

## Portable, Confidential Conferencing at the Town of Whitby

Whitby Town Council Chamber meetings require a formal meeting room with a conference system that packs an intelligible audio punch. Whitby town meetings are presented with all participants on one level,



with the chairperson and speakers facing the audience. Whitby's Council Chambers meeting room layout requirements are constantly changing, moving the conference system from one area of the meeting room to another. Their conference system had to be portable, confidential, and intelligible while fitting the ever changing demands of the room.

Upgrading the technology in the Town of Whitby's 35 year old Council Chambers, required the new system to be automated, with portable conferencing, complete with intelligible sound, projectors, USB based presentations, and Rogers TV Broadcasting Equipment. The new equipment had to be easily integrated together for

seamless operation. The town appointed Duocom Canada to recommend, provide and install a reliable conference system for a meeting room with inter-changeable layout requirements.

Duocom Canada Inc. pride themselves on providing three key solutions to their customer base; Event Solutions, Integrated Solutions, and Product Solutions. Working with a variety of venues, Duocom recommends, provides and installs equipment for applications including; boardrooms, retail environments, including shopping centers, training rooms, classrooms, council chambers, and audio applications. For the Town of Whitby's conference system, Duocom selected TOA's TS-900 Series Infrared Wireless Conference System because of the systems portability, privacy and intelligibility. TOA's TS-900 system features Infrared Wireless technology for confidentiality, cordless chairman and delegate units, making the system easy-to-relocate and expandable. Each unit features an infrared microphone and a monitor speaker, user control of the microphone and voting capabilities.

The Council Chambers have two possible meeting arrangements. The first arrangement is set up for Town Council meetings. This formal meeting is set up in a circular shape with the conference tables on tiered levels. The second meeting arrangement is set up for public meetings (including noise exemption requests, city planning, etc.). During the public meetings, Council Chambers are arranged so that all committee members and participants are on one level, with the committee facing the audience. TOA's TS-900 Series cordless Conference System allows for this portability and is ideal for any conference room that is apt to change the layout of the room, or the number of participants. "The Council Chambers enjoys using this conference system. It is easy for us to operate and re-locate the units as we require." Commented Martha Pettit, Deputy Clerk, Town of Whitby. Moving the Chairperson and Delegate units is as simple as picking the chairman or delegate unit up and carrying it to the new location – power and cords are not required.



TOA's TS-900 Series has the capability of being monitored by Creston control panels, which the Town of Whitby has been using. Creston's control panel allows the chairperson to be able to fully control all conferencing functions, including microphone functions such as mute on/off. The Town of Whitby can also expand the system to include voting (which is currently not being used). The conference system integrates nicely with the other products selected to work within the council chambers.