the Nottawasaga Watershed, history of the NVCA, responsibilities of each NVCA department, board governance and issues facing the Nottawasaga Watershed.

Presentation on 2023 Draft Budget

Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services, gave a presentation on [NVCA's 2023 Draft Budget](#).

In November 2022, NVCA's previous board approved the preliminary budget guidelines to increase municipal levy by \$150,000. Based on this approval, staff prepared a draft budget that came in considerably below the targeted number.

The NVCA Board of Directors has approved the draft budget and program overview for circulation to municipalities for a 90-day review period. The final budget vote will be on March 24, 2023.

NVCA's Source Water Risk Management Officials

Nine municipalities in the Nottawasaga Watershed have transferred responsibilities of the enforcement of Part IV policies in the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan to NVCA.

NVCA has appointed Sarah Thompson appointed as a Risk Management Official and Risk Management Inspector and Taryn

Arsenault appointed as an Alternate Risk Management Official and Inspector.

Administrative Memorandum of Understanding

Through changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*, NVCA will be negotiating and executing Memorandums of Understanding and Service Level Agreements with partner municipalities to deliver services deemed non-mandatory. These services fall into three categories

- Category 1 – services prescribed as mandatory by the province
- Category 2 – services delivered on behalf of municipalities
- Category 3 – services that further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources

The NVCA Board of Directors have approved the CAO and staff to use the Administrative MOU to complete apportioned cost agreement negotiations between municipal partners and NVCA.

The apportioned cost agreement is based on the Current Value Assessment provided the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Funding from Federal government's Freshwater Action Plan

NVCA's Chair and Vice Chair will submit a resolution with an accompanying letter to the federal government to renew their commitment to invest \$1 billion to restore the Great Lakes.

In 2017, the federal government announced \$44.84 million over five years in funding to enhance, restore and protect the Great Lakes

through the Fresh Water Action Plan. In 2021, the government renewed their commitment with a promise of \$1 billion over ten years to restore major bodies of water across the country. However, only 19.6 million was budgeted for the Freshwater Action Plan in 2022.

The Nottawasaga Watershed has a strong connection to the Great Lakes as all streams and rivers in the watershed flow into Georgian Bay (Lake Huron).

As the watershed faces challenges such as climate change, invasive species, exposure to toxins and beach contamination, NVCA will join organizations across Canada to advocate that the federal government invest \$1 billion in a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan in 2023.

Permits Approvals under the CA Act

NVCA's permit application service timelines are governed by the [Conservation Authority Liaison Committee](#) (CALC), which requires NVCA to complete a policy review within 21 days, and complete a technical review within 30 days for minor applications and 90 days for major applications.

NVCA Regulations staff provided a summary of the permits issued during the period June 13, 2022 to December 31, 2022. A total of 432 permits and clearances were approved by staff for this time period, with 96% of the permits were processed within the provincial timelines.

Customer Satisfaction Report

In 2013, NVCA adopted a Customer Service Charter and Strategy that sets out the **authority's commitment to providing excellence** in customer service. Continuous improvement is a key element of the charter.

[Please visit NVCA's website to view the 2021 Customer Service Satisfaction Report.](#)

Regulations

In 2022, 42 individuals and organizations completed a client survey on the NVCA permit application process. The survey is sent to all those receiving NVCA permits.

Between 60% and 83% of those completing the client survey rated their overall experience with

NVCA's permit application process as good or excellent. In general, the responses that were ranked as good or excellent in 2022 was 68%, lower than the 90% rating received in 2021.

The Planning Services team saw significant staff turnover in 2022, which caused customer satisfaction to decrease from previous years.

Recognizing that our customer service needed to be enhanced, NVCA took measures to better service watershed residents. These include:

- Prioritized files to increase efficiency.
- Assigning planning and regulation files according to the strength of staff.
- Finding the best way to automate data management
- Contracting a consulting firm to examine current fees and opportunities to expand the level of service meet the needs and expectations of our partners and watershed residents.

Lands

Two (2) respondents provided feedback **regarding parking for two of NVCA's conservation areas.**

NVCA's conservation areas received 5-star ratings on Google's business listings.

Education

In 2021, 16 teachers submitted feedback **surveys on NVCA's virtual environmental education programs.**

Of those responding, 100% of the respondents ranked the Grade 4 program as excellent or good for the following criteria

- opportunities to interact with the natural world
- first-hand investigation of the environment, appreciation of wild spaces
- real-world and/or hands-on curriculum connections and student collaboration.

Stewardship

NVCA's stewardship services include Forestry, the Healthy Waters grant program, and other projects to protect and enhance our watershed. Comments received from funders and

landowners generally describe the expertise and dedication **of NVCA's stewardship staff.**

Weddings

In 2022, the Tiffin Centre for Conservation was host to 19 wedding celebrations. Four (4) of these couples responded to a wedding feedback survey. Of those responding, 100% rated **NVCA's customer service as excellent**, and 100% said they would recommend Tiffin Centre as a wedding venue to others.

Upcoming Events

Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Barrie, the Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival is a tradition spanning more than three decades.

Visitors will take a trip back in time to explore how Indigenous people and Pioneers made maple syrup. After that, they will return to current times and see how maple syrup is made today! End the tour with pancake and sausage breakfast with fresh maple syrup and join in many other activities.

Date: April 1 and 2, 2023.

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation
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Tiffin Nature Program

Geared towards pre-K and children in kindergarten, the Tiffin nature program will help children gain knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet.

Date: 6-week sessions from September 20, 2022 to June 13, 2023.

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NVCA March 2023 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: April 28, 2023, held in person at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation

For the full meeting agenda including documents and reports, visit [NVCA's website](#).

2022 Annual Report

NVCA's 2022 Annual Report is now available.

The report highlights the work that NVCA staff accomplished to protect and enhance the Nottawasaga Watershed

[Download the 2022 Annual Report here](#)

NVCA 2023 Budget Approved

The Board of Directors unanimously approved **NVCA's 2023 budget at \$5,687,989** compared to the 2022 approved budget of \$5,095,130. This includes a \$137,048.95 increase to the municipal levy (shared among all 18 member municipalities), with the remainder coming from grants, fees for services, and other sources. Funds from municipal levy represent 51% of **NVCA's revenues**.

April 1st Quarterly Administrative Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

The recent *Conservation Authorities Act* regulatory changes require NVCA to prepare transition plans outlining steps and timelines for the preparation of an Inventory of Programs and Services and for the development and execution of MOUs with participating municipalities.

Between October 1 and December 31, 2022, NVCA presented draft inventories to several municipalities, and have re-affirmed that that municipalities are still trying to understand implications of Bill 23 and other regulatory changes before beginning more fulsome conversations and negotiations of MOUs and Service Level Agreements.

Pretty River Dike Maintenance Update

The Pretty River Dike is a flood conveyance structure through the Town of Collingwood. The floodway provides flood risk reduction to surrounding areas and is primarily owned by the NVCA.

Though the floodway is currently in general visual condition, trees and shrubs that have grown on the floodway must be removed to reduce potential spills and improve capacity.

NVCA successfully applied for \$230,000 from the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) program for funding to support this project

As the preferred contractor retired in January 2023, the NVCA Board of Directors approved to contract Janalco to complete Section 4 of the project.

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Dufferin County businesses more confident than the rest of the province!

For Immediate Release | March 14, 2023

Dufferin ON: The results are in from the Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT)'s annual Business Survey conducted in February 2023. The survey was completed by 125 local businesses representing various sectors and each municipality within Dufferin and a few surrounding areas. Survey data was compared to previous DBOT surveys and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC)'s 2023 Business Confidence Survey.

Local respondents were generally optimistic about their business performance in 2023, scoring an average of 7 on a sliding 1:10 scale indicating they are expecting to perform better this year than last. The Ontario Chamber of Commerce's survey showed 53% of businesses across the province are optimistic about the outlook and prospects of their own organizations.

Top priorities for local businesses this year focus on marketing their business and getting connected in the local business community. The biggest issues of concern facing local businesses are attracting employees, navigating government red tape, and competition. The majority of businesses feel that creating a live-work community, so more people both live and work in Dufferin, is the top factor driving Dufferin County's economic growth and prosperity.

On average, employment levels remained the same with businesses in 2022, but 41% of businesses had challenges filling all their available positions with candidates that met their needs and requirements.

The survey shows that networking and professional development opportunities are very important to local businesses. To help meet the networking need, DBOT will be offering regular free networking events – "DBOT Connects" at various businesses throughout the community. To support professional development needs, DBOT will be offering regular learning sessions, covering such topics as creating LGBTQ+ Safe Spaces, becoming Environmentally/Socially Responsible businesses, and more. Details on all of these can be found at www.dufferinbot.ca.

Visit www.dufferinbot.ca/2023Survey to view the full results report.

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The Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT) is a grass-roots community building non-profit organization serving Dufferin County for over 110 years. DBOT contributes to community betterment by helping local businesses and non-profits thrive. When local businesses are succeeding the local economy flourishes and businesses can better support local charities, events, and their employees.

Learn more at www.dufferinbot.ca.

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February 24, 2023

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Under the *NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT*

TO: All Escarpment municipalities
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
Conservation Authorities

Ontario Craft Wineries
Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Grape Growers of Ontario
Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario
Beef Farmers of Ontario
Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association
Dairy Farmers of Ontario
Chicken Farmers of Ontario
Bruce Trail Conservancy
Interested Parties

FROM: Sandy Dobbyn
Niagara Escarpment Commission

**RE: NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT PC 225 22 –
Agricultural Policies amendment**

The Niagara Escarpment Commission, at its meeting of November 16, 2022, decided to initiate and circulate for comments, the proposed amendment noted above. Notice is also to be provided to the public through the newspaper(s) listed below and a posting on the Province's Environmental Registry (<https://www.escarpment.org/LandPlanning/NEP/PlanAmendments/ActivePlanAmendments>).

Newspapers:

St. Catharines Standard
Niagara This Week
Hamilton Spectator
Georgetown Independent Free Press
Milton Champion
Burlington Post
Caledon Enterprise
Orangeville Banner
Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin
Owen Sound Sun Times
Warton Echo

Pursuant to Sections 7 and 10 (1) of the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*, the Commission invites your comments on this proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment. The Initial Staff Report and the proposed Amendment document are enclosed for your review.

Please submit comments to the Niagara Escarpment Commission by **April 24, 2023**. Should comments not be received by this date, the Commission will assume that you have no objection or comments on the proposed amendment.

If you wish to receive further notice of the status of this application, you must submit a written request to the Commission.

Please submit comments to Rameez Sadafal, Policy Program Intern at Rameez.Sadafal@ontario.ca.

Yours truly,



Sandy Dobbyn
A/Senior Strategic Advisor

Attachment

November 16, 2022

Initial Staff Report

RE: Proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment PC 225 22

On-farm Diversified Uses and Agricultural-related Uses in Escarpment Protection Area, and other agricultural-related policy housekeeping matters

Source: Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC)

Area: The entire Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) Area

Proposal summary:

To amend the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) to allow the opportunity for the development of on-farm diversified uses and agricultural-related uses outside of prime agricultural areas by amending the Escarpment Protection Area Permitted Uses to be consistent with the Escarpment Rural Area policy, and; to amend the NEP Part 2.7 policies respecting Development Affecting Natural Heritage to recognize that the development of certain agricultural uses may be compatible in Key Natural Heritage Features, under certain conditions. Additionally, to undertake a housekeeping-related amendment to Part 1 Escarpment Natural Area Permitted Uses to better align Ontario Regulation 828/90 exemption respecting a specific agricultural use with the Permitted Uses of the NEP.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide the justification for the consideration of amendments to the NEP that would further refine and strengthen the framework for agriculture in the NEP Area while ensuring that the Purpose and Objectives of the Plan are upheld. To initiate an amendment, the NEC under Section 6.1(2.1) of the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act* (NEPDA) must be satisfied that the amendment is justified and worthy of consideration; however, even if the proposed amendment is justified at this stage, this is not an endorsement of the eventual approval of the amendment in whole or in part.

Staff summary recommendation:

That the Commission instructs staff to prepare the proposed amendment PC 225 22 for circulation and notification in accordance with the provisions of Sections 7 and 10 of the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*, and the recommendations of the report, based on the direction of the Commission on November 17, 2021.

A. Background / Overview

The 2015 Coordinated Land Use Planning Review resulted in the current 2017 NEP and included several changes to agricultural policies to better align with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS, 2020), as well as the other provincial land use plans. On-farm diversified uses (OFDUs) and agriculture-related uses were introduced to the NEP as Permitted Uses, together with new Part 2 Development Criteria to guide these uses.

Notwithstanding these enhancements, members of the NEC, as well as select key agricultural stakeholders, have continued to express concerns that the agricultural policies of the NEP 2017 are inadequate in terms of supporting a viable agricultural system for the long term.

The 2017 NEP has now had the benefit of five years of implementation and staff and the Commission have been monitoring and documenting the outcomes, challenges, and lessons learned through early implementation. Staff presented the Commission with a NEP Agricultural Policies Amendment Scoping Discussion Paper at their meeting on November 17, 2021. The report was prepared to provide a consolidated summary of the agricultural discussions to date (since the Coordinated Land Use Planning Review), and to summarize the successes and challenges to implementation of the agricultural policies that have been observed since the 2017 NEP has been in operation, to provide a foundation for further discussion by the Commission on the need for and scoping of a potential NEP amendment related to agriculture.

At their meeting on November 17, 2021, the Commission directed staff:

- 1) To proceed with initiating a Niagara Escarpment Plan amendment to address the following:
 - Part 1.4.3.2 Escarpment Protection Area on-farm diversified uses and agriculture-related uses in prime agricultural areas.
 - Agricultural uses within Earth Science Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest.
- 2) To undertake further analysis of additional agricultural policy topic areas, for potential consideration in the scoping of a proposed Plan amendment:

- Part 2.8 winery policies
- Agricultural uses in key natural heritage features
- Supporting the Agricultural System in the NEP Area

Staff is aware that the proposals presented herein do not reflect or address the full extent of the agricultural policy amendments that key agricultural stakeholders are seeking. While the proposals presented do address significant targeted concerns (i.e., Part 1.4.3.2 policy respecting OFDUs and ARUs in prime agricultural areas), additional areas of interest remain with agricultural stakeholders respecting viable agriculture and agri-tourism in the NEP Area.

Staff provides that these additional topic areas will continue to be discussed and given appropriate consideration, including with ministry partners and a broader range of agriculture stakeholders. Staff considers the current amendment proposals as ‘Phase 1’ and advancing the current amendment proposal would not preclude subsequent amendments from being considered.

Additionally, staff notes some of the changes being proposed by stakeholders (i.e., events), may involve regulatory and or legislative changes, which are beyond the scope of the amendment process and or may be considered urban uses that would be required by the Act to be addressed through the next Plan Review.

B. Existing planning framework

1. *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act (NEPDA)*

Sections 6.1(2.2) of the NEPDA identifies that no person or public body shall make an application or request to amend the NEP if the application or request relates to land that is within the land use designation of Escarpment Natural Area, Escarpment Protection Area, Mineral Resource Extraction Area or Escarpment Rural Area of the NEP and the application or request seeks to, a) re-designate the land to the land use designation of Minor Urban Centre, Urban Area or Escarpment Recreation Area of the Niagara Escarpment Plan; or b) make any other amendment to permit urban uses unless it is during the time of a Plan Review.

Staff finds that the amendment proposals for policy revisions respecting agricultural uses, OFDUs, and ARUs do not trigger the prohibition regarding “urban uses” and “urban designations” under the NEPDA. Escarpment Natural Area and Escarpment Protection Area designations come with their suite of Permitted Uses and policies, including provisions for agricultural uses, as set out in the NEP. Therefore, the proposed amendment, including the addition of policies to Part 2 Development Criteria, is

consistent with the NEPDA respecting urban uses and urban designations, and the NEC can consider the planning merits of this application under Section 6.1 of the NEPDA.

2. Niagara Escarpment Plan

Agricultural Uses are identified as Permitted Uses in all Land Use Designations except the Escarpment Natural Area (where only existing agricultural uses, existing agriculture-related and existing on-farm diversified uses are permitted). The NEP Part 1.4.3.2 Escarpment Protection Area Permitted Uses identifies on-farm diversified uses and agriculture-related uses as Permitted Uses in the Escarpment Protection Area, *in prime agricultural areas* (emphasis added). A prime agricultural area is defined in the NEP as an area where prime agricultural lands predominate. This includes areas of prime agricultural lands and associated Canada Land Inventory Class 4 through 7 lands, and additional areas where there is a local concentration of farms that exhibit characteristics of ongoing agriculture. Prime agricultural areas may be defined by OMAFRA using guidelines developed by the province as amended from time to time.

Development Criteria in Part 2.8 Agriculture includes the objective to encourage agricultural uses in agricultural areas, especially in prime agricultural areas, to permit uses that are compatible with farming, and to encourage accessory uses that directly support continued agricultural uses. The policies in Part 2.8 require prime agricultural areas to be protected for long-term agricultural use.

New Part 2 Development Criteria were added in the 2017 NEP respecting the development of agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses. The criteria work to allow the consideration for diversification of an agricultural operation to enable greater economic viability of the farm while ensuring that the uses remain compatible with the Escarpment environment and surrounding agricultural operations and other land uses.

The relevant NEP objectives and Development Criteria respecting agriculture are discussed in greater detail in Section D, Analysis & amendment considerations section below.

Ontario Regulation 828/90 - Development Permit Regulation

Ontario Regulation 828/90, under the NEPDA, lists the classes of development that are exempt from the requirement of obtaining a Development Permit from the NEC, provided the criteria can be met. For example, O. Reg 828/90 specifically exempts general agricultural development, which is defined as a class of development whereby land, buildings, or structures are used for the purpose of forestry, cultivation of trees and

nursery stock, maple sugar harvesting, field crops, fruit farming, market gardening, dairying, animal husbandry, poultry raising, beekeeping, the operation of glass or plastic covered greenhouses, and such uses as are customarily and normally related to agriculture, but does not include: (a) special agricultural development, or b) the construction of an equestrian racetrack or sand ring or any class of development whereby land, buildings or structures are used for the purpose of an equestrian event or a horseback riding school. In order for the exemption criteria to be applicable, the use has to be identified as a Permitted Use under the respective Land Use Designations.

3. Provincial Policy Statement (2020)

The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) was last updated in 2020 and provides overall policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use and development in Ontario. Where the policies of provincial plans address the same, similar, related, or overlapping matters as the policies of the PPS, applying the more specific policies of the provincial plan satisfies the more general requirements of the PPS.

The PPS provides for appropriate development while protecting resources of provincial interest, public health and safety, and the quality of the natural and built environment. The PPS supports improved land use planning and management, which contributes to a more effective and efficient land use planning system.

A large percentage of the lands within the NEP Area may be described as rural in nature. The PPS speaks to both 'rural areas' and 'rural lands' within municipalities under Sections 1.1.4 and 1.1.5 respectively. Rural area policies relate to a system of lands and may include rural settlement areas, prime agricultural areas, etc., while rural land policies relate specifically to lands that are located outside settlement areas and outside prime agricultural areas. The municipalities within the NEP Area all have delineated settlement areas and a rural land base. The rural areas section of the PPS provides for the objective to direct development and growth to settlement areas where there is available infrastructure and community services.

Section 2.0 of the PPS identifies the province's objectives respecting the long-term protection of natural heritage, water resources and cultural heritage, and archaeological resources for their economic, environmental, and social benefits. Part 2.1 requires that natural features and areas shall be protected for the long term and Part 2.1.2 identifies that the diversity and connectivity of natural features in an area, and the long-term ecological function and biodiversity of natural heritage systems, should be maintained, restored, or, where possible, improved, recognizing linkages between and among natural heritage features and areas, surface water features and ground water features.

economy and promotes the protection of agricultural and other resource-related uses on rural lands. In prime agricultural areas, permitted uses and activities include agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses, and on-farm diversified uses. The PPS definition for agricultural use is consistent with the NEP (2017) definition.

Section 2.3 of the PPS speaks directly to how agricultural lands should be planned for throughout the province. Section 2.3.1 states: *Prime agricultural areas shall be protected for long-term use for agriculture.* Section 2.3.3.1 permits agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses, and on-farm diversified uses in prime agricultural areas; however, this section further clarifies that agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses shall be compatible with, and shall not hinder, surrounding agricultural operations. Additional development is only permitted if compatibility with agricultural operations can be demonstrated. Thus, the PPS requires that impacts on the broader agricultural system be considered when analyzing the appropriateness of a site-specific use. Section 2.3.4.1 discourages the creation of new lots in prime agricultural areas except in a few circumstances. These circumstances are incorporated under Part 2.4.20 of the NEP with limited revision.

4. Greenbelt Plan (2017)

The *Greenbelt Act* authorized the preparation of the Greenbelt Plan, which was approved in February 2005 and updated in 2017 through the 2015 Co-ordinated Land Use Plan Review. The Greenbelt Plan Area includes all of the NEP Area. The policies of the NEP are the policies of the Greenbelt Plan for the NEP Area except for the Open Space and Trails Policies set out in Section 3.3 of the Greenbelt Plan. The planning, construction, and maintenance of parkland, open space, and trails in the NEP Area must also comply with the policies in Section 3.3 of the Greenbelt Plan. Further, Section 5.6 identifies amendments to the NEP that remain governed by and are to be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the *NEPDA*.

The Protected Countryside contains an Agricultural System that provides a continuous, productive, and permanent agricultural land base and a complementary agri-food network. The Agricultural System of the Greenbelt Plan is comprised of the agricultural land base (prime agricultural areas, including specialty crop areas, and rural lands), and the agri-food network, which has components (infrastructure, services, and assets) that support agricultural viability but is not a designation with a list of permitted uses. While the Greenbelt Plan identifies the boundaries of the specialty crop areas, it relies on official plans to further delineate prime agricultural areas and rural lands based on provincial mapping and guidance.

Rural lands are those lands outside of settlement areas that are not prime agricultural areas and are generally designated as rural or open spaces within official plans. A full

range of existing and new agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses, on-farm diversified uses, and normal farm practices are permitted in the Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan and the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System. Although new agricultural buildings are allowed within the Natural Heritage System, other policies such as those regarding key natural heritage features continue to apply (i.e., Greenbelt Plan Part 3.2.2.1; A Place to Grow Parts 4.2.2.3, 4.2.3, and 4.2.4).

New buildings and structures are not subject to the Natural Heritage System development policies (Part 3.2.2.3) but are subject to the Key Natural Heritage Features and Key Hydrologic Features policies in Part 3.2.5. Similar to the NEP, the Greenbelt Plan prohibits development within Key Natural Heritage Features (KNHFs) of the Protected Countryside, with limited exceptions. Part 3.2.5.1 does not provide an exception for agriculture, so new buildings and structures for agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses, or on-farm diversified uses are not permitted in key natural heritage features or key hydrologic features.

However, expansions or alterations to existing buildings and structures for agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses, or on-farm diversified uses that are within key hydrologic features and key natural heritage features, and their associated vegetation protection zones, are permitted, provided that it can be demonstrated that several criteria are met including that there is no alternative to developing in the feature, and that where required, that the expansion or alteration in the feature is minimized. In the vegetation protection zone, the expansion or alteration is required to be directed away from the feature to the maximum extent possible. The impact of the expansion or alteration on the feature and its functions is minimized and mitigated to the maximum extent possible (Greenbelt Plan 4.5.5, Growth Plan 4.2.3.1f).

5. Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Office Consolidation, 2020) (the “Growth Plan”) applies to lands within the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) and provides direction on how to manage growth. Emphasis is placed on intensification and redevelopment in existing settlements and built-up areas rather than sprawl or haphazard expansion that requires new municipal services (e.g., sewers and water).

The Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan are intended to work together. Areas to be protected in the GGH were established first (in the Greenbelt Plan) and then areas, where development could be considered, were identified second (in the Growth Plan). Both the Growth Plan (Section 1.4) and its enabling legislation (*Places to Grow Act, 2005*), indicate that in considering the Growth Plan in relation to other provincial plans and policies (e.g., the NEP), the planning direction to be followed is the one that “provides more protection to the natural environment or human health”. In considering

the hierarchy of provincial plans and policies governing this area and the provisions within those documents, the greatest protection to the natural environment and human health (particularly the natural environment), is accomplished most effectively through the policies and appropriate land use designations of the NEP.

The Natural Heritage System of the Growth Plan is not identified in the NEP Area.

6. Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP)

The ORMCP provides land use planning direction to protect the Moraine's ecologic and hydrologic features and functions. Although the Oak Ridges Moraine is also part of the Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Plan specifies that the policies of the ORMCP continue to apply in the Greenbelt Plan area. The Oak Ridges Moraine contains many landform types that affect the ecological and hydrological character of the moraine. The Plan's Natural Core Area and Natural Linkage Area designations are considered the natural heritage system for the Moraine. These areas have the highest concentration of natural heritage features and provide a continuous east-west ecological connection across the entire Plan Area.

The Plan also identifies key natural heritage features (such as ANSIs and woodlands) and key hydrologic features (such as kettle lakes and springs). In Natural Core Areas, Natural Linkage Areas, and Countryside Areas, only very restricted new resource management, recreational and infrastructure uses are permitted within these features. Development near these key natural heritage features and key hydrologic features is only allowed if it will not adversely affect these features. Areas with significant landscape character are identified as Landform Conservation Areas, and development is required to meet stringent review standards to ensure protection.

In the context of the ORMCP, prime agricultural areas may be found within the Countryside Area designation, but portions of the Natural Core Area and Natural Linkage Area designations may also include prime agricultural areas. Prime agricultural areas in the ORMCP are to be identified in accordance with the broader Agricultural System, once established, recognizing both the agricultural land base and Agri-food Network components. Linkages to the Agricultural System outside of the Oak Ridges Moraine Area should also be considered.

7. Regional and local planning context

The role of municipalities in supporting the Agricultural System for the GGH as identified in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe is to update prime agricultural area mapping in accordance with the provincial direction and to develop economic development programs and other support for agriculture with the intent to sustain and enhance the Agricultural System such as through regional agri-food strategies and other

economic incentives and approaches, agricultural advisory committees, and agrologist/dedicated agricultural support staff (these programs would apply within NEP Area). The NEC continues to consult with Escarpment municipalities to ensure municipal agricultural policies are considered in NEC decision-making. However, the provincial mapping of the Agricultural System prevails over existing municipal mapping until municipalities have updated their official plans in accordance with the province's Implementation Procedures.

The NEP Part 2 Development Criteria are used as minimum standards for assessing the conformity of local official plans, secondary plans, and, where applicable, zoning by-laws and for administering site-plan control approvals. If an official plan, secondary plan, zoning by-law, or other planning approval is silent on one or more Development Criteria included in the NEP, the Development Criteria of the NEP still apply.

8. Provincial Guidelines

To assist with the implementation of its policies and plans, the province has released several guidelines and technical supporting documents outlining best practices to be employed in managing agricultural resources. The following guidelines are relevant to the review of NEP agricultural policies

Guidelines of Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas, 2016, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Publication 851.

OMAFRA released the Guidelines on Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas Guidelines in 2016. These Guidelines are intended to support the interpretation of the PPS (2020) agricultural policies. The guidelines are clear in stating they are best practices and are not prescribed standards that must be met. While the OMAFRA Guidelines are available to support the interpretation of related policies in the PPS, it is important to remember that these Guidelines must still be viewed through the lens of the NEP, and it should be recognized that provincial plan policies (including the NEP), take precedence over the PPS to the extent of any conflict. NEC staff have consulted with OMAFRA on several occasions to get support for policy and guideline interpretation and implementation.

Additional supporting documents and Guidelines for the implementation of agricultural policies include:

- Implementation Procedures for the Agricultural System in Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe, Feb 2018", OMAFRA, Publication 856

- Agricultural System Mapping Method, January 2018, OMAFRA, Technical Document
- Template for Agricultural Land Base Refinements in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, OMAFRA 2018.
- Agricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) Guidelines (Draft), March 2018, OMAFRA

C. Chronology of agriculture-related staff reports, Development Permit Applications, and Plan amendments

June 2017: New NEP is released. New and updated agricultural policies related to agriculture (e.g., on-farm diversified uses, agriculture-related uses).

November 2017: Commission passes a motion directing staff to investigate how the NEP can address agriculture-related uses, including rural density transfer, farm labour housing, secondary dwelling relating to the agricultural industry, farm succession planning, agricultural labour shortages, and other issues applicable to the NEC involvement with agricultural lands. The Chair writes to the Minister informing them of the Commission’s concerns and related motions regarding the NEP’s agricultural policies.

February 2018: Province releases “Implementation Procedures for the Agricultural System in Ontario’s Greater Golden Horseshoe” that includes Agricultural System mapping.

March 2018: Minister writes Chair advising of extensive consultation and consideration of provincial policies in the development and approval of new NEP and expresses concern with re-examining NEP policies so soon after a comprehensive review. The Minister requests that the Commission allow for the updated Plan to be implemented over three years and report back with an assessment of the lessons learned through early implementation. The Minister also reminded the Commission of its mandate to uphold the purpose and objectives of the Plan and Act and to make decisions in accordance with the policies of the Plan.

April 18, 2018: NEC staff report was presented to the Commission to provide information and context in response to the Commission’s motion made in November 2017. The Report included background regarding Ontario’s land use planning framework, the Coordinated Provincial Land Use Planning Review, and the NEPDA. The report highlighted the need for guidelines and policies released by the province to be considered within the NEP through the lens of the purpose and objectives of the NEPDA and NEP. The Commission rescinds its motion in November 2017 after considering the Minister’s letter.

February 2020: Region of Niagara has a planning consultant undertake a review of NEP agricultural policies and implications to wineries. The consultant identifies several challenges with NEP policies.

October 2020: The Chair and Director meet with Ontario Craft Winery Council President, who express concerns that NEP agricultural policies do not adequately support the wine sector.

September 15, 2021: NEC staff presented an Information and Discussion Report on NEP Agricultural Policies to Commission. The report provided a high-level background of the NEP agricultural policies and highlighted areas where NEC staff have expressed concerns regarding the policies and sought further direction from the Commission. The Commission requested staff return to the November (2021) policy meeting with a review and analysis of the agricultural policies of the NEP for the Commission's review and consideration.

May 19, 2021: Staff Report on Policy Guideline Development for Temporary Dwelling Units Accessory to Agricultural Uses presented to the Commission. The Report provided the background and context setting for the development of NEP Guidelines.

June 2021: NEC Director and senior staff meet with OCW Council to share information on the development of Policy Guidance. Council requests the opportunity to provide further input as Policy Guidance material is being developed.

November 17, 2021: NEC staff presented a Staff Report on NEP agricultural policies to the Commission, including an analysis of the decisions on Development Permit Applications for agricultural uses since the 2017 NEP came into effect. Following a review and discussion of agricultural policies, the Commission directed staff to proceed with initiating a Plan Amendment respecting Part 1.4.3.2 Escarpment Protection Area ARUs and OFDUs in prime agricultural areas, and agricultural uses in Earth Science Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest. Additionally, the Commission directed staff to continue to undertake further consideration and review of additional agricultural policy topic areas. The Chair wrote to the Minister to report on the Commission's experience and concerns regarding agricultural policies of the NEP and requested that staff defer the preparation of policy guidance related to agricultural policies until the Commission has considered the matter further.

September 2022: NEC Director and Senior Staff meeting with OCW Council to update progress on scoping of an agricultural policy amendment proposal and Guidance material.

October 2022: OCW and Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) provide submissions respecting revisions to the NEP agricultural policies to the NEC for consideration and request delegations to the Commission at their November 2022 policy meeting.

Development Permit Application N/A/2020-2021/748 was submitted in March 2021, to construct a 1.5-story, ± 185.8 sq m (± 2000 sq ft) storage barn, with a height to peak of ± 6.1 m (± 20 ft), on an existing 3.48 ha (8.6 ac) lot to be reconfigured through a proposed boundary adjustment. Parcel A would be reconfigured from a 3.5 ha (8.6 ac) to ± 5.1 ha (± 12.7 ac) lot and would contain the existing dwelling, tree farm operation, and proposed barn. Parcel B would be reconfigured from a 2.1 ha (5.4 ac) to ± 0.6 ha (± 1.4 ac) lot and would remain vacant. Staff recommended refusal on the basis that the subject property is within an Earth Science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI), which is considered a key natural heritage feature by the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP). Agriculture is not listed as an exception to the prohibition on development within key natural heritage features. The Commission approved the application, with conditions of approval, in August 2021, noting that Development Permit #8139/N/A/2003-2004/358 for a barn had been approved previously (under the previous NEP).

Development Permit Application H/C/2021-2022/17 was submitted to establish an on-farm diversified use (agri-tourism), consisting of pick your own lavender, and viewing opportunities, and to establish a 1,572 sq m (16,920.86 sq ft), 45-car parking area, on an existing 8.44 ha (20.85 ac) lot that supports a lavender farm, farm produce stand and single dwelling. The application was recommended for refusal by staff as the subject property was not within a prime agricultural area in accordance with Part 1.4.3.2 of the NEP. The Commission approved the Development Permit application as submitted, subject to conditions of approval. The Commission's decision was informed by Halton Region comments, which confirmed that the subject land exhibits characteristics of ongoing agriculture and that the Region is contemplating redesignating the subject project to a prime agricultural area through the Region OP review.

Development Permit Application S/A/2020-2021/469 was submitted in December 2020, to establish a lavender and rose cultivation farm and on-farm diversified use (agri-tourism). The proposal included the processing and distilling of lavender, a retail outlet, and parking area. Staff recommended refusal of the OFDU aspects (parking, farm tours), as the property is not mapped as a prime agricultural area and OFDUs are therefore not Permitted Use as per Part 1.4.3.2. Staff recommended approval of the agricultural and home industry/occupation components of the proposal. The Commission approved the Development Permit application as submitted, subject to conditions of approval, for the following reasons: the applicant proved through an independent agrolgist that the land is prime agricultural land; the proposal's

compatibility with other agricultural uses and no negative impacts on Escarpment scenery; and the exemption of the land designation is an option available at the County of Simcoe. The Commission decision was appealed, and the matter is now scheduled for a Hearing with the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Development Permit Application N/R/2018-2019/67 was submitted in April 2018, to construct a 1-story $\pm 491.4 \text{ m}^2$ ($\pm 5,289 \text{ ft}^2$) single dwelling with a maximum height to peak of $\pm 8.84 \text{ m}$ ($\pm 29.0 \text{ ft.}$), a 2-story, $\pm 180.6 \text{ m}^2$ ($\pm 1,944 \text{ ft}^2$) agricultural structure (horse barn) with a maximum height to peak of $\pm 6.4 \text{ m}$ ($\pm 21.0 \text{ ft.}$), septic system, well, driveway, and associated site alteration including the removal of approximately 1.21 ha of trees (tree plantation) to facilitate the creation of pasture land (paddocks, riding ring) on a 4.0 ha (10.0 ac) vacant parcel. NEC staff recommended refusal of the application on the basis that the horse barn, riding ring, and pastureland were proposed within a Significant Woodland, which is considered a key natural heritage feature by the NEP. Agricultural uses are not listed as an exception to the prohibition on development within key natural heritage features. The Commission approved the application, subject to conditions of approval, for the following reasons: the wooded area was established as a plantation intended for harvesting; as identified in the NEC staff report, agro-forestry is included in the definition of agriculture in the NEP; and the plantation was not intended to form part of the significant woodland. Additionally, the Commission noted that harvesting of the plantation would be permitted under the NEP, and information has been provided demonstrating that the plantation area should not be considered part of the significant woodland.

D. Analysis / Amendment considerations

Does the proposed Amendment satisfy and reflect the purpose and objectives of the NEPDA?

- a) The purpose of the Act is, “to provide for the maintenance of the Niagara Escarpment and land in its vicinity substantially as a continuous natural environment, and to ensure only such development occurs as is compatible with the natural environment”.
- b) The objectives of the Act and Plan are to:
 - protect unique ecologic and historic areas;
 - maintain and enhance the quality and character of natural streams and water supplies;
 - provide adequate opportunities for outdoor recreation;
 - maintain and enhance the open landscape character of the Niagara Escarpment in so far as possible, by such means as compatible farming or forestry and by preserving the natural scenery;
 - ensure that all new development is compatible with the purpose of the Act;

- provide for adequate public access to the Niagara Escarpment; and,
- support municipalities within the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area in their exercise of the planning functions conferred upon them by the *Planning Act*.

One of the seven objectives of the *NEPDA* and the NEP speaks to *maintaining and enhancing the open landscape character of the Niagara Escarpment in so far as possible, by such means as compatible farming or forestry, and by preserving the natural scenery*. This objective is foundational to achieving the Purpose of the Plan and the Act; *to provide for the maintenance of the Escarpment and land in its vicinity substantially as a continuous natural environment, and to ensure only such development occurs as is compatible with that natural environment*. Compatible farming is therefore considered as a mechanism to achieve an objective of the NEP, but it is not a stand-alone objective, nor is it central to the environment-first principle of the NEP. Additionally, agricultural land, from a planning perspective, may act as a buffer to protect significant or sensitive natural features found on the Escarpment.

Compatible farming and forestry may limit the types of farming and forestry operations on the Escarpment, in order to be consistent with the Purpose and Objectives of the NEP. In other words, farming and other forms of compatible development *may* take place within the NEP area if they can demonstrate compatibility and support the Purpose and objectives of the NEP. This context may assist in understanding the lens that is applied to proposed development in the NEP Area, versus those areas outside the NEP Area, where limitations may not be necessary or appropriate.

Permitted Uses in Escarpment Protection Area Part 1.4.3.2

Within the NEP Area, prime agricultural areas and “rural” areas within the agricultural land base are treated differently within the Escarpment Protection Area and Escarpment Rural Area land use designations. NEP Permitted Use policy 1.4.3.2 identifies that on-farm diversified uses (OFDUs) and agricultural-related uses (ARUs) are permitted *within prime agricultural areas* in the Escarpment Protection Area, while OFDUs and ARUs are permitted in non-prime agricultural areas within the Escarpment Rural Areas.

A prime agricultural area is defined in the NEP as *an area where prime agricultural lands predominate. This includes areas of prime agricultural lands and associated Canada Land Inventory Class 4 through 7 lands, and additional areas where there is a local concentration of farms that exhibit characteristics of ongoing agriculture. Prime agricultural areas may be identified by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food using guidelines developed by the province as amended from time to time. A prime agricultural area may also be identified through an alternative agricultural land evaluation system approved by the province.*

As stated in the Introduction, Landscape Approach section of the NEP, the agricultural land base is comprised of prime agricultural areas including specialty crop areas, as well as rural lands where active agricultural and related activities are ongoing. In the context of the NEP, prime agricultural areas are frequently found within the Escarpment Rural Area land use designation, but prime agricultural areas are not excluded from being identified within the other land use designations. In the context of implementing the NEP, it is important to understand that prime agricultural areas in the NEP Area should be identified in accordance with the broader Agricultural System once established, recognizing both the agricultural land base and the agri-food network components.

Prime agricultural areas are not to be identified on an ad hoc basis and must be done in a manner consistent with OMAFRA's [Implementation Procedures for the Agricultural System in Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe](#)¹. The exercise of refining agricultural land base mapping is typically undertaken by a municipality through the municipal Comprehensive Review or Official Plan review process and approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). A Land Evaluation and Area Review (LEAR) or an Agricultural Land Evaluation System (ALES) study may be conducted to help identify prime agricultural areas or the agricultural land base more broadly, for designation in official plans.

Not all municipalities in the NEP Area include prime agricultural area mapping in their Official Plans (e.g., Grey County), which also creates challenges to their identification and to implementation of NEP Part 1.4.3.2, which requires the identification of prime agricultural areas. Again, the NEC cannot identify or designate lands as prime agricultural areas on a site-specific, individual application basis.

Limiting OFDUs and ARUs to be considered only in prime agricultural areas in the Escarpment Protection Area designation was not a recommendation advanced by NEC staff or the Commission during the time of the 2015 Coordinated Land Use Planning Review. The underlying policy intent for these uses, as made clear through provincial policy, is to provide the farming community with the services and income-generating opportunities to ensure the ongoing viability of agricultural uses, regardless of whether the operation is situated in an identified prime agricultural area or other rural lands. Rural lands outside of prime agricultural areas play an important role in the Agri-food system.

¹ Ontario Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Rural Affairs. 2020. Implementation Procedures for the Agricultural System in Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe. Supplementary Direction to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Queen's Printer for Ontario. Toronto, ON. Publication 856.

It is NEC staff's understanding that the current Part 1.4.3.2 Escarpment Protection Area policy emerged through the 2015 Coordinated Land Use Planning Review, as a means to support the implementation of the higher-level Plan Purpose and Objectives. The underlying intention, as understood by NEC staff, was to prevent the potential for the proliferation of some of the more intensive types of large-scale OFDUs and ARUs (e.g., large-scale grain elevators, feed mills) on the Escarpment rural landscape, as such uses could result in a conflict with the Purpose of the NEP respecting the maintenance of open landscape character and the Objectives respecting scenic quality. Within the context of the NEP, the permitted uses of OFDUs and ARUs are accompanied by Development Criteria that must be met, including gross floor area criteria, to ensure that such development does not override the primary agricultural use of the land and can continue to meet the Purpose and Objectives of the NEP. Additional Development Criteria in Part 2.13 Landform Conservation would also be required to be met, ensuring landform conservation, and reviewing built form from a visual and environmental perspective to ensure it is compatible with the Escarpment environment and does not dominate the landscape.

Agricultural uses in Key Natural Heritage Features (KNHFs)

Agriculture proposed in Earth Science Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest

Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSIs) are areas of land and/or water containing natural landscapes or features that have been identified as having life science and/or earth science, values related to natural heritage protection, scientific study, or education. ANSIs are identified as provincially significant by the MNRF, using evaluation procedures established by the province, and amended from time to time. ANSIs vary in their type and level of significance. Earth Science ANSIs are geological in nature and consist of some of the most significant representative examples of the bedrock, fossil, and landforms in Ontario and include examples of ongoing geological processes.

The NEP Part 2.7 identifies Key Natural Heritage Features (KNHFs), which include both Life Science and Earth Science ANSIs. NEP Part 2.7 prohibits development within identified KNHFs, with limited exceptions for the development types listed in Part 2.7.1, and subject to meeting applicable Development Criteria. While accessory uses/facilities to single dwellings are identified as an exception to the prohibition of development within Earth Science ANSIs, agriculture/agricultural uses are not included in the list of exceptions to the prohibition of development within an Earth Science ANSI.

Notably, neither the Greenbelt Plan (GP) nor the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP) includes Earth Science ANSIs as KNHFs (the list includes Life Science

ANSIs), although the ORMCP does include additional policies to protect Earth Science ANSIs from certain types of development within designated areas with significant landscape character called Landform Conservation Areas.

Earth Science ANSIs are generally understood to be less sensitive to general forms of development and site alteration than Life Science ANSIs. Depending upon the values for which an ANSI was designated and the sensitivity of the ANSI feature, in principle, agriculture and accessory uses to agriculture *may* be acceptable forms of development that would generally not conflict with the maintenance of the landform, provided best management practices are employed. It is recognized that similar to when permitted types of development are proposed within other key natural heritage features (e.g., a single dwelling in a significant woodland), there may be instances where technical studies (e.g., hydrology, karst), would be required to demonstrate compatibility with the feature and its functions. Some Earth Science ANSI features like the Fonthill Kame, may be considered an Escarpment related landform, and as such, agricultural development would still be required to ensure that the Kame feature is maintained and enhanced, throughout the planning, design, and construction.

The Commission has been presented with one DPA to date (see related files section above), that staff recommended refusal of the application on the basis that the agricultural development (a barn), was proposed within an identified Provincially Significant Earth Science ANSI (Fonthill Kame-Delta ANSI). Designated Provincial ANSIs have a “checklist” that documents the values for which the ANSI was identified, as well as information on types of activities that have the potential to impact the feature. In this specific DPA example, the checklist identified that much of the Earth Science ANSI feature was already in agricultural production, and that provided certain mitigation measures were taken (e.g., avoiding alteration of contours), agriculture was identified as an activity that was unlikely to cause a negative impact to the ANSI feature.

The MNRF was consulted and did not express any concerns with the proposed development, provided that care was taken to ensure that the feature was not impacted by the proposed development. Regardless, the current NEP policy (Part 2.7.1), does not provide for an exception for agricultural uses to the prohibition of development in a KNHF, and this necessitates a staff recommendation of refusal. The Commission did not support the staff recommendation in this instance and approved the application on the basis that the agriculture was an existing use and the barn had previously been approved on the subject property through a previous DPA (however staff notes this Permit, which expired was assessed under the previous 2005 NEP).

Therefore, NEC staff is proposing an amendment to the Part 2.7 policies to allow consideration for the development of agricultural uses, agricultural-related uses, and on-farm diversified uses in Earth Science ANSIs, provided conditions are met and subject to all other applicable Development Criteria.

As identified previously, Ontario Regulation 828/90 provides for general agricultural development to be exempt from requiring a Development Permit (if identified as a Permitted Use in Part 1 of the NEP), provided all identified criteria are met. If a use is identified as being a Permitted Use in Part 1 of the NEP, the development may not require a Development Permit, and therefore may not be assessed against the Part 2 criteria respecting natural heritage features.

Agricultural uses in (other) Key Natural Heritage Features

The Commission has been presented with DP applications where staff has recommended refusal on the basis that the development was proposed within a KNHF (namely a Significant Woodland), and as provided in the Earth Science ANSI discussion above. The NEP Part 2.7.1 does not provide for an exception for agricultural uses in KNHF (provided a DP is required).

Notwithstanding the issue identified specific to agricultural uses proposed within Earth Science ANSIs, as described above, staff notes that the general NEP policy approach of prohibiting new agricultural development in all other KNHFs (e.g., significant woodlands, significant wildlife habitat), is consistent with the policies for agricultural development concerning KNHF and key hydrologic features described in the Greenbelt Plan, Growth Plan, and ORMCP. Staff maintains that the current policy in Part 2.7 is in keeping with the “environment-first” principle of the NEP. Farming and other forms of compatible development *may* take place within the NEP Area, only if the use has been demonstrated to support the Purpose and Objectives of the NEP.

However, as described in Section B Greenbelt Plan above, staff observes that, unlike the NEP, the Greenbelt Plan and Growth Plan do provide policies that support consideration of expansion of *existing* buildings and structures for agricultural uses, agricultural-related uses, and on-farm diversified uses (emphasis added). Greenbelt Plan Part 4.5.5 Existing uses, provides that expansions or alterations to existing buildings and structures for agricultural uses, agricultural-related uses, or on-farm diversified uses may be considered in KNHFs and key hydrologic features and their associated vegetation protection zones provided that it can be demonstrated that there is no alternative, and the expansion or alteration in the feature is minimized and, in the vegetation protection zone, is directed away from the feature to the maximum extent

possible, and the impact of the development on the feature and its functions is minimized and mitigated.

The NEP Part 2.7.1 provides exceptions to the general prohibition of development within KNHFs for single dwellings and accessory facilities if disturbance can be minimized and temporary. The NEP works on an avoidance first principle with staff working with applicants to determine first and foremost if citing the development in the feature can be avoided through alternate siting and design. Where unavoidable, it must be demonstrated that impacts can be minimized which may require a natural heritage evaluation or equivalent study.

While staff maintains that the current NEP policies respecting the prohibition of new agricultural uses (requiring a Development Permit), are consistent with the other provincial plans, staff is proposing additional NEP policies that would provide an opportunity for the expansion of existing agricultural uses, in certain key natural heritage features consistent with the other provincial plans and provided the test of minimal impact can be met.

Staff finds that the proposal for the introduction of policy provisions allowing consideration of the expansion of existing agricultural uses in key natural heritage features (outside of wetlands), is consistent with the Purpose and Objectives of the Plan. Part 2.3 Existing Use Development Criteria (as well as all other applicable Development Criteria) would also apply to such applications. The proposed new policy provision would maintain the level of protection the current NEP provides for all Key Hydrologic Features (including all wetlands) in the NEP Area, which is consistent with the Purpose and Objectives of the Plan.

While Staff cautions that site-specific, individual development proposals should not be used as the basis to drive Plan-wide policy review and/or change, in the site-specific examples highlighted, the applications described have brought attention to the policy conflict / unintended policy implication that has broader Plan-wide implications, and this is the basis for the amendment proposals being presented by staff for consideration.

Maple syrup harvesting in the Escarpment Natural Area

As noted previously, O. Reg. 828/90 provides exemptions from the requirement for a Development Permit for some forms of general agricultural development, provided the identified criteria are met. Section 5 of the Regulation identifies that the identified classes of development are exempt from the requirement of obtaining a Development

Permit if the use is listed as a Permitted Use under the Land Use policies of the NEP and determined to not conflict with a Development Permit issued under the Act.

The Escarpment Natural Area designation only permits existing agricultural uses, on-farm diversified uses, and agricultural-related uses. No new agricultural uses are permitted, in keeping with the objectives of this designation, to protect and where possible enhance the most sensitive natural and scenic resources of the Escarpment.

Maple sugar harvesting is identified in the definition of general agricultural development in Reg. 828/90 and maple syrup production is defined as an agricultural use in the NEP. Over the years, NEC staff have received inquiries and/or applications for the tapping of trees in the Escarpment Natural Area designation. Staff has been unable to confirm an exemption for such a use, as the O. Reg. 828/90 exemption provision for general agricultural development is not applicable, given that agricultural development/(new) agricultural uses are not identified as a permitted use in the Escarpment Natural Area designation. Staff is also unable to process the Development Permit Application with a favorable recommendation to support the use, again, given it is not identified as a Permitted Use in Part 1.3.3.

Maple sugar harvesting (i.e., the tapping of the maple trees to collect the sap and running of lines between trees), is generally understood to be non-invasive in nature. Permitting this specific and limited aspect of maple syrup production would not offend the objectives of the Escarpment Natural Area designation. The policy amendment proposes to introduce maple sugar harvesting as a permitted use in Part 1.3.3 Escarpment Natural Area. The permitted use would be restricted to the harvesting of sap exclusively, and not include any production facilities. Such production facilities would be required to be located outside of the Escarpment Natural Area designation. Introducing maple sugar harvesting as a permitted use in the Escarpment Natural Area is considered a housekeeping matter that would enable the O. Reg. 828/90 exemption to be applicable.

Known Stakeholder Positions

Significant input from agricultural stakeholder groups and the farming community, in general, was received during the 2015 Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review. Staff and the Commission considered all the submissions in making its recommendations to the government. This consultation resulted in a greater range of Permitted Uses in Escarpment rural areas and more flexible winery policies. Notwithstanding these positive outcomes, there remains concern by agricultural stakeholders that the revisions have not gone far enough to

Ontario Craft Wineries

The Ontario Craft Wineries (OCW) (formerly the Wine Council of Ontario), is a non-profit trade association whose mission is to champion and advocate for the growth and success of Ontario VQA wine producers, representing over 100 wineries across Ontario. NEC senior staff met with members of the OCW, in August of 2021 and September of 2022 to discuss opportunities and issues that remain of concern to their member groups, as they relate to the NEP agricultural policies. The OCW made an additional submission to the NEC on October 25, 2022, outlining remaining concerns with how the 2017 NEP addresses agriculture in the NEP Area, including defining “good” or “normal” agricultural practices in the context of O. Reg. 828/90, concerns with remaining winery policies, OFDUs and ARUs, seasonal/temporary events, and on-site accommodations beyond that currently permitted by the NEP.

Ontario Federation of Agriculture

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) represents more than 38,000 farm family members across the province, and advocates for and supports their membership and the agri-food industry on issues, legislation, and regulations under all levels of government. The OFA and its member groups have made submissions in support of a proposed amendment to the NEP Escarpment Protection Area Part 1.4.3.2 respecting OFDUs and ARUs being permitted in prime agricultural areas only. The OFA is supportive of an amendment to Part 1.4.3.2 to be consistent with the Permitted Use of the Escarpment Rural Area, identifying that such an amendment would have the potential to streamline the policies, and in doing so improve economic potential within the Agri-Food System by providing Ontario Farmers in these areas with the opportunity to diversify their farm business.

E. Initiating the Amendment

Section 6.1(3) of the *NEPDA* provides that: “*Where, in the opinion of the Commission, an application for an amendment does not disclose a planning justification for the amendment, is not in the public interest, is without merit, is frivolous or vexatious or is made only for the purposes of delay, the Commission shall inform the Minister of its opinion and, where the Minister concurs in that opinion, the Minister shall inform the applicant in writing of his or her opinion and notify the applicant that unless the applicant makes written representations thereon to the Ministry within such time as the Minister specifies in the notice, not being less than 15 days from the time the notice is given, the provisions of this Act in respect of the considerations of the amendment shall not apply, and approval of the amendment shall be deemed to be refused.*”

Matters raised in the review of the proposal at this stage are noted to assist in coming to a determination if the application should be initiated under s. 6.1(2) of the NEPDA, and if so, to also provide the commenting agencies and the public with an initial understanding of the application. **The planning considerations as presented are not a complete review or analysis of the final merits of the application either in terms of the NEP or any other relevant legislation or regulation.**

In reviewing the proposed amendment, several key issues must be addressed. All amendment proposals must be considered against the Purpose and Objectives of the NEPDA, and the Objectives and provisions of the NEP, and be consistent (to the extent appropriate), with the other provincial policies.

Justification for the Amendment

In order to initiate an Amendment, the NEC under Section 6.1(2.1) of the NEPDA must be satisfied that the Amendment is justified and worthy of consideration; however, even if the proposed Amendment is justified at this stage, this is not an endorsement of the eventual approval of the Amendment in whole or in part. As identified in Part 1.2.1 of the NEP, the justification for a proposed amendment to the NEP means that there is a sound and defensible rationale for the amendment, as well as reasons, arguments, or evidence in support of the change to the Plan, proposed through the amendment.

NEP Section 1.2.1 Plan Amendments provides that the Plan may be amended if:

- the Purpose and Objectives of the NEPDA and the NEP are met;
- justification for the amendment is provided; and,
- it can be demonstrated that the proposed amendment and the expected impacts resulting from the proposed amendment do not adversely affect the Purpose and Objectives of the *NEPDA*.

The justification for supporting the initial consideration and processing of this amendment for a) the addition of a Permitted Use to Part 1.3.3 Escarpment Natural Area, b) a revision to the NEP Escarpment Protection Area Part 1.4.3.2 permitted Use respecting OFDUs and ARUs, and c) the inclusion of additional policies in Part 2.7 Development Affecting Natural Heritage, is as follows:

1. The amendment, as proposed, does not conflict with the Purpose and Objectives of the NEPDA and NEP, and in general, would be supportive of the compatible management of land and resources within the NEP.
2. The amendment, as proposed, would not be contrary to the Objectives and Permitted Uses of the applicable Land Use Designations of the NEP.

3. The existing Development Criteria of the NEP further support the amendment as proposed, specifically concerning the policies related to promoting and protecting Agriculture.
4. The amendment is consistent with the PPS which sets out policies for prime agricultural areas which are intended to protect these areas for long-term use for agriculture and includes policies that support a diversified rural economy and promote the protection of agricultural and other resource-related uses on rural lands.
5. The amendment is consistent with the Greenbelt Plan (Protected Countryside), Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and Growth Plan, in supporting agriculture while protecting Key Natural Heritage Features.
6. The amendment policies are structured to reflect the unique/specialized purpose and program of the NEP.

Niagara Escarpment Plan

NEP Part 1.2.1 identifies that planning policies and land use designations may be changed by amendment to the Plan, provided that the proposed amendment is consistent with the Purpose and Objectives of the NEPDA and the NEP. The Development Criteria set out in Part 2 of the NEP are to be considered in the assessment of any amendment to the NEP.

Land Use Designation and Designation Criteria

1. Is the Amendment consistent with the Objectives of the Designation and the Designation Criteria in the NEP?

The amendment proposes policies that would apply to the Escarpment Natural Area, Escarpment Protection Area, and Escarpment Rural Area land use designations. Discussion on how the proposals are consistent with the designation objectives and criteria is as follows:

Escarpment Natural Area

The Escarpment Natural Area includes Escarpment features that are in a relatively natural state and associated valleylands, wetlands, and woodlands that are relatively undisturbed. These areas contain natural features that provide essential ecosystem services. They are the most sensitive natural and scenic resources of the Escarpment. The policies aim to protect and enhance these natural areas.

The Objectives of the Escarpment Natural Area are to recognize, protect, and where possible enhance the natural heritage and hydrological systems associated with the

NEP Area, to protect the most natural Escarpment features, valleylands, wetlands, and related significant natural areas, to conserve cultural heritage resources, including features and areas of interest to First Nations and Metis communities, to encourage compatible recreation, conservation, and educational activities; and, to maintain and enhance the scenic resources and open landscape character of the Escarpment.

Agricultural lands have a role to play in providing buffers to Escarpment Natural Areas and ensuring that visually they are not compromised. Agriculture, as a land use, is not a significant part of lands designated Escarpment Natural Area; however, existing agricultural operations are permitted to continue within the designation.

The amendment proposals continue to support the Objectives of the Escarpment Natural Area designation while supporting compatible agricultural uses.

Escarpment Protection Area

Escarpment Protection Areas are important due to their visual prominence, environmental significance, and their role as buffers to the prominent and sensitive Escarpment Natural Area features. They are often more visually prominent than Escarpment Natural Areas and include Escarpment-related landforms and natural heritage and hydrologic features that have been significantly modified by land use activities such as agriculture or residential development.

The Objectives of the Escarpment Protection Area include to maintain and enhance the scenic resources and open landscape character of the Escarpment, to buffer the prominent Escarpment features, to recognize, protect, and where possible enhance the natural heritage system associated with the NEP Area and protect natural areas of regional significance, to conserve cultural heritage resources, including features and areas of interest to First Nation and Metis communities; and, to encourage compatible recreation, conservation, and forest management activities.

Agriculture is a Permitted Use within the Escarpment Protection Area. Visually, the Escarpment Protection Areas are some of the most visually prominent within the NEP Area. Agricultural lands, both prime agricultural and rural areas may contribute to the open landscape character of the area. Providing a buffer to prominent Escarpment features is an Objective of this Designation, agriculture lands may provide such a buffer. Maintenance of agricultural lands is therefore a goal within the Escarpment Protection Area.

The amendment proposals are found to support the Escarpment Protection Area designation.

Escarpment Rural Area

Escarpment Rural Areas are an essential component of the Escarpment corridor, including portions of the Escarpment and lands in its vicinity. One objective is to encourage agriculture and protect agricultural lands and prime agricultural areas. Agriculture, agriculture-related uses, and on-farm diversified uses are permitted uses within the Escarpment Rural Area. This designation is the most likely to have the largest extent of active agricultural operations. Escarpment Rural Areas are also intended to provide a buffer to the more ecologically sensitive areas of the Escarpment. The objectives call for the maintenance of scenic values and open landscape character and encourage agriculture as a compatible land use to conserve the traditional cultural landscape.

The proposed amendments are supportive of and consistent with the Escarpment Rural Area designation.

Other NEP Land Use Designations

The proposed policies have less material impact within the Urban, Minor Urban, and Recreation Areas of the NEP. In the case of Urban Areas, Minor Urban Centres and Escarpment Recreation Areas, the policy framework of the NEP requires that municipalities prepare official plans that are consistent with the NEP. If agricultural lands still exist in such areas, the municipality may introduce policies that are consistent with the NEP policies. The test will be whether they comply with the PPS (and the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt Plan, should it apply). The municipality may or may not choose to introduce the provisions based on local planning concerns and municipalities may have policies that are more restrictive than the Provincial policies, to the extent of any conflict.

Mineral Resource Extraction Areas would be largely unaffected by the policy proposals. Although agriculture, agriculture-related uses, and on-farm diversified uses are permitted uses in such areas, the expectation is that if the lands are under an active approved *Aggregate Resource Act* licence and NEC Development Permit, such areas will be or have been mined. Post-extraction rehabilitation is expected to include redesignation under the NEP and may return to agricultural uses, at which time the respective NEP policies may apply if introduced into the NEP.

2. *Is the Amendment consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), Greenbelt Plan, Places to Grow, and local planning documents?*

A discussion has been provided earlier in this report (Section B), concerning the planning framework that the proposal is required to be assessed against, and the consistency of the proposal with the PPS (2020), Growth Plan, local Official Plans, and the other

provincial plans. Circulation of the proposal to the affected ministries, municipalities, and conservation authorities will allow for further evaluation of the proposal against the applicable provincial and municipal planning policies and other guidelines.

As noted previously, provincial plans take precedence over the PPS to the extent of any conflict. The specific regulatory and policy regime in the NEPDA and NEP has a unique purpose that may sometimes supersede broad-based provincial agricultural policies and guidelines.

F. CONCLUSIONS

Staff advises that should the Commission endorse proceeding with the processing of the amendment proposal at this time (i.e., circulation and request for comments), doing so does not represent an endorsement of the eventual approval of the amendment application in whole or in part. Staff will consider any comments received through the circulation of the proposal and return to the Commission with a comprehensive policy analysis and final recommendations.

Concerning further consideration of the public interest, public agencies and special interest stakeholders may bring additional insight on matters related to the public interest and the Public Interest Advisory Committee (PIAC) would also convene to provide advice and recommendation on the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Niagara Escarpment Commission instructs staff to process the proposed Amendment PC 225 22 for circulation and notification pursuant to Section 6.1(2) of the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*.

Attachments

Appendix 1 Proposed Amendment Document

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Kathy Woeller
Director

**Proposed Amendment PC 225 22
to the Niagara Escarpment Plan**

**Amendment to the policies respecting on-farm diversified
uses and agricultural-related uses in the Escarpment
Protection Area and other agricultural-related housekeeping
matters**

November 16, 2022

PART A – The Preamble

Purpose:

To undertake a general amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) to revise specific policies respecting agricultural uses, on-farm diversified uses, and agriculture-related uses to better support and enhance the Agricultural System and the long-term economic prosperity and viability of the agri-food sector, while ensuring that the Purpose and Objectives of the NEP are upheld.

Area:

The entire Niagara Escarpment Plan Area

Initiator:

Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC)

Basis:

Under Section 6.1(2) of the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act (NEPDA)*, the NEC may initiate an amendment to the NEP, provided that the NEC is satisfied that the amendment is justified.

This proposed amendment is the result of monitoring five years of implementation of the 2017 NEP agricultural policies and considering submissions from key agricultural stakeholders and individual landowners. The proposed amendment will strengthen and provide greater clarity and consistency to the current policies respecting agricultural development in the NEP Area.

The revisions to existing policies and the introduction of new policies related to agricultural uses, on-farm diversified uses, and agriculture-related uses proposed to be introduced in the NEP through the amendment are found to be consistent with the Purpose and Objectives of the *NEPDA* and the NEP, and further, recognize that agricultural uses have the potential to be compatible land uses that can contribute to maintaining the Escarpment's open landscape character and cultural heritage landscape.

The proposed amendment also respects other provincial legislation including the Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan as well as the Provincial Policy Statement. The amendment will ensure a consistent and coordinated approach to agricultural uses and agricultural development through the various provincial plans and legislation.

Part B – The Amendment

Part 1 Land Use Policies is amended by adding the following Permitted Use under Part 1.3.3 Permitted Uses of the Escarpment Natural Area designation:

15. Maple sugar harvesting (for greater certainty, this includes the tapping of trees, and collection of sap, and does not include the development of buildings or facilities related to maple syrup production).

Part 1 Land Use Policies Permitted Use Part 1.4.3 Escarpment Protection Area, Permitted Use 3 is amended as follows:

3. Agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses, ~~in prime agricultural areas~~

Part 2.7 Development Affecting Natural Heritage is amended by adding a new subsection 2.7.2 which shall read:

2.7.2 f) Expansions to *Existing uses* that are *Agricultural uses, agricultural-related uses and on-farm diversified uses outside of wetlands*, provided there is no alternative and the expansion or alteration in the feature is minimized and where possible, temporary.

Part 2.7 Development Affecting Natural Heritage is amended by adding a new sub-section as follows:

Notwithstanding Part 2.7.2, *Agricultural uses, agricultural-related uses, and on-farm diversified uses* may be permitted in Earth Science Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest, which is not also identified as any other Key Natural Heritage Feature, provided it has been demonstrated that the earth science values can be maintained and protected. Planning, design, and construction practices shall be identified that will keep disturbance to landform character to a minimum and ensure the protection of the geological or geomorphological attributes.

The following definition is added to Appendix 2 Definitions:

Earth Science Values: values that relate to the geological, soil, and landform features of the environment

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March 10, 2023

Good day,

Ontario is taking continued action to streamline and modernize its almost 50-year-old environmental assessment (EA) process that is not reflective of best practices, unnecessarily burdensome and costly. We are proposing sensible, practical changes that would continue to provide strong environmental oversight while reducing delays to get shovels in the ground on projects that matter most to Ontario communities.

Today, on behalf of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, I am writing to let you know about our latest efforts to modernize the environmental assessment (EA) program in Ontario.

As the next step in this work, we are seeking your feedback on the following postings:

- [Moving to a project list approach under the Environmental Assessment Act](#)
- [Evaluating municipal class environmental assessment requirements for infrastructure projects](#)
- [Improving timelines for comprehensive environmental assessments](#)

Please note: we are seeking comments on these postings by May 9, 2023.

If you have any questions or comments about the postings, you may contact the Environmental Assessment Modernization Team at: EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca.

We value your feedback and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Cross".

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Our Reference #: M-2023-2275

March 24, 2023

Dear Heads of Council, Municipal Chief Administrative Officers, and Clerks:

I am pleased to write to you today to provide an update on modernization initiatives in Ontario's *Provincial Offences Act* (POA) courts.

On November 23, 2022, proposed amendments to the POA aimed at modernizing and streamlining processes in POA courts were introduced in the Ontario Legislature as Schedule 8 under Bill 46, the *Less Red Tape, Stronger Ontario Act, 2023*. I am happy to advise that Bill 46 received Royal Assent on March 22, 2023.

As a result, the following changes to the POA have been approved:

Implementation of Amendments to Allow for Clerk Review of Reopening Applications

Currently, the POA allows a defendant convicted of either failing to respond to a charge laid by certificate of offence or of failing to appear for a hearing or early resolution meeting, to apply to have the conviction struck and the matter reopened. Such applications are currently reviewed by a justice of the peace and may be granted if the justice of the peace is satisfied that, through no fault of their own, the defendant was unable to appear for a hearing or an early resolution meeting or did not receive a notice or document relating to the offence.

Effective September 22, 2023, clerks of the court will grant, but not deny, applications to strike a conviction on a ticket, if satisfied that the defendant, through no fault of their own, missed a notice or was unable to attend a meeting or hearing related to the ticket. If the clerk is not able to grant the application and strike the conviction, the clerk must forward the application to a justice of the peace to make the determination whether to grant or deny the request for a reopening.

These amendments will assist municipalities in recovering from the disruption of court operations created by the pandemic by freeing up judicial time and allowing municipal court staff to address the backlog of cases more quickly.

Repeal of the Bill 177 Early Resolution Reforms

Effective March 22, 2023, amendments to section 5.1 of the POA, together with previously proposed sections 5.2 to 5.5 are repealed, although they had not yet come into force. These previously proposed amendments would have changed the "early resolution" process in ways that are no longer desired by stakeholders.

The Ministry of the Attorney General looks forward to continuing engagement with partners and stakeholders on new opportunities for modernizing the early resolution process.

If you have any questions, or if you would like more information about these initiatives, please contact Ms. Wendy Chen, Manager of the POA Unit, either by email at JUS.G.MAG.POASupport@ontario.ca or by telephone at (437) 244-8733.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the administration of justice and for supporting access to justice services for all Ontarians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Downey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the name.

Doug Downey
Attorney General

c: Wendy Chen, Manager, POA Unit, Court Services Division, Ministry of the Attorney General



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

Motion by: Councillor Moreton

Seconded by: Councillor Grant

WHEAREAS an announcement in the media was made that the English Public School Boards Association, the largest school association in the Province, is asking for the end of the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews;

AND WHEREAS this announcement potentially threatens the future closure of schools in many single school municipalities;

AND WHEREAS access to education and the presence of a school in a community is an essential service and has a direct link to the quality of life in a community;

AND WHEREAS schools play a key role in improving services and quality of life in a community and are viewed as activity centres where children have access to education, health services, recreation and culture;

AND WHEREAS schools are an important factor in the retention and attraction of residents in a community and is essential in order to resolve labour shortages and allow economic development and growth in small rural municipalities;

AND WHEREAS demographics in many areas are currently shifting and changing quickly as we work on meeting the needs of many Ontario residents during a housing crisis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council is requesting the provincial government through the Minister of Education to extend the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews in order to allow municipalities, townships, neighbourhoods and subdivisions the opportunity to prosper, develop and grow without being hindered by school closures due to low enrollments that could quickly change.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Victor Fedeli and all Ontario Municipalities. **Resolution Number: 2023: 054 Carried**



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February 28, 2023

Via email only

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Re: Oath of Office

Please be advised that during their Regular Council meeting held February 21, 2023, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. **R2023-119**

Moved by Councillor Franzen
Seconded by Deputy Mayor
Armstrong

Whereas most municipalities in Ontario have a native land acknowledgement in their opening ceremony; and

Whereas a clear reference to the rights of Indigenous people is the aim of advancing Truth and Reconciliation; and

Whereas Call to Action 94 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada called upon the Government of Canada to replace the wording of the Oath of Citizenship to include the recognition of the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples; and

Whereas on June 21, 2021 an Act to amend The Citizenship Act received royal assent to include clear reference to the rights of Indigenous peoples aimed at advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action within the broader reconciliation framework; and

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada outlines specific calls to action for municipal governments in Canada to act on, including education and collaboration;

Therefore be it resolved that Council request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the following changes be made to the municipal oath of office: I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples; and further

That this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), all Ontario municipalities, MPP Dave Smith, MP Michelle Ferreri, Premier Doug Ford and Curve Lake First Nation.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

Cc: All Ontario municipalities

February 24, 2023

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Motion Respecting Declarations of Emergency for Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction

COM-C 14-2023

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 23, 2023, passed the following recommendation, as amended, of its Public Health and Social Services Committee:

Whereas Niagara Regional Council acknowledges that the challenges of homelessness, mental health and the opioid crisis are exceptionally complex issues that have a measurable and significantly detrimental impact on the residents of the Niagara region, including the loss of life;

Whereas addressing these issues places extreme stress on upper and lower-tier municipal programs and services, the Niagara Regional Police, Niagara Health, Emergency Medical Services and various non-profit service providers across the region;

Whereas the challenges of homelessness, mental health and opioids have seen a trend of becoming more prevalent in recent years and continue to have a significant impact on the Niagara community;

Whereas Niagara Region, through the staff in Community Services and Public Health, has taken many steps to address these issues with the development and provision of best-practice programming designed to mitigate their impact on the community;

Whereas Niagara Regional Council acknowledges that the challenges of homelessness, mental health and the opioid crisis are intrinsically diverse and should not be viewed as a single monolithic problem;

Whereas addressing these challenges will require strategies and tactics that are specifically designed for each of the unique issues;

Whereas Niagara Region accepts that the responsibility to address these challenges rests with multiple stakeholders, including the provincial government and its agencies;

Whereas 26 Niagara agencies within the Region, including Public Health and Emergency Medical Services, have collaboratively developed a Substance Use Prevention Strategy known as the Opioid Prevention and Education Network of Niagara, and are actively implementing it;

Whereas Niagara Region is a “Built for Zero” community that has accurate and timely data regarding its homeless population and delivers programs and services targeted for strategically helping those individuals experiencing homelessness;

Whereas the challenges of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction are found throughout the entire province of Ontario and are not unique to Niagara;

Whereas Niagara Regional Council recognizes that municipal emergencies in Ontario are declared by the head of council as per the process detailed in the Emergency Management and Civil Protections Act; and

Whereas Niagara Regional Council acknowledges that the declaration of an emergency does not immediately result in a municipality receiving any additional funds or resources from senior levels of government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to formally issue three separate declarations of emergency, in the areas of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction, as per the procedure outlined in the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act;
2. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Provincial Government requesting that action be taken on the eight measures proposed by the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (as previously endorsed by Regional Council on June 23, 2022), including:
 - a. Creation of a multi-sectoral task force to guide the development of a robust provincial opioid response plan that will ensure necessary resourcing, policy change, and health and social system coordination;
 - b. Expanding access to evidence informed harm reduction programs and practices including lifting the provincial cap of 21 Consumption and Treatment Service (CTS) Sites, funding Urgent Public Health Needs Sites (UPHNS) and scaling up safer supply options;
 - c. Revision of the current CTS model to address the growing trends of opioid poisoning amongst those who are using inhalation methods;
 - d. Expanding access to opioid agonist therapy for opioid use disorder through a range of settings (e.g. mobile outreach, primary care, emergency departments, Rapid Access to Addiction Medicine Clinics), and a variety of medication options;

- e. Providing a long-term financial commitment to create more affordable and supportive housing for people in need, including people with substance use disorders;
 - f. Addressing the structural stigma and harms that discriminate against people who use drugs, through provincial support and advocacy to the Federal government to decriminalize personal use and possession of substances and ensure increased investments in health and social services at all levels;
 - g. Increasing investments in evidence-informed substance use prevention and mental health promotion initiatives that provide foundational support for the health, safety and well-being of individuals, families, and neighbourhoods, beginning from early childhood; and
 - h. Funding additional and dedicated positions for public health to support the critical coordination and leadership of local opioid and substance abuse strategies;
3. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting action be taken to correct the funding allocation model for homelessness based on the results of Auditor General's 2021 report which found that provincial funding in this area is incorrect;
 4. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Ministry of Health and the CEO of Ontario Health requesting that the province immediately commit to fully funding gaps in mental health service as have been identified in the Needs Based Planning project by Niagara Ontario Health Team's Mental Health and Addictions Working Group, as well as funding ongoing annual increases as required by inflation and population need;
 5. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General, David Lametti, and Federal Minister of Health, Jean-Yves Duclos, reaffirming Regional Council's October 22, 2020 motion urging the Federal government convene a task force to explore the legal regulation and decriminalization of all drugs in Canada;
 6. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) requesting that targeted advocacy be conducted in these areas, including the development of a singular motion that can be ratified by municipal councils across Ontario calling on the province to take immediate action;
 7. That Niagara Region, through its Public Health and Social Services Committee, **URGE** the federal government to declare homelessness as a humanitarian crisis; and

8. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to the local area municipalities, all municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and local MPs and MPPs.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk
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CLK-C 2023-019

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SENT VIA EMAIL

March 2, 2023

David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

Re: Town of Cobourg Resolution – Homeless and Unsheltered Persons

At a meeting held on February 27, 2023, the Municipal Council of the Town of Cobourg approved the following Resolution #045-23:

Homeless and Unsheltered Persons

Moved by Deputy Mayor Nicole Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Adam Bureau

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on February 27, 2023, Council considered a Delegation Action from the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 21, 2023, regarding Homelessness and Unsheltered Residents with an understanding and appreciation of the impacts and importance of the issue of homelessness has to the local community; and

WHEREAS the Town of Cobourg acknowledges that there are complex issues which can be presented through the challenges of homelessness and a lack of transitional and affordable housing, which are most significantly felt at the local level on a daily basis; and therefore have a measurable and detrimental impact on the well-being of all citizens of the Town of Cobourg; and

WHEREAS the Town of Cobourg does not have the resources, capacity or tools to address these complex challenges without the partnership of the designated service providers being the County of Northumberland, and the Province of Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council acknowledges that homelessness in the Town of Cobourg is a social, economic and health crisis; and

FURTHER THAT Council requests the support of the County of Northumberland as the regional service manager and facilitator of the Community Safety and Well-Being Taskforce by including Cobourg representatives and people with lived experience on it in an effort to address the local issues of homelessness in the Town of Cobourg; and



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FURTHER THAT Council requests a need for immediate action from the Province of Ontario to develop, resource and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario; and,

FURTHER THAT Council invites the delegates to submit their presentations to the Northumberland County Social Services Standing Committee and County Council and member municipalities; and

FURTHER that a copy of this motion be sent to all Northumberland County Lower-Tier municipalities for support; and

FURTHER THAT that a copy of this motion be sent to Premier Doug Ford, MPP David Piccini, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Health, HKPR Board of Health, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all 444 municipalities in Ontario.

045-23

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at blarmer@cobourg.ca or by telephone at (905)-372-4301 Ext. 4401.

Sincerely,

Brent Larmer
Municipal Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
Returning Officer
Legislative Services Department



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February 1, 2023

Sent via email.

Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

Please note that on February 1, 2023 Huron County Council passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report by CAO Meighan Wark dated February 1, 2023 titled Report to Council: Cannabis Act Information as presented;
AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron advocate for improvements to the Cannabis Act and current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada by sending the report titled *Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information*, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve forwarding Call to Action Letters to the following for support:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Municipalities in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Premier of Ontario
- Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture
- Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Member of Parliament
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
- Federal Minister of Health

CARRIED

The County of Huron calls for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

To be clear, the County of Huron is not against or opposed to cannabis and we appreciate the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed, and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to higher levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

It is in this spirit that we provide the following recommendation:

As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

In our local municipal experience, these facilities are often established without complying with local municipal zoning and nuisance by-laws, often contain hundreds of cannabis plants for each of the four assigned individuals, and usually do not include adequate odour controls to manage impacts on surrounding homes, public facilities, and the community at large.

To help manage public impacts of cannabis production facilities, we request that all production facilities, including facilities used by a designated person to produce cannabis for an individual's medical purposes, to require confirmation from the local municipality that the facility/site selected complies with all local municipal by-laws and regulations prior to an application being approved by Health Canada. We also request that Health Canada implement a system of minimum setbacks between cannabis production facilities and sensitive odour receptors, including homes and public facilities.

As an agricultural community, we have had extensive experience with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formula, an approach which has been used to successfully manage land use conflicts resulting from odour between livestock facilities and sensitive receptors for almost 50 years. We believe a system based on MDS would be appropriate to manage the

impacts of Health Canada's approved cannabis facilities, including both licensed commercial producers and designated growers for individuals.

In conclusion, we strongly recommend further notice and enhanced consultation with municipal governments when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases, serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen McNeil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the beginning.

Glen McNeil
Warden, Huron County
On behalf of Huron County Council

March 6, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier@ontario.ca

Re: Support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act


Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

“That Chatham-Kent Council express its support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities and local boards to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member’s seat if the Commissioner’s inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Stephen Blais, and local MPPs.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local MPPs
Ontario Municipalities



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March 13, 2023

The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
1 Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Resolution regarding County Planning Services

At the regular meeting of Council held February 22, 2023, Council of the Township of Amaranth passed a motion as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Whereas the Provincial of Ontario has a mandate to work across government to reduce red tape and regulations and policies that can be burdensome and inefficient and;

Whereas Bill 23 has removed the upper-tier planning function from a number of municipalities where there is already a lower-tier planning function and;

Whereas the Dufferin County and all lower-tier municipalities operated without a County planning function until this became a Provincial requirement in 2014 and;

Whereas the lower-tier Official Plan must be consistent with the upper-tier Official Plans, and;

That the Township of Amaranth request the Province of Ontario, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of Red Tape Reduction remove the upper-tier planning function from Dufferin County. **CARRIED**

Council respectfully requests the Province of Ontario to remove the planning function from the upper-tier Dufferin County as it is a redundant service. Council further asked that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Dufferin County lower tier municipalities.

Respectfully,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk



Town of Caledon
6311 Old Church Road
Caledon ON L7C 1J6
Attn: Laura Hall, Clerk

Please be advised that its regular meeting on March 9, 2023, Dufferin County Council passed the following motion to support your request to the Ministry of Transportation and ask the Dufferin County portion of Highway 10 be included:

WHEREAS driver and pedestrian safety is a priority of our Council;

AND WHEREAS Provincial Highway 10, from the northern border of Brampton to the northern border of Dufferin County, contains various uses such as urban and rural and experiences high traffic volumes, chronic speeding, and an increased number of commercial vehicles;

AND WHEREAS the projected growth will continue to exasperate these issues;

AND WHEREAS our neighbours to the South in the Town of Caledon have recently made a delegation at ROMA to ask the Province to work with the Town of Caledon to develop a terms of reference for a traffic and road safety study to be funded by the MTO, of the entire length of Highway 10 within Caledon;

AND WHEREAS the County of Dufferin would benefit from such a traffic and road safety study being done including the length of Highway 10 within the County of Dufferin;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a letter of support be provided to the Town of Caledon regarding their request to the Province on behalf of Council;

AND FURTHER request that the Town of Caledon include the portion of Highway 10 that runs through the County of Dufferin in the proposed study;

AND THAT County of Dufferin staff be available for consultation as part of this project;

AND THAT a copy of the letter of support be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Deputy Premier, Sylvia Jones, Minister of Transportation, Caroline Mulroney, the Town of Caledon and all municipalities in Dufferin County.



Thank you,

Michelle Hargrave

Michelle Hargrave
Administrative Support Specialist

Cc Deputy Premier
Minister of Transportation
Town of Caledon Clerk
Dufferin County Clerks



March 21, 2023

Mayor Annette Groves
Town of Caledon
6311 Old Church Rd.
Caledon, ON, L7C 1J6
Via Email: annette.groves@caledon.ca

Re: Town of Orangeville resolution in support of terms of the development of terms of reference for a traffic and road safety study to be funded by MTO for the full length of Hwy 10.

Dear Mayor Groves,

On February 27, 2023, the Town of Orangeville Council passed the below resolution to provide support to the Town of Caledon's request to the Province to develop terms of reference for a traffic and road safety study.

"WHEREAS driver and pedestrian safety is a priority of our Council; and

WHEREAS Provincial Highway 10, from the northern border of Brampton to the intersection of First Street in Orangeville, contains various uses such as urban and rural and experiences high traffic volumes, chronic speeding, and an increased number of commercial vehicles; and

WHEREAS the projected growth will continue to exasperate these issues; and

WHEREAS our neighbours to the South in the Town of Caledon have recently made a delegation at ROMA to ask the Province to work with the Town of Caledon to develop a terms of reference for a traffic and road safety study to be funded by the MTO, of the entire length of Highway 10 within Caledon; and

WHEREAS the Town of Orangeville would benefit from such a traffic and road safety study being done including the length of Highway 10 within Orangeville; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a letter of support be provided to the Town of Caledon regarding their request to the Province on behalf of Council;

AND FURTHER REQUEST that the Town of Caledon include the portion of Highway 10

that runs through Orangeville in the proposed study; and

THAT the Town of Orangeville staff be available for consultation as part of this project; and

THAT a copy of the letter of support be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Deputy Premier, Sylvia Jones, Minister of Transportation, Caroline Mulroney, the Town of Caledon and all municipalities in Dufferin County.”

We respectfully support Town of Caledon’s request and look forward to hearing of the response and actions taken by the Province and MTO.

Sincerely,



Lisa Post
Mayor

c.c. Premier Doug Ford,
Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones,
Minister of Transportation, Caroline Mulroney
All Dufferin County Municipalities



Township of Lucan Biddulph

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March 22, 2023

The Honorable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

RE: Future Accuracy of Permanent Register of Electors

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lucan Biddulph at its meeting held on March 21, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2023-094
Moved by Councillor D. Regan
Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Manders

WHEREAS concerns surrounding the accuracy of the Voters' List has been highlighted in elections past and inaccuracies continue to plague municipal elections;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Ontario now has the responsibility to prepare and maintain a Permanent Register of Electors, under the Elections Act, for future municipal elections;

AND WHEREAS an accurate Permanent Register of Electors is paramount in upholding the integrity of democratic government;

AND WHEREAS an accurate Permanent Register of Electors could increase voter turnout statistics and possibly contribute to positive voter apathy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Lucan Biddulph requests that the Province of Ontario, through Elections Ontario and the Chief Electoral Officer utilize any resources available to produce the highest quality Permanent Register of Electors;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Elections Ontario, MPP Monte McNaughton and Ontario Municipal Councils for their support.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Reymmer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ron Reymmer
CAO/Clerk

cc. All Ontario Municipalities
Greg Essensa, Chief Electoral Officer for Ontario
Monte McNaughton, MPP – Lambton, Kent, Middlesex



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Honourable Steve Clark

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park 17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

March 22, 2023

RE: The Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

Dear Honourable Steve Clark,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023, Mayor Bondy brought forward a Notice of Motion for Council's consideration regarding the reinstatement of previous legislation permitting a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales. It was discussed that, prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction. It was further noted that the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to a municipality who invest a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

R23-03-081

Moved by: Mayor Bondy

Seconded by: Councillor Allard

That Council direct Administration to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Essex County Council, MPP Anthony Leardi, Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shelley Brown".

Shelley Brown

Acting Clerk

sbrown@essex.ca



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c.c. Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
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Mary Birch, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
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Anthony Leardi, MPP
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario ("AMO")
resolutions@amo.on.ca

All other municipalities in Ontario



March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Pleased be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 6, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Blazek

WHEREAS almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20);

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

AND WHEREAS police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at lcline@northperth.ca.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Cline,
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth

cc.
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Provincial Opposition Parties
MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
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February 24, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Attention: Doug Ford, Premier

Dear Mr. Ford

RE: Barriers for Women in Politics

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on February 21, 2023 passed the following resolution:

C-23-055

Moved by: Councillor DiFlavio; Seconded by: Councillor Freake

WHEREAS, the Town of Grimsby values equality and inclusivity in all areas of life, including politics;

WHEREAS, women have historically been underrepresented in politics, and continue to face barriers and discrimination in their pursuit of elected office;

WHEREAS, misogyny and harassment have been identified as significant challenges for women in politics, both in Canada and around the world;

WHEREAS, the Town of Grimsby believes that all individuals have the right to participate in a political environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, and misogyny;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Grimsby expresses its support for women in politics and their right to participate in a political environment that is free from misogyny and harassment, and where everyone feels equal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Grimsby commits to taking steps to ensure that our political environment is inclusive and welcoming to all individuals, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or other identity factors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Grimsby encourages other municipalities in Ontario and across Canada to join us in supporting women in politics and promoting gender equality in all areas of society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario Municipalities for endorsement, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Grimsby's MP and MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to express the Town of Grimsby's commitment to this issue and encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equality, safety, and security.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
Town Clerk

cc.

All Ontario Municipalities
Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Dean Allison, MP – Niagara West
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP – Niagara West
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Roseann Knechtel

From: Clerk
Subject: FW: Resolution Declaring Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women an Epidemic

From: Stacey Blair <sblair@carletonplace.ca>
Sent: March 10, 2023 1:08 PM
To: resolutions@amo.on.ca
Subject: Resolution Declaring Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women an Epidemic

Good afternoon,

Please be advised that at their meeting of March 7, 2023, the Council of the Town of Carleton Place passed the following motion:

Lanark County Interval House and Community Support

Motion No. 04-134-04

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tennant

Seconded by: Councillor Comley

THAT the Town of Carleton Place recognizes the issues of violence in rural communities as serious to the health and wellness of local families; and

THAT the Town of Carleton Place recognizes the rural Renfrew County inquest as important to all rural communities; and

THAT based on the statistics of 4815 crisis calls and service provision to 527 women and children in our local community, the Council of the Town of Carleton Place declares IPV (intimate partner violence)/VAW (violence against women) an epidemic as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County jury recommendations; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,

Stacey Blair, B.A., Dipl. M.A.

Clerk, Town of Carleton Place

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March 27, 2023

Dear Heads of Councils and Councillors,

We, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS), are writing you on behalf of all our municipal members to raise awareness and solicit your support by objecting to a new fee proposed by Enbridge Gas. Enbridge has announced their intention to implement a new charge to third-party contractors and other utilities for utility locates. Third-party contractors will include Ontario municipalities and contractors working on their behalf. Enbridge Gas will apply a charge of \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) per locate request where a field locate is required. The need for municipalities and their contractors to request these locates when doing road construction and maintenance is due to utilities being present in municipal right of ways, which municipalities across the province have allowed at no cost to the utility.

Enbridge has stated that the *Getting Ontario Connected Act* passed into law in April 2022 has resulted in changes to the *Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act* and has caused Enbridge to make significant investments in associated operational investments. The concern being raised by our members, your public works staff, is that Enbridge will be just the beginning of these additional fees, with other utility companies implementing similar charges. These new charges will have significant impacts on municipal budgets.

As examples of what impacts this announcement might have on municipalities, based on 2022 municipal locate requests alone, it is estimated that this new fee would directly cost the Municipality of Central Huron approximately \$35,000 annually, the City of Belleville approximately \$90,000 annually and the Town of Espanola approximately \$7,300 annually. It is important to note that these are direct costs alone. Any subcontractors working on behalf the municipality requesting locates will be charged this same cost, and these costs will have to be borne by someone – meaning the subcontractors will put this cost back to the municipality. Then there will be the added administrative costs at both ends of the transaction. It is difficult to determine this quickly the true fulsome costs to your budget. This will also add an extra item into tendering projects, as it will create concerns on both sides on who is responsible for these costs.

By Enbridge Gas passing on these locate costs to municipalities, these costs are borne by all ratepayers across the municipality, and not only those who use this utility.

We would like to request your Council consider passing the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;

AND WHEREAS, third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities;

AND WHEREAS, this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;

AND WHEREAS, if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the <insert your municipality name> strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;

AND THAT, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;

AND THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, <insert your municipality name>'s MPP, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

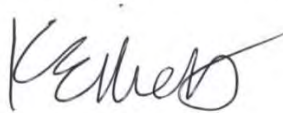
Furthermore, AORS will be sending your public works senior managers and directors a survey to further investigate the true costs of this proposed fee on your budgets. We ask you to encourage your staff to complete this survey so we can better advocate on your behalf.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



John Maheu
Executive Director
johnmaheu@aors.on.ca



Kelly Elliott
Marketing and Communications Specialist
kellyelliott@aors.on.ca



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR

BY-LAW NO. 08 - 2023

BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 43-2005 BEING THE TRAFFIC BY-LAW

WHEREAS ON December 6, 2005 the Council of the Township of Mulmur passed By-law #43-2005 being a by-law to regulate traffic on roads under the jurisdiction of the Township of Mulmur (Traffic By-law);

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur deems it desirable to amend By-law 43-0005 to include changes to the maximum rate of speed on rads within the Township of Mulmur;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT By-law 43-2005 is amended by the following:

Schedule “G” (Maximum Rate of Speed 60 km/hr)

Add

Column 1 (Name of Road)

15 Sideroad

Column 2 (Section of Road)

From Dufferin County Road 18 (Airport Road) to a point 100 meters west of the intersection of the 5th Line EHS

Schedule “J” (Bridge Weight Restrictions)

Add

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Name of Structure	Name of Road	Weight Restriction
Bridge 12	Centre Road	15 tonne
Bridge 15	3 rd Line EHS	15 tonne
Bridge 25	2 nd Line WHS	15 tonne
Bridge 26	2 nd Line WHS	15 tonne
Culvert A	Mulmur-Melancthon TL	15 tonne

2. THAT this by-law shall come into force and effect upon the erection of required signage.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED on this 5th day of APRIL, 2023.

.....

JANET HORNER, MAYOR

.....

TRACEY ATKINSON, CAO/CLERK



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR

BY-LAW NO. - 2023

BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH FEES OR CHARGES FOR SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES PROVIDED OR DONE ON BEHALF OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR

WHEREAS Section 390 of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001 c.25 as amended, authorizes the Council of a local municipality to pass by-laws imposing fees or charges on persons for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS Section 150 of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. c. 25, as amended, authorizes a local municipality to pass a by-law requiring the payment of license fees;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the fees set out in Schedules A, attached hereto form part of this By-law, shall be paid for the services or activities listed.
2. THAT this By-law supersedes other by-laws in terms of fees and payments only.
3. THAT this By-law may be referred to as the "User Fees and Charges By-Law."
4. That By-Laws 15-2022 and any amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED on this 5th day of APRIL 2023.

.....
JANET HORNER, MAYOR

.....
TRACEY ATKINSON, CAO/CLERK



SCHEDULE OF USER FEES & CHARGES 2023

(Updated April 2023)

<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	<u>FEES</u>	<u>PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>FEES</u>
Arrears Statement by Mail	\$5	Annual Trailer Licence	\$240
Colour 11x17 Zoning/OP Maps	\$3 each	Annual Wide Load Permit	\$50
Commissioner of Oaths	\$15 for non-resident	Annual Wrecking Yard Licence	\$10
Fax	\$2 per page	Entrance Permit (Twp. rds only: \$200 Non Refundable)	\$500
Late Payments Penalty	1.25%	Road Occupancy Permit-Construction	\$50
Lottery Licensing Fee	3% of Prize Value	Road Occupancy Permit-Comm./Events	\$250
NSF Returned Cheques	\$40	Road Occupancy Permit-Forestry	\$500
Ownership Changes	\$35	<u>WASTE</u>	
OPP False Alarms (3rd offence & subsequent) (see By-law 16-2014)	\$500 per offence	Composter (Black-Backyard)	\$35 each
Photocopying	\$0.50 per copy	Garbage Bag Stickers	\$ 2 per bag
Refreshment Vehicles/Stand	\$500 annually	Green Bin (roadside pick-up)	\$15 each
Satellite Photos	\$10	Kitchen Catcher (additional)	\$5 each
Search of Records or Admin work required	\$15/qtr hr.	<u>DOG LICENSE FEES</u>	
Sign Variance	\$500	Replacement Tag	\$10 each
Tax & A/R Bill/Statement Reprints by mail	\$5	<u>SPAYED/NEUTERED</u>	
Tax Certificates	\$75	First Dog	\$20
Township Basement Hall Rental - Non Resident or Commercial Use	\$100/day*	Second Dog	\$30
Township Basement Hall Rental - Non Resident or Commercial Use	\$25/hr*	Third Dog	\$80
Township Basement Hall Rental - Resident	\$60/day*	<u>NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED</u>	
Township Basement Hall Rental Hourly Rate - Resident	\$15/hr*	First Dog	\$30
Township Hats	\$15	Second Dog	\$40
Township Mugs	\$15	Third Dog	\$90
Township Pins	\$3	Kennel Licence first year	\$300
Transfer unpaid accounts to taxes	\$10	Kennel Licence after first year	\$200
<u>MANSFIELD PARK RATES</u>		<u>OFF SITE RENTALS</u>	
Adult Baseball per hour fee	\$13/hr.*	Tent Rentals	\$50/day*
Minor Baseball per hour fee	\$8/hr.*	Tables (per item / per day)	\$10
Pavilion Rental (includes use of washrooms, ball diamond, children's playground, picnic tables and garbage cans). Half a day is 4 hours or less.	\$50/half day* \$100/full day*	Chairs (per item / per day)	\$2
Sign Sponsorship (sign 40 inches x 40 inches)	\$150 per sign*	Coffee Urns (per item / per day)	\$15

* Plus HST

** No administrative fees will be charged related to name changes and revision of official documents for residential school survivors as per Council Motion related to the TRC Calls to Action on December 8, 2021



SCHEDULE OF USER FEES & CHARGES 2023

(Updated April 2023)

APPLICATION & AGREEMENT FEES	FEES
Committee of Adjustment Certificate	\$200
Consent Entrance Letter	\$50
Consent Application (includes boundary adjustment and easement)	\$2,500
Consent Condition Amendment	\$1,000
Lot Grading/Drainage Plan Review	\$500
Minor Variance (as part of Zoning By-Law amendment process)	\$1,500
Official Plan Amendment	\$5,000
Part Lot Control	\$3,000
Plan of Subdivision/Condominium	\$15,000
Posting Sign	\$100
Pre Consultation Deposit (for peer review and consultant review if required)	\$2,500
Pre Consultation Fee	\$500
Removal of Holding By-Law	\$1,000
Security for new dwelling without proof of demolition of previous dwelling unit	\$20,000
Agreements (Site Plan, Development, Encroachment, etc.)	\$3,000
Site Plan Deposit	\$3,500 minimum
Subdivision Applications Deposit	\$10,000 minimum
Validation of Title	\$800
Zoning By-Law Amendment	\$2,500

PLANNING FEES	
Minimum Distance Setback Calculation	\$200
Municipal Approval	\$150
Municipal Approval after construction has commenced	\$500
Paper Copy of the Official Plan	\$75
Paper Copy of the Zoning By-Law	\$40
Property Information Report, Zoning/Subdivision Compliance Letter	\$150
Risk Management Plan Application/Source Protection Plan Agreement, RMO and amendments thereto	\$300
Special Events Permit	\$250



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR

BY-LAW NO. _____ - 2023

BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR FOR APRIL 5, 2023

WHEREAS Section 5(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by Council;

AND WHEREAS Section 5 (3) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, provides that municipal powers shall be exercised by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. All actions of the Council and Committees of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur for the aforementioned date in respect to every report, motion, by-law or other action passed and taken by Council or Committees of Council, including the exercise of natural person powers, are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed by its separate by-law.
2. The Mayor of the Township and the proper officers of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action, to obtain approvals where required and except where otherwise provided, to execute all documents necessary in that behalf.

PASSED on this 5TH day of APRIL 2023.

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JANET HORNER, MAYOR

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TRACEY ATKINSON, CAO/CLERK