



March 1, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

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Addition to the Agenda Questions received from Council seeking additional information and the corresponding responses provided by staff regarding the March 1, 2023 Council agenda items.

Responses Appreciated Prior to Meeting

6.5 Review of the Cannabis Act – suggest adding this correspondence to file for future consideration and to share with County (as indicated on the workplan there is collaboration with the County to develop a Cannabis policy).

This is a good idea, staff will include in the file.

6.7, 6.8, 6.9 School Board Trustee Elections – What partnership currently happens between the schoolboard and the municipality with respect to the election process? What role does the municipality play in the election? Is there any financial component that is worth being compensated for? Can staff give an estimate to the amount of cost dedicated to the school board trustees election?

6.7 Town of Deep River Resolution - School Board Elections

-is this a concern as well for us? ie. “organizing, hosting, and promoting School Board Elections requires an extensive use of municipal resources and co-ordination. It was further discussed that the act of conducting School Board Elections, without compensation or re-imburement, places a significant financial burden on municipalities”

Staff share the same concerns expressed in the consent item. The municipality is responsible for conducting the Municipal and School Board election every 4 years; this includes facilitating the school board election on behalf of the various school boards. In Puslinch, this requires us to have 5 different types of ‘ballot faces’. These include: English Public, French Public, English Separate, French Separate, and No School Support. Each ballot face is different because it only includes candidates for the respective school board (in addition to municipal office candidates). There are printing costs associated with producing various ballot types. Municipal staff are also required to receive school board



nominations and coordinate results with the City of Brampton (French Separate), City of London (French Public), City of Guelph (English Public), and Township of Guelph Eramosa (English Separate) after nomination day and again after the election results are finalized.

There is no partnership with the various school boards in terms of facilitating or funding the election. This is entirely managed and paid for by the municipality. In situations where municipal offices are acclaimed (in some cases all municipal offices are acclaimed) the municipality would still be required to conduct the school board election.

The total amount spent on the 2022 Municipal and School Board election in Puslinch was approximately \$63,000. It is difficult to estimate an amount that is dedicated to the school board election. If the school boards managed their own election, there would be a similar cost to what the municipality pays. There is benefit in combining the election process the way that it is being conducted now, however, the school boards are not contributing financially to this process.

9.3.1 Report ADM-2023-010 - ADM-2023-010- Proposed 2023 Corporate Workplan

-fill bylaw what the steps leading and approximate time lines leading to the final approval such as 2nd and 3rd readings?

This is being prioritized and staff are working with a consultant to bring another draft forward that includes the new legislation on excess soils. Staff estimate that the next draft will be on the April agenda.

-community growth options what are the activities regarding this item?

Working with the county planning staff and economic development staff to see what scenarios are available and what options we can bring forward to council for discussion/consideration.

-roads master plan what the steps leading and approximate time lines leading to the final approval?



We hope to be able to bring this to council late March/early April for consideration of the second draft before proceeding to public comment. Finalization and implementation of the plan will be dependent on extent of comments received and how council wishes to address them. Hopefully the plan can be finalized and implemented in the 2nd quarter.

9.3.3 Report ADM-2023-012 2020 Monitoring Report - Lafarge McMillan Pit, Licence No. 10671 and Peer Review#

-p.145 re “We encourage Council to carefully review projects that result in the reduction of groundwater recharge on the Paris and Galt moraines including minor infilling of depressions that presently capture snowmelt and allow it to slowly infiltrate.”; are staff aware of any such projects?

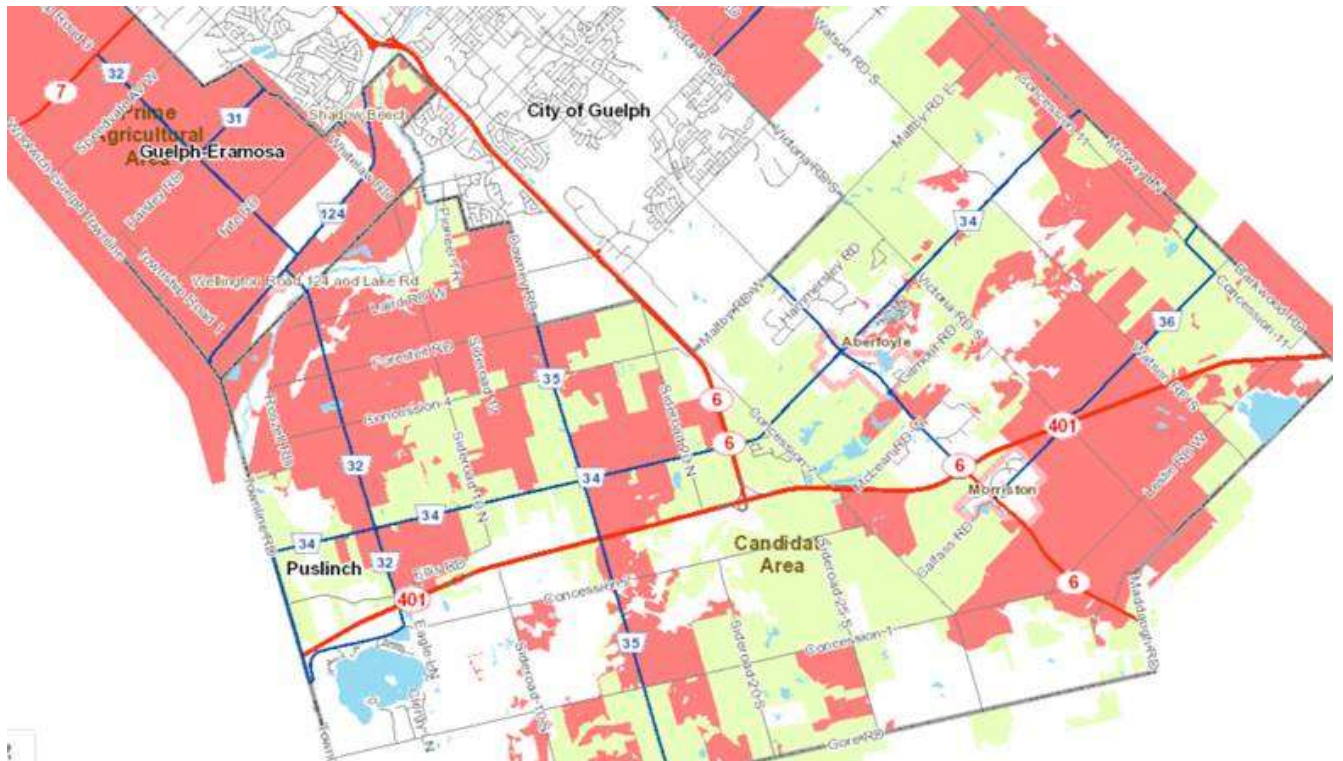
Staff are not aware of any specific projects that would be a concern. The Township Hydrogeologist is requested to review development proposals and Site Alteration/Fill permit applications and this would be considered as a part of that review. Staff will flag this with both the County Planners and Harden Environmental going forward to ensure it is considered.

10.1 OP progress report – can staff explain what a ‘new mixed-use commercial/residential designation’ would look like?

This question has been sent to the County for a response.

10.1 County of Wellington - County Official Plan Review - Progress Report 8 -does staff have any concerns and if so would a motion be appropriate?

Staff recommend that the County be requested to present to Council regarding the Draft Provincial Agricultural System mapping. The map is available online and shows existing prime agricultural lands in a light red colour. The map details ‘candidate areas’ in light green. These areas are currently being treated as secondary agricultural lands in respect to severance inquiries. It would be beneficial to understand how residents that own property in the candidate areas can become involved in this process particularly if they are interested in severing their lands.



10.2 Lake Road Reconstruction

- It is noted there will be post construction monitoring regarding the new concrete material, Cematrix. Will there also be post construction monitoring regarding the reptile and amphibian mortality rate? Is there baseline data (perhaps from community experts) to use? Or has the County collected its own data?
- When the project is under construction, what is the plan to ensure trucks are discouraged from using Ellis Road? This was an issue in the past and hopefully we can mitigate issues from happening again.

Staff have passed these questions to the county and will forward the response to Council once received.

10.3.1 Ontario Professional Planners Institute & WeirFoulds LLP – Annual Seminar – *Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*

- p. 293 does this section affect us ie. no minimum floor area to be specified?



-do we know yet how Parkland Dedication fees would be affected?

Council approved through the 2023 budget process funds to amend the Township Parkland Land Dedication By-law and Development Charges By-law based on the recent legislation including Bill 23. Staff will be working with the Township solicitor/consultant and County-wide municipalities on these amendments and will have more information to provide Council during this process.

10.5 Aberfoyle Pit#2 – request to increase tonnage – What is the process for this? What engagement opportunities will there be? Are there any structures on this site that may have heritage features/value?

These questions can be sent to the pit operator for a formal response. Staff are not aware what process the pit operator is required to follow under the Aggregate Resource Act for this type of an amendment. It is recommended that staff investigate further and report back to council. Staff have reviewed the heritage Registry and the property is not listed.