



## MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday June 14, 2023

**CLOSED MEETING:** Directly following section 13  
Announcements

**COUNCIL MEETING:** 10:00 A.M.

The Wednesday June 14, 2023 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 Rd S, Puslinch.

### 1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

### 2. ROLL CALL

#### ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Sara Bailey  
Councillor Russel Hurst  
Councillor Jessica Goyda  
Councillor John Sepulis  
Mayor James Seeley

#### STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Glenn Schwendinger, CAO - absent
2. Mike Fowler, Director of Public Works, Parks and Facilities
3. Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer
4. Courtenay Hoytfox, Municipal Clerk
5. Justine Brotherston, Deputy Clerk
6. Mirela Oltean, Deputy Treasurer
7. Tom Mulvey, Fire Chief
8. Andrew Hartholt, Chief Building Official

### 3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

#### Resolution No. 2023-193:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

**That Council approves the June 14, 2023 Agenda and Addendum 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 June 14, 2023 Council agenda.**

**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 May 24, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

6.1.2 February 21, 2023 Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

6.1.3 May 1, 2023 Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes

6.1.4 Council questions and corresponding responses by staff regarding the June 14, 2023 agenda



- 6.2 Wellington County Police Services Board - Lake Road Speed changes and Enforcement May 2023
- 6.3 Grand River Conservation Authority - General Membership Meeting - May 26, 2023
- 6.4 City of Guelph - 220 Arkell Road - Notice of Revised Application
- 6.5 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Streamlining of Approvals under Aggregate Resources Act
- 6.6 Dufferin Aggregates Monthly Monitoring Report - Mill Creek Pit - License 5738
- 6.7 Municipality of Wawa - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
- 6.8 Township of Woolwich - Support of Bill 5, Stopping the Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
- 6.9 Township of Johnson - Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
- 6.10 Township of Evanturel - Support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
- 6.11 Municipality of Casselman - Stopping Harassment and Abuse By Local Leaders Act
- 6.12 Municipality of Moonbeam - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders
- 6.13 Municipality of Wawa - School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- 6.14 Municipality of West Grey - Support for School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- 6.15 Township of Amaranth - School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- 6.16 Township of Clearview - School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- 6.17 Township of Evanturel - School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
- 6.18 Municipality of Huron Shores - School Board Elections
- 6.19 Municipality of Moonbeam - School Boards Elections
- 6.20 Town of Amherstburg - Support Highway Traffic Act Amendments
- 6.21 City of Port Colborne - Support Highway Traffic Act Amendments
- 6.22 Town of Cobourg - Support City of Cambridge - Highway Traffic Act Amendment
- 6.23 Township of Georgian Bay - Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
- 6.24 Town of Bancroft - Support Resolution for the Town of Essex - Retention of Surplus Tax Proceeds
- 6.25 Township of Limerick - Tax Sale Proceeds
- 6.26 Northumberland County - Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs
- 6.27 Township of Georgian Bay - Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs
- 6.28 Municipality of Huron Shores - Municipal Insurance Cost
- 6.29 Township of Limerick - Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs
- 6.30 Northumberland County - Municipal Oath of Office
- 6.31 Municipality of Wawa - Protecting Privacy of Candidates and Donors
- 6.32 Town of Coburg - Support for Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms
- 6.33 Town of Cobourg - Support for Municipal Heritage Register
- 6.34 Township of Limerick - Provincial Policy Statement
- 6.35 City of Pickering - Use of Long Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services
- 6.36 Township of Clearview - Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic
- 6.37 Township of Ryerson - Water Aerodrome
- 6.38 Town of Plympton-Wyoming -Bell-Hydro Infrastructure
- 6.39 Township of Enniskillen - Support Township of Puslinch Resolution Regarding Roadside Litter
- 6.40 County of Lanark - Letter of Support - Paramedic Safety
- 6.41 Town of Fort Francis - Response to Opioid Crisis
- 6.42 Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen - Cannabis Act Review
- 6.43 County of Wellington Committee Report – Paddock Bridge – B035087 Update

**Resolution No. 2023-194:**

Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**That the Consent Agenda items with the exception of items 6.5, 6.33, and 6.43 listed for JUNE 14, 2023 Council meeting be received for information.**

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2023-195:**

Moved by Councillor Goyda and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis



**That the Consent Agenda item 6.5 listed for JUNE 14, 2023 Council meeting be considered and received together with Correspondence Item 10.1.**

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2023-196:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

**That the Consent Agenda item 6.43 listed for JUNE 14, 2023 Council meeting be received for information; and**

**That Council direct staff to send correspondence to the County and MTO requesting that future road works projects be coordinated as much as possible to mitigate impacts and delays to traffic on local roads.**

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2023-197:**

Moved by Councillor Bailey and  
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

**That the Consent Agenda item 6.33 listed for JUNE 14, 2023 Council meeting be received for information; and**

**Whereas Council supports the consent item 6.33 Town of Cobourg - Support for Municipal Heritage Register;**

**Therefore, Council direct staff to send a support resolution to the Premier and that staff include the Township of Puslinch Resolution regarding its objection to the revisions to the Heritage Act in respect to Bill 23.**

**CARRIED**

**7. DELEGATIONS:**

(a) Specific Interest (Items Listed on the Meeting Agenda)  
None

7.2 General Interest (Items Not Previously Listed on the Meeting Agenda)  
7.2.1 **10:05 AM** Delegation by Sarah Bowers-Peter Crime Stoppers Guelph Wellington (CSGW) regarding program update and request for partnership

**Resolution No. 2023-198**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

**That Council receives the Delegation by Sarah Bowers-Peter Crime Stoppers Guelph Wellington (CSGW) regarding program update and request for partnership for information; and**

**That Council direct staff to connect Crime Stoppers with the Rotary Eradicating Human Trafficking Committee to collaborate on spreading awareness regarding human trafficking; and**

**That Council request that staff work with Crime Stoppers to arrange for a presentation to the Youth Advisory Committee; and**

**That Council direct staff to work with Crime Stoppers on the potential to include signage at the Township sports fields and/or arena boards; and**

**That Council direct staff to add Crime Stoppers information and presentation materials on the Township website.**

**CARRIED**



7.2.2 **10:15 AM** Delegation by Jana Burns, Wellington County Economic Development regarding economic development opportunities

**Resolution No. 2023-199:** Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

**That Council receives the Delegation by Jana Burns, Wellington County Economic Development regarding economic development opportunities 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 None

**9.3 Administration Department**

9.3.1 Report ADM-2023-027 Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law -Housekeeping Amendments and Set Fines

**Resolution No. 2023-200:** Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

**That Report ADM-2023-027 regarding the Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law – Housekeeping Amendments and Set Fines be received; and**

**That Council gives three readings to By-law 2023-30 being a By-law to amend the Township’s Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law 2018/018, attached to this report as Schedule A.**

**CARRIED**

9.3.2 Report ADM-2023-028 Sign Variance Request - 21 Queen Street

**Resolution No. 2023-201:** Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

**That Report ADM-2023-028 entitled Sign Variance Request for a special event at 21 Queen Street be received; and**

**That Council approve the one day request for relief from the Sign By-law 09/91 to permit a portable and illuminated sign for a special event at 21 Queen St subject to no concerns being received from the MTO.**

**CARRIED**

9.3.3 Report ADM-2023-029 2022-2026 Heritage Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives Report

**Resolution No. 2023-202:** Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
Seconded by Councillor Goyda



**That Report ADM-2023-029 entitled 2022-2026 Heritage Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives be received; and**

**That Council approve the 2022-2026 Heritage Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives as presented.**

**CARRIED**

9.3.4 Report ADM-2023-030 880 Victoria Rd S Expression of Interest

**Resolution No. 2023-203:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

**That Report ADM-2023-030 entitled City of Guelph Expression of Interest for the property 880 Victoria Rd S be received; and**

**That Council endorse the Heritage Committee comments and directs staff to submit those comments to the City of Guelph regarding the potential use of the property; and**

**That Councils direct staff to add 880 Victoria Rd S to the list of priority properties to designate in 2023/2024.**

**CARRIED**

9.3.5 Report ADM-2023-031 Proposed Community Guide & Business Directory and associated programs

**Resolution No. 2023-204:**

Moved by Councillor Goyda and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

**That Report ADM-2023-031 entitled Proposed Community Guide & Business Directory and associated programs be received; and**

**That Council direct staff to proceed with Option 3 as identified in report ADM-2023-031 and proceed with next steps as identified in the report; and**

**That Council direct staff to provide detailed costing during the 2024 budget process based on the option selected; and**

**That Council direct staff to engage with the County of Wellington requesting financial support for the program commencing in 2024 and requesting to participate in the BRNE; and**

**That Council direct staff to connect with the local photo club for local photos to utilize in the guide.**

**CARRIED**

9.3.6 Report ADM-2023-032 Proposed Changes Regarding ERO Posting 019-6813 - Follow Up Report

**Resolution No. 2023-205:**

Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**That Council approve the revision to the order of business to advance consideration of agenda item 9.3.6 to earlier in the meeting.**



**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2023-206:**

Moved by Councillor Goyda and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

**That Council direct staff to include the following statement in Council's formal comments to the Province regarding ERO Posting 019-6813:**

**While there are proposed changes that we welcome and support, there are some directions in the 2023 PPS that are of concern.**

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2023-207:**

Moved by Councillor Goyda and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**That Report ADM-2023-032 entitled Proposed Changes Regarding ERO Posting 019-6813 – Follow up Report be received; and**

**That Council appoint a subcommittee of two members to review Council comments and assist in preparing a report for the July 12 Council meeting; and**

**That the subcommittee membership be as follows:**

**Councillor Hurst  
Councillor Goyda**

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2023-208:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

**That Council further considered Report-2023-032 and specifically the concerns raised regarding improving the management of hauled sewage from private septic systems; and**

**Whereas septic management will become a greater issue if increased rural growth is approved through the revised PPS and Bill 97;**

**Therefore, Council direct staff to forward the portion of the report regarding septage to the County of Wellington Planning Committee and request that the Committee give consideration to potential solutions for septic management including the potential for County wide servicing for hauled sewage; and**

**That the County and Township engage with the Province regarding funding to support rural growth servicing as a result of the proposed changes to the PPS and Bill 97.**

**CARRIED**

**9.4 Planning and Building Department**

9.4.1 None

**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

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

10.1 ERO Posting 019-6767 - Proposed changes to the Aggregate Resources Act

**Resolution No. 2023-209:**

Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**That Council receive correspondence item 10.1 ERO Posting 019-6767 - Proposed changes to the Aggregate Resources Act and consent agenda item 6.5; and**

**That Council direct staff to compile the comments received into a staff report for consideration at the July 12, 2023 Council meeting in order to submit comments by the July 13, 2023 deadline.**

**CARRIED**

10.2 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry response regarding request for exception under the Conservation Authorities Act

**Resolution No. 2023-210:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

**That Council receive correspondence item 10.2 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry response regarding request for exception under the Conservation Authorities Act; and**

**That Council appoint Councillor Bailey to the Halton Conservation Board of Directors for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term of Council; and**

**That Council direct staff to send a letter thanking Stephen Gilmour for his time spent as the Puslinch representative on the Halton Conservation Board of Directors.**

**CARRIED**

10.3 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry response regarding Council Resolution No. 2022-335 regarding CBM Aggregate Peer Review

**Resolution No. 2023-211:**

Moved by Councillor Goyda and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**That Council receive correspondence item 10.3 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry response regarding Council Resolution No. 2022-335 regarding CBM Aggregate Peer Review for information.**

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2023-212:**

Moved by Councillor Goyda and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst



**That Council approve the revision to the order of business to advance consideration of agenda item 11 to earlier in the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**11. COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**11.1 Mayor' Updates**

11.1.1 Mayor Seeley gave an update on the Morrison By-pass and the correspondence regarding the Auditor General Report – Highway Projects. MPP Arnott requested a meeting at Queens Park with the Minister regarding this issue. Mayor Seeley remarked on the Land Use Task Force Meeting. Mayor Seeley updated Council regarding the TAPMO executive meeting and discussed the current ERO postings. Mayor Seeley provided an update that a joint City of Guelph/County meeting was held at the City of Guelph regarding paramedic stations. Mayor Seeley provide an update that he received an invitation to the taskforce around recycled aggregate working group. The taskforce would work through the ERO postings and provide comments to the Province. Mayor Seeley provided an update that he and Councillor Sepulis attended a meeting with economic development staff at the County.

**11.2 Council Member Reports**

11.2.1 Councillor Sepulis provided an update that his appointment to Lake Erie Water Protection committee was approved.

11.2.2 Councillor Bailey provided an update on the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual bike rodeo took place on June 3.

11.2.3 Councillor Hurst provided an update regarding the Heritage Committee Open House relating to the Heritage Designation process and that the Heritage summer student position has started and will continue over the summer months.

**Resolution No. 2023-213:**

Moved by Councillor Bailey and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

**That Council receive the Mayors and Council member updates for information.**

**CARRIED**

**12. BY-LAWS:**

12.1.1 BL2023-030 – Being a by-law to amend the Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law

**Resolution No. 2023-214:**

Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

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

**12.1.1 BL2023-030 – Being a by-law to amend the Outdoor Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law**

**CARRIED**

**13. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

13.1 Councillor Bailey remarked that Canada Day celebrations are coming up.

13.2 Councillor Hurst mentioned that the Public Work signs relating to road works are well done and informative.

**Council recessed from 12:42pm to 1:00pm**

**Roll Call**

**Councillor Goyda  
Councillor Sepulis  
Councillor Bailey  
Councillor Hurst  
Mayor Seeley**





**14. CLOSED SESSION:**

Council was in closed session from 1:05 p.m. to 2:19 p.m.

The Clerk stopped the recording and removed all public attendees from the webinar. The webinar was then 'locked' so no new participants are able to join.

**Resolution No. 2023-215:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

**That Council shall go into closed session under Section 239 of the Municipal Act for the purpose of:**

**14.1 Confidential report regarding information that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose –aggregate compliance issues**

**14.2 Confidential report regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board – Planning Act application**

**14.3 Confidential report regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Human Resource matter**

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2023-216:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

**THAT Council moves into open session at 2:19 pm**

**CARRIED**

Council resumed into open session at 2:19 p.m.

**Resolution No. 2023-217:**

Moved by Councillor Goyda and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

**That Council receives the:**

**14.1 Confidential report regarding information that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – Litigation relating to compliance issues;**

**14.2 Confidential report regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board – Planning Act application;**

**14.3 Confidential report regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Human Resource matter; and**

**Whereas the existing Township short/long term benefits program is not equitable for all employees;**

**That Council authorize staff to adjust weekly earnings for short/long term disability by providing 'top-up' payments to equal 75% of regular weekly earnings, retroactive to the start of the leave for applicable employees currently on leave; and further**

**That Council direct staff to investigate options to implement a policy or an adjustment to the Township benefit program that is more equitable to all employees on short/long term disability; and**

**That staff to proceed as directed.**

**CARRIED**

**15. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION:**



None

16. **NOTICE OF MOTION:**

None

17. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

18. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW:**

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

**Resolution No. 2023-218:**

Moved by Councillor Goyda and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

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

**By-Law 2023-031 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch at its meeting held on the 14 day of June 2023.**

**CARRIED**

19. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution No. 2023-219:**

Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

**That Council hereby adjourns at 3:17 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

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James Seeley, Mayor

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Courtenay Hoytfox, Clerk