

# Thinking of Running for Mayor or Deputy Mayor?

## Serving on Dufferin County Council

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### Why Run?

Serving as Mayor or Deputy Mayor gives you a unique opportunity to make a meaningful impact — locally and across Dufferin County – and automatically makes you a County Councillor.

As a member of County Council, you can:

- Help shape County-wide priorities and policies
  - Advocate for your municipality while considering regional needs
  - Work collaboratively with leaders from across the County
  - Support essential services such as housing, paramedic services, long-term care, and infrastructure
  - Contribute to thoughtful, accountable local government
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### What Does the Role Involve?

Under Dufferin County’s governance structure, individuals elected (or acclaimed) as Mayor or Deputy Mayor in any of the County’s eight member municipalities (*excluding the Deputy Mayor of East Garafraxa*) automatically serve as a County Councillor.

This ensures a strong connection between municipal and County decision-making and provides local representation at the regional level.

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### Time Commitment

County Council meets twice per month:

- On the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- Agendas are published the Friday prior to each meeting

Most meetings are held in a hybrid format:

- In person: County Administrative Office, 55 Zina Street, Orangeville
  - Virtual: Zoom
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### Council Orientation & Inaugural Meeting

Newly elected Mayors and Deputy Mayors (*Mayor only for East Garafraxa*) participate in a comprehensive orientation program covering County governance, services, and expectations. Orientation dates will be announced closer to the election.

County Councillors are formally sworn in at an in-person Inaugural Meeting

- December 3, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. Monora Park Pavilion, Mono
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# About the County of Dufferin

## Member Municipalities

Dufferin County is made up of eight municipalities:

Towns: Grand Valley, Mono, Orangeville, Shelburne

Townships: Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Melancthon, Mulmur

## County Governance

- County Council consists of 15 members
- Council elects a Warden and Deputy Warden at the Inaugural Meeting in the first and third year of the term

Councillors make decisions in the best interests of the County as a whole, using a weighted voting system based on number of electors.

## County Services

Under the *Municipal Act* and other legislation, Dufferin County delivers a range of services.

Mandated Services include:

- Ontario Works and Social Housing
- Children's and Seniors' Services
- Paramedic Services
- Waste Management, Planning, and Emergency Management
- Building Services

County-Directed Services include:

- Roads and Forestry
- Museum and Archives
- Economic Development
- Climate Action

## County at a Glance

- Population: 66,257 (2021 Census)
- 2026 Operating & Capital Budget: Approximately \$53 million

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## Learn More

For more information about Dufferin County or County Council roles visit [www.dufferincounty.ca](http://www.dufferincounty.ca) or contact:

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