



December 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

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Addition to the Consent Agenda Item 6.1.4 Questions received from Council seeking additional information and the corresponding responses provided by staff regarding the December 7, 2022 Council agenda items.

Responses Appreciated Prior to Meeting

Report FIN-2022-033 entitled 2023 Municipal Insurance Renewal

-p.310 re "It is recommended that the contribution to this discretionary reserve as part of the 2023 proposed operating budget be the same as the Township's insurance deductible (i.e. \$25K or \$50K if approved by Council)." What have we contributed to the discretionary reserve over the past 3 years?

- 2022 – \$10K
- 2021 - \$25K
- 2020 - \$25K

Typically the Township has contributed its insurance deductible amount of \$25K. In Report FIN-2021-036 – 2022 Proposed Operating Budget, it was recommended that the proposed 2022 contribution decrease because there was a reasonable balance in the reserve as of April 30, 2021 of \$84K.

-if in 2024 we get another carrier then the 2023 savings for a \$50k deductible is \$14k. Assuming this is my math correct that it is least costly to stay with the \$25k deductible i.e.

- for \$50k deductible budget increase is $63k - 14k + 50k = \$99k$

-for \$25k deductible budget increase is $63k + 25k = \$88k$?

- For a \$25K deductible, the 2023 budget increase is \$63.3K
 - i.e. \$211K which is the 2023 quote for a \$25K deductible less \$148K which was the 2022 renewal.
- For a \$50K deductible, the 2023 budget increase if \$49.6K
 - i.e. \$211K which is the 2023 quote for a \$25K deductible less \$13.7K savings in primary liability policy due to increasing deductible from \$25K to \$50K less \$148K which was the 2022 renewal.

-p.311 re" Township staff recommend that the Township issue an RFP in 2024 when the 10-years of claim history improve." Do you mean issue in 2023 for the 2024 renewal?



Township staff have received confirmation from the Township's previous insurer that the large claim from July 2014 will be removed from the Township's 10 years of loss data by July 2024. Therefore, an RFP would be issued after July 2024 with an effective date of January 1, 2025.

-p.319 exclusion of PFAs seems to be new; what is our risk without this coverage?

Marsh has indicated that essentially the exclusion means there is no coverage for any claims related to Perfluorinated Compounds, Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). For example, for people claiming sickness as a result of exposure, clean-up of contaminated land or water, property damage. Water treatment facilities do not completely remove PFAS so there is the possibility that people will get their water tested for PFAS and sue the municipality as a result. There are many unknowns about the relative toxicity of PFAS but all liability insurers are starting to exclude them. There is a current case in North Bay where the Federal Government are spending \$20M to clean up PFAS water and land contaminated by fire fighters foam. The municipality is paying \$600K. Bottom line is there is no coverage from any insurer for PFAS – difficult to determine if there is a significant risk as there is ongoing research into their alleged toxicity and it would be difficult to prove a municipality negligent at this time. The Ministry of Environment has suggested guidelines for municipalities on their levels in drinking water.

Are there any other major changes in coverage?

Marsh has confirmed that there are no other major changes in coverage since last year.

Report FIN-2022-035 – 2023 Proposed Capital Budget

-p.333 electronic sign; would the cost be a tax levy and if so are there opportunities for grant funding from Province or County or 3rd party such as Optimists, Triton etc.?

The Township is eligible to receive the County of Wellington's accessibility grant funding on an annual basis for an amount of \$10K.

The Capital Budget and Forecast includes the following projects to be funded by this accessibility grant funding:

- 2022 – \$10K - Puslinch Community Centre Park Playground
- 2023/2024 - \$20K - Playground area at Boreham Park (also known as Arkell Park)
- 2025 - \$10K - Bar Counter, Bar Door, Cosmetic Upgrades at the Puslinch Community Centre
- 2026 - \$10K – Website Redesign
- 2031 - \$10K - Website Redesign

The Township has not approached other third parties for funding for the electronic sign as this project was not incorporated in previous versions of the capital budget and forecast.



Should Council want to incorporate this project in the proposed Capital Budget and Forecast, Township staff recommend that it be incorporated in the forecast (i.e. in 2027 or a future year) and be fully funded by the County of Wellington's Accessibility Grant Funding of \$10K and any other available third party funding that staff would investigate. 2027 or a future year is recommended based on when the Township is next eligible to utilize the County of Wellington's Accessibility Grant Funding based on the Township's Capital Budget and Forecast as outlined above. Also, 2027 or a future year is recommended as this asset was purchased in 2012 and has a useful life of 15 years based on the Township's accounting records.

-p.335 cash in lieu of parkland; ero 019-6172 states the following

"Build transparency and other measures to support the faster acquisition of more parks

To build more transparency and accountability on planning for and acquiring parks, municipalities would be required to develop a parks plan before passing a parkland dedication by-law.

- Currently, this is a requirement before a municipality can adopt the official plan policies required to use the alternative parkland dedication rate for higher density developments.*
- Now, this requirement is extended to municipalities that plan to use the standard parkland dedication rate. This rate requires that the maximum land to be conveyed for park or other public recreational purposes not exceed 2 per cent for development or redevelopment for commercial or industrial purposes and 5 per cent for all other developments.*
- This proposed change would apply to the passage of a new parkland by-law.*

To incent municipalities to acquire parks more quickly, municipalities would be required to allocate or spend at least 60 per cent of their parkland reserve balance at the start of each year."

With this change coming should we be undertaking an update to the Recreation and Parks Master Plan in 2023?

Some history regarding the Township's extensive work on its Recreation and Parks Master Plan and Parks Master Plan from 2014 to 2019 is outlined in Report REC-2019-003 presented to Council at its November 6, 2019 Council Meeting. Part of this ongoing work included Council's approval of Concept B for the Puslinch Community Centre Park Renovation and Upgrade as outlined in Report REC-2022-012 presented to Council at its July 13, 2022 Council Meeting. These concept plans were developed as part of the extensive community input obtained through the Parks Master Plan.

Staff believe that the previous work done with the master planning exercises outlined above should be sufficient as it relates to Bill 23 and the proposed amendments made to the Township's parkland dedication by-law in 2023. However, upon Council approval of the Parkland Dedication By-law Amendment project as part of the proposed 2023 budget, Township staff will inquire further from the successful consultant to ensure that the Township's previous master planning exercises are sufficient to address the requirements of Bill 23 as it relates to Parkland



Dedication and having a parks plan in place before passing a new/amended parkland dedication by-law.

p.337 re “Township staff have assumed a conservative estimate of three consents per year in order to estimate the amount of cash in lieu of parkland to be received in future years.”; The parkland dedication fees are not realized until a building permit application has been made. There are likely several severances approved in 2022 which will cause parkland dedication fees to be made. Can an assessment be made of these and accounted in 2023?

To date, the Township has had 21 consent applications for 2022. Of those, 4 have been completed and they will be able to apply for building permits, although the permit status is not confirmed. Consent applications have 2 years now to clear conditions and so an application applied for may not be approved in the same calendar year. For 2021, the Township had 24 consent applications and approximately 5 of those have been approved. The other 19 will need to complete their 2021 applications in 2023 or they expire. The 3 consent applications resulting in building permits per year appears to be a good estimate. It is difficult to anticipate development based on consent applications because of a number of variables including the timeframe to complete an application and the timing that development takes place.

p.337 re “Less: 2023 Proposed Capital Projects Playground area at Boreham Park (also known as Arkell Park)”; These costs are ascribed to DCs. Are there any rules how much can be ascribed to DCs and Parkland dedication?

- *Based on the 2019 Development Charges (DC) Background Study, the following is noted that reduces the DC eligibility amount for this project:*
 - *10% of the costs associated are a benefit to existing development.*
 - *There is also a 10% statutory deduction.*
 - *Approved grant funding will also reduce the DC eligibility amount.*
- *There are currently no rules surrounding how much can be ascribed to a project utilizing parkland dedication funds.*
- *The following funding sources are incorporated in the 2023 capital budget associated with this project:*
 - *County Accessibility Funding - \$20K*
 - *Grant funding that has been approved based on a Township grant application submission in 2022 - \$150K*
 - *The Township will provide further information on this approved grant as part of a public report to Council. At this time, the specific details of this approved grant funding cannot be communicated in a public forum.*
 - *Cash in Lieu of Parkland funding - \$25K*
 - *Parks and Recreation Services DC funding - \$48K*



p.340 re “Increasing the capital transfer to \$300K in 2023 is in line with Council’s direction to phase the operating aggregate levy to the capital budget.” Is the amount \$28k?

Yes, please see the table below:

	<i>2022 Approved</i>	<i>2023 Proposed</i>	<i>Difference</i>
<i>Operating Budget – Public Works</i>	<i>\$208K</i>	<i>\$192K</i>	<i>Decrease of \$16K</i>
<i>Capital Budget – Public Works</i>	<i>\$272K</i>	<i>\$300K</i>	<i>Increase of \$28K</i>
Total	\$480K	\$492K	Increase of \$12K

p.347 Carriage Lane SWMF; if Aberfoyle Mills is a condo why is the SWMF our cost?

Carriage Lane is located in the Audrey Meadows subdivision which is the Township’s responsibility based on the development agreement in place.

p.352 Fire and Rescue Structural Firefighter Gear; year 2024 has a spike of \$38k vs roughly \$10k in other years; can this spike be spread out?

The structural firefighter gear amount of \$38K noted in 2025 can be spread out over 2023 to 2025. However, it cannot go past 2025 given the 10 year lifecycle requirement.

p.354 laptop computers; how much did we save combining purchases with Centre Wellington?

Approximately \$7K from what was budgeted (i.e. budget of \$21.5K with actuals of \$14.5K).

p.356 laptop computers; why the doubling to \$20k in 2026?

5 Council laptops are budgeted for replacement in 2026 and 2030 given it is an election year in accordance with Report 2018-038 which recommended that all Council laptops be replaced on a four-year replacement schedule. The replaced laptops will then be sold to outgoing Members of Council or will be used in the Township office as floaters.

p.356 Development Charges By-law Amendment and Parkland Dedication By-law Amendment

-can Parkland Dedication bylaw amendment be funded from Parkland reserve in same way DC Charges bylaw amendment is funded from DCs or alternatively from the Municipal Modernization fund?

The Parkland Dedication By-law Amendment cannot be funded by the cash in lieu of parkland restricted reserve. The intent was for the parkland cash-in-lieu funds to be used only for parkland acquisition, including repair and improvement but not for administration. Section 42(15) of the Planning Act indicates the following related to the use of these funds:

Special account



42 (15) All money received by the municipality under subsections (6), (6.0.1) and (14) and all money received on the sale of land under subsection (5), less any amount spent by the municipality out of its general funds in respect of the land, shall be paid into a special account and spent only for the acquisition of land to be used for park or other public recreational purposes, including the erection, improvement or repair of buildings and the acquisition of machinery for park or other public recreational purposes.

Similar to all other studies/inspections noted in the capital budget and forecast, the Township's typical practice has been to have these studies be tax levy, building reserve (if eligible), grant, or DC funded.

Staff do not believe that this project would meet the intent of the Ontario Municipal Modernization Funding. The intent of this funding provided by the Province in early 2019 is to assist in "efforts to become more efficient and reduce expenditure growth over the longer term". The Township's past practice has been to utilize this funding for projects that help to modernize service delivery and allows the Township to become more efficient.

-p.360 Pickleball Line Painting and Floor Refinishing; can Rec. committee comment on painting lines at Borham park and adding any required appurtenance?

Staff will bring forward this request to the Recreation Committee at their next meeting in the New Year.

-p.369 Replacement of Ceiling Components at the Puslinch Community Centre; is it correct that ceiling tiles can be funded from Parkland Dedication?

Yes, given the wording in Section 42(15) of the Planning Act related to the use of these funds:

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-p.370 Bridge and Culvert Inspections; why levy funded and not asset management?

Similar to all other studies/inspections noted in the capital budget and forecast, the Township's typical practice has been to have these studies/inspections be tax levy, building reserve (if eligible), grant, or DC funded.



-p.379 Cloudpermit Implementation - By-law Enforcement and Planning modules; Re “It is recommended that the ongoing annual fees from 2024 be funded from the contract services account in the operating budget for By-law (\$3,600) and Planning (\$8,400).”; if the annual fees are licenses i.e. not service contract could they be capitalized?

These annual recurring fees are typically incorporated in annual operating budgets. They cannot be capitalized after the new systems/software have been implemented. They are also ongoing annual costs so incorporating these costs in future operating budgets (i.e. in 2024 and beyond) is reasonable.

-p.403 re 2023 do we need funds added for County of Wellington Study on Additional Employment Lands in the Township of Puslinch?

The County of Wellington has estimated the costs associated with this study to be \$60K with the Township funding 50% of the total costs. This project was approved to be funded as follows in the 2022 approved capital budget:

- \$5,000 – tax levy funding
- \$25,000 – County of Wellington Business Retention and Expansion Grant

-p.403 should we include funds for Master Recreation Plan Update in 2023?

Some history regarding the Township’s extensive work on its Recreation and Parks Master Plan and Parks Master Plan from 2014 to 2019 is outlined in Report REC-2019-003 presented to Council at its November 6, 2019 Council Meeting. Part of this ongoing work included Council’s approval of Concept B for the Puslinch Community Centre Park Renovation and Upgrade as outlined in Report REC-2022-012 presented to Council at its July 13, 2022 Council Meeting. These concept plans were developed as part of the extensive community input obtained through the Parks Master Plan.

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-p.405 should we include funds for new Municipal Building?



It is still too early in the process to provide an estimate given the options under consideration/evaluation. We are hoping to have more information prior to final approval of the budget. If not, a budget amendment can be once council decides on how to move forward.

-p.407 can't find repairing tennis courts listed; when are they planned?

The rehabilitation of the tennis courts is part of the Puslinch Community Centre Park Renovation and Upgrade project approved in 2021/2022 as outlined to Council in Report REC-2022-012 presented at the July 13, 2022 Council Meeting.

Pump 31 truck replacement “this is the estimated cost for a purpose built pumper. The current pump 31 truck is not a purpose built pumper. Understanding the rationale in the report for a purpose built vs. non purpose built, but would be curious to know the difference in cost of purpose built vs. non-purpose built and also the lead time.

The difference in price would range from \$150K to \$200K. In 2016, that number was around \$40K. Purpose built trucks however have a much higher safety rating and more passenger capacity. Lead time is 2 years for both.

Would it be possible to provide a bit of a background explanation as to how the combo pumper/tanker combo vs. a standalone pumper and standalone tanker impacts the tanker shuttle accreditation? Is this mainly to do with insurance rates?

Pumper tankers are extremely large, long trucks and not good for rural applications with long driveways.

If the Township was to replace a pumper and a tanker with a combination truck, it would remove a tanker from the Township's shuttle accreditation. Once a pumper is at a fire, it has to stay and could not be part of the shuttle. The accreditation lowers the cost of insurance for the residents.

Electronic Sign at PCC – What is expected life expectancy of current sign?

Based on the Township's accounting records, this asset was purchased in 2012 with a useful life of 15 years.

AM Discretionary Reserve – dips below the recommended minimum balance of \$2M in 2028 and 2029 – is this mainly due to the increased replacement cost of pump 31 and the added replacement cost of tanker 37?

Pump 31 truck is noted as being replaced in 2025 at a cost of \$950K. Tanker 37 truck is noted as being replaced in 2030 at a cost of \$750K.

Some of the more significant projects noted in 2028 that are funded by the AM Discretionary Reserve are outlined below which are resulting in the decrease to the AM Discretionary Reserve:



- *Aerial 33 Truck Replacement – \$1.5M*
- *Tandem Roll-Off Dump Truck- 302 - \$400K*

Some of the more significant projects noted in 2029 are outlined below which are resulting in the decrease to the AM Discretionary Reserve:

- *Tandem Dump Truck- 301 - \$400K*

The recommendation of the minimum balance in the AM Discretionary reserve remain between \$2M and \$4M was established in 2019. Should this minimum balance be gradually increasing to remain in line with inflation?

This would require Council direction as it is a policy change to Schedule A of the Budget Development and Control Policy regarding the Asset Management Discretionary Reserve which indicates:

a) Asset Management Discretionary Reserve

i. Implementing the funding requirements for current infrastructure as noted in the 2019 Asset Management Plan.

ii. The 2019 Asset Management Plan recommended that the Township maintain a minimum target balance of 2.0 million and a maximum target balance of 4.0 million in its Asset Management Discretionary Reserve.

Given the significant increases seen with inflation and pricing for projects, this would be a reasonable policy change and it is in line with many of the other clauses in the Township's Budget Development and Control Policy ie. Clause 4c, 5a, 6a, 8a (ii), and 8c (i).

Report 9.2.3 – COLA –

Would it be possible to provide a better understanding of what is meant by a negative CPI%? Has there ever been a negative CPI % ?

Yes, the Ontario CPI was negative during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic when comparing year over year CPI changes in the following months:

- *April 2019 to April 2020*
 - *-0.1%*
- *May 2019 to May 2020*
 - *-0.4%*

Wellington North appears to have in place the same CPI policy in place that is being proposed in Puslinch. Has Wellington North had this policy in place for some time already or is this a new policy direction for them as well?



This is a new policy that was recently adopted by Wellington North in 2022.

Report 9.3.2 –

Terms of Reference for Heritage Committee – subcommittees – there is reference to recreation committee? Is this intentional or just a typo?

This is a typo and will be corrected prior to the by-law being signed.

Youth committee meets every month except July and August – 10 times per year. This is more often than heritage and rec committee – wondering rationale for frequency?

Staff reviewed a number of Terms of Reference for Youth Committees from other municipalities. The meeting frequency ranged anywhere from biweekly to monthly. Staff are suggesting monthly due to the specific mandate of this proposed Committee: advising Council and Advisory's Committees on specific matters, developing and strengthening leadership and communication skills, and working on assigned projects. In addition, staff suggest more frequent meetings to assist in accomplishing the assigned projects and to keep the Committee engaged. A membership requirement for this Committee is meeting the age range of 12-18 years old. There may be members that are only eligible to serve for part of a term based on age and so staff recommend more frequent meetings in order to provide all members the ability to contribute and complete projects.

Is there a requirement to advertise each Board position for the Conservation Authorities, or can we simply re-appoint past appointees if they expressed their desire to do so?

There is no formal requirement to advertise for CA Board positions. Council can re-appoint or advertise for these board positions with other positions being advertised. It is advisable to be consistent with both positions at Hamilton and Halton, i.e. reappoint both or advertise for both. Staff has confirmed with both current appointees (Hamilton and Halton CA) that they are seeking re-appointment for the new term. This will likely help Council in deciding whether to advertise or not.

Some municipalities take the approach of advertising for all Board and Committee appointments, and previous appointees are welcome to put their name forward once again.

Report ADM-2022-068 – “Staff are recommending that Council tentatively select a Councillor for the Halton Conservation Authority Board as a back-up in the event that the Minister does not grant the exemption.”

Would it be possible to find out where and how often these board meetings take place in order to determine if the schedule works within availability of council members.

HALTON CONSERVAION AUTHORITY



BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023 DRAFT MEETING SCHEDULE

Location: 2596 Britannia Road, Burlington Ontario

Thursday	Time	Meeting
February 2	12:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Board Orientation (in person)
February 16	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Board/Inaugural (in person)
March 23	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Governance & Risk (virtual)
	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Board (virtual)
April 6	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Finance & Audit (virtual)
April 20	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Board/AGM (in person)
May 18	TBC	Board Tour
June 8	9:30. – 11:00 a.m.	Finance & Audit (virtual)
June 22	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Board (virtual)
September 21	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Board (in person)
October 5	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Finance & Audit (virtual)
October 19	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Board (in person)
November 9	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Governance & Risk (virtual)
November 16	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	CEO Compensation Committee (virtual)
November 23	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Board (virtual)

As currently posted on the Halton Conservation Authority Website

10.2 Stephen Foti Regarding Maple Leaf Lane – Recreational Grounds



How large is this property?

The 2 properties combined are approximately 27 acres or 11 hectares

What are the permitted uses of this land? Would a building be possible and if so is the seller indicating they would impose a condition in the sale agreement that the property only be used for recreational fields? What about access to the road and parking?

NE Zone Standards:

No person shall, within any NE Zone, use any lot or erect, alter or use any building or structure except in accordance with the following provisions:

- a. No alteration or disturbance to watercourses or to municipal drains associated with open watercourses shall be permitted without the approval of the Township in consultation with the Conservation Authority having jurisdiction in the area.*
- b. For the purposes of this By-law, a boat house is an accessory building subject to the provisions of Section 4.4.*
- c. An active or passive recreational use shall meet the required yard and lot coverage provisions of the Open Space Zone.*

Required setbacks from the Natural Environment zone are contained within the General Provisions of this By-law.

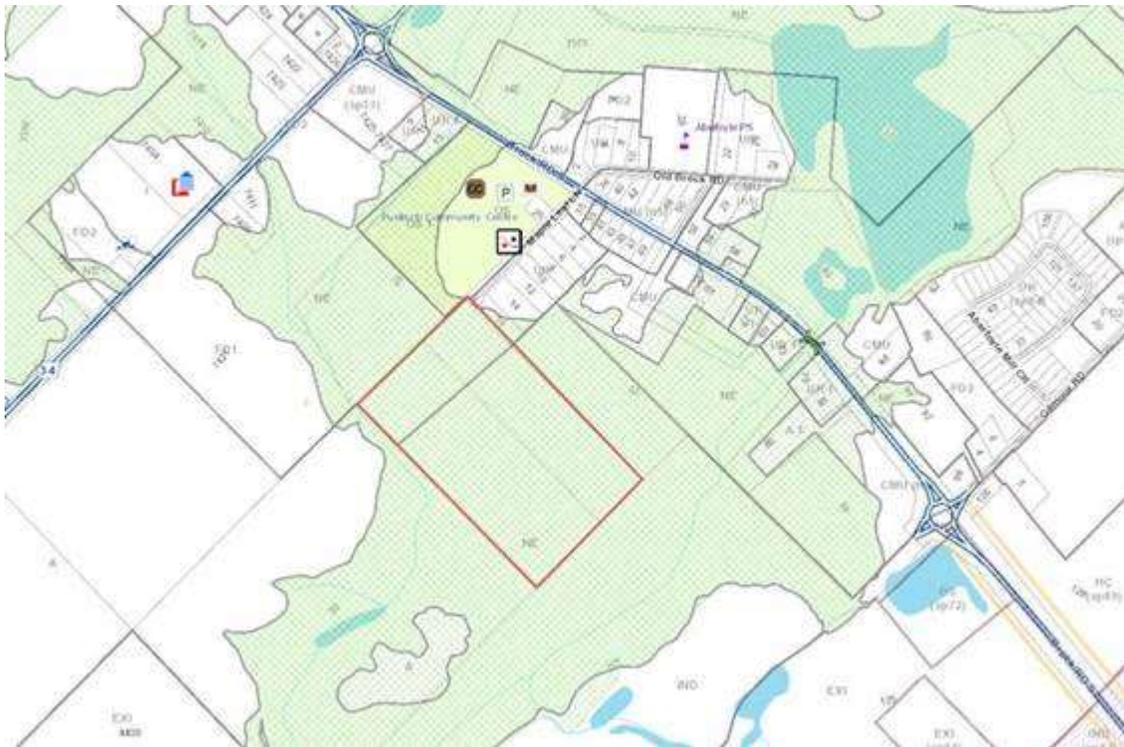
Permitted Uses include:

- 1. Agricultural use:*
 - a. the growing of crops, including nursery, biomass, and horticultural crops; raising of livestock; raising of other animals for food, fur or fibre, including: horses (including the accessory training and/or riding of boarded horses); poultry and fish; aquaculture; apiaries; agro-forestry; maple syrup production; and associated on-farm buildings and structures and accessory uses, buildings, and structures, including an accessory outdoor storage area.*
- 2. Boat House, boat dock*
- 3. Conservation use:*
 - a. an area of land that is generally left in its natural state and which is used for any combination of preservation, protection, or improvement of components of the natural heritage system or other lands for the benefit of man and the natural environment and which may include, as an accessory use, passive recreational uses (such as hiking trails and cross country ski trails), and buildings and structures (such as nature interpretation centres and public information centres).*
- 4. Public Park:*
 - a. any area of land under the jurisdiction of a public authority that is designed and/or maintained for active or passive recreational purposes and may include municipal parks and playgrounds, campgrounds, open spaces, golf courses,*



swimming pools, tennis courts, bowling greens, arenas, boating facilities, sports fields, and ancillary retail uses.

There does not appear to be dedicated parking for this property as it is currently vacant land. The property is fully regulated by the GRCA as wetland and floodplain. It is unknown at this time what uses (including a parking area) would be permitted by the GRCA.



Is this property currently open flat greenspace or is it completely wooded area or swampy?
The properties consists of an open field and forested area. Both properties are zoned NE and regulated by the GRCA for hazards including both wetland features and floodplain.



What is meant by “financial partner” indicated in the letter?

No additional information has been provided to the Township. Unfortunately staff cannot provide a response at this time. To properly evaluate this, the Township would require a business plan, conceptual plan, operating plan, etc.

Has there been any indication as to what the selling price for this property might be?

No formal confirmation of price has been made available however staff has heard indications that the sale price is in excess of \$2 million.

Are staff aware of any other factors related to this property that would be important for council to know?

Staff respectfully offers the following comments for Council’s consideration:



- *The Township has other large scale expenditures to concentrate on for the next couple of years and trying to obtain more greenspace cannot be accommodated in the current Asset Management forecasts and would also deplete our Parkland dedication reserves completely. There is also the ongoing concern that current maintenance resources are stretched and would have trouble with any new additions to our schedule.*
- *There is currently no parking available. The entrance would have to be constructed. The current property is a combination of some open fields, wetland and some hardwood bush. It appears that there would be a tremendous amount of work and finances required to be allocated for this property to resemble any type of sports fields.*
- *Based on the information available it appears that the request for a rugby facility stems from a team from Guelph. The Asset Management Fund of the Township is currently not yet fully funded to provide for existing facilities and existing infrastructure. Adding new facilities and infrastructure at new properties will result in the need for significant budget increases.*
- *The Township has not received other requests for rugby facilities. Rugby has not been identified as a common activity in Puslinch that requires an investment of this magnitude.*

What is staff's opinion of this suggestion from the point of view of usability of the land for recreation facilities?

- *Much more detailed information would be necessary to make this determination as it appears that the majority of land is protected or within the floodplain and as such may not be considered for approval by the GRCA.*
- *While legislation permits a municipality to utilize the Cash in Lieu of Parkland Restricted Reserve to fund the purchase of this land including any future rehabilitation costs associated with having the land ready for its intended use, the current and projected balances in this reserve are nowhere near the level required to fund a new facility and project of this scope.*
- *As outlined in Report FIN-2022-035, the Cash in Lieu of Parkland Restricted Reserve is proposed to be utilized over the forecast period to fund a number of parks and recreation projects. Also, any asset replacement projects that are permitted to be funded by this restricted reserve are currently noted as being funded by it.*
- *Based on the 2023 Capital budget and Forecast, the estimated balances in the Cash in Lieu of Parkland Restricted Reserve are as outlined below:*

2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
\$427,683	\$155,683	\$106,183	\$126,549	\$162,049	\$39,742	\$25,242	\$65,742	\$101,242	\$141,742



- *In addition to the up-front capital costs, there would also be significant operating costs that would impact the operating tax levy if the Township were to purchase and build on this land.*

10.4 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Regarding Permits to Take Water in the Township of Puslinch and Council Resolution No. 2022-175

-will move that letter be referred to our Hydrogeologist and Source Water Risk Manager Kyle Davis for a joint response

Staff will have a motion prepared