

Thinking of Running for Mayor or Deputy Mayor

Member of Dufferin County Council

The position of Mayor or Deputy Mayor automatically gives you two jobs – A seat on your local municipality Council and County Councillor for Dufferin County too!

Note: only the Mayor of East Garafraxa is a County Council Member

What we'll cover

- How Dufferin County differs from its lower tiers
- Service Differences
- Being a County Councillor
- What to expect

Types of Municipalities

Ontario divides municipalities into 3 distinct types:

- Upper Tier
- Lower Tier
- Single Tier

Dufferin County is an upper tier municipality with 8 lower tier municipalities within its borders

How is Dufferin
County Council
different from
its lower tier
municipalities?

- Indirect election
- Head of council is the Warden and elected by the members of council every 2 years
- Recorded Votes are weighted at Council under The County of Dufferin Act

Service Differences

- Responsible for administering provincial programs:
 - Ontario Works (social assistance)
 - Licensed Childcare
 - Social Housing
 - Long Term Care Home
 - Paramedic Services
- Waste services, museum & archives, and building services (for all except Orangeville and Amaranth)
- Overlapping services roads, planning, economic development initiatives
- There are differences in services provided from one county to another

Being a County Councillor

- There are 15 members of Dufferin County Council-the Mayors and Deputy Mayors of each of the 8 member municipalities
- When you are a County Councillor, you are making decisions for the good of the County as whole
- Your decisions set policies and guide actions that impact all the residents of Dufferin County

Time Commitment

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th
Thursday of the month at 6pm
(summer break one meeting in July and
one in August)

Agendas are circulated the Friday prior
to the meeting

Sometimes there will be special
meetings and training

Alternate in Your Absence

- Changes to the Municipal Act effective January 1, 2018-lower tiers may appoint a councillor as an alternate member to attend a County Council meeting in the absence of the upper tier member
- One member may be appointed for full length of term by each lower tier municipality
- Provided access to County Council agenda packages, minutes and reports

**Thank you and all
the best with your
campaign**

**If you have any further questions, please reach out to
the County Clerks division at clerk@dufferincounty.ca**