



ELECTRONIC COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 3, 2021 9:00AM

Present: Mayor Horner, Deputy Mayor Hawkins, Councillors Boxem, Clark and Cufaro (all through video conferencing).

Staff Present: Tracey Atkinson – CAO, John Willmetts – Public Works, Dustin Early (all through video conferencing).

1.1 Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Mayor Horner. The meeting was held using electronic “Zoom” application. The session was held with the capacity of up to 100 users by video and/or audio. Delegates and approximately 15 public users were present for parts of the meeting.

1.2 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.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Hawkins and Seconded by: Clark

THAT Council approve the agenda.
CARRIED

1.4 Passing of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Cufaro and Seconded by: Boxem

1.4.1 THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting dated February 17, 2021 are approved.
CARRIED

Moved by: Boxem and Seconded by: Clark

1.4.2 THAT the Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the Mulmur and Melancthon Councils dated February 17, 2021 are approved.
CARRIED

Moved by: Hawkins and Seconded by: Cufaro

- 1.4.3 That the Draft Mansfield Ski Club Public Meeting Questions and Answers be received.

CARRIED

1.5 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Boxem declared a pecuniary interest to a matter being discussed under item 10.0.

The following reason was declared:

I own a business listed there – Stanton Bed and Breakfast.

1.6 Fifteen-minute question period

Mansfield Ski Club Development Questions – email dated February 19, 2021 from Leah Pressey (For the full email, please see item 9.12):

- 1) Can you assure the people who, like me, live in this community that the inevitable water problems ahead of us due to climate change will not be worsened by this proposed development? What recourse do your constituents have when the changes to the watershed negatively impact them?
- 2) Furthermore, since the plan calls for removal of trees to clear the pathway for the water near the lower pond, is this not completely inconsistent with:
 - i) ensuring stormwater management practices minimize stormwater volumes and contaminant loads, and maintain or increase the extent of vegetative and pervious surfaces.
- 3) Will further development need to take place to support the Mansfield Ski Club, and at what cost? What will happen to the residential units as Climate Change takes its toll in the next 5 to 10 years when the ski season is significantly shortened and the weather becomes more erratic and less conducive to outdoor recreation? (The planning assumes winter residence mostly, which is already going to be a significant problem.)

The following response was provided:

Staff referred to previous engineering comments from the February 3, 2021 meeting. Confirmation of Council's commitment to climate change was provided and an update on climate change initiatives, messaging, engagement, attitude and the encouragement of local involvement and connections was stated.

Question from Cheryl Russel:

Is the ice still in the NDCC and, if so, who is utilizing it and what is the approximate utilization rate?

The following response was provided:

- Current rentals (since the stay-at-home order was lifted) are primarily by minor hockey and Honeywood Figure Skating. There were also 7 families/private rentals in the last billing period, from February 15 – 21. A total of 28.5 hours were rented, the total number of hours per week are: 98 hours, with a total utilization rate of 29%.
- For additional information, refer to the North Dufferin Community Centre Efficiency Study (page 7), for normal Utilization Rates over past 3 years.

Question asked by Claire Knight (paraphrased):

Would Council grant permission to move forward with the Gold Egg Easter Egg Initiative in the two Mulmur parks (Mansfield, Honeywood) for our community?

Moved by: Boxem and Seconded by: Cufaro

THAT Council support the COVID-19 safe community initiative for Easter by advertising the Mulmur locations where families can collect Gold Easter egg and support this initiative through its social media channels.

CARRIED

2.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS

Moved by: Hawkins and Seconded by: Clark

That Council recess the regular meeting at 9:30 a.m. to hold a public meeting in accordance with our procedural by-law and at the direction of Council to allow pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act to consider Z8-2020 Heaton Kennel and Z1-2021 Weidmann – Rural Residential Exception.

CARRIED

2.1 Z8-2020 - Heaton – Kennel (9:10 a.m.)

CON 3 EHS PT LOT 22 RP 7R3156 PT PART 6 - 798056 3rd LINE E
(Draft By-law in Section 13)

The applicant, Amanda Keenan made a presentation regarding her proposed business. Planner, Tracey Atkinson summarized the application and presented the planning report and spoke to the historical approvals, minor variance, and kennel exemption/license. The Planner recommended that Council deal with the exception for the canine by-law as well as the zoning at the same time.

The following comments were received:

Yvonne Graf, 798086 3rd Line E, expressed concerns with the entrance as it is a blind entrance, new ownership, and the total number of dogs. The previous owner would not allow noisy dogs to return for boarding, as a result, the noise was generally not bad.

Keith Lowry, 3rd Line commended Public Works for construction of the signage and recommends signage on the new development. Mr. Lowry spoke in support of the application and the benefits of having a local kennel and previous positive experience, supports small businesses and that there is a significant number of dogs within the Township.

Maggie Screamon, located directly north of the subject lands. Ms. Screamon is concerned with the total number of dogs and would like the limit of 9 dogs maintained. They have heard the dogs in the past, and it was variable. Ms. Screamon is not a full time resident.

Amanda Kerman responded regarding her own fears and limited visibility at the entrance and suggested a mirror. The total number of dogs is proposed to be maintained at 9 due to the number of kennels. They have a desire in the future to perhaps add cat boarding.

Discussion ensued on concerns related to the 200 m setback and canine noise disturbances, the previous approval and noise level at that time, access to the property. Staff noted that this is not a priority area and the traffic volumes within this area are low. Details on the original severance and access were provided.

Staff reported that the distance between the kennel and closest dwelling to be approximately 140m.

2.2 **Z1-2021 - Weidemann – Rural Residential Exception (9:20 a.m.)**
CON 7E E PT LOT 27 RP 7R4778 PART 1 - 958400 7th LINE E
(Draft By-law in Section 13)

Planner, Tracey Atkinson summarized the application and presented the planning report. Discussion ensued on the necessity for a shelter as it provides protection and separation from wells. Further discussion on nutrient unit requirements in comparison to land area requirements.

Moved by: Hawkins and Seconded by: Clark

THAT the application of Linda Heaton be approved for an exception under section 9.1 of the Animal Care and Control By-law 53-19 related to minimum setbacks to dwellings on nearby properties and to approve the zoning by-law amendment Z8-2020.

A Recorded Vote was requested by Councillor Cufaro:

	Yea	Nay
Councillor Boxem	Yea	
Councillor Clark	Yea	

INVITATIONS

3.3 Sierra Planning & Management, Jon Hack (10:00 a.m.)

Re: Final Recreation Master Plan

Discussion ensued on the Recreation Master Plan, regarding the recommendations, staffing, next step, survey results, North Dufferin Community Centre pinch-points, receiving versus approval of report, and that each recommendation, including any substantial investment in the arena needs to be reviewed with respect to budget implications.

Moved by: Cufaro and Seconded by: Boxem

THAT Council approve in principle, subject to budget review, the Final Master Recreation Plan as presented by Sierra Planning & Management.

CARRIED

3.4 Dufferin Water Company, Joe Miedema (10:30 a.m.)

Re: 2020 Annual Water Report and Update

Moved by: Boxem and Seconded by: Clark

THAT Council receives and approves the 2020 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 and direct staff to post the report on the website and make it available at the Municipal Office.

CARRIED

4.0 PUBLIC WORKS

4.1 Paid Duty Officer – Roads Safety Committee Requested Areas

The following was an item on the February 8, 2021 Roads Committee Meeting;

Moved by: Cufaro and Seconded by: Boxem

THAT Council support utilizing the approved budgeted paid duty for 2021 on the following road sections:

- 1) River Road from Terra Nova to Hornings Mills
- 2) 20th Sideroad from Terra Nova to Airport Road
- 3) 17th Sideroad and 5th Line
- 4) County Road 21 at Honeywood
- 5) County Road 18 at Mansfield
- 6) 10th Sideroad

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to request paid duty on the listed road sections from the Ontario Provincial Police.

CARRIED

5.0 TREASURY - None

6.0 ADMINISTRATION

6.1 LIC Energy Survey Results

Moved by: Boxem and Seconded by: Hawkins

WHEREAS Dufferin County has applied to for a Dufferin Wide feasibility study;

AND WHEREAS a next step to a Feasibility Study may include additional funding requests to support an LIC program to reduce the financial and administrative burden of lower-tier municipalities in Dufferin taking it on solo;

AND WHEREAS the findings of the LIC Survey do not justify the financial and administrative burden of undertaking an LIC program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council defer further decisions regarding an LIC program and support the County in taking the lead.

CARRIED

6.2 Joint Efficiency and Governance Sub-Committee (Verbal Update)

Discussion ensued regarding the sub-committee representatives.

6.3 Ontario Fire College Discussion (email from Chief Blacklaws)

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	Yea	
CARRIED		

7 PLANNING

7.1 Woolnough Second Dwelling Application (Draft Agreement in Section 13)

Moved by: Boxem and Seconded by: Cufaro

Staff Recommendation: THAT Council consider the draft by-law to authorize entering into the second dwelling agreement for approval.
CARRIED

7.2 Second Dwelling (Verbal Update)

Moved by: Hawkins and Seconded by: Clark

WHEREAS staff are returning in April 2021, and the Second Dwelling analysis overlaps with Rural Character and other general housekeeping matters;

AND WHEREAS Staff have reviewed the Woolnough file and received a Site Plan application and the Grey application has been deferred;

NOWHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to include the advertising for the second dwelling public meeting with the July tax billing, for a meeting on September 1, 2021.

CARRIED

8 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Dufferin County Council (verbal update only)

8.2 Community Communications Advisory Committee – draft minutes dated February 1, 2021 (Includes Calendar and Schedule for Council Feedback)
Motion from Community Communications Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: Shirley Boxem and Seconded by: Emily Sedgwick

THAT the Communication updates were received.

THAT the Communications Calendar and Strategy be included on the March 3, 2021 agenda for Council Review.

CARRIED

8.3 Shelburne District Fire Board – Cost Sharing Breakdown 2021 Budget

8.4 Shelburne and District Fire Board – January Incident Report and Fire Chiefs Report

8.5 Police Service Board Draft Minutes, January 27, 2021

8.6 Road Safety Committee – Draft minutes dated February 8, 2021
Motion from Road Safety Committee Minutes

Moved by Russel Seconded by Cufaro

That the Road Safety Committee recommends to Council that the existing speed of 60 km/h be reduced to 50 km/h in the Big Tree Circle residential area and extend the 50 km/h limit out to Airport Road along Sideroad 17.

CARRIED

8.6.1 Supporting Emails received regarding speed reduction in the Big Tree Circle residential area.

The following motion was introduced

Moved by Cufaro and Seconded by: Hawkins

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a by-law that would reduce the existing speed of 60 km/h to 50 km/h in the Big Tree Circle residential area and extend the 50 km/h limit out to Airport Road along Sideroad 17.

CARRIED

Moved by: Boxem Seconded by Clark

That the Communication Calendar and Strategy be approved
CARRIED

Moved by: Clark and Seconded by: Hawkins

THAT Council receives the Committee Minutes and Sub-Committee Reports as copied and circulated.

CARRIED

9 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.1 2021 Tender Summary - John Willmetts, Director of Public Works**
- 9.2 Town of Orangeville Resolution dated February 8, 2021 – Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
- 9.3 Guelph Eramosa Township – Letter dated February 8, 2021 – Advocacy for Reform – MFIPPA Legislation**
- 9.4 Township of The Archipelago – Letter dated February 19, 2021 – Review of Municipal Elections Act.**
- 9.5 Dufferin Federation of Agriculture – Letter dated February 5, 2021 - Maintenance of Municipal Drains and Rural Roadside Ditches**
- 9.6 2021 ROMA Conference Connects Rural Ontario Leaders Virtual – Councillor Ken Cufaro**
- 9.7 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks – Email dated February 5, 2021 – Proclamation of Provisions of the Conservation Authorities Act**
- 9.8 Letter dated February 17, 2021, Kyle Seeback, MP, Dufferin-Caledon - National 3-digit suicide prevention hotline**
- 9.9 Letter dated February 18, 2021 – AMCTO – Open Letter to Councils**
- 9.10 Letter dated February 17, 2021 – Minister Steve Clark - Consulting on growing the size of the Greenbelt (please visit the link provided for supporting documents and maps)**
- 9.11 Dufferin Board of Trade Business Issues Survey results, 2021**
- 9.12 Mansfield Ski Club Development Questions – email dated February 19, 2021 from Leah Pressey (Email received for Council information)**

Moved by: Cufaro and Seconded by: Clark

THAT Council receives the information items as copied and circulated and that the following items be endorsed: 9.2, 9.3, 9.5.

AND THAT Staff draft a letter of concern related to item 9.10, in that it supports the protection of the Greenbelt but is concerned with the messaging despite contrary enabling legislation for the April 7 Meeting.

CARRIED

Motion of support for item 9.8

Moved by: Cufaro Seconded by: Clark

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 percent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Mulmur endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;

AND THAT Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

CARRIED

10.0 CLOSED SESSION (2:00pm) – TO BE HELD USING A BREAKOUT ROOM

Moved by: Hawkins and Seconded by: Clark

THAT Council adjourn to closed session at 2:06 am/pm pursuant to Section 239 (2) (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and approval of closed session minutes dated January 13, 2021.

CARRIED

Moved by: Clark and Seconded by: Cufaro

THAT Council do rise out of closed session into open session at 2:47 p.m.

CARRIED

Moved by: Hawkins and Seconded by: Clark

THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Acting Clerk to enter into an agreement of purchase and sale to purchase approximately 1.35 acres of lands described as Part of the East Half of Lot 10, Concession 6 EHS.

CARRIED

Direction was given to staff to recognize grouping of businesses through the electronic newsletter.

11.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Property Standards/Clean Yard By-law (2021)
Special Event By-law (Following up with the Ministry on process for graduated set fines in By-laws)
Fill By-law
Greenbelt Expansion / Boyne Valley Protection / Official Plan Update (discussion)
Post – COVID-19 Event (discussion)
Energy Efficiency in Future Development

12.0 NOTICES OF MOTION (if any) - None

13.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS

Passing the following by-laws:

- 1) Procedural By-law for Electronic
- 2) Shelburne Library Fee Collection Agreement
- 3) Heaton Kennel Zoning By-law
- 4) Weidemann Equine Zoning By-law
- 5) Woolnough Second Dwelling Site Plan Agreement
- 6) Purchase and Sale Agreement By-law
- 7) Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by: Clark and Seconded by: Hawkins

THAT By-Laws 1 to 7 be approved.
CARRIED

14.0 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Hawkins and Seconded by: Clark

THAT Council adjourns the meeting at 3:01 to meet again on Wednesday March 24, 2021 for a special meeting on the Strategic Plan or at the call of the Chair.
CARRIED

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Janet Horner, Mayor

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Tracey Atkinson, Acting Clerk