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Report To: Warden Horner and Members of County Council

Meeting Date: May 8, 2025

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**Subject: Monthly Update from Outside Boards**

**From: Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer**

### **Recommendation**

**THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, Report #Office of the CAO-2025-022, with respect to Reports from Outside Boards, dated May 8, 2025, be received.**

### **Executive Summary**

This report outlines updates of activities from outside boards and agencies in which there is Dufferin County representative. This report is for information purposes.

### **Background & Discussion**

#### **Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health (WDGPH)**

Representative(s): Councillor Guy Gardhouse and Ralph Manktelow

Meeting date: April 2, 2025

Highlights: WDGPH Board received a presentation and report regarding the Avian Influenza. Local cases of avian influenza in poultry and domestic birds have been reported in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) in both 2022 and 2025, affecting poultry farm production and posing economic impacts to the larger commercial farming industry. The overall transmission risk to humans remains low but ongoing surveillance is necessary, particularly for individuals with close contact with infected birds. The Board also received a presentation and report on the Tick and Mosquito Program. Starting in 2025, WDG

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Public Health is collaborating with local school boards to support Vector Borne Disease (VBD) education with staff and students.

Attached: [Board of Health Agenda April 2, 2025](#)

### **Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC)**

Representative(s): Councillor Gail Little

Meeting date: April 17, 2025

Highlights: The NEC reviewed an application regarding an amendment in Caledon for Brampton Brick Ltd. Melody Cairns, Manager of Program Services, and Max Morris, Compliance Supervisor, spoke to a compliance matter delegation request.

Attached: [Niagara Escarpment Commission Agenda April 2025](#)

### **Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA)**

Representative(s): Councillor Philip Rentsch

Highlights: HCIA presented the 2025 Dufferin County Community Grant allocation report at the April 24, 2025 meeting of Council. HCIA will support applicants with grant feedback if requested and collect follow up stories from grant recipients. HFFA hosted a fundraising dinner in April and are preparing the launch the 2025 Farm Fresh Guide in June.

### **Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC)**

Representative(s): Warden Janet Horner, Chief Administrative Officer Sonya Pritchard

Highlights: The Western Ontario Municipal Conference will take place October 17, 2025 in London, ON.

Attached: [WOWC Newsletter April 2025](#)

### **Financial, Staffing, Legal, or IT Considerations**

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations.

### **In Support of Strategic Plan Priorities and Objectives**

**Governance** - identify opportunities to improve governance and service delivery/  
improve the County's internal and external communication

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Respectfully Submitted By:

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