



COUNTY OF DUFFERIN ...COUNCIL IN BRIEF...
Thursday, November 10, 2011



2012 BUDGET APPROVED

Council approved the 2012 Budget. The Treasurer prepared a powerpoint update on changes made by committees in October. For the fourth consecutive year, there will be a decrease in the tax rate. The revised tax levy for 2012 is \$28,075,430 which is 3.15% increase before growth.

For an average property, the Treasurer provided the following scenario:

Typical Residential assessed value for 2011 was \$280,000 (CVA)

Then the value for 2012 taxation will be $280,000 + 5.5\% = \$295,400$
(fourth year of CVA phase-in is 2012, for every property)

2011 County tax was = $\$280,000 \times 0.00387946$ tax rate = \$1,086.23

2012 County tax will be $\$295,400 \times 0.00373680$ estimated rate = \$1,103.85

Difference = \$17.62 or a 1.62% increase, 3rd consecutive year under 2% and

AFFORDABLE HOUSING A POSSIBILITY AT FORMER HOSPITAL

The County of Dufferin is currently in negotiations with the Headwaters Healthcare Centre to obtain ownership of the former Shelburne Hospital. A business plan is required before any decision can be made. In this regard, the Director of Community Services presented a report to committee regarding the potential to place affordable housing at the former Shelburne Hospital site. Staff were directed to investigate the possibility of renovating the Shelburne Hospital and have it converted to needed affordable rental housing units and utilize IAH funding to subsidize unit renovation cost.

A Member of the Shelburne Legion appeared at the Council requesting that consideration be given to the establishment of a Veteran's Hospital on the former hospital.

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SHEPHERDS CUPBOARD FOODBANK REQUEST FOR ADMIN SUPPROT



In response to a request from the Shepherds Cupboard Food Bank for administrative support, the Manager of Community Support Services was asked to meet with Ardith Dunlop to develop a proposal for the Community Services/Dufferin Oaks Committee's consideration.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT UPDATE

| Proj. # | Description | Progress | Anticipated Budget Impact |
|---------|---|-----------|---------------------------|
| 1224 | Reclamite Application, Road #25 | Complete | Under - \$75,000 |
| 1228 | CR #18 (Airport Rd) improvement at 5th Sideroad | Postponed | |
| 1234 | Recon CR #12 (20th SR to 15th SR - 3.0 km) | Complete | Under - \$70,000 |
| 1248 | Rsf CR #3 (near A-Line - 1.4 km) | Complete | Under - \$90,000 |
| 1249 | Rsf CR #17 (Hwy 89 to 4th Line SW - 3.3 km) | Complete | Under - \$180,000 |
| 1404 | Annual Small Culvert Replacement | Complete | On budget |

WELL BEING REPORT CHILDREN AGES 7 to 13

The Community Services Committee reviewed the *Well-Being of Children Ages 7 to 13: A Report Card for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph*. The report pertains to children ages 7 to 13 in the County of Dufferin, Wellington County, and the City of Guelph, and shows findings about the state of their health, development and overall well-being, and identifying areas of strength and vulnerability. It provides a comprehensive picture of the health and well-being of these school age children in our communities.

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Some Interesting Facts from the *Well-Being of Children Ages 7 to 13: A Report Card for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph*:

- There are 5,765 children ages 7 to 13 living in Dufferin – this is 10% of the total population
- Thirty-three percent (33%) of children ages 12 and older are considered overweight or obese in Wellington, Dufferin and Guelph
- There has been an upward trend from 2005 to 2009 in hospitalizations for mental and behavioural disorders for children 7 to 13 in Dufferin, as well as in Wellington and Guelph
- In EQAO testing, children in Dufferin outperform children in Ontario in grade 3 and grade 6 reading but do not perform as well in grade 3 or grade 6 math

The Coalition is currently working on the third Report Card, for ages 14 -18. When this is complete, the Coalition plans to produce the next cycle of Report Cards as one document which will include all of the age groups.

The Report Cards may be accessed on the Coalition's website www.wdgreportcard.com.

SHELBURNE EAST AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

The County of Dufferin has partnered with the Town of Shelburne and the Ministry of Transportation to complete a study of the east side of Shelburne at the vicinity of Hwy #89/10, County Road #124 and County Road #11. County staff has participated with Town and MTO staff to short list a group of transportation consulting engineers and receive RFPs from the short list. The short listed consultants have submitted their proposals and prices separately and were reviewed independently. The successful consultant in the process was Cole Engineering. Council approved an amount of \$25,000 towards the Shelburne East Area Transportation Study.



CLOSED MEETING INVESTIGATIONS

Council received a report from the Clerk/Director of Corporate Services dated October 24, 2011 to seek direction from the Committee on the appointment of a Closed Meeting Investigator. The Ombudsman's Office of Ontario will be requested to conduct any closed session investigation requests.

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CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

In closed session Council discussed closed session minutes for County Council – October 12, 2011, Public Works – October 25, 2011 and Community Services Dufferin Oak – October 26, 2011. The CAO also updated Council on the litigation with the City of Guelph.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

General Government Services Committee – Monday, November 21, 2011
Public Works Committee – Tuesday, November 22, 2011
Community Services Dufferin Oaks Committee – Wednesday, November 23, 2011
Community Development Committee – Thursday November 24, 2011
Inaugural Council Meeting – Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 4.00pm

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Please note that the official record of Council is contained in the Council Minutes which are available on our website at www.dufferincounty.on.ca.

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