



MC2 Letter to Dufferin County

Recommending the County Consider an Amalgamation Study

April 8, 2019

Sonya Pritchard

CAO Dufferin County

Dear Sonya:

The subject of amalgamation for or within Dufferin County has come up several times at our monthly Board meetings of MC2. There have been rumours and comments made about any number of permutations and combinations of possible amalgamation. They range from combining several possible municipalities within Dufferin, to a single, one tier level of government for all of Dufferin County, to possible amalgamation of Dufferin with Peel. MC2 is not making a case for any one of these possibilities, but in view of the current thinking and pressure coming from Queen's Park on some of our neighbouring county governments, we thought it prudent to recommend that Dufferin County get ahead of the current thinking curve.

We are recommending that this subject be discussed with the County Council, and if prudent, maybe the County could consider appointing a team of consultants to look at the pro's and cons of the various possible forms of amalgamation, and again, if it makes sense, have a plan prepared to pick the best possible solution for our citizens. By having done our homework and making the investments now, if the Province then decides in the future that it wants to go a specific direction that we don't agree with, we will have ammunition, in a well-prepared document, to defend our position.

We would also think County Council would like to know if there are better ways to govern our citizens. Can we make better use of the tax dollars being collected than our current structure? This is the type of strategic planning that our citizens are looking for from our County government.

Again, we emphasize that we are not making a case for amalgamation, but simply to have it thoroughly and professionally examined. We would be pleased to discuss this further and look forward to hearing what Council thinks of this idea.

Elaine Capes,

On Behalf of the Board of Directors for MC2