



Township of East Garafraxa
Regular Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
Electronic/Virtual

1. **Opening of Meeting**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Recommended Motion:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The agenda be approved as circulated.
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 **Council Meeting Minutes**
Recommended Motion:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council do hereby adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 27, 2024, as circulated.
 - 4.2 **Business arising from Minutes**
5. **Public Question Period 2:00 p.m.**
Questions to be sent by email to the Clerk at clerks@eastgarafraxa.ca no later than Monday, September 9, 2024, at noon.
6. **Delegation(s) / Presentation(s) / Petition(s)**
Nothing at this time.
7. **Statutory Public Meeting(s)**
Nothing at this time.
8. **Unfinished Business**
 - 8.1 **Petition for Reimbursement of GRCA Review Fees**
Decision regarding petition as presented at the August 27, 2024 Council Meeting.
9. **Notice of Motion(s)**
Nothing at this time.
10. **Staff / Consultant Report(s)**
Nothing at this time.
11. **County of Dufferin Business**
 - 11.1 **Council Meeting Agenda September 12, 2024**
 - 11.2 **Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2023 Annual Report**
Recommended Motion:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council do hereby receive the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2023 Annual Report;

And further that the report be posted on the Township website.

12. Local Boards and Committees

12.1 Grand River Conservation Authority Board

12.1.1 Summary of the General Membership Meeting - August 23, 2024

12.1.2 Conservation Areas Strategy Consultation Period letter dated August 23, 2024

12.1.3 Dufferin Rural Water Quality Program Renewed

12.2 Credit Valley Conservation Authority Board

12.2.1 FCM Funding for Tree Planting Projects in East Garafraxa

Motion for Consideration:

WHEREAS planting trees across the Township of East Garafraxa will provide many benefits to residents, including increased forest cover and biodiversity, improved soil and water conservation, providing wildlife habitat and climate change adaptation and resiliency; and

WHEREAS Credit Valley Conservation is undertaking the Forestry Rural Tree Planting Project; and

WHEREAS Council acknowledges that Credit Valley Conservation is applying for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative for the Forestry Rural Tree Planting Project in partnership with Township of East Garafraxa;

AND FURTHER THAT Council recognizes that the lifetime contribution from the Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative will not exceed \$10 million for tree planting within the Township of East Garafraxa, inclusive of a maximum contribution of \$1 million for infrastructure activity costs, and that if approved this project will be counted towards that limit.

12.3 Grand Valley Medical and Dental Board

12.3.1 May 27, 2024 Approved Meeting Minutes

13. General Business and Correspondence

13.1 Item(s) Extracted from the Information Items Package (if any)

14. New Business

14.1 Special Council Meeting

To schedule a Special Council Meeting for a presentation by Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) regarding municipal restructuring (amalgamations).

14.2 Resident Letter dated July 24, 2024

15. Closed Meeting

Recommended Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: a Closed Meeting of Council be held pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for the following reason(s):

15.1 Organizational Structure and Compensation Review

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and Labour relations or employee negotiations.

15.2 Adoption of Closed Meeting Minutes

16. Rise and Report from Closed Meeting

Recommended Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council do hereby resume regular business in Open Session. Staff instructed in accordance with Closed Meeting discussions.

17. By-Law(s)

Nothing at this time.

18. Confirming By-Law

Recommended Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Leave be given to introduce a By-Law, being a By-Law for the Proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa at its Meeting Held on September 10, 2024, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 36-2024.

19. Adjournment

Recommended Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council do now adjourn to meet again for the Regular Electronic Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.



**Township of East Garafraxa
Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**August 27, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
Electronic/Virtual**

Council Members: Mayor Guy Gardhouse
Deputy Mayor John Stirk
Councillor Lenora Banfield
Councillor Dave Halls
Councillor Jeremy Zukowski

Staff/Consultants: Peter Avgoustis, CAO
Alan Selby, Treasurer
Jessica Kennedy, Clerk
Shannon Peart, Administration/Clerk's Dept.
Jennifer Maestre, Township Planning Consultant, Fotenn
Consultants Inc.

1. Opening of Meeting

Meeting was called to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Halls

Seconded by: Councillor Zukowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Nothing at this time.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Council Meeting Minutes

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Halls

Seconded by: Councillor Banfield

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council do hereby adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 23, 2024, as circulated.

CARRIED

4.2 Business arising from Minutes

Nothing at this time.

5. Public Question Period

Nothing at this time.

6. Delegation(s) / Presentation(s) / Petition(s)

6.1 5:30 p.m. - Petition for Reimbursement of GRCA Review Fees (Frank Laszlo)

Mr. Laszlo attended the meeting and addressed Council regarding his request for reimbursement of the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) fee of \$465.00 associated with reviewing Zoning By-Law Amendment Application file Z3-24 for property located at 072148 10th Line. Mr. Laszlo provided a history of the property and explained that a Zoning By-Law Amendment in 1996 rezoned a portion of the property to allow for the relocation of the dwelling. The property was later rezoned to Environmental Protection under the Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 60-2004 in relation to conservation authority mapping. Zoning By-Law Amendment Application file Z3-24 was submitted to rezone a portion of the property from Environmental Protection to site-specific Rural Residential where the existing dwelling and accessory building are located. The GRCA fee was charged for reviewing the amendment application.

Council directed staff to include the matter on the following Council meeting agenda for consideration. Mr. Laszlo will be notified of the decision.

7. Statutory Public Meeting(s) - 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Gardhouse provided instructions on how members of the public can participate during the Public Meeting.

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Banfield

Seconded by: Councillor Zukowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council do now hold a Statutory Public Meeting pursuant to the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, to consider the following application(s):

Consent Application B5-24 and Zoning By-Law Amendment Application Z6-24 by applicant John Cox, J L Cox Planning Consultants, owners James (Jim) and Deborah Kortleve for property location 182198 20 Sideroad, West Part Lot 20 Parcels 6 and 7, Concession 12; and

Consent Application B6-24 by applicant Daniel Ceron, ACCIO Land Use Planning Solutions Inc., owners Robert Morris and Janice Davenport for property location 351335 17th Line, West, Pt Lot 6, Concession 18.

CARRIED

7.1 Consent Application B5-24 and Zoning By-Law Amendment Application Z6-24

Jennifer Maestre, Township Planning Consultant, was in attendance and went over the PowerPoint presentation. The purpose of the Consent application is to sever 1.0 hectares (2.47 acres) from an existing 8.1 hectares (20 acres) site. The retained parcel will be 7.1 hectares (17.55 acres) and will contain the existing dwelling and existing accessory structure. The purpose of the Zoning By-Law Amendment application is to rezone the proposed severed lands from Environmental Protection (EP) to Rural Residential (RR) zone.

The property is designated Rural and Environmental Protection under the Township Official Plan and zoned Environmental Protection (EP) and Rural Residential (RR) under Township Zoning By-Law 60-2004, as amended. The applications were circulation in accordance with the Planning Act.

Comments were received from the following:

- **Grand Valley & District Fire Department:**
No comments regarding the severing of land at this time.
- **Enbridge Gas:**
Does not object to the proposed application(s) however, they reserve the right to amend or remove development conditions.
- **Stovel & Associates Inc.:**
Reviewed the proposed application, including the Farm Data Sheet and MDS 1 calculation. They have no concerns.
- **R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited:**
No significant concerns with the proposed consent from a natural heritage perspective. However, note the following: The building envelope shown on Figure 4 of the EIS is generally acceptable but the setback from the Cavinet drain must be confirmed by GRCA. Trees and shrubs should be removed outside of the bird nesting season from April 1 to August 31 of any year.
- **R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited, Drainage Superintendent:**
Further confirmation from the Drainage Superintendent will be required to confirm whether the drain needs to be cleaned prior to completing the severance and any construction on the severed parcel so that equipment doesn't need to use the new yard for the severed parcel or the driveway of the retained parcel. It is unclear

when the last time the drain has been maintained, but it has been some time. It appears the boundary line for the severance is the top of the bank of the drain and not the centreline, which is desirable. However, it should be confirmed that this is in fact the case so that the drain will not impact both properties.

- **Fotenn Planning + Design, Planning Consultant on behalf of Township:** The proposed severance will be reviewed against the Township's Official Plan policies for severances in Section 5.2.4 b). "5.2.4 b) In addition, new lots may be created to permit infilling in rural residential areas where the following conditions exist: i) a lot may be created between two existing non-farm agricultural dwellings which are on similar sized lots on the same side of the road and are not more than 100 metres apart, or a single lot extension of an existing cluster of three or more lots each having less than 100 metres of frontage on the same side of the road, and where such dwellings existed prior to January 1st, 2003; ii) creating lots of approximately 2 hectares in size within existing clusters of existing lots of 4 hectares to 12 hectares as of the date of adoption of this Plan." Based on the review, it appears that the severed lands do not meet the minimum size requirements of 2 ha for Rural Residential infilling areas and does not comply with the Township's Official Plan. It is understood that there is a constrain impacting the size of the severed lands due to the presence of the existing municipal drain. An Official Plan Amendment could be pursued and would need to demonstrate how the reduced lot area conforms with the objectives of the Official Plan.

The following comments were received following the posting of the presentation and were verbally noted at the meeting:

- **Public/Resident Comments:** Indicated concerns with the state of the municipal drain and noted that the drain may need cleaning in the future. Costs regarding drain cleanout are assessed to impacted property owners. Indicated the proposed severed parcel has had water/flooding issues in the past and potential issues in the future.
- **County of County** Indicated no major concerns regarding the applications. County severance policies defer to local Official Plans for lots sizes in rural areas.

It is anticipated that the applications will come back to Council for decision tentatively on September 24, 2024. It was noted that should the applications be approved, a draft Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA) would be brought back to a future Council meeting for passage once the registered reference plan has been received. Appeal procedures were noted.

Applicant John Cox was in attendance and addressed Council. Mr. Cox noted the size and location of the proposed lot are restricted by the Canivet

Municipal Drain. Mr. Cox noted that the property designation change from Environmental Protection to Rural in Township initiated Official Plan Amendment No. 8 (OPA8) which included updated Conservation Authority mapping with respect to environmental areas but was not amended in the corresponding Township Zoning By-Law which is why the Zoning By-Law Amendment application was required. An Environmental Impact Study was submitted as required in the pre-consultation meeting. Mr. Cox noted that the Official Plan Amendment was not included in the pre-consultation meeting nor was required to deem the applications complete. Have reviewed comments received and does not have any issues with the required conditions from agencies regarding drain cleanout and septic lot suitability. The Planning Justification Report noted the applicable Official Plan policies including the 2-ha requirement, size of the proposed lot is restricted by the municipal drain, Official Plan policy notes that natural heritage features should not be fragmented, other policies were noted that related to creation of a new lot being in a cluster of lots with a similar frontage and appearance, proposed lot will be similar to other properties in the area. Meets other objectives of the plan including Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) requirements. Application fully complies with the Township Zoning By-Law. Mr. Cox's opinion is that there is basis for the conclusion that the applications conform to the general intent of the Official Plan because overall it achieves consistency with Township policies.

Property owners were in attendance. There were no public questions at the Public Meeting.

7.1.1 Notice of Complete Applications and Public Meeting

7.1.2 Fotenn Consultants Inc. Presentation

7.2 Consent Application B6-24

Jennifer Maestre, Township Planning Consultant, was in attendance and went over the PowerPoint presentation. The purpose of the application is to sever 1.016 hectares (2.511 acres) from an existing 2.03 hectares (5.022 acres) site for future residential development. The proposed retained parcel will be 1.016 hectares (2.511 acres) and will contain the existing dwelling and existing accessory building. The subject property is municipally known as 351335 17th Line, legal description of West Part Lot 6, Concession 18.

The property is designated Rural under the Township Official Plan and zoned Rural Residential (RR) under Township Zoning By-Law 60-2004, as amended. The application was circulated in accordance with the Planning Act.

Comments were received from the following:

- **Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVC):**
The property is no located within CVC's regulated area. CVC approval is not required for development on the property.

- **R.J. Burnside & Associates Ltd:**
Road widening would be required in accordance with the Township's Official Plan policies as the existing road allowance only appears to be 23 meters while Township standards require 26 meters wide road allowances.
- **County of Dufferin:**

Building Services:
Require a condition be added to the decision that the applicant provide an approved letter of lot suitability for the installation of a sewage system by the County of Dufferin Building Department for the proposed severed lot.

Planning Division:
The County requested the applicant resubmit the Planning Justification Report (PJR) with the MDS 1 (AgriSuite Calculation) included as part of Appendix 1. Prior to development, the applicant shall confirm that the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) has no concerns regarding the presence of a significant groundwater recharge area and highly vulnerable aquifer on the subject lands.

Public Works:
No comments on the proposal.
- **Fotenn Planning + Design on behalf of the Township:** The proposed severance will be reviewed against the Township's Official Plan policies for severances in Section 5.2.4 b), which state: In addition, new lots may be created to permit infilling in rural residential areas where the following conditions exist: i. a lot may be created between two existing non-farm agricultural dwellings which are on similar sized lots on the same side of the road and are not more than 100 metres apart, or a single lot extension of an existing cluster of three or more lots each having less than 100 metres of frontage on the same side of the road, and where such dwellings existed prior to January 1st, 2003; ii. creating lots of approximately 2 hectares in size within existing clusters of existing lots of 4 hectares to 12 hectares as of the date of adoption of this Plan. Based on the review, it appears that the severed lands do not meet the minimum size requirements of 2 ha for Rural Residential infilling areas and does not comply with the Township's Official Plan. Fotenn is also reviewing the application for compliance with Minimum Distance Separation.
- **Adjacent Property Owner Mr. Hasson:** Comments were received via email from an adjacent property owner in response to the public notification mail out. The property owner requested clarification regarding applicable policies and procedures. They raised concerns about severing the 5-acre (2 ha) lot in half, as well as the minimum separation distance of the proposed severed lot from the buildings on their property. Additionally, they expressed concern regarding the suitability of the proposed severed lot for future

development, particularly in the context of potential waterlogging issues on-site.

It is anticipated that the application will come back to Council for decision tentatively on September 24, 2024. Appeal procedures were noted.

Applicant Daniel Ceron, ACCIO Land Use Planning Solutions Inc. was in attendance and addressed Council. Mr. Ceron noted that he has requested a meeting with the Township Planning Consultants to discuss their interpretation and is requesting that the decision on the matter be deferred pending the meeting. Comments received will be addressed in writing.

Discussion ensued regarding Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) calculations and impacts on adjacent properties. Township Planning Consultants to contact adjacent property owner Mr. Hasson for clarification on the agricultural building on his property. The County of Dufferin Planning Department is reviewing the submitted MDS documents and it is anticipated that they will provide comments.

There were no public questions at the Public Meeting.

7.2.1 Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting

7.2.2 Fotenn Consultants Inc. Presentation

7.3 Adjourn Public Meeting

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Halls

Seconded by: Councillor Zukowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council do hereby adjourn the Public Meeting and resume regular business.

CARRIED

8. Unfinished Business

Nothing at this time.

9. Notice of Motion(s)

Nothing at this time.

10. Staff / Consultant Report(s)

10.1 Planning Act Decision(s)

10.1.1 Zoning By-Law Amendment Z3-24

Fotenn Consultants Inc. Planning Report dated August 15, 2024

Resolution

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stirk

Seconded by: Councillor Banfield

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Fotenn Consultants Inc. Planning Report dated August 15, 2024 be received;

And that Zoning By-Law Amendment Application File Z3-24 be approved;

And further that Council adopt a Zoning By-law Amendment to rezone a portion of the subject lands, 072148 10th Line, East Half Part Lot 13, Concession 10, from Environmental Protection (EP) to Rural Residential Exception Forty Four (RR-44) in accordance with Attachment D to the Planning Report.

10.1.2 Consent Application B4-24 and Zoning By-Law Amendment Application Z4-24

Fotenn Consultants Inc. Planning Report dated August 15, 2024

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Halls

Seconded by: Councillor Zukowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Consultant Planning Report dated August 15, 2024 be received;

And that Consent Application B4-24, 023083 East Garafraxa-Erin Townline, East Part Lot 1, Concession 14, be APPROVED, subject to conditions as set out in the staff memo dated August 19, 2024, and considering any additional comments received prior to Council's decision;

And that Zoning By-Law Amendment Application Z4-24, 023083 East Garafraxa-Erin Townline East Part Lot 1, Concession 14, be APPROVED;

And further that a Zoning By-Law Amendment be brought forward to Council for adoption, following receipt of a registered reference plan, to rezone a portion of the lands from Agricultural to Rural Residential.

10.1.2.1 Consent Application Conditions Memo

Staff Memo dated August 19, 2024

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Zukowski

Seconded by: Councillor Banfield

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Consultant Planning Report dated August 15, 2024, be received;

And further that Consent Application B4-24 by applicants Kristine Loft, Loft Planning Inc. and Jacqueline Sava on behalf of owners Troy Gibeau and Matthew Miller for consent (lot boundary adjustment) to sever approximately 0.41 hectares (1 acre) from 023083 East Garafraxa-Erin Townline, East Part Lot 1, Concession 14, to be consolidated with the beneficiary lands 023135 East Garafraxa-Erin Townline be approved, subject to following conditions:

1.	Payment of any property taxes, as of the date of the issuance of the Certificate of Clerk, with respect to the property that is subject to the application.
2.	Section 50(3) or (5) of the Planning Act shall apply and consolidation of parcels required. Severed area of approximately 0.41 hectares (1 acre) to be consolidated with the beneficiary lands 023135 East Garafraxa-Erin Townline.
3.	Conservation Authority Approval for the severed and retained parcels.
4.	Removal of the existing residential entrance on Dufferin County Road 24 (Trafalgar) and restoration of the County's right of way to its original condition, to the satisfaction of the County of Dufferin.
5.	Zoning By-Law Amendment required for the served and retained lands: Severed: to rezone the severed lands to Rural Residential Exception Forty-Five (RR-45) to recognize the undersized lot; and Retained: to rezone the retained lands from Agricultural (A) zone to Agricultural Exception Seventeen (A-17) to recognize the existing legal non-conforming accessory building.
6.	Reference Plan; Digital and Paper formats required for the severed and retained parcels. A copy of the draft plan shall be circulated to the Township for review prior to registration.
7.	Consent Agreement to be registered on title on the severed and retained parcels.
8.	Consent Agreement to include requirement for fencing around boundaries of the severed parcel (beneficiary lands), with exception of road frontage, when required by adjacent landowner.
9.	Road widenings: 9.1. Road widening required on the severed parcel along Dufferin County Road 24 (Trafalgar), in accordance with County of Dufferin Land

	<p>Transfer Figure, to be deeded to the County of Dufferin.</p> <p>9.2. Road widening required on the retained and severed parcels along the East Garafraxa-Erin Townline to be deeded to the Township of East Garafraxa.</p> <p>Road widening(s) shall be conveyed to the appropriate road authority, in accordance with applicable road authority policies.</p> <p>If road widening has been obtained at an earlier date, condition(s) would not apply.</p> <p>Any unregistered road widenings to be deeded to the Township or appropriate road authority.</p>
10.	Certificate of Title to be supplied, showing no encumbrances on the land for road widening purposes.
11.	That all conditions be fulfilled, and Certificate of Official be issued within two years of the date of Notice of Decision was given, failing to do so will cause the application to be null and void.
12.	Any road widenings, easements, survey costs, legal costs and any other transactions pertaining to this application shall be borne by the applicant.

REASON(S) FOR APPROVAL: The application is in conformity with Official Plan policies and represents good and orderly planning.

CARRIED

10.2 Budget Update at July 31, 2024

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Halls

Seconded by: Councillor Banfield

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive the Budget Update at July 31, 2024 report dated August 12, 2024, for information.

CARRIED

10.3 Development Charges By-Law 32-2019 Amendment to Delete the Expiry Date

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Banfield

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive the Development Charges By-Law 32-2019 Amendment to Delete the Expiry Date report dated August 20, 2024; and

THAT Council pass an amending By-Law to By-Law 32-2019, a By-Law for the Imposition of Development Charges, to delete Section 10 which specifies that the By-Law will expire on August 31, 2024.

10.4 Price's Corner Union Cemetery

Resolution

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Stirk

Seconded by: Councillor Halls

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive the Price's Corner Union Cemetery report dated August 12, 2024; and

That Council direct staff to move forward with the plan of survey project, to be prepared by an Ontario Land Surveyor, for the Price's Corner Union Cemetery property; and

Further that the project costs in the amount of \$6,000 be taken from the Cemetery Reserve Account.

10.5 eScribe Meeting Management Software Implementation Status Update

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Zukowski

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive the eScribe Meeting Management Software Implementation Status Update report dated August 12, 2024, for information.

10.6 Hybrid Conference Meeting System Implementation Update

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Banfield

Seconded by: Councillor Halls

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council receive the Hybrid Conference Meeting System Implementation Update report dated August 21, 2024, for information.

11. County of Dufferin Business

11.1 County Council Meeting(s)

[August 22, 2024 Special Council Meeting Agenda Package \(link\)](#)

Discussion ensued regarding the County Municipal Comprehensive Review and approval received from the Ministry. Township Official Plan will need to

come into conformity with the County plan within a prescribed period. It is anticipated that notice will be provided by the County.

Discussion ensued regarding various roundabout projects in Wellington County. Mayor Gardhouse requested a Notice of Motion for the next Council meeting to petition the County of Dufferin to review the potential for a roundabout at the intersection of East Garafraxa-Erin Townline, Trafalgar Road (Dufferin County Road 24), and Wellington Road 24 to improve traffic flow and safety.

11.2 County Committee Meeting Agendas - August 22, 2024

[Infrastructure and Environmental Services](#) (link)

[General Government Services](#) (link)

[Health and Human Services](#) (link)

[Community Development and Tourism](#) (link)

12. Local Boards and Committees

Nothing at this time.

13. General Business and Correspondence

13.1 Information Item(s)

Extracted from the Information Items Package (if any).

Nothing at this time.

13.2 Resident Correspondence dated July 24, 2024

13.3 Provincial Policy Statement

13.3.1 News Release dated August 20, 2024

Updated [Provincial Planning Statement](#) (PPS) (link)

14. New Business

14.1 Grand Valley and District Santa Claus Parade Committee Sponsorship Request

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Banfield

Seconded by: Councillor Halls

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council do hereby support the Grand Valley and District Santa Claus parade in the amount of \$200.00.

CARRIED

14.2 Community Living Dufferin 70th Celebration

Community Living Dufferin has requested that Council members attend the event scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 2024. Correspondence regarding the event will be sent to Council, and members should inform the Clerk if they are able to attend.

15. Closed Meeting

A recess was held from 5:04 p.m. to 5:16 p.m. Agenda item 6.1. was dealt with following the recess and, items 6.1 and 17. were dealt with prior to going into Closed Session.

Closed Meeting was held from 5:25 p.m. to 7:07 p.m.

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Halls

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: a Closed Meeting of Council be held pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for the following reason(s):

15.1 Marsville Water System Expansion

Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

15.2 By-Law Enforcement Matter

Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

15.3 Community Risk Assessment

The security of the property of the municipality or local board.

15.4 Maintenance Gravel Program

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and

Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

15.5 Organizational Structure and Compensation Review

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and Labour relations or employee negotiations.

15.6 Adoption of Closed Meeting Minutes

CARRIED

16. Rise and Report from Closed Meeting

Mayor Gardhouse left the meeting during the Closed Session and did not return. Deputy Mayor Stirk Chaired the remainder of the Council Meeting.

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Banfield

Seconded by: Councillor Zukowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council do hereby resume regular business in open session. Staff and Consultants directed in accordance with Closed Meeting discussions; and

Further that Council adopts the Community Risk Assessment (CRA) dated June 18, 2024, as prepared by Emergency Management Group (EMG).

CARRIED

17. By-Law(s)

17.1 Zoning By-Law Amendment (File Z3-24 - Laszlo)

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Halls

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Leave be given to introduce a By-Law, being a By-Law to further amend Zoning By-Law 60-2004, as amended, to the lands municipally known as 072148 10th Line, East Half Part Lot 13, Concession 10, within the Township of East Garafraxa, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 33-2024

CARRIED

17.2 Development Charges Amending By-Law

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Banfield

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Leave be given to introduce a By-Law, being a By-Law to Amend By-Law 32-2019 for the Imposition of Development Charges, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 34-2024.

CARRIED

18. Confirming By-Law

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Halls

Seconded by: Councillor Zukowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Leave be given to introduce a By-Law, being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of

East Garafraxa at its meeting held on August 27, 2024, and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered 35-2024.

CARRIED

19. Adjournment

Resolution

Moved by: Councillor Banfield

Seconded by: Councillor Zukowski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council do now adjourn to meet again for the Regular Electronic Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

Council meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk

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Township of East Garafraxa Council Meeting Delegation/Presentation Request Form

A person or group wishing to make a Delegation/Presentation to Council shall submit a request to the Clerk or designate in-person, by mail, or by email to clerks@eastgarafraxa.ca.

1. Contact Information

Name of Delegate(s):	
Zoltan Frank Laszlo	
Group/Organization (if applicable):	
Mailing Address:	
[REDACTED]	
Phone Number:	Email Address:
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

2. Meeting Selection

Council or Committee:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council OR <input type="checkbox"/> Committee
Meeting (Date) You Wish to Attend:
Tuesday, August 27, 2014

3. Delegation Request

Subject:
GRCA Invoice for PL6026 in the amount of \$465.00
General Nature/Purpose of the Delegation: (Clearly state the nature of the business to be discussed and provide a general summary of the information to be presented)
See attached.

Have you appeared before the Council or Committee in the past to discuss this matter?

Yes No



Delegation Guidelines

A delegation is an opportunity to appear before Council to present information. The purpose of the delegation process is to allow residents to make their views known to Council.

Pursuant to Procedural By-Law 34-2023, the following apply:

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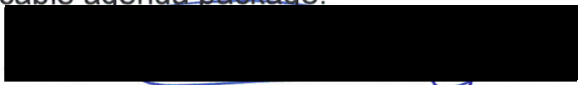
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Oral Written

Delegates are required to provide one (1) copy of all background material/presentations, in paper or electronic format, prior to the deadline noted in the Delegation Guidelines in order for the document(s) to be included in the applicable agenda package.

I have read and understand the Delegation Guidelines attached to this form (page 3) and acknowledge that information contained on this Form, including any attachments, will become public documents and will be included in the applicable agenda package.

Zoltan Frank Laszlo



Print Full Name

Signature

August 5, 2024

Date

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3. Delegation Request

I am petitioning counsel to reimburse payment made by me (the delegate) to the GRCA for their commentary on the Zoning Application PL6026. The zoning application resulted from the GCRA redrawing the flood plane lines in 2004 placing the property located at 072148 10th Line East Garafraxa fully under EP (environmental protection). The subject property was re-zoned in 1996 (via zoning application) to include a 1.3 acre parcel as RR (rural residential) with the remaining lands zoned OS2 (zoning at that time, now EP). This zoning from 1996 was the result a law suit which would allow for either the relocation of the existing dwelling or construction of a new dwelling (with the removal of the old dwelling) to the portion of the property located outside the 100 year flood line. The zoning approved in 1996 could not be reinstated without a new zoning application. In order to proceed with the new application, commentary was requested by the Township from interested parties, which included the GRCA who sent the applicant the bill for their report for which I am requesting reimbursement.



Dufferin county

Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2021-2024



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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

We are pleased to bring you the third annual report on the Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) Plan for 2021-2024. This report highlights the significant work of the Integration Table, our partners, and the community in 2023.

Community Safety and Well-being are a foundation of vibrant communities. A variety of people call Dufferin County home. While our stories may differ, we all value safety and well-being.

In 2023, we took on many challenges, and we are pleased with our successes. In particular, the Integration Table successfully conducted a community-wide survey, which attained extensive reach, support, and participation throughout the County. Our community stepped up and has given us valuable information to guide our next plan.

We would like to thank the individuals, partners, Lead Tables, and municipalities across the County for their efforts this year. Community Safety and Well-being work requires agility and attentiveness from many to be successful. Thank you for all that you do!

Anna McGregor

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Headwaters Communities in Action**



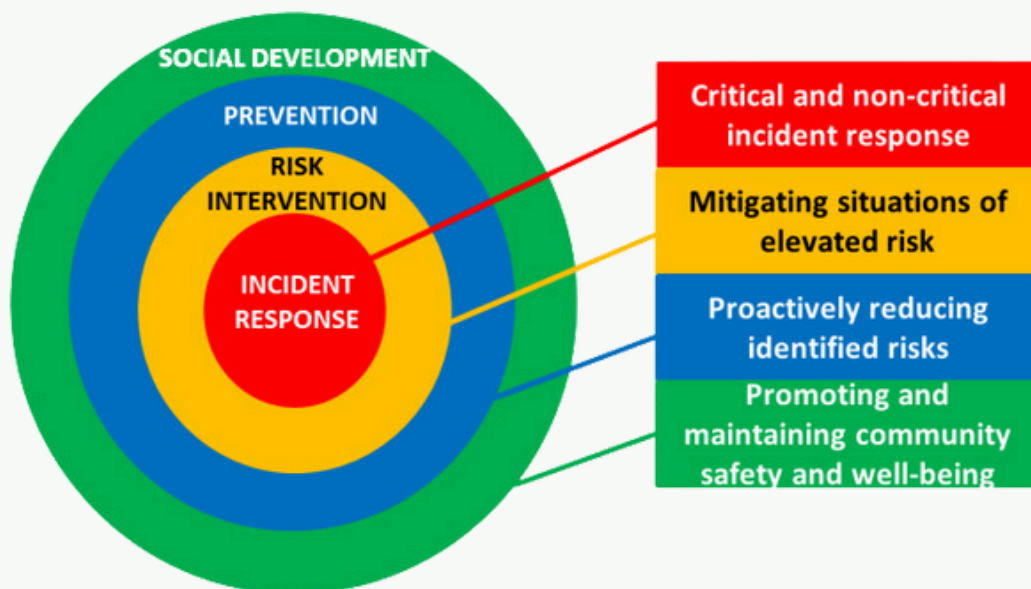
ONTARIO'S CSWB PLANNING

The Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019 mandates every municipal council to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. Under the legislation, municipalities have the discretion and flexibility to develop joint plans with surrounding municipalities. The municipalities in Dufferin are working collaboratively to develop a shared Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for all of Dufferin County.

As part of the legislation, the province mandated a number of requirements. Municipalities must:

- Prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.
- Work in partnership with a multisectoral advisory committee comprised of representation from the police service board and other local service providers in health/mental health, education, community/social services and children/youth services.
- Conduct consultations with the advisory committee and members of the public.

The Ontario Community Safety and Well-Being Planning framework operated as a guide in developing the Dufferin County Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. This framework focuses on collaboration, information sharing and performance measurement, and identifies four areas in which communities can be made safer and healthier.



WHERE WE HAVE BEEN



Data and Asset Mapping



- Organizational consultations - 20 interviews were conducted with community organizations.
- Inventory of Dufferin planning tables - an inventory of existing planning tables in Dufferin was also conducted. A total of 33 planning tables were identified.
- Local data dive - local data was collected to validate resident perceptions, to support ongoing discussions, and to create a foundation.



Community Engagement



- Community consultation - a website was created to share information and to ensure residents were given the opportunity to participate in the plan's creation.
- Resident survey - residents were able to provide input into the plan through a survey. The survey was completed in late fall of 2020. A total of 471 responses were received from residents across Dufferin County.
- Youth engagement - an engagement session was held with youth in Shelburne to learn about their experiences and perceived risks to health and safety.
- Community organization consultation - community organizations were invited to participate in a survey to identify statistics they collect, local research that has been conducted, and priorities they would like to see reflected in the plan. A total of 20 organizations responded to the survey.



Sensemaking and Plan Development



- The Advisory Committee reviewed all of the data and information that had been collected and identified five areas of focus for the plan:

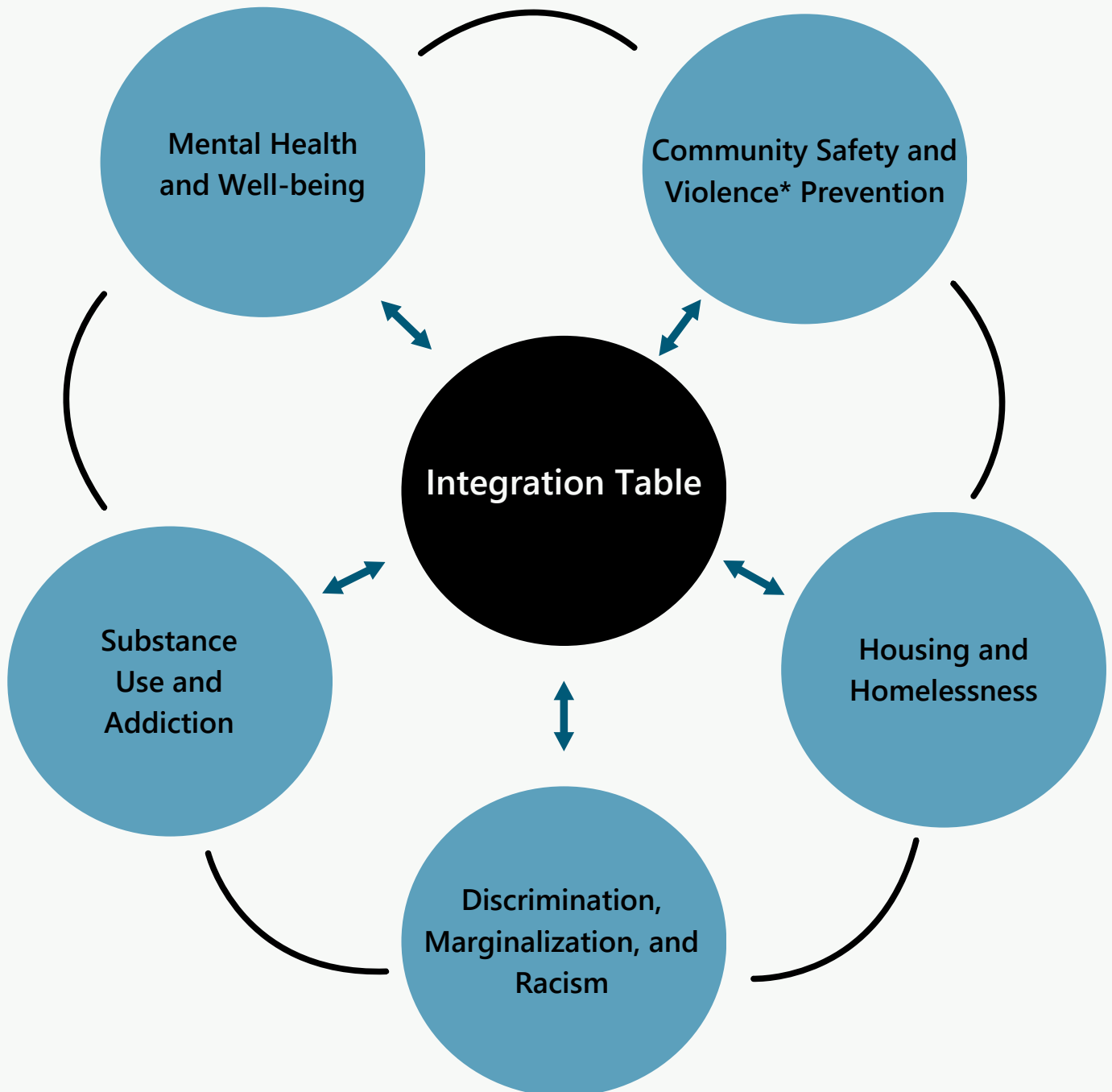
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2. Housing and Homelessness
3. Substance Use and Addiction
4. Discrimination, Marginalization, and Racism
5. Community Safety and Violence Prevention



Dufferin Community Safety and Well-being Plan

- The four-year plan was adopted in May of 2021. It will be reviewed annually.
- A structure has been established to lead the implementation of the plan, which leverages the use of existing tables in Dufferin, and ensures that there is an integrated response.
- A Lead Table has been identified for each of the priority areas. The existing Advisory Committee has converted into an Integration Table.

PRIORITY AREAS & 2023 UPDATES



*Gender-based Violence, and Family and Domestic Violence Prevention.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Lead Table: Hills of Headwaters Ontario Health Team Mental Health and Addictions Work Group

About: We are a work group structured through the Hills of Headwaters OHT as a result of mental health and addictions being identified as a priority area for our local OHT. We are comprised of a wide range of community service providers and people with lived experience and we are broadly tasked with enhancing system integration; enabling straightforward and easy to navigate pathways for service; and addressing systems gaps. We have a number of sub-committees including the following: Community Crisis Integration Team, Community Response, Addictions Strategy, Bereavement Support; Congregate Settings Community of Practice; and Service Navigation.

2023 Areas of Focus:

1. Overall mental health.
2. Emergency Room visits.

2023 Update:

Planned Outcomes	Realized Outputs and Outcomes
Enhance overall Mental Health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centralized Intake and navigation services modeled after other Ontario Health Teams. 211 was engaged to offer services to the Hills of Headwaters. Navigation committee formed to support implementation. • Annual Overdose Awareness Day held on August 31st to bring awareness to resources for the community and reduce the stigma associated with substance use and overdose. • New workplan for Community Mental Health and Addiction Support Services developed in alignment with OHT Strategic Plan. Main areas of focus include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Improve access and service navigation: Ensure seamless, easy-to-navigate, and equitable access to the right mental health and addictions care at the right time. ◦ Integration - Health and Primary Care: Advance whole person care experiences and health care integration. ◦ Develop system level outcomes or Key Performance Indicators. • The Working Group held a planning session in September to identify barriers and opportunities to having more reach and improving collaboration.
Reduce emergency room visits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued collaboration of community partners through the Community Integrated Crisis Team, Community Outreach Support Counsellors and Mobile Crisis Response Team to divert unnecessary use of hospital and Emergency Department. Data collection and analysis was supported by Collective Results to enhance awareness of resource use and need.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Lead Table: Dufferin County Equity Collaborative (DCEC) Housing & Homelessness Working Group

About: The DCEC Housing & Homelessness Working Group was formed in Spring 2019. The group's 2023 goal was that "All members of the community will have equitable access to safe and affordable housing."

2023 Areas of Focus:

1. Community awareness and understanding of homelessness.
2. Reduction of barriers.
3. Housing stability supports and initiatives.

2023 Update:

Planned Outcomes	Realized Outputs and Outcomes
Increase community awareness and understanding of homelessness, the lack of safe and affordable housing in our community, and the impact these issues have on our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County of Dufferin - Planning and Economic Development joined the Working Group. • FTP and Choices attended Celebrate Your Awesome, promoting the housing postcards to raise awareness.
Increase access to safe and affordable housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed Peterson, Founder of Tiny Homes Association, gave a presentation to the Working Group that was attended by County Planning, Economic Development, and Building staff. • Presentation from Eden Grodzinski from Habitat for Humanity Halton-Mississauga-Dufferin's Tiny Home program.
Increase initiatives to help obtain and maintain safe and affordable housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County received additional Homeless Prevention Program funding and allocated funds for supportive housing and increased the number of housing allowances available. • The County provided 26 new Canada-Ontario Housing Benefits (COHB) to residents. This benefit is portable and can be taken anywhere in the province. • Dufferin's Men's Shelter opened. • Delivered RentSmart training and certification to two cohorts (Youth and Men's Shelter).

SUBSTANCE USE AND ADDICTION

Lead Table: Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy Committee.

About: The Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy started back in 2017 as a group of community agencies coming together to organize a local event in recognition of Overdose Awareness Day on August 31. At that time, the agencies felt strongly that something needed to be done to draw awareness and offer support to the community as the number of overdose related deaths were increasing and the “Overdose Awareness Day” Committee was formed. Over the years the Committee has stayed committed to increasing the community’s awareness of the issue and morphed into the “Dufferin-Caledon Drug Strategy” in 2020 recognizing that the work needed to be broader than just organizing a one day event each year.

2023 Areas of Focus:

1. Community awareness and understanding of addiction.
2. Reduction of stigma.
3. Drug use safety.

2023 Update:

Planned Outcomes	Realized Outputs and Outcomes
Assist workplaces with substance regulatory changes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach to community businesses re. <u>Section 25.2 of the OHSA</u>: Provided letters to identified businesses. Letters resources to assist with workplace obligations.
Reduce the stigma of addiction in the community and promote drug-use safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overdose Awareness Day event on Aug. 31: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 45 community members attended. ◦ 48 service providers attended. ◦ 3 speakers shared their experiences with substance use; one from their own personal experience, one as a family member who lost their sister to an overdose related death and one first responder (Dufferin OPP) doing the work. ◦ 2 local newspapers (Banner and Citizen) attended and wrote an article about the event afterward. ◦ FTP distributed 34 naloxone kits/refills, 4 sharps containers (3 black and 1 yellow), 4 quick packs (10 packs of needles). ◦ WDG Public Health distributed 9 naloxone kits, 4 meth kits, 1 crack kit, 10 sharps (black), and 1- 1L kit. • In November 2023, the first edition of the Dufferin County weekly FAST Overdose Alert Platform report started being shared on Wednesday afternoon with committee members. This report helps to give an understanding of substance use harms within our communities.

DISCRIMINATION, MARGINALIZATION, AND RACISM

Lead Table: County of Dufferin Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee (DEICAC)

About: The County of Dufferin Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee (DEICAC) was created in October 2020 as a response to local incidents of anti-Black racism. The Advisory Committee to County Council was implemented very promptly, following in the wake of similar actions in municipalities that took place during the most recent wave of North American African, Caribbean and Black community civil rights organizing, characterized by the United States and Global Black Lives Matter movement. The mandate for the committee will be to advise County Council, make recommendations and provide a monitoring and measuring role to help ensure that the County applies a diversity, equity and inclusion lens to its policies, services and programs.

2023 Areas of Focus:

1. Recruitment.

2023 Update:

Planned Outcomes	Realized Outputs and Outcomes
Expand DEICAC membership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underwent DEICAC membership recruitment. • November 21, 2023, DEICAC met to complete part one of the committee onboarding program.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND VIOLENCE* PREVENTION

Lead Table: Dufferin/Caledon Domestic Assault Review Team (DART).

About: The Dufferin/Caledon Domestic Assault Review Team (DART), established in 1994, is a group of representatives from the County of Dufferin and Town of Caledon (Region of Peel) criminal justice, medical, child protection and community service agencies. Each agency has an individual mandate to deal with domestic abuse either supporting victims, or children who have been exposed to abuse, or the perpetrators of the abuse. The work of the Committee is accomplished through agency representatives who take part in interagency decision-making, by commitment to the Protocol, by commitment to deal with new challenges as they emerge and with the assistance of interagency agreements.

2023 Areas of Focus:

1. Maintain a sensitive, effective service response to victims and children who have been exposed.
2. Hold perpetrators of violence or abuse accountable for their behaviour and its effects.
3. Communicate and consult effectively between agencies.
4. Voices of Courage, people with lived experience group.

2023 Update:

Planned Outcomes	Realized Outputs and Outcomes
Continue Survivor initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On June 8, 2023, the DART Coordinator attended the, "Supporting Survivors of Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence," training led by the Women’s Shelters Canada. • Survivor Panel conducted regular meetings.
Raise awareness and complete training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Transition Place (FTP), Sexual Violence Community Education Facilitator, worked with the hockey community for Hockey Canada, the Ontario Hockey League and, the Highlanders AAA Hockey association to provide sexual violence education. • Dufferin Child & Family Services & FTP met on September 25, 2023, for a full day training to strengthen relationships between organizations and talk about the work that were doing to support families. There were 70 people in attendance. • Between October - December 2023 Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services (CDVS) hosted and participated in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Hosted a workshop facilitated by the Canadian Anti-Hate Network for CDVS staff, Crisis Responders, police & community partners. ◦ Participated with Peel Children’s Aid Society in the Dress Purple Campaign. ◦ Provided multi-day Victim Services training to Dufferin Paramedics. ◦ CDVS staff attended the virtual webinar Strong Connections - Gender Based Violence & Mass Casualty. ◦ Staff attended a one-day symposium on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). ◦ Project - victim support through the holidays.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND VIOLENCE* PREVENTION

2023 Update Continued:

Planned Outcomes	Realized Outputs and Outcomes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 5, 2023, Meaningful Connections Workshop: DART members attended a ½ day training on October 5, 2023, at Monora Park. The workshop was led by Ginny Santos from Neole. It gave members an opportunity to make meaningful connections with each other since we have had new members over the last few years. Ginny led the group in 3D modeling activities to discuss what DART’s vision is, how members could contribute to the committee moving forward and members worked through a team development activity by taking a team approach to a complex scenario. A report was provided to the Committee. • CDVS trained 7 new crisis responders to provide direct service to victims of crime and tragic circumstances including victims of IPV. They also participated in 8 community outreach events & presentations highlighting community partnerships and local services. • CDVS staff participated in the following virtual trainings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Gender-Based Violence in the Lives of Muslim Women in Canada. ◦ Lessons Learned from the Nova Scotia Mass Casualty. ◦ Information sharing and collaboration across services to improve safety. ◦ Women’s Impressions of Counselling for Intimate Partner Violence. ◦ Supporting Sexual Assault Survivors After a Not-Guilty Verdict or Mistrial. ◦ Changing Outcomes for Women Experiencing Homelessness & Engaged in Survival Sex Work. ◦ Partnering with Media for Change: Disrupting Harmful Narratives on GBV. ◦ Integrating Culturally Sensitive Care in African, Caribbean & Black Service Delivery. ◦ Keira’s Legacy of Hope: Judicial Training on Family Violence. ◦ Helping the Helpers: A Trauma-Informed Approach to Supervision. ◦ Elder Abuse & Financial Abuse Prevention in LGBTQI+ Communities. ◦ The Healing Power of Our Stories with Brittany Snow, Jaspre Guest and David Kessler. ◦ Compassionate Community Care: Supporting Seniors and Vulnerable Persons. ◦ Older People and Housing Insecurity. • CDVS participated in numerous community outreach events & presentations highlighting community partnerships and local services. In particular, Senior Frauds & Scams presentations occurred throughout Dufferin County with more than 95% of seniors who attended feeling better equipped to identify or deal with Frauds or Scams after the presentation.

MUNICIPAL COLLABORATION

Partners: Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Grand Valley, Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur, Orangeville, Shelburne

2023 Areas of Focus:

1. Staff awareness and training.
2. Community awareness and intervention.

2023 Updates:

Mental Health and Well-being

Amaranth

- We co-hosted the International Plowing Match, an event that promotes community engagement and well-being.
- Employees are offered access to mental health professionals, stress management programs, and wellness initiatives designed to promote a healthy work-life balance.

East Garafraxa

- Partners with the Orton Community Association (Charity) as a funder for activities they promote through their facility.

Grand Valley

- Seniors Recreation Programming expansion project.
- New ball diamond construction for organized sports for children, families.

Melancthon

- Implemented temporary shutdowns and closures to ensure staff receive uninterrupted break periods and have the ability to partake in team bonding. Continue to have Staff meetings every morning before we start our day. Continue to close Fridays for the month of August, including the Friday before Labour Day (if it happens to fall in September).
- Purchased HR Downloads with hopes of implementing mental health and well-being sessions for staff.

Mulmur

- Afternoon Walking Videos.
- Community Recreation (pickleball, Tai-Chi, cards and conversations activity, woodworking group).
- Review of HR policies.

Orangeville

- Joint Health and Safety Committee along with Human Resources provided printed material and seminars to staff dealing with mental health and well-being.

Shelburne

- Staff attended mandatory "Mental Health in the Workplace" training.
- Staff and Council will attend various sessions on this topic at a number of professional organizational seminars throughout the year, including such organizations as AMO (Associations of Municipalities of Ontario)
- The benefits program for staff includes access to a range of supports for mental health and wellbeing, regular bulletins are provided to staff on what is available i.e. EAP (Employee Assistance Program)
- The Town supports all members of staff who may be experiencing challenges through accommodation where required and to ensure they have the time to manage what they are dealing with.

MUNICIPAL COLLABORATION

Housing and Homelessness

Amaranth

- The Township collaborates and donates to local food banks.

East Garafraxa

- Passed a Township initiated by-law to allow Additional Dwelling Units as of right removing barriers requiring a zoning amendment.

Grand Valley

- Updated growth plan to accommodate more development, more housing, more employment.

Melancthon

- In the beginning stages of implementing an “Additional Residential Units” (ARU) By-law. The policy will aim to permit up to three ARUs per lot in the Township.

Mulmur

- Monitored Provincial policy development
- Attended Housing and Homelessness sessions/workshops
- Advanced Draft Plan of Subdivision, including multi-residential component.

Orangeville

- Homelessness Task Force Committee met 8 times to discuss issues for those unhoused. The Town also implemented warming/cooling centres.

Shelburne

- In 2023 and 2024 the community grants program placed a high priority on food insecurity and the needs of those who are dealing with housing challenges. A significant portion of funding was devoted by Council to supporting organizations in these service areas, including local food banks.
- The Town was among many municipalities to formally support the policies of AMO regarding the need for the province to better support and fund homelessness with significant capital funding provided.
- The Town has attended a number of sessions on this issue to determine what role we can play in this important service area.
- The Town’s planning and development is based on supporting housing diversification and intensification to allow more affordable housing to be built where the developer chooses to provide this housing option.
- Through the assessment that is derived from the Town of Shelburne to the County we are indirectly supporting and funding all initiatives of the County of Dufferin.
- Council serves as the board for Fiddleville Non-profit housing and the housing units predominantly support income challenged residents.

Multiple Municipalities

- Food drive competition amongst municipalities.

MUNICIPAL COLLABORATION

Substance Use and Addiction

Amaranth

- The Township has a needle deposit program to reduce harm and connect individuals to treatment resources.
- Employees are offered access to addiction treatment services and counseling through a comprehensive benefits package.

Orangeville

- This topic was covered in the Homelessness Task Force as we dealt with many organizations throughout the Town offering assistance for substance use and addiction. The Town was equipped with cards to hand out to those in crisis. These cards provided contact information for various organizations to assist.

Shelburne

- The Town's role is limited to the staff training and information provided on these topics. One example is Sharps Training.
- The Town will share information with the public from various charities and not for profits during their campaigns or educational initiatives on Substance Use and Addiction and we will also share applicable information from the OPP Central Detachment.
- Staff were trained on Naloxone use.

Discrimination, Marginalization, and Racism

Amaranth

- Regular training is provided to staff where anti-discrimination policies are reviewed and updated.
- The Township participates in flag raising ceremonies and official proclamations such as Pride and Multiculturalism.

East Garafraxa

- Contributes to funding for multicultural organization.
- Partners with Community Living Dufferin on removing financial barriers by rebating some of their property taxes.

Melancthon

- Conducted an annual review/update of workplace policies.
- The Township participates in Flag Raisings for Black History Month, Pride Month, Multiculturalism Day and National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Orangeville

- DEI Committee met 6 times to discuss topics/issues arising in our community and gathering solutions.

Shelburne

- The Town has a DEI Committee that is very active and has a significant budget. Committee representation includes three members of Council, which reflects the priority placed on DEI. The committee meets monthly. Community events led or supported by DEI include:
 - Black History Month (February).
 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day.
 - Attendance at other community events to share DEI work, for example attending faith-based seminars or events in Shelburne, will be attending Fridays in the Park series starting June 2024 and are scheduled to be at Canada Day 2024 among other 2024 events.
- In 2023 accessibility was added to the DEI committee portfolio and they have initiated a range of new projects to support accessibility including how to make more downtown businesses accessible.

MUNICIPAL COLLABORATION

- Staff training regularly and annually includes a variety of sessions virtual or in person within this area for example:
 - Workplace Diversity and Inclusion Training.
 - Embracing Gender and Sexual Diversity Training.
 - AODA Customer Service Standards Training.
 - Workplace Violence and Harassment Refresher Training.
 - Unconscious Bias Training for All Audiences.
 - Workplace Sensitivity Training for Employees.
- The Town is a member of Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion (CCDI) and staff and Council will attend various sessions and educational opportunities provided by this organization.
- The Town makes proclamations as well as having flags raised to recognize a wide range of special days and events. A full listing is provided on the Shelburne.ca website. A few examples are:
 - Pride month.
 - Black History month.
 - [Human Trafficking Awareness](#).
 - Unity in Diversity.
- The Town completed our Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the capital projects reflect an evolution in supporting and responding to the needs of a diversified community.
- The Town shares information, daily to weekly (Approximately 15 or more a month), via social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, X and LinkedIn) to raise awareness on diversity of initiatives to promote multiculturalism.

Community Safety and Violence Prevention

Amaranth

- The Township has partnered with Commissionaires to enhance our neighbourhood by-law enforcement.
- The Township has enhanced our policing efforts through radar monitoring.

Mulmur

- Reviewed Health and Safety Policies and department needs.
- Council made decision to enter WSIB Excellence program.

Melancthon

- The Township has enhanced our policing efforts with additional funding added to the 2024 Budget for Paid Duty Policing.
- The Township hosted a Town Hall Meeting in April 2024 on Public and Road Safety.

Orangeville

- Conducted ongoing work with the OPP who also have a crisis response team who accompanies them to calls, etc.

Shelburne

- The Town is policed by the OPP and information they issue is regularly shared via social media.
- The Mayor and Council will also issue statements on specific community incidents.
- The Town recently completed a significant review of speed limits and traffic safety and traffic calming. All town roads with a few exceptions are 40km.
- The Town is also investigating automated speed enforcement.
- The Town regularly shares information on Emergency planning for your home and family including fire evacuation strategies for each home.

WHERE WE ARE GOING



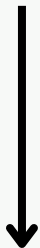
Data and Asset Mapping

- Local Data Dive - local data is being collected to guide the next CSWB Plan.



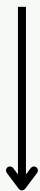
Community Engagement

- 2023 Community Survey - Residents completed a survey in late 2023 and early 2024. This will help evaluate progress on the 2021-2024 Plan in its final year and provide some guidance for the 2025-2028 plan.



Sensemaking and Plan Development

- Data Sensemaking - work is underway to examine and make sense of data at the Integration Table.
- Guiding the next Plan - The Integration Table will review all of the data and information that will be collected and identify areas of focus for the next plan.



Dufferin Community Safety and Well-being Plan 2025-2028

- Another four-year plan will be adopted with the completion of the 2021-2024 plan.
- A structure has been established to lead the implementation of the plan, which leverages the use of existing tables in Dufferin, and ensures that there is an integrated response.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Community Safety and Well-Being is a comprehensive subject. Our community requires ongoing collaboration, information sharing, and performance measurement by many to be successful.

We are grateful for the individuals, partners, and service providers dedicated to this work. We appreciate your commitment. In particular we would like to recognize partners from CSWB Lead Tables, and the Integration Table:

- Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County
- Caledon-Dufferin Victim Services
- Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) - Peel Dufferin
- Community Living Dufferin
- County of Dufferin
- DC MOVES
- DCEC
- Diversity Equity Inclusion Community Advisory Committee
- Dufferin Area Family Health Team (DAFHT)
- Dufferin Caledon Domestic Assault Review Team (DART)
- Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS)
- Dufferin Community Foundation
- Dufferin Situation Table
- Family Transition Place (FTP)
- Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA)
- Hills of Headwaters Ontario Health Team (HOH OHT)
- Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Dufferin
- Probation and Parole
- Services and Housing in the Province (SHIP)
- White Owl Native Ancestry Association

We would also like to thank our municipal partners:



APPENDIX - GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CHHAP	Chronic Homeless Housing Allowance Program - ongoing financial supplement paid by the County to the landlord or eligible renter (from the BNL) to help them offset rental costs.
Chronic Homelessness	Refers to individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness AND who meet at least 1 of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they have a total of at least 6 months (180 days) of homelessness over the past year. • they have recurrent experiences of homelessness over the past 3 years, with a cumulative duration of at least 18 months (546 days).
CMHA	Canadian Mental Health Association (Peel-Dufferin)
COHB	Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit
Comprehensive Police Services Act, 2019	Is a law in the province of Ontario that brought a number of reforms to policing in the province. It mandates that every municipality across Ontario must have prepared and adopted a Community Safety and Well-being Plan by July 2021
CDVS	Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services
CSWB	Community Safety and Well-being
DAFHT	Dufferin Area Family Health Team
DART	Domestic Assault Review Team
DCAFS	Dufferin Children and Family Services
DCEC	Dufferin County Equity Collaborative
DC MOVES	Dufferin County - Managing Organizing Validating Engagement Strategy
DEI	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
DEICAC	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Community Advisory Committee
FTP	Family Transition Place
HCIA	Headwaters Communities in Action
HOHC	Hills of Headwaters Collaborative

APPENDIX - GLOSSARY OF TERMS

IT	Integration Table - A cross-sectoral table which will ensure a proactive, balanced and collaborative response across the five priority areas. This table works to ensure an integrated response to community safety and well-being which leverages.
IPV	Intimate Partner Violence
Lead Table	An existing planning table that is leading the implementation of strategies and actions in each of the five priority areas.
MH&ADD	Mental Health and Addictions
OHT	Ontario Health Team
OPHI	Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (Housing Allowance Program)
OPP	Ontario Provincial Police
Outcomes	Actions and/or behaviour changes that contribute to overall goals.
SHIP	Services and Housing in the Province
SP	The Survivor Panel; a panel of survivors that works in collaboration with the Community Safety and Violence Prevention table.



Grand River Conservation Authority

Summary of the General Membership Meeting – August 23, 2024

To GRCA/GRCF Boards and Grand River watershed municipalities - Please share as appropriate.

Action Items

The Board passed the recommendations in the following reports as presented in the agenda:

- GM-08-24-67 - GRCA Administrative By-law Update
- GM-08-24-72 - Financial Summary
- GM-08-24-70 - Land Acquisition and Disposition Policies
- GM-08-24-66 - Draft Conservation Areas Strategy
- GM-08-24-69 - City of Guelph Well Monitoring Agreement

Information Items

The Board received the following reports as information:

- GM-08-24-71 - Cash and Investment Status
- GM-08-24-65 - Quarterly Permits issued under Ontario Regulation 41/24
- GM-08-24-68 - July 2024 Flood Event
- GM-08-24-73 - Current Watershed Conditions

Correspondence

The Board received the following correspondence:

- Kim Charlesworth, Fraser Gibson, Kai Reimer-Watts, and Alex Latta regarding the Conservation Land Inventory
- Halton Region regarding the 2025 budget direction
- Bryan Duross regarding his report on the Grand River above Parkhill Dam
- Liz (surname unknown), Amy Haertel, and Carol Thorman regarding enhancing river safety and signage

Delegations

There were two registered delegations.

- Susan Watson – GRCA Administrative By-law, and Land Disposition & Acquisition Policies
- Phil Pothen - Land Disposition & Acquisition Policies

Source Protection Authority

The General Membership of the GRCA also acts as the Source Protection Authority Board.

Correspondence & Action Items

The SPA Board approved the resolutions in the following reports as presented in the agenda:

- Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks - Source Protection Plan for Kettle Creek
- SPA-08-24-01 - Source Protection Committee Member Appointments

For full information, please refer to the [August 23 Agenda Package](#). Complete agenda packages for the General Membership and Source Water Protection Authority, and minutes of past meetings can be viewed on our [online calendar](#). The minutes of this meeting will be posted on our online calendar following approval at the next meeting of the General Membership.

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August 23, 2024

Office of the Mayor & Council
Township of East Garafraxa

By email: pavgoustis@eastgarafraxa.ca

Dear Mayor/Chief and Council,

Re: Grand River Conservation Authority's Conservation Areas Strategy – Consultation Period

The Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) manages water and other natural resources on behalf of 38 municipalities and about one million residents of the Grand River watershed. The GRCA is a partnership of watershed municipalities and provides an avenue to work together, addressing environmental issues and opportunities that serve to benefit the entire Grand River watershed.

Under the *Conservation Authorities Act*, each Conservation Authority in Ontario is required to prepare a Conservation Areas Strategy (Strategy). The goal of the Strategy is to provide an integrated, high-level framework that helps guide and inform future decision-making on all GRCA-owned and controlled lands.

The GRCA has prepared a draft Strategy and is inviting municipalities, the Six Nations of the Grand River, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and the public to review and comment on the Strategy.

The draft Strategy and comment survey are available on the GRCA's website (www.grandriver.ca/ConservationAreasStrategy) and comments may be submitted until October 4, 2024. Two public information sessions on the draft Strategy will be held in September and will be advertised on the GRCA's website and social media. Presentations to councils or staff are available upon request.

Inquiries regarding the Strategy can be directed to Megan Kitchen, Land Management Analyst, at email: mkitchen@grandriver.ca.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Chris White".

Chris White, Chair

Jessica Kennedy

From: Clerks
Subject: FW: Grand River Conservation Authority - Dufferin Rural Water Quality Program renewed for five years

From: noreply@grandriver.ca <noreply@grandriver.ca>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 1:02 PM
To: Jessica Kennedy <jkennedy@eastgarafraxa.ca>
Subject: Grand River Conservation Authority - Dufferin Rural Water Quality Program renewed for five years



Grand River Conservat GRCA NEWS

Dufferin Rural Water Quality Program renewed for five years

Dufferin County has renewed their commitment to the Rural Water Quality Program (RWQP) for another five years.

The Dufferin RWQP supports landowners who undertake on-the-ground projects to improve and protect water quality. The program, which is led by the Grand River Conservation Authority and is in partnership with neighbouring conservation authorities, helps protect the headwaters of the Credit, Grand, Saugeen, Humber and Nottawasaga Rivers and downstream communities. Since 2017, \$198,000 in grants have been provided to support the completion of 140 projects in Dufferin County.

Through the program, eligible landowners can receive grants for a variety of projects including:

- Fencing to exclude livestock from watercourses
- Cover crops to protect fields from wind and water erosion over the winter
- Crop nutrient planning
- Erosion control structures such as water and sediment control basins
- Tree planting, wetlands and natural area restoration
- Properly decommissioning or upgrading water wells.

In addition to benefitting water quality, these projects offer additional environmental, economic and social benefits. They help to improve landscape resilience to extreme weather, sequester carbon, maintain healthy soils, and enhance wildlife habitat and biodiversity.

The program renewal comes with changes to grant rates and eligibility of the projects. One of these changes is to the cover crop category. The cost share amount was increased to \$60/ac up to a program maximum of

\$4,800 per farm business. Applicants who participated in the program previously are also now eligible to re-apply and RWQP grants can be combined with grants from other programs, where available.

“One thing that I have always valued is the soil,” says Scott Caughill, a Melanchthon cash crop farmer and RWQP participant. “I continue to look for ways to improve the soil, to build up a better growing medium, and to preserve the land we require to produce our crops. The RWQP is designed for producers to learn more, do better, and develop longevity in protecting the soil while also benefiting water quality.”

For more information on the program contact Maria Ramirez Giraldo, Conservation Specialist at the GRCA at 519-621-2763, Ext. 2242 or by emailing mramirez@grandriver.ca.

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August 19, 2024

Township of East Garafraxa
065371 Dufferin County Road 3, Unit 2
East Garafraxa ON
L9W 7J8

Dear Sir or Madam,

CVC is interested in submitting funding proposals to the [Green Municipal Fund \(GMF\) for Growing Canada's Community Canopies](#) funding (intakes in July and October 2024) to facilitate tree planting in the Township of East Garafraxa. These projects directly align with the GMF's objectives and our mission to protect and restore the Credit River Watershed through science, education and action.

Forestry Rural Tree Planting Project:

Forestry Greenbelt Tree Planting Project: This project will increase tree planting efforts on private lands within the countryside greenbelt areas of the Credit River Watershed. Our goal is to plant 3,000 additional trees (on top of our planned 5,000 trees) by 2026. The objectives of the project are to increase and connect forest cover and native species diversity through the planting of container stock. These plantings will help to improve human wellbeing and resilience to climate change, sequester carbon, protect and improve water quality and quantity, and create and enhance watershed forest habitat and biodiversity. These are restoration and management-based projects designed and implemented by CVC Forestry staff. Sites are prioritized based on CVC's Natural Heritage System and include former, marginal agricultural fields, riparian buffers, forest expansion and diversification, windbreaks, and restoration within existing forest impacted by pest and disease.

We understand that there may be parallel proposals from our municipal partners. In the spirit of collaboration, we encourage your staff to connect with our CVC program contacts for more information and to address any concerns about potential overlap in our efforts.

Forestry Rural Tree Planting Project,
Aaron Day: aaron.day@cvc.ca

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,



Corporate Secretariat, CVC

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION TEMPLATE

To be eligible for GMF's funding, non-municipal applicants must provide a resolution drafted and adopted by the municipal council partnering on the project. When submitting your application to FCM, please include proof that the resolution was adopted by submitting one of the following:

- a formal copy of the resolution (on letterhead with a seal or signature and date)
- a signed and dated copy of the minutes at which the motion was adopted (including the text of the resolution)
- a signed and dated copy of the text of the resolution, with confirmation from the applicant that the text is identical to that adopted by council

A resolution is not required for municipal lead applicants. However, a resolution may be used to meet evidence of municipal support, which is an application submission requirement.

Sample council resolution text

FCM's Growing Canada's Community Canopies Funding Opportunity - Town of Erin Proposal

WHEREAS planting trees across <name of municipality> will provide many benefits to residents, including increased forest cover and biodiversity, improved soil and water conservation, providing wildlife habitat and climate change adaptation and resiliency.

Whereas, Credit Valley Conservation is undertaking the **Forestry Rural Tree Planting, Community Stewardship Tree Planting Project and Credit River Watershed Home Tree Planting Project.**

Be it resolved that <council> acknowledges that Credit Valley Conservation is applying for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative for **Forestry Rural Tree Planting, Community Stewardship Tree Planting Project and Credit River Watershed Home Tree Planting Project.** in partnership with <name of municipality>.

AND FURTHER THAT Council recognizes that the lifetime contribution from the Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative will not exceed \$10 million for tree planting within The <name of municipality>, inclusive of a maximum contribution of \$1 million for infrastructure activity costs, and that if approved this project will be counted towards that limit.

**Grand Valley & District Medical & Dental Board
5 MAIN ST. N.**

MINUTES

May 27, 2024, at 5:30pm
Virtual

Present: Lenora Banfield, Paul Latam, Philip Rentsch, Steve Soloman, Chris Gerrits, Helena Snider - Secretary/Treasurer

Regrets:

1. Call to Order

Chair Banfield called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. Agenda Approval

#2024-05-01

Moved By: S. Soloman

Seconded By: C. Gerrits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the May 27th, 2024, regular meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

4.1 April 16, 2024

#2024-05-02

Moved By: P. Latam

Seconded By: S. Soloman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of April 16th, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

5. Business arising from Minutes

The Board has requested that staff prepare a letter addressed to Highland Networks regarding the examination beds in the doctor's office, they are to assume responsibility and all risk during the renovations. The letter will be sent to the Chair for approval and then Highland Networks for signature.

6. Deputation/Presentation

7. Financial Reports

7.1 Accounts Receivable

#2024-05-03

Moved By: C. Gerrits

Seconded By: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Received presented to the Board in the amount of \$28, 728.17 for the period of April 2024 be approved.

Carried.

7.2 Accounts Payable

#2024-05-04

Moved By: S. Soloman

Seconded By: C. Gerrits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable presented to the Board in the amount of \$4, 477.27 for the period of April 2024 be approved.

Carried.

7.3 Budget Variance

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 Structural Review from R.J. Burnside – Verbal Update

Staff is getting 3 quotes for the repair of the retaining wall and will provide the quotes to the Board for approval/selection.

8.2 Grass Cutting

The Board reviewed the document presented and informed the cost stated on the contract is acceptable by the Board. The Board will reach out to the Agricultural Club regarding gardening.

8.3 New Lease Agreements – Verbal Update

Staff informed the Board that she is looking for another real estate firm to draft the lease agreements.

- **P. Rentsch joined the meeting at 5:41pm**

9. New Business

10. Correspondence

11. Closed Session

#2024-05-05

Moved By: P. Rentsch

Seconded By: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board resolve itself into closed session at 5:44pm under the provision of Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to discuss:

- (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carries on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. 2001, c.25, s. 239(2); 2017, c. 10. Sched. 1, s. 26

Carried.

#2024-05-09

Moved By: P. Rentsch

Seconded By: C. Gerrits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff and the Chair proceed as directed in closed session.

Carried.

12. Confirmation of Meeting

#2024-05-10

Moved By: S. Soloman

Seconded By: P. Latam

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be given to confirm the proceedings of the Grand Valley Medical/Dental Board meeting of May 27, 2024.

Carried.

13. Adjournment

#2024-05-11

Moved By: P. Rentsch

Seconded By: C. Gerrits

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this meeting of the Board to meet at the call of the Chairperson.

Carried.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Lenora Banfield, Chair

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Helena Snider, Secretary/Treasurer



EAST GARAFRAXA
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24 July, 2024

Kyle Seeback, MP
By hand

Guy Gardhouse, Mayor

Ref: Your letter of 18 July.

Sir:

Thank you for taking an interest in my opinions. Not being a user of social services like Facebook, I am resorting to a paper letter to ensure my comments are organized.

Three national-level issues worry me: UN intrusion into municipal politics, the farm Capital Gains (CG) tax exemption I don't enjoy and the "safe site" drug problem.

The UN and its elements IPCC, WEF, etc persist in ever-raucous claims that the earth is "burning." It is enormously expensive nonsense, and three years ago I wrote a 28-page paper refuting "climate change" for my county councillors, but the UN has now adopted more insidious attempts to maintain the fiction. The UBC-based "Dufferin County Climate Action Plan" attempts to impose severe restrictions on citizens, especially farmers - and not just in Dufferin County. (The organization claims over 450 Canadian subscribing councils.)

Somehow the organization convinced my county council to pass a "climate emergency" motion. No one has been able to explain what new legislation this will create, and farmers (at least) were unaware of it till this year because we are generally too busy to read our computers daily. The "emergency" does not conform to Ontario's legislation about emergencies, and I am told that the declaration is only "symbolic," but it tends to reinforce the UN's "global warming" claim.

A second UN attack was instituted by "ICLEI," whose full name is difficult to discover. It has an extensive, very colourful web site that when studied is found to be very vague about its sources of funds and its aim, but it offers a "Youth Climate Activity Circle" camping experience for our children that installs strong support for the "global warming" at an age when children's minds are easily persuaded to retain the message for the rest of their lives. More information about the ICLEI can be had by searching "KICLEI" ("Kick ICLEI"), a counter organization formed by worried citizens.

A third UN effort is the "tri-county" "green energy" initiative taken by another group that attempts to impose new, restrictive building standards in addition to existing federal and Ontario building codes. They advocate more vehicle charging stations, and from the tone of a presentation I attended may urge stronger roof structures and orientation (to accept solar panels) and/or similar controls. I would not be surprised by a ban on chimneys.

The UN bypass of established, sovereign governments must be stopped by the federal government, perhaps by banning specific or type organizations. However, it seems that ICLEI has not only established county-paid positions within the local civil service but has also received funds from the UN and the Trudeau government. The YCAC "camps" offer \$500 bribes to children who attend and then push for more "global warming" solutions. I am reminded of the German "Hitler Jugend" organization of pre-WW II and the Soviet Union's "Young Pioneer" attempt to override Boy Scouts Canada, both of which attempted to secure the loyalties of our children. This UN penetration is dangerous, long term.

My second concern is sustainment of my Managed Forest after my death. I started the forest in 1996 because I admired the forests of Germany and could detect no parallel here; my aim is to improve the environment and supply a local source of quality lumber. After I started I learned about federal Capital Gain rules, which exempt family-inherited farms from the tax by offering a large CG deduction, but only if the farmer gains his livelihood from the farm. I rely on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to live, and can expect no income from selective tree harvesting for another 60 to 100 years when my planted seedlings mature.

In searches of CRA tax regulations I came across a clause in the Income Tax Act ("RSD 1985, c.1 (5th Supp.), Section 70"). It allows the CG deduction, stating under the heading "Death of a Taxpayer:"

"(9) Subsection (9.01) applies to a taxpayer and a child of the taxpayer in respect of land in Canada or depreciable property in Canada of a prescribed class of the taxpayer in respect of which Subsection (5) would, if this Act were read without reference to this subsection, apply if

"(a) the property was, before the death of the taxpayer, used principally in a farming or fishing business carried on in Canada in which the taxpayer, the spouse or common-law partner of the taxpayer was actively engaged in a regular and continuous basis (or, in the case of property used in the operation of a woodlot, was engaged to the extent required by a prescribed forest management plan in respect of that woodlot);"

Sections 9.3(c) and 10(a) also specifically mention "forest management plan."

I would like confirmation that the CG deduction applies to a "worked" managed forest, so my children can afford to inherit it instead of having to sell the farm to pay the CG tax. In

current circumstances, the likeliest buyer would be a developer, who would destroy the trees before starting to build.

My third concern is the "safe injection sites" that have proliferated ever since PM Trudeau made cannabis and other drugs legal. A "safe site" does not protect the addict because he leaves the property after receiving drugs and needles and can trade them for more potent drugs from an illegal street dealer. The result is the addict is subject to possible injury or death from unsafe drugs, and the dealers make their profits and proliferate.

What might help would be a requirement that injections occur in the site, not after leaving the site. Some security might be necessary to protect the workers from the dealers.

Decades ago I read a British novel in which a British system was described. (It may not exist in practice.) The system was to offer an addict a choice: go to jail for a few months for using an illegal drug, or go to a rehabilitation centre for a few months to be rid of the habit. A user who accepted the second option received a suspended jail sentence; if he relapsed after treatment, he was punished with both the original and the second sentences, and resided in a (drug-free) jail for long enough to escape the habit.

I have been advocating that procedure for years now, along with public-school education about the dangers of drug use.. Evidently my suggestions were not acceptable.

However, this morning I listened to the CBC (aka Liberal Broadcasting Corporation) radio commentary after 9:00 am to learn what new Liberal schemes are planned for us. The first of three guests was a "safe site" worker who lost a child to deadly drugs, and who strongly urged more "safe sites," but who also contradicted herself.

The second guest was a man who had lost a son to drug addiction and who for four years was himself addicted, but with the help of his family he ended the habit and has been drug free for five years. He urged that "safe sites" be replaced by rehabilitation centres, and that a concerted anti-drug education program be instituted in schools.

The third guest wanted more "safe sites," not rehabilitation.

I still believe that Trudeau's approach is wrong because it encourages drug use instead of ending it and because it indirectly supports criminal sales. A method is needed, to cure those who wish to end the habit, prevent initial use of illegal drugs by education and punish illegal sellers. Trudeau's admitted drug use (illegal at the time), his legislation to make his use legal in arrears and his unsuccessful farming and marketing program to sell "legal" cannabis are setting a very bad example for our youth. Those rich folk who I'm told offer illegal drugs to friends during private parties should be discouraged by jail terms.

Those are my chief concerns, apart from the well-established objections to Trudeau policies (excessive borrowing, creation of unaffordable and non-essential NDP programs,

decline of Defence requirements, etc). I hope that your party will accept my comments for eventual resolution.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. Hooker'.

Charles Hooker

cc: Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health/MPP
Darren White, Warden, Dufferin Council
Guy Gardhouse, Mayor, East Garafraxa

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST GARAFRAXA

BY-LAW NUMBER XX-2024

A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST GARAFRAXA AT ITS MEETING HELD ON September 10, 2024

WHEREAS Section 5(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended provides the powers of a Municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council;

AND WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended provides that municipal powers shall be exercised by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST GARAFRAXA BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. All actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa at the Electronic Council Meeting on September 10, 2024, to every report, motion, by-law, or other action passed and taken by the Council, including the exercise of natural person powers, are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed as if each report, motion, resolution or other action was adopted, ratified and confirmed by its separate by-law.
2. The Head of Council and Officers of the Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action, to obtain approvals where required and except where otherwise provided, to execute all documents necessary in that behalf.

BY-LAW READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024

BY-LAW READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024

Clerk

Head of Council