

MINUTES

DATE: November 9, 2022

CLOSED MEETING: None

COUNCIL MEETING: 10:00 A.M.

The November 9, 2022 Council Meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 10:00 a.m. via electronic participation and in-person at 23 Brock Road S.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Sara Bailey
Councillor Matthew Bulmer
Councillor Jessica Goyda
Councillor John Sepulis
Mayor James Seeley

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Glenn Schwendinger, CAO
2. Mike Fowler, Director of Public Works, Parks and Facilities
3. Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer
4. Courtenay Hoytfox, Municipal Clerk
5. Jeff Bunn, Deputy Clerk

3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution No. 2022-357:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Council approves the November 9, 2022 Agenda and two Addendums as circulated; and

That Council approves the additions to the agenda as follows:

Consent Item 6.1.4 Questions received from Council seeking additional information and the corresponding responses provided by staff regarding the November 9, 2022 Council agenda items; and

Addition to Report ADM-2022-065 – Bill 23 Proposed Changes - Correspondence from Hamilton Conservation Authority regarding Bill 23.

CARRIED

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

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Adoption and Receipt of the Minutes of the Previous Council and Committee Meetings:

- 6.1.1 October 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- 6.1.2 September 13, 2022 Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes
- 6.1.3 September 13, 2022 Planning and Development Advisory Committee Minutes

6.2 October 2022 - Grand River Conservation Authority GM Summary

6.3 Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Re 43rd Parliament

6.4 Mini Lakes DWS Monthly Performance Report - September 2022

6.5 Mini Lakes WWTP Monthly Performance Report - September 2022

- 6.6 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - More Homes Built Faster - Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-2023
6.7 Municipality of East Ferris - Child Care
6.8 Municipality of Huron Shores - Streamlining Governing Legislation for Physicians in Ontario
6.9 Municipality of South Huron - Opposition to Strong Mayors Building Homes Act
6.10 Municipality of Wawa - Strong Mayors Act
6.11 Municipality of West Perth - Strong Mayors Building Homes Act
6.12 Northumberland County - Change to Healthcare Connect System - Canadian Forces Member
6.13 Town of Mattawa - Resolution of Support Opposition to Bill 3
6.14 Township of Perry – Resolution of Support - Healthcare Connect System for Members of Canadian Armed Forces
6.15 Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting: Proposed amendments to the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation

Resolution No. 2022-358:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

That the Consent Agenda items with the exception of items 6.5, 6.6 and 6.15 listed for NOVEMBER 9, 2022 Council meeting be received for information.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2022-359:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

That the Consent Agenda item 6.5 listed for NOVEMBER 9, 2022 Council meeting be received; and

That correspondence be forwarded to Mini Lakes requesting a response regarding the comment: “review of the infrastructure from a process stand point is highly recommended to mitigate Annual Concentration Limit exceedances and Non-Compliances.”; and

That Council request that a representative from Mini Lakes and/or OCWA attend an upcoming Council meeting to provide an update on the status of the upgrade to their wastewater system.

CARRIED

Consent Items 6.6 and 6.15 are received as part of Resolution No. 2022-

7. DELEGATIONS:

7.1 10:20 am Delegation by Brian Zeman, MHBC on behalf of Dufferin Aggregates regarding request to extend the hauling season for Aberfoyle Pit #2.

Resolution No. 2022-360:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Council receives the Delegation by Brian Zeman, MHBC on behalf of Dufferin Aggregates regarding the request to extend the hauling season for Aberfoyle Pit #2; and

That Council approves the request to extend the hauling season for Aberfoyle Pit No. 2 until December 16, 2022; and

That Dufferin Aggregates notify the affected property owners and provide staff a copy of the notice when it is sent; and

That Council request that Kevin Mitchell attend a future Council meeting to address Council’s concerns related to the water levels; and

That Council direct staff to forward the concerns raised to Harden Environmental to be addressed as part of the annual reporting.

CARRIED

7.2 10:30 AM Delegation by John McNie regarding Consent Item 6.6 Ontario's proposed Building Homes Faster Action Plan

Resolution No. 2022-361:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

That Council receives the Delegation by John McNie regarding Consent Item 6.6 Ontario's proposed Building Homes Faster Action Plan for information.

CARRIED

8. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

None

9. REPORTS:

9.1 Puslinch Fire and Rescue Services

9.1.1 None

9.2 Finance Department

9.2.1 Pre-Audit Planning Letter prepared by RLB

Resolution No. 2022-362:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Pre-Audit Planning Letter prepared by RLB be received by Council for information.

CARRIED

9.2.2 Report FIN-2022-023 – Second Quarter Financial Report 2022

Resolution No. 2022-363:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

THAT Report FIN-2022-023 entitled Second Quarter Financial Report – 2022 be received for information.

CARRIED

9.3 Administration Department

9.3.1 Report ADM-2022-063 Procedural By-law Final Draft

Resolution No. 2022-364:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Report ADM-2022-063 entitled Procedural By-law Final Draft be received; and

That Council approve the Procedural By-law as amended, and give three readings to By-law 2022-046 being a By-law to establish the Procedure for Meetings of Council and Committees and to repeal By-Law No. 59/08, as amended.

CARRIED

9.3.2 Report ADM-2022-064 Budget Process and Service Level Review

Resolution No. 2022-365:

Moved by Councillor Bulmer and

Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

THAT Report ADM-2022-064 entitled Budget Process and Service Level Review be received for information; and

1. That the current Budget Development and Control Policy be utilized as the guiding document for the preparation of the 2023 Budget; and

2. That staff be directed to prepare the 2023 budget based on the following:

- a. Service level increases as follows: none**
- b. Service level decreases as follows: none**
- c. Service levels added as follows:**
 - 1. Clarify that an objection letter is to be sent in response to all aggregate licences applications until there has been sufficient time for the Township to review (current staff direction is to only send an objection letter where amendments are being proposed to site plans);**
 - 2. Budget consideration for wildlife mitigation considerations during preliminary roadwork studies and potential partnerships with local groups;**
 - 3. Include the addition of an Environmental Sustainability Implications section to staff reports;**
- d. Service levels removed as follows: none**
- e. Legislative or policy directions or initiatives resulting in:**
 - 1. MECP Excess Soil Regulation;**
 - 2. Bill 23;**
 - 3. Greentbelt;**
 - 4. Internet speed and access**
- f. Legislative or policy directions or initiatives implemented:**
 - 1. Budget consideration to retain a consultant to prepare a study identifying loss of land and assessment identified for gravel extraction and potential impacts of the increase of gravel extraction given the growth initiatives by the Province and subsequently request the assistance of the County and area municipalities with an in-depth follow up study;**
 - 2. Move to encourage natural gas service to residents;**
 - 3. Work toward encourage removing rail siding at Arkell;**
 - 4. Improved accessibility to Puslinch Lake;**
 - 5. Implementing Roads Master Plan including speed cameras;**
 - 6. Finalization of Fill by-law**
 - 7. Sign by-law update**
- g. New projects as follows:**
 - 1. Pursue regional water study bedrock monitoring wells with County and Guelph Eramosa;**
 - 2. Involvement with the County's Economic Development initiatives;**
- h. Remove Projects as follows: none**
- i. New programs as follows:**
 - 1. Discuss trail head parking improvements when the Conservation Authorities do their annual presentation to Council;**
- j. Specific overall big picture direction to staff as follows:**
 - 8. Continue a coordinated budget plan with a focus on sustainability of services provided;**
 - 9. Fair tax rate increase to residents and businesses;**
- k. Target increase be in terms of a percentage as follows:**
 - 1. Refer to the Budget Development and Control Policy;**
 - 2. 3% or higher as long as the blended tax rate with the County is 3%;**
 - 3. Attempt to align with the County**
- l. Theme of the next budget as follows: none**

CARRIED

9.3.3 Report ADM-2022-065 Bill 23 Proposed Changes

Resolution No. 2022-366:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report ADM-2022-065 entitled Bill 23 Proposed Changes and Consent items 6.6 and 6.15 and Correspondence Item 10.4 be received; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch has received correspondence dated Oct. 25, 2022 from Minister Clark regarding the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23); and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council recognizes that there is a housing affordability concern in Ontario;

Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch Council advise the Province that is has significant concerns about the actions contained therein to:

- 1. Essentially remove meaningful public participation from the land use planning process;**
- 2. Reduce the protection of natural heritage features/natural hazards, and the resulting impact on public health, public safety, and climate change objectives;**
- 3. Reduce the important role of Conservation Authorities in the review of development applications (a loss of technical expertise critical to rural municipalities);**
- 4. Eliminate the long-established regional planning framework in the Province;**
- 5. Streamlining aggregate applications by permitting Ministry staff to make decisions until such time that more information is provided;**
- 6. Financial implications of all of the impacts of Bill 23, by eliminating the long accepted concept of growth paying for growth, and shifting that burden to the tax payer through property taxes;**
- 7. Proposed Heritage Act changes related to timelines to designate properties listed on the Registry with undesignated status undermines the ability of the community to save these structures through community engagement and goodwill; and**

Whereas the Township of Puslinch received the presentation from the Mill Creek Stewards;

Be it Resolved, that Puslinch Council request that the Ministry review the presentation by the Mill Creek Stewards; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch received the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board Resolution and the Halton Conservation Authority correspondence addressed to the Province;

Be it Resolved, that Puslinch Council supports the comments contained therein; and

That the presentation and the Council Resolution be forwarded to Premier Ford, Minister Clark, Speaker Arnott, County of Wellington, AMO, ROMA, Grand River Conservation Authority, Conservation Halton, Hamilton Conservation Authority and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

9.3.4 Highway 6 Hanlon Expressway Midblock Interchange Presentation

Resolution No. 2022-367:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council receive the Highway 6 Hanlon Expressway Midblock Interchange Presentation for information.

CARRIED

9.4 Planning and Building Department

9.4.1 None

Council recessed from 11:30 am to 11:42 am

Roll Call

**Councillor Goyda
Councillor Sepulis
Councillor Bailey
Councillor Bulmer
Mayor Seeley**

9.5 Emergency Management

9.5.1 None

9.6 Roads and Parks Department

9.6.1 None

9.7 Recreation Department

9.7.1 None

Council recessed from 2:43 p.m. to 2:53 p.m.

Roll Call

**Councillor Goyda
Councillor Sepulis
Councillor Bailey
Councillor Bulmer
Mayor Seeley**

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 Grand River Conservation Authority Board of Directors Appointment

Resolution No. 2022-368:

Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council receive Correspondence item 10.1 regarding the Grand River Conservation Authority Board of Directors Appointment; and

That Puslinch Council recommend Mayor Chris White for re-appointment to the Grand River Conservation Authority Board of Directors for the 2022-2026 term.

CARRIED

10.2 County of Wellington Planning Committee Report Re: County Official Plan Review – Process Report #7

Resolution No. 2022-369:

Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council receive Correspondence item 10.2 regarding the County of Wellington Planning Committee Report Re: County Official Plan Review – Process Report #7 for information.

CARRIED

10.3 2023 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Delegation Form

Resolution No. 2022-370:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council receive Correspondence item 10.3 regarding the 2023 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Delegation Form for information.

CARRIED

10.4 County of Wellington Committee Report – Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

Received under Resolution No. 2022-366

11. COUNCIL REPORTS:

11.1 Mayor' Updates

11.1.1 Mayor Seeley gave an update County Standing Committees for the new term of Council. Changes are being proposed for the recycling services offered by the County. There is a speeding complaint portal on the County website for County roads.

11.2 Council Member Reports

11.2.1 None

Resolution No. 2022-371:

Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Council receive the Mayors updates for information.

CARRIED

12. BY-LAWS:

12.1.1 BL2022-046 Being a By-law to establish the Procedural for Meeting of Council and Committees

Resolution No. 2022-372:

Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

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

12.1.1 BL2022-046 Being a By-law to establish the Procedural for Meeting of Council and Committees.

CARRIED

13. CLOSED SESSION:

None

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION:

None

15. NOTICE OF MOTION:

None



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16. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

17. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

17.1 10 AM Fire Chief Introduction

17.2 Councillor Bulmer thanked all members of Council as this is his last meeting as a Councillor for Puslinch.

18. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW:**

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

Resolution No. 2022-373:

Moved by Councillor Bulmer and

Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

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

By-Law 2022-047 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch at its meeting held on the 9 day of November 2022.

CARRIED

19. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Resolution No. 2022-374:

Moved by Councillor Bulmer and

Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Council hereby adjourns at 3:34 p.m.

CARRIED

James Seeley, Mayor

Courtenay Hoytfox, Clerk