



## MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017

**CLOSED MEETING:** 12:30 P.M.

**REGULAR MEETING:** 1:00 P.M.

The October 4, 2017 Regular Council Meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Aberfoyle.

### 1. ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Dennis Lever  
Councillor Matthew Bulmer  
Councillor Susan Fielding  
Councillor Ken Roth  
Councillor John Sepulis

### STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Karen Landry, CAO/Clerk  
Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer  
Don Creed, Director of Public Works and Parks  
Kelly Patzer, Development & Legislative Coordinator

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bev Wozniak  
Patrick Puccini  
Fred Leech  
Sabina Merey, MTO  
Doug Smith  
Kathy White  
Blain & Joanne Caldwell

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

None

### 3. CLOSED MEETING

Council was in closed session from 12:31 p.m. to 12:43 p.m.  
Council recessed from 12:44 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Resolution No. 2017- 328:** Moved by Councillor Roth and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

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

- (a) **Confidential Verbal Report from Karen Landry, CAO/Clerk regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees- Employee matters.**

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2017- 329:** Moved by Councillor Bulmer and  
Seconded by Councillor Roth

**THAT Council move into open session.**

**CARRIED**

Council resumed into open session at 1 p.m.



**Resolution No. 2017 - 330:** Moved by Councillor Roth and  
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

**That Council receives the:**

- (a) **Confidential Verbal Report from Karen Landry, CAO/Clerk regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees- Employee matters.**

**CARRIED**

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

- (a) Council Meeting – September 20, 2017
- (b) Closed Council Meeting – September 20, 2017

**Resolution No. 2017- 331:** Moved by Councillor Bulmer and  
Seconded by Councillor Roth

**That the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as written and distributed:**

- (a) **Council Meeting – September 20, 2017, as amended**
- (b) **Closed Council Meeting – September 20, 2017**

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

None

**6. PUBLIC MEETINGS:**

- (a) Public Information Meeting - Regarding the proposed Township Zoning By-law Amendment and the County of Wellington Official Plan Amendment for land known as Rear Lot 24, Concession 1, municipally known as 7115 Concession 2 – The University of Guelph.

\*note this Public Information Meeting will be held on Thursday, October, 19 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex – 7404 Wellington Rd. 34, Puslinch

**7. COMMUNICATIONS:**

- (1) Parking on Victoria Street in Morriston
  - a. Correspondence from Tracy Kainz

**Resolution No. 2017- 332:** Moved by Councillor Roth and  
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

**THAT Council receive Correspondence from Tracy Kainz with regards to parking on Victoria Street in Morriston;**

**That no parking signs be installed on the east side of Victoria Street; and**

**That staff bring forward a By-law to prohibit parking on the east side of Victoria Street; and**

**That a copy of the By-law be forwarded to the OPP.**

**CARRIED**

- (2) Nominee to Lake Erie Source Protection Committee
  - a. Correspondence from the Grand River Conservation Authority

**Resolution No. 2017- 333:** Moved by Councillor Fielding and  
Seconded by Councillor Roth



**THAT Council receive correspondence from the Grand River Conservation Authority dated July 25, 2017 regarding Lake Erie Source Protection Committee Municipal Member; and**

**That Council nominate Councillor Sepulis.**

**CARRIED**

(3) Evaluations of Permits to Take Water

a. Correspondence from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

This matter is to be included on the next agenda for Council to indicate which property they would like to file an FOI application on.

(4) Transportation and Environmental Services/Water Services Minutes

a. Correspondence from the Region of Waterloo

(5) Intergovernmental Affairs

a. Various correspondence for review.

**Resolution No. 2017- 334:** Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Fielding

**Whereas the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) is concerned about changes to the *Ambulance Act* and the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*, which are set to be tabled at Queen's Park in the fall; and**

**Whereas the proposed changes will download costs to a municipality;**

**Whereas Council for the Township shares the concerns expressed by AMO regarding municipal labour and risk management issues;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch does not support the proposed changes for the use of the fire-medical model and the downloading of costs to municipalities; and**

**That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to AMO and Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington-Halton Hills.**

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2017- 335:** Moved by Councillor Bulmer and  
Seconded by Councillor Roth

**That the Intergovernmental Affairs correspondence items listed on the Council Agenda for the October 4, 2017 Council meeting be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**1:05 p.m.** – Sabina Merey, Senior Project Engineer, Peel Halton Section Planning and Design - Ministry of Transportation of Ontario with respect to Highway 401 North and South Halton Truck Inspection Stations. **≠**

**Resolution No. 2017- 336:** Moved by Councillor Roth and  
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

**That Council receive the presentation by Gregg Cooke of Stantec and Sabina Merey, Senior Project Engineer, Peel Halton Section Planning and Design - Ministry of Transportation of Ontario with respect to Highway 401 North and South Halton Truck Inspection Stations.**

**CARRIED**



**1:25 p.m.** – Chuck Organ and Patrick Puccini, representatives of The Ministry of Transportation with respect to the proposed Morriston Bypass.

**Resolution No. 2017- 337:** Moved by Councillor Bulmer and  
Seconded by Councillor Roth

**That Council receives the presentation by Chuck Organ and Patrick Puccini, representatives of The Ministry of Transportation with respect to the proposed Morriston Bypass.**

**CARRIED**

**1:45 p.m.** – Adam Barg, Project Manager, Stantec Consulting on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation Ontario with respect to the Watson Road Underpass construction – Noise Exemptions.

**Resolution No. 2017- 338:** Moved by Councillor Fielding and  
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

**That the request by Stantec Consulting on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation to amend resolution number 2017-316 to grant an exemption to the noise by-law for thirty (30) days rather than eight (8) days be referred back to staff for the purpose of contacting the impacted property owner(s) to obtain their input on the request.**

**CARRIED**

**8. REPORTS:**

**1. PUSLINCH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES**

None

**2. FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

(a) FIN-2017-030- Municipal Performance Measurement Program Report for 2016. ≠

**Resolution No. 2017- 339:** Moved by Councillor Fielding and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**THAT Council receives Report FIN-2017-030 the Municipal Performance Measurement Program Report for 2016;**

**And That staff publish the Municipal Performance Measurement Program Report for 2016 on the Township website.**

**CARRIED**

(b) Applications for Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Taxes re: Chapter 25, Section 357, 358 – Municipal Act

**Resolution No. 2017- 340:** Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Fielding

**That Council does hereby authorize the applications for Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Taxes chapter 25, section 357 or 358 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as follows:**

Year	Application #	Roll #	Write Off
2015	03/17	5-03975	-133.62
2016	04/17	5-03975	-279.27
2017	05/17	5-03975	-108.38
2016	01/17	3-07600	-287.77
2017	28/16	3-21700	-6894.94
2017	28/16	3-21600	0

**CARRIED**



**3. ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

(a) ADM-2017-038 - MPAC- 23 Brock Road Agreement.

**Resolution No. 2017- 341:** Moved by Councillor Fielding and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**That Report ADM-2017-038 regarding Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) – Request for Permission to Enter Lands Agreement – 23 Brock Road South – be received;**

**And That Council grant permission to MPAC for use of the lands for the purpose of parking two vehicle(s);**

**And That Council enact a By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an Agreement with MPAC for the purpose of parking two (2) vehicles at the Puslinch Community Centre as outlined in Report ADM-2017-038.**

**CARRIED**

(b) ADM-2017-039 - Chronology of Approval Process – Fall Fair – Aberfoyle Agricultural Society.

**Resolution No. 2017- 342:** Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Fielding

**THAT Council receive Report ADM-2017-039 regarding Chronology of Approval Process – Fall Fair – Aberfoyle Agricultural Society be received;**

**And That staff coordinate a meeting with representatives of the Aberfoyle Agricultural Society (AAS) to review and provide an outline and checklist including suggested timelines for the submission of the various applications and approvals associated with Fall Fair featured activities.**

**CARRIED**

**4. PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

None

**5. ROADS & PARKS DEPARTMENT**

None

**6. RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

None

**7. MAYOR'S UPDATES**

None

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION:**

(a) Provincial Growth Plan - Draft Prime Agricultural System

**Resolution No. 2017- 343:** Moved by Councillor Fielding and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**Whereas the Township of Puslinch recognizes the importance of protecting prime agriculture lands while maintaining a balanced approach to sustainable growth and economic development; and**

**Whereas the Township currently has limited opportunities for growth and economic development; and**



**Whereas Highway 401 is a major goods movement corridor and connects the Greater Toronto area, southwestern Ontario and USA, and is a corridor for trade and economic development; and**

**Whereas the Province has emphasized the importance of residential and employment corridors next to transportation and transit corridors;**

**Whereas the Township has identified rural employment areas located adjacent to or near Highway 401 and Highway 6; and**

**Whereas lands currently identified as rural employment areas adjacent to Highway 401 and Highway 6 should continue to be recognized and protected as future rural employment areas; and**

**Whereas lands currently not identified as rural employment areas adjacent to or near Highway 401 and Highway 6 should be appropriately designated to permit future employment uses over the long-term to optimize and ensure the long-term viability of economic development for the Township of Puslinch, the County of Wellington and the Province of Ontario; and**

**Whereas the proposed Provincial Growth Plan – Draft Agricultural Land Base jeopardizes long-term economic viability and prosperity of the Highway 401 and Highway 6 corridor; and**

**Whereas the Township supported a policy change in the County 5-Year Review Official Plan Amendment, approved by the province and subsequently the OMB in 2014, that increased the potential for residential severances on lands designated Secondary Agricultural Area. The extensive redesignation of Secondary Agricultural Areas to Prime Agricultural Areas would largely reverse this policy direction and would therefore be unfair to landowners and would pose a significant constraint to the Township's ability to meet its growth allocation pursuant to Places to Grow and the County Official Plan; and**

**Whereas lands currently identified as Secondary Agricultural, which contain existing aggregate operations below the water table that cannot be rehabilitated to agricultural, continue to be recognized as secondary agricultural lands; and**

**Whereas the proposed Agricultural Land Base negates the Township's ability for strategically planned balanced residential growth and economic development; and**

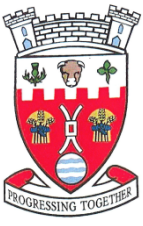
**Whereas Council understands that the Prime Agricultural Areas in Erin and Minto shown on the Ministry's web portal were revised after the staff report was prepared, Council remains concerned about the removal of Secondary Agricultural areas and maintains its position that an extension to the EBR commenting period is necessary to allow staff the opportunity to continue working with the Provincial ministries to address these concerns; and**

**Whereas Schedule A7 – Puslinch of the County of Wellington Official Plan and draft Growth Plan Agricultural Land Base map is attached as part of this resolution to reference and illustrate the impact;**

**Now therefore the Council for the Township of Puslinch hereby requests that the Minister extend the EBR commenting period to allow staff the opportunity to continue to work with the Provincial ministry to address concerns prior to approval regarding:**

- **the removal of Secondary Agricultural areas and impact of the extensive Prime Agricultural Area on residential severances, recreational lands and the Township's Rural Employment Area designations;**
- **mapping and coarse scale land classification methodology as it relates to small scale landscape changes in the Township; and**





**That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County of Wellington and MPP, Ted Arnott requesting support.**

**CARRIED**

(b) Provincial Growth Plan - Draft Natural Heritage System

**Resolution No. 2017- 344:** Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Fielding

**Whereas the Township of Puslinch recognizes the importance of protecting its key natural environmental features while maintaining a balanced approach to sustainable growth and economic development; and**

**Whereas the Township currently has limited opportunities for growth and economic development; and**

**Whereas Highway 401 is a major goods movement corridor and connects the Greater Toronto area, southwestern Ontario and USA and is a corridor for trade and economic development; and**

**Whereas the Province has emphasized the importance of residential and employment corridors next to transportation and transit corridors;**

**Whereas the proposed Natural Heritage System outside the Greenbelt abuts approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Highway 401 corridor and should be reduced in areas located adjacent to and near to Highway 401 and Highway 6 in light of the critical role of the Highway 401 Corridor in meeting the needs for goods movement and transit in the Province and the long term importance of the Highway 401 corridor for economic development in the Township and the County of Wellington; and**

**Whereas there should be a transitional core area to provide a transition in the non-Greenbelt part of the Township from the 500 ha core areas in the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System to the 100 ha core areas in the remainder of the County;**

**Whereas lands with existing Recreational and Country Residential Official Plan Designations are requested to be excluded from the proposed Natural Heritage System, in similar fashion to Urban Centre and Hamlet settlement areas that are already excluded;**

**Whereas the Province has emphasized the importance of residential and employment corridors next to transportation and transit corridors;**

**Whereas the proposed policy changes negate the Township's ability for strategically planned balanced growth and economic development; and**

**Whereas Schedule A7 – Puslinch of the County of Wellington Official Plan and draft Growth Plan Natural Heritage System map is attached as part of this resolution to reference and illustrate the impact;**

**Now therefore the Council for the Township of Puslinch hereby requests that the Minister to extend the EBR commenting period to allow staff the opportunity to continue to work with the Provincial ministry to address concerns prior to approval regarding a transitional core area to provide a transition in the non-Greenbelt part of the Township from the 500 ha core areas in the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System to the 100 ha core areas in the remainder of the County;**

**That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County of Wellington and MPP, Ted Arnott requesting support.**

**CARRIED**



**Resolution No. 2017- 345:** Moved by Councillor Fielding and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**That the Township of Puslinch resolutions regarding Provincial Growth Plan – Draft Natural Heritage System and Provincial Growth Plan – Draft Prime Agricultural System be sent to all Ontario municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe Growth Plan Area requesting support.**

**CARRIED**

**10. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- (a) Recreation Committee Minutes – July 19, 2017
- (b) Public Meeting Site Plan Control Minutes – September 21, 2017
- (c) Public Meeting User Fees Minutes – September 21, 2017

**Resolution No. 2017- 346:** Moved by Councillor Fielding and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**THAT Council receives the following Committee Minutes:**

- (a) Recreation Committee Minutes – July 19, 2017
- (b) Public Meeting Site Plan Control Minutes – September 21, 2017
- (c) Public Meeting User Fees Minutes – September 21, 2017

**CARRIED**

**11. MUNICIPAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**13. BY-LAWS:**

**14. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

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

**Resolution No. 2017- 347:** Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Fielding

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

**By-Law 065-2017 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch at its meeting held on the 4th day of October 2017.**

**CARRIED ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution No. 2017- 348:** Moved by Councillor Fielding and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**That Council hereby adjourns at 2:52 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Dennis Lever, Mayor

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Karen Landry, CAO/Clerk