



## Council Highlights

County of Dufferin  
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Dufferin County Council met on January 9, 2025, for a Council meeting. For the full Council meeting agenda and minutes, please see the County's [Meeting Agendas and Minutes page](#).

Here are the highlights from the January 9 meeting:

- [Dufferin OPP delegated to County Council regarding the annual Polar Plunge Challenge taking place on February 17, 2025, to support Special Olympics Ontario](#)
- [Selection process for County Homelessness Task Force approved and Councillors McLean and Post appointed to sit on Homelessness Task Force](#)
- [County Manager of Corporate Finance and Treasurer presented the 2025 Draft Budget Review](#)

### **Dufferin OPP delegated to County Council regarding the annual Polar Plunge Challenge taking place on February 17, 2025, to support Special Olympics Ontario**

P.C. McLean, Dufferin OPP, delegated to County Council about the 5th Annual Shelburne Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Ontario, a thrilling, one-of-a-kind event where participants take the plunge into frigid waters to support Special Olympics athletes across Ontario. The event, presented by the Dufferin OPP, is open to anyone brave enough to make a splash for a great cause.

Learn more and register [here](#).

### **Selection process for County Homelessness Task Force approved and Councillors McLean and Post appointed to sit on Homelessness Task Force**

At the County Health and Human Services meeting held on August, 22, 2024, the Director of Community Services provided an overview of existing policies and practices to address homelessness in Dufferin. The presentation provided details for consideration to create a Homelessness Task Force. Council adopted the Terms of Reference for the Homelessness Task Force at its regular meeting held on September 12, 2024.

As a result of recruitment efforts, the County received a total of 15 applications for six public member positions.

Community members will be selected through an application and interview process. The Selection Committee will include Councillor McLean, Chair of Health and Human Services, Councillor Post and Brenda Wagner, Director of Health and Human Services.

The Selection Committee will review submitted applications to identify candidates to invite for interviews. Public committee members must have the skills, knowledge and experience to contribute effectively to the Task Force's mandate. Public committee members must be a County of Dufferin resident, business owner or stakeholder, who has knowledge and expertise in social services, housing, mental health and addictions, and other relevant areas. After shortlisting candidates, the Selection Committee will conduct interviews and the successful applicants will be appointed with Council approval.

**County Manager of Corporate Finance and Treasurer presented the 2025 Draft Budget Review**

Dufferin County's Manager of Corporate Finance and Treasurer presented the County's Draft Budget to Council for review.

A Budget Overview and Budget packages for the County's Committees are available [here](#).

A Special Council Meeting has been scheduled for January 30, 2025 for further 2025 Budget discussion.

**About Dufferin County Council**

Dufferin County Council consists of 15 members representing each of the eight municipalities in Dufferin. Council meeting processes are set out in the County's Procedural By-Law.

Dufferin County Council and Committee meetings can be watched live on the [County's YouTube channel](#).

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