

MINUTES

DATE: April 8, 2020

SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING: 2:15 P.M.

The April 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 2:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Aberfoyle.

ROLL CALL

1. ATTENDANCE:

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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

7. REPORTS:

1. Finance Department

- (a) FIN-2020- 013 - Draft Community Benefits Charge Regulations - Bill 108

Resolution No. 2020-097:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Report FIN-2020-013 regarding the Draft Community Benefits Charge Regulations – Bill 108 be received; and

That Council receives the correspondence from Watson & Associates dated March 18, 2020 and the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario dated March 30, 2020 with respect to Proposed Regulatory Matters Pertaining to Community Benefits Authority under the Planning Act, the Development Charges Act, and the Building Code Act attached as Schedule A and Schedule B to Report FIN-2020-013 respectively; and

That Council supports the comments outlined in the correspondence from Watson & Associates and Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario attached as Schedule A and Schedule B to Report FIN-2020-013 respectively; and

That Council supports a transition date of the later of 2 years after the date the proposed regulation comes into effect or the expiration of the Township's Development Charges By-law; and

That Council supports a more fulsome consultation with the province on the following matters prior to the new regulation coming into effect:

- How the prescribed maximum Community Benefits Charge payable percentages are adequate to ensure revenue neutrality for the wide array of diverse municipalities in Ontario.
- How land value is to be determined (ie. fixed value for the entire Township prepared by an independent third party appraiser or is it determined for each property with the cost borne by the property owner).

- Whether projects funded by development charges can continue to also be funded by cash in lieu of parkland funds raised in accordance with Section 42 and 51.1 of the Planning Act.
- Whether Section 42(15) of the Planning Act will continue to provide the breadth of eligible services in which cash in lieu of parkland can be funded for; and

That Council supports the comments outlined in Report FIN-2020-013; and

That staff forward a copy of this resolution and Report FIN-2020-013 to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

CARRIED

(a) FIN-2020-014 - Property Tax Relief Related to COVID-19

Resolution No. 2020-098:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

That Report FIN-2020-014 regarding Property Tax Relief Related to COVID-19 be received; and

That the 2020 Interim Tax Levy By-law No. 001-2020 be amended such that penalties and interest on 2020 unpaid taxes are not imposed on May 1, 2020 and June 1, 2020; and

That Council authorize the Director of Finance/Treasurer to waive non-sufficient fund fees of \$40 as a financial relief measure due to COVID-19.

CARRIED

2. Mayor's Updates

- (a) Green Legacy Tree day is cancelled for 2020. The County will be providing further information on how trees will be delivered.
- (b) There is a meeting scheduled with the MTO for April 2, 2020
- (c) Mayor Seeley gave an update on the meetings held with Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
- (d) Mayor Seeley gave an update on the Keep Well Program being offered by the County of Wellington to local businesses.

8. MUNICIPAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (a) Councillor Sepulis gave an update on the High Speed Internet Committee. A Facebook page called "Puslinch High Speed" has been established where a survey will be available for residents to gauge the internet service being provided during the COVID-19 pandemic.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

10. BY-LAWS:

- (a) BL2020-020 - Amend 2020 Interim Tax Levy By-law

Resolution No. 2020-099:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

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

- (a) BL2020-020 A by-law to amend the 2020 Interim Tax Levy By-law No. 001-2020



CARRIED

11. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

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

Resolution No. 2020-100: Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

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

By-Law 2020-021 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch at its meeting held on the 8 day of April 2020.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution No. 2020-101: Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council hereby adjourns at 2:53 p.m.

CARRIED

James Seeley, Mayor

Glenn Schwendinger, CAO/Clerk