



MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, March 1, 2017

REGULAR MEETING: 1:00 P.M.

The March 1, 2017 Council Meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Aberfoyle.

1. ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Dennis Lever
Councillor Matthew Bulmer
Councillor Susan Fielding
Councillor Ken Roth
Councillor John Sepulis

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Karen Landry, CAO/Clerk
2. Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer
3. Nina Lecic, Deputy Clerk
4. Steve Goode, Fire Chief

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

1. Doug Smith
2. Kathy White
3. Julie Gagnon
4. Andreeanne Simard
5. Rachael Nelmayer

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

None

3. CLOSED MEETING

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: ≠

- (a) Council Meeting – February 15, 2017
- (b) Closed Council Meeting – February 15, 2017

Resolution No. 2017-061:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Fielding

That the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as written and distributed:

- (a) Council Meeting – February 15, 2017
- (b) Closed Council Meeting – February 15, 2017

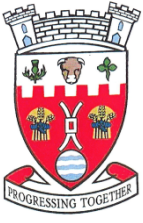
CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

Karen Landry, CAO/Clerk sought clarification from Council with respect to Council Resolution No. 2017-049 regarding the donation of the Olympia ice resurfacer. Council directed staff to seek unanimous consent from all five original donors in order for the resurfacer to be donated back.

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

Special Council Meeting, Comprehensive Zoning By-law, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers



Council discussed the format of the Feb 16, 2017 Public Information Meeting - Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review.

7. COMMUNICATIONS: ≠

1. Environmental Registry Alerts, New Water Bottling Charge.
 - a. Ontario Water Resources Act dated January 18, 2017

Council directed staff to submit a response to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change with respect to EBR Registry Number: 012-9574 with respect to:

- Allowing municipalities where the groundwater is taken from to charge a tax for the water takings;
- That this tax should be applied to all entities taking water, including other municipalities;
- That the Province divides up the charge of \$500 per million litres into portions for other levels of government, similar to the aggregate levy;
- That the proposed charges should apply to the bottling of all products (i.e. soft drinks, beer) in addition to bottled water, as all water takings should be treated equally;
- And that attention should be paid to the efficiency of water takings as there are significant leaks from water takings by other municipalities.

Resolution No. 2017-062: Moved by Councillor Fielding and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council receives the Environmental Registry Alert (EBR Registry Number: 012-9574) with respect to the Ontario Water Resources Act, R.S.O. 1990;

And that staff submit comments made by Council for consideration.

CARRIED

2. Major license amendment under the Aggregate Resources Act – License # 10671, Lafarge Canada Inc. Part Lot 23, Concession 1
 - a. Correspondence from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry dated December 5, 2016

Council directed staff to request copies of water and noise monitoring reports from Lafarge Canada Inc. or the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

3. Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment North and South Halton Vehicle Inspection Facility- Notice of Study Commencement
 - a. Correspondence from Stantec dated February 6, 2017

Resolution No. 2017-063: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Fielding

That Council receives the correspondence from Stantec with respect to the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment North and South Halton Vehicle Inspection Facility;

And that Council proposes that the location of the Vehicle Inspection Facility is not in close proximity to any residentially zoned properties and within a sighting distance of a farm residence.

CARRIED

4. Request to have a message displayed on the Outdoor Marquee Sign at the Puslinch Community Centre, BeADonor Month
 - a. Correspondence from Janet Parr dated February 13, 2017.



Resolution No. 2017-064: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Fielding

That Council approves the usage of the Outdoor Marquee Sign for the Be a Donor Campaign;

And that Council approves the waiving of the fees associated with the Marquee Sign rental for a period of 4 weeks for up to 4 lines.

CARRIED

5. Railway taxation
 - a. Correspondence from the Treasurer of the Town of Fort Frances dated February 13, 2017.

Resolution No. 2017-065: Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Roth

WHEREAS it has been identified that Railway Companies in the Province of Ontario, do not pay a proportionate share of municipal property tax as compared to other properties in their class, or compared to any other municipal tax class and;

WHEREAS in other Provinces and jurisdictions the railway companies do remit a more equitable share of taxes to the local tax base;

AND WHEREAS taxes in other jurisdictions for railway properties are calculated using a ton-mile concept;

AND WHEREAS said fees are reviewed and adjusted on a regular basis according to inflation and ongoing current conditions;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has continued to fall further and further behind in their approach to railroad property taxation over the past 112 plus years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Puslinch calls upon the Minister of Finance for the Province of Ontario to implement a new system of municipal property taxation for railroad right-of-way properties based on utilizing a per ton-mile concept;

AND THAT the new tax system when implemented, be reviewed on a regular basis, similar to the MPAC four-year assessment cycle;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, and the local area MPP.

CARRIED

6. Monthly Monitoring Report, Mill Creek Pit, License # 5738, 7115 Concession 2.
 - a. Original monthly reporting correspondence from Dufferin Aggregates dated February 13, 2017.
 - b. Revised monthly reporting correspondence dated February 24, 2017.
7. Niska Road to be closed February 28 until further notice
 - a. News release, City of Guelph, dated February 14, 2017
8. Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Top-Up Application Component- 2016 Intake.
 - a. Correspondence from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs dated February 21, 2017.



9. 2016 Groundwater Monitoring Summary, CBM Neubauer Pit, Licence No. 625284, Part Lot 27, Concession 1, 7203 Concession 2, Puslinch Township
 - a. Correspondence from Groundwater Science Corp. dated January 20, 2017
 - b. Comments from Stan Denhoed, Harden Environmental, dated February 23, 2017

Council directed staff to forward correspondence regarding the condition of the house and barn on the subject property.

Council also requested that correspondence be sent to obtain confirmation that the fence marking the boundary of the ANSI, as previously requested, has been installed.

10. 2017 Green Legacy Municipal Tree Days, Saturday April 22, Green Shed at the Puslinch Community Centre, 8:30 am - 11 am.

11. Intergovernmental Affairs ≠

Resolution No. 2017-066: Moved by Councillor Fielding and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

Council requested that staff re-submit the June 20, 2014 correspondence from GM BluePlan to Guelph/Eramosa, with respect to the IG #2 (Notice of complete Application and Notice of public meeting ZBA 02/17) reminding that a door-to-door survey of the properties to the north and west of the site was to be completed.

That the Intergovernmental Affairs correspondence items listed on the Council Agenda for March 1, 2017 Council meeting be received.

CARRIED

8. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS ≠

1:05 p.m. Chris White, Mayor, Guelph/Eramosa Township and Joe Farwell, CAO, GRCA with respect to an update on Grand River Conservation Authority activities.

Resolution No. 2017-067: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Fielding

That Council receives the presentation by Chris White, Mayor, Guelph/Eramosa Township and Joe Farwell, CAO, GRCA Township with respect to an update on Grand River Conservation Authority activities.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS: ≠

1. Puslinch Fire and Rescue Services ≠

(a) January 2017 Monthly Report

Resolution No. 2017-068: Moved by Councillor Fielding and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council receives the January 2017 Monthly Fire and Rescue Services Report.

CARRIED

2. Finance Department ≠

(a) Report FIN-2017-004 - 2016 Completed Capital Projects – Final

Resolution No. 2017-069: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Fielding



That Report FIN-2017-004 regarding the 2016 Completed Capital Projects – Final be received. **CARRIED**

(b) Report FIN-2017-006 - Fourth Quarter Financial Report

Resolution No. 2017-070: Moved by Councillor Fielding and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Report FIN-2017-006 regarding the Fourth Quarter Financial Report be received.

CARRIED

(c) Report FIN-2017-007 - 2016 Estimated Surplus

Resolution No. 2017-071: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Fielding

That Report FIN-2017-007 regarding the 2016 Estimated Surplus be received.

CARRIED

(d) Report FIN-2017-008 - Council, Committees and Other Appointments –
Compensation, Benefits and Expense Policy

Resolution No. 2017-072: Moved by Councillor Roth and
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

That Report FIN-2017-008 regarding Council, Committees and Other Appointments – Compensation, Benefits and Expense Policy be received; and

That Council enact a By-law attached as Schedule B to this Report to adopt the Council, Committees and Other Appointments – Compensation, Benefits and Expense Policy.

CARRIED

(e) Report FIN-2017-009 - Staff Expense Policy

Resolution No. 2017-073: Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Roth

That Report FIN-2017-009 regarding Staff Expense Policy be received; and

That a clause be added to the Service Recognition Policy to acknowledge that years of service beyond fifty years receive no monetary recognition; and

That the Staff Expense Policy attached as Schedule B to Report FIN-2017-009 be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

(f) Report FIN-2017-010 - Overtime and Lieu Policy Amendments

Resolution No. 2017-074: Moved by Councillor Roth and
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

That Report FIN-2017-010 regarding Overtime and Lieu Policy Amendments be received; and

That Council adopt the amendments to the Overtime and Lieu Policy attached as Schedule “A” to Report FIN-2017-010.

CARRIED



3. **Administration Department**

None

4. **Planning and Building Department ≠**

None

5. **Roads & Parks Department**

(a) 2016 Road Condition Assessment

i. Correspondence from GM Blue Plan dated December 2016.

Resolution No. 2017-075: Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Roth

That Council receives the GM Blue Plan 2016 Road Condition Assessment.

CARRIED

6. **Recreation Department**

(a) Report REC-2017-003 Agreement with YMCA-YWCA of Guelph– 2017 Summer Camp

Karen Landry, CAO/Clerk notified Council that this proposal has been approved by the Recreation Committee.

Resolution No. 2017-076: Moved by Councillor Roth and
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

That Report REC–2017–003 regarding the Agreement with YMCA-YWCA of Guelph –Summer Camp be received; and

That Council enacts a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Agreement with YMCA-YWCA of Guelph with respect to the 2017 Summer Camp.

CARRIED

7. **Mayor's Updates**

(a) Presentation to the Ministry of Energy and Climate Change at the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association Conference, January 30, 2017 with respect to groundwater challenges in the Township of Puslinch.

10. **NOTICE OF MOTION:**

None

11. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

None

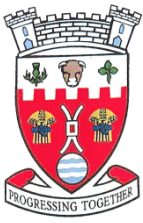
12. **MUNICIPAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) Councillor Sepulis provided an overview of Family Day activities hosted by the Optimist Club of Puslinch.

(b) Councillor Bulmer provided an overview of the Community Oriented Policing meeting.

(c) Councillor Fielding complimented the new walking trail in honor of the late Councillor Stokley.

(d) Councillor Fielding provided an overview of the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association Conference.



- (e) Mayor Lever notified Council that he attended the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference.
- (f) Mayor Lever notified Council of the Region of Waterloo Wastewater Treatment Master Plan Update, notice of Public Consultation Centre.

13. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

14. **BY-LAWS:**

- (a) Being a By-law to provide for the appointment of a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer (Mark Jackson) for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch.

Resolution No. 2017-077: Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Roth

That the following By-laws be taken as read three times and finally passed in open Council:

- a. **Being a By-law to provide for the appointment of a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer (Mark Jackson) for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch.**

CARRIED

Staff were asked to provide a presentation at a future Council meeting with respect to an overview of by-law enforcement.

15. **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

- (a) By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch

Resolution No. 2017-078: Moved by Councillor Roth and
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

That the following By-law be taken as read three times and finally passed in open Council:

By-Law 018-2017 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch at its meeting held on the 1st day of March, 2017.

CARRIED

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Resolution No. 2017-079: Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Roth

That Council hereby adjourns at 2:49 p.m.

CARRIED

Dennis Lever, Mayor

Karen Landry, CAO/Clerk