



COUNTY OF DUFFERIN ...COUNCIL IN BRIEF...
Thursday, February 11, 2010



PRESENTATIONS



Warden Taylor presented Drs. Stephen and Stephanie Milone a certificate in recognition of their 2009 Community Teacher of the Year Award Recognition. This award is received from the Ontario College of Physicians for their outstanding contribution as preceptors to medical students.

Warden Taylor also proclaimed February 15-21, 2010 Doctor Appreciation week

DuCK (DUFFERIN COALITION FOR KIDS) UPDATE

Ms. Darla Fraser, Research & Program Manager and Ms. Lori Jane Harding, Children Services Program Manager made a presentation on Dufferin Coalition for Kids (DuCK). DuCK has been working on The Well-Being of Children Ages Birth to Six: A Report Card for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph to raise the profile of children birth to six in the County of Dufferin, Wellington County, and the City of Guelph, by reporting on the state of their health, development and overall well-being and identifying areas of strength and vulnerability. A launch is planned for the County of Dufferin February 12, 2010 at Dufferin Child and Family Services.

PRESENTATION REGARDING NUISANCE COYOTES



Mr. Greg Cull, Ministry of Natural Resources did a presentation with respect to nuisance coyotes. He explained the history of the coyote and suggested different ways of dealing with the loss of livestock caused by coyotes.

Council subsequently enacted a by-law to regulate Nuisance Coyotes.

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PARKIN ARCHITECTS



Mark Driscoll from Parkin Architects showed Council the proposed drawings for the addition to the building at 51 Zina Street.

The addition will be located on the west side of the building and will house the Provincial Offences Courts and Administration, a Sallyport and two County Departments.

MUSEUM UPDATE

Mr. Wayne Townsend, Director and Curator of Dufferin County Museum gave a presentation on the activities of the Dufferin County Museum & Archives and the County Forest.

2010 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ORGANIZATIONS

The following funding requests were approved for 2010 in the following amounts.

ORGANIZATION	Approved 2010
Orangeville District Secondary School (County of Dufferin Leadership Award)	\$300
Centre Dufferin Secondary School (County of Dufferin Leadership Award)	\$300
West Side Secondary School (County of Dufferin Leadership Award)	\$300
Town of Orangeville, Small Business Enterprise Centre	\$15,000
Centre Dufferin Medical Recruitment Committee	\$15,000
Friends of Island Lake	\$10,000
Headwaters Communities in Action	\$5,000
Dufferin Area Physician Search Committee	\$15,000
Dufferin Parent Support Network	\$8,000
Highlands Youth for Christ	\$8,000

Theatre Orangeville	\$5,000
Hospice Dufferin	\$8,000
Big Brothers & Big Sisters	\$8,000
Headwaters Arts	\$2,500
<i>Food and Friends</i>	\$0
<i>Red Hen Pottery</i>	\$0
<i>Dufferin Child and Youth Festival</i>	\$1,000
First Night Committee	\$5,000
Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services	\$5,000
Orangeville Agricultural Society	\$500
<i>Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club</i>	\$0
Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	\$1,000
The Rotary Club of Shelburne	\$1,000
Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival	\$1,000
Grand Valley Lions Club	\$1,000
Grand Valley Agricultural Society	\$500
Shelburne & District Agricultural Society	\$500
Duffrn Town & Country Farm Tour	\$500

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Orangeville & District Horticultural Society	\$250
Dufferin Peel District Women's Institute	\$200

Orangeville Food Bank	\$1,000
Shelburne Food Bank	\$1,000
Grand Valley Food Bank	\$1,000
Totals	\$120,950

CROSS-BORDER AMBULANCE BILLING

As part of the 1998 Provincial Downloading exercise, municipalities in Ontario became responsible for the delivery and funding of Land Ambulance. During the transition of land ambulance services from the province to upper tier municipalities, the Province established five fundamental principles: accessibility, integration, accountability, responsiveness and seamlessness. The principle of seamlessness is described as:

- The closest ambulance will respond, at any time, in any jurisdiction, regardless of the political, administrative or other boundaries.
- CACCs ensure the appropriate ambulance resources are dispatched to major incidents (disasters), while continuing to ensure local ambulance needs are met.
- Ambulance services must always be readily available regardless of location or timing.

The intent was to have agreements negotiated to cover the cost of cross-border ambulance trips. If no agreement was in place there was a default formula to be used that later was repealed. To date, Dufferin has not negotiated agreements to cover the cost of ambulance calls that cross into other Counties and Regions. Council directed staff to begin a dialogue with a view to negotiating an agreement with the County's neighbouring Ambulance Service providers: City of Guelph (County of Wellington) County of Simcoe, County of Grey and Region of Peel to initiate a dialogue to come to an agreement on the issue of Cross Border Billing relative to past cross border billing costs and to establish a go forward position for future calls.

SOUTH ARTERIAL ROAD EXTENSION

The Public Works Committee received a presentation from Ted Prokopec, R. J. Burnside and Associates with respect to the SAR Eastern Extension, Class Environmental Assessment, Phases 1 and 2. The purpose of the presentation was to present the evaluation for alternative options for the easterly extension of the SAR, discuss the input from other municipalities and the public and decide on the next steps.



Mr. Prokopec gave an overview of the traffic and technical analysis summaries. He highlighted the traffic issues in the Rolling Hills subdivision and on Highway 9. He presented options for alignment concepts and compared the benefits and disadvantages of each. Council has directed that the finalized Summary Report be advertised for public review and that the finalized Summary Report be submitted to the Ministry of Transportation for comments.

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ROAD CONDITIONS

A road condition survey was completed in 2009 by our consultants, Golder and Associates. This survey is done every other year and alternates with the bridge condition survey (OSIM report).

The results are tabulated below:

	2009 Rating	Post 2010 Construction
Poor	12%	7%
Fair	31%	28%
Good	57%	65%

MUSEUM YEAR – END SUMMARY

The Museum reported on the number of visitors in 2009.

	2009
Visitors On-site	11958
Visitors Off-site	1711
Website Visits*	11728
Researchers On-site	494
Researchers Off-site	2544
Ed Programs On-site	4
Ed Programs Off-site	42
Volunteer Hours	2669
Forest Hunt Permits	161
Forest Event Permits	6
Forest Website Visits*	683

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DEEP (DUFFERIN ECO ENERGY PARK) UPDATE

Alter NRG

County staff have met with Alter NRG, the proponent for the Energy from Waste Facility on two occasions, December 3rd in Calgary and January 20th in Orangeville. At the most recent meeting, Mr. Willis presented a partial draft copy of the feasibility study to discuss where it is heading and give staff an idea how it will look. It is very preliminary at this point but looking good.

Composting Facility RFP

The County of Dufferin is partnering with the Region of York on the construction of a composting facility. The Request for Proposal has been reviewed by the legal department at York Region and has been “approved” for distribution. The last date we had from York for the release of the document was January 28th.

Archaeological Study

The archaeological study has commenced. However it will not be completed until the spring due to the crop not being harvested in time.

Traffic Impact Study

A traffic Impact Study was completed. The report was circulated to the MTO and they have asked for a revision/correction to the data. A left turn will now be necessary at the development of the first phase. Staff are completing a design to satisfy the requirements of the MTO for the re-alignment of Townline.

Hydrogeological Study

The County has received the hydrological study from Genivar and the amount of water found was not as large a quantity as the County had hoped. This well was drilled with the hope that it could be shared by the two major facilities (Composting and EFW) and it should be of sufficient size for that use. Additional well(s) will be needed in other areas of the site as they are developed. A copy of the executive summary is attached.

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ELECTRONIC GOODS RECYCLING

The event days for 2010 will be held as follows with two additional mid-week events added:

Saturday, May 1st – Town of Mono Works Yard
Saturday, May 29th – Primrose Operations Centre
Saturday, June 26th – Orangeville Operations Centre

*Wednesday, July 21st – Primrose Operations Centre

*Wednesday, August 18th – Orangeville Operations Centre

Saturday, September 11th – Grand Valley Works Yard
Saturday, October 2nd – Primrose Operations Centre
Saturday, October 30th – Orangeville Operations Centre

(all Saturday events operate from 8am-3pm)
(mid-week events would operate from 4pm-8pm)*

County staff will be working with Ontario Electronic Stewardship to collect, sort and haul electronic wastes from Event Days, instead of using an outside contractor. Further, staff will have further discussions with Stewardship Ontario and Ontario Electronic Stewardship to set-up “pilot” events where beneficial to the County. Staff will also be developing a business plan to determine the logistics, approvals and budget required for a permanent HHW and E-Waste Depot in the County for 2011.

DUFFERIN COMPOSTS!



November 2009 marked the 10th Anniversary of the DUFFERIN COMPOSTS! Program in the County of Dufferin. It began as a pilot project servicing 2,000 households in Grand Valley, half of Shelburne and 800 homes in Orangeville. The program is now County wide and continues to be a success with an increasing diversion rates, which is discussed in the “Local Municipal Impact” section below.

The Township of Mulmur implemented a ‘Clear Bag’ policy for garbage on January 1st, 2009. In September, they reduced their bag limit from two bags, to one bag per week. The amount of organics collected have increased between 2008 and 2009, especially after the Clear Bag policy came into effect in January 2009.

In another example, the Town of Mono has consistently increased the amount of organics collected each year. In mid-2005, the Town implemented bi-weekly garbage collection. Organics and recycling are collected weekly.

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