



COUNTY OF DUFFERINCOUNCIL IN BRIEF...
Thursday, September 10, 2009



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Lucy Kristan, Greater Dufferin Area Chamber of Commerce presented their 2008 annual report. Copies of the report were circulated at the meeting. She gave an overview of the changes that occurred in 2008 and noted that it's their centennial year. She highlighted the new strategic plan and their integrated website, which has a direct link to the County of Dufferin. She also invited Council to the Home & Lifestyle Show the first weekend in October.

EXPANSION OF COURTHOUSE/COUNTY FACILITY



Mr. Robert Boraks and Ms. Roberta Somlo, Parkin Architects Limited presented to Council the County of Dufferin POA Expansion Report and conceptual drawings for the expansion of the Courthouse/County admin facilities at 51 Zina Street, Orangeville. Mr. Boraks gave a brief background of the issues of POA pressures, the need for a secure SallyPort and space pressures for administration staff. He noted that during this first Phase of a two stage process is to identify space needed, initial drawings and a Class D cost estimate (hard construction costs).

The Class D estimate with a basement included would be approximately \$6.1 million, which includes the renovation costs. Council voted to proceed with with working drawings and issuance of a tender for this project.

PROCLAMATION – SAFE COMMUNITIES DAY – OCTOBER 7, 2009

Council proclaimed October 7, 2009 “Safe Communities Day” in Dufferin Day.

RELIEF FROM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

Council approved relief from the Development Charges for Aragon (Hockley) Development (Ontario) Corporation in the amount of \$5,433.34 for the construction of the community centre that will be used by residents in the development.

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INCREASE IN PER DIEM FOR PUBLIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

As of January 1, 2010, public members sitting on County committees will receive an increase in their per diems. The new rate will be \$100 per meeting plus mileage.

JEAN HAMLYN DAYCARE INCREASES SCHOOL AGE SPACES

Council approved increasing the “school age” spots at Jean Hamlyn Daycare from 15 to 30 to help facilitate the children attending French Immersion classes at Princess Elizabeth school and also to help parents of children attending Rolling Hills Daycare Centre. The increase in spaces will result in \$39,000 in additional revenue.

EARLY YEARS CENTRES INCREASES STAFF

Effective October 1, 2009 the hours of two full time staff will be increased from 28 hours per week to 35 hours per week and a part-time position of 13.5 hours per week be added for ten months a year. The County of Dufferin operates three early years centres in Grand Valley, Shelburne and Orangeville.

COUNTY ROAD #7 REALIGNMENT TENDER APPROVED

The tender for the County Road #7 (Hockley Road) Re-Alignment was awarded to the low bidder, Graham Bros in the amount of \$868,958.24.

DEEP PROJECT (Dufferin Eco Energy Park)

Councillor Crewson updated Council on the DEEP (Dufferin Eco Energy Park) project. He noted that Simcoe County has invited Dufferin to make a presentation on DEEP. He asked for consensus of Council to permit a discussion about partnering with Simcoe on the DEEP project. Council agreed that discussions could take place on some type of partnering with Simcoe.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Museum Board – Monday, September 21, 2009

Public Works Committee – Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Community Services/Dufferin Oaks Committee – September 23, 2009

Accessibility Advisory Committee – September 28, 2009

General Government Services Committee – Monday, September 28, 2009

Community Development Committee – Thursday, October 1, 2009

A Budget Workshop to review the opening position will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2009.

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