



**COUNTY OF DUFFERIN ...COUNCIL IN BRIEF...**  
**Thursday, May 13, 2010**



## PRESENTATIONS



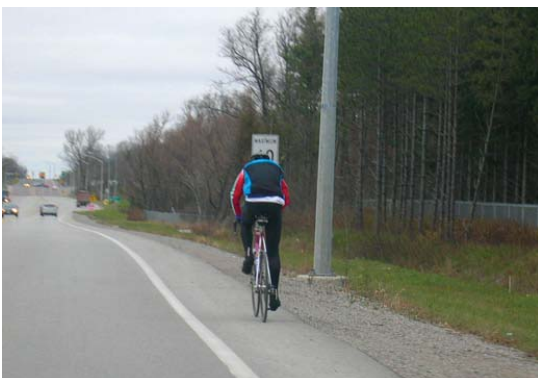
Warden Taylor presented Tom Reid, Director of Ambulance with the proclamation for 'Emergency Medical Services Week' May 16 – 22, 2010. To commemorate this week, the Dufferin County paramedics are participating in The National EMS Stem Cell Challenge. To find out more about the initiative, please see the media release by clicking on the following link.

[http://www.dufferincounty.on.ca/documents/2010-05-07\\_EMS\\_Stem\\_Cell\\_Challenge\\_2.pdf](http://www.dufferincounty.on.ca/documents/2010-05-07_EMS_Stem_Cell_Challenge_2.pdf)

## PROCLAMATIONS

Emergency Medical Services Week May 16 – 22, 2010  
Sexual Assault Prevention Month May, 2010  
Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month June, 2010

## DUFFERIN COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN



Mr. James Herman of the Headwaters Communities in Action was in attendance to address Council with respect to the Dufferin County Active Transportation and Trails Master Plan. He outlined the visions and goals of the study, presented a map of proposed facility types throughout the County and summarized the report recommendations.

The study is available on the front page of [www.dufferincounty.on.ca](http://www.dufferincounty.on.ca)

A public presentation of the report will be held on June 12, 2010 and invitations will be going out soon.

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## **BUILDING PERMIT FEES INCREASE**

A by-law will be presented to the June council meeting to increase Building Permit Fees by 25% on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and 25% on January 1, 2011.

## **BROADBAND UPDATE**

The County will be entering into an agreement with BXI regarding the second phase of the Broadband Program.

It is hoped that the work can start this summer to provide high speed internet to additional areas in the County. BXI (Barrett Xplore) bought the assets from Everus Communications.

## **SENIORS TAX RATE**

Seniors in Dufferin County are eligible for a tax rebate if their property tax increase is over \$50.00. Contact our Treasury Department for more information.

## **DRAFT CONSERVATION BY-LAW**

The Museum Board submitted a revised Forest Conservation By-law which was amended and referred to the area municipalities for comment.

## **ENFORCEMENT OF STREET LUGING/COUNTY ROAD 21**

Concern has been expressed with the actions taken by some adrenaline seeking individuals while lugging down the Blackbank hill on County Road #21. For those unfamiliar with the term street or road lugging, imagine a long skateboard that the rider lays on going down the incline feet first.

Council supported the request before the Ontario Good Roads Association and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to support the request to revise the definition of "vehicle" under the Highway Traffic Act to include longboards/ street luges. In the meantime, the wording in the County's traffic by-law will allow the police to lay the appropriate charge so that the longboards/lugers can be prosecuted.



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## FOREST CONSERVATION BY-LAW REFERRED TO AREA MUNICIPALITIES

A new draft of the Forest Conservation By-law was presented to Council. Council made some revisions to the by-law and asked that it be circulated to the area municipalities for comment.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Public Works Committee – Tuesday, May 25, 2010  
Community Services/Dufferin Oaks Committee – Wednesday, May 26, 2010  
Community Development Committee – Thursday, May 27, 2010  
Accessibility Advisory Committee – Monday, May 31, 2010  
General Government Services Committee – Monday, May 31, 2010

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