



**Central York Rural Community  
Committee of the Whole  
February 25, 2025  
Minutes**

**1. Calling to Order**

Chair, Mayor David Duplessis called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

**2. Notation of Council Members in attendance**

Attendance Roll Call:

Mayor David DuPlessis	√	Deputy Mayor Dustin Brownlow	√	Councillor Cheryl Brewer	√
Councilor Rachel Downing	√	Councillor Jarret Forbes	√	Councillor Wayne Annis	√
Councillor Ken Drake	√	Councillor Joan Edwards	√		
Staff:	CAO Duncan Walker	√	Asst. Clerk/Treasurer Karina Lenting		
Members of the Public:	0				

**3. Approval of Agenda**

***Moved by*** Councillor Jarret Forbes and ***seconded by*** Deputy Mayor Dustin Brownlow to approve the agenda.  
***Unanimously Carried #1022525***

**4. Declaration of Conflicts – None**

**5. Correspondence – None**

**6. New Business**

a. Keswick Islands – Municipal Planning

- Mayor Duplessis will be speaking at the Keswick Islands AGM.
- The Keswick Islands Act was discussed.
- It is not clear on which Act supersedes which (Local Government Act, Municipal Act, Keswick Islands Act).
- If discussions were to be held concerning alternate use of the Islands, potential hunting should be discussed.
- Wording should be well defined if any Act is updated.
- Framework could help alleviate concerns from landowners.

b. Trails and connectivity

- Options to link the North and South side of the river.
- There are many categories of trail types.
- 897 KM Snow Mobile Trails in the region.
- Only identified 133 KM cycling trails, there are many more used but not logged.
- ATV trails were not discussed.

c. RCMP J Division Quarterly Report

- Mayor DuPlessis updated council on the report received by RCMP J Division.
- CAO has not received any response on the request for RCMP to come and present to Committee.
- Need to increase the pressure on RCMP to come in and discuss statics and what they are doing on the crime topics.
- Discussed the option of discussing this issue with the Public Safety Minister.
- Reach out to our Local MLA to seek an update on supports from RCMP.

**Adjournment**

**Moved by** Councillor Jarret Forbes and **seconded by** Councillor Rachel Downing the meeting adjourn at 6:53 pm.

Next Committee of the Whole Meeting is March 11, at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Wendy Brewer  
Administrative support

Certified Correct,

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Duncan Walker  
Chief Administrative Officer

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David DuPlessis  
Mayor