



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
OCTOBER 9, 2024 PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING BY ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION
& IN-PERSON AT 7404 WELLINGTON RD 34

MINUTES

DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2024

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

The October 9, 2024 Public Information Meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 7:00 p.m. via electronic participation and in-person at 7404 Wellington Rd 34, Puslinch.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

ATTENDANCE:

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

CAO, Glenn Schwendinger – Absent
Interim CAO, Courtenay Hoytfox
Director of Finance/Treasurer, Mary Hasan
Interim Municipal Clerk, Justine Brotherston
Director of Public Works, Mike Fowler
Chief Building Official, Andrew Hartholt
Interim Fire Chief, Brad Churchill
Interim Deputy Clerk, Sarah Huether

3. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

4. PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated the purpose of this Public Meeting is to inform and provide the public with the opportunity to ask questions, or to express views with respect to the proposed User Fees and Charges By-law. The Councillors are here to observe and listen to your comments; however, they will not make any decisions this evening.

The Township requests that you notify by email Mary Hasan at mhasan@puslinch.ca or by phone at 519-763-1226 ext. 222 if you wish to be on record regarding this matter.

Please note the meeting is video and audio recorded and all meetings are uploaded to the municipality's YouTube page. By attending this meeting in person or by registering to participate in the meeting by electronic means, you are consenting to have your likeness and comments recorded and posted on YouTube.

The format of this Public Meeting is as follows:

- Township staff will present the purpose and details of the Public Meeting and any further relevant information.
- Following this, the public can obtain clarification, ask questions and express their views on the proposal.
- Members of the public are permitted 10 minutes each to ask questions and express their views. This time limit is imposed to provide each member of the public an opportunity to speak.

- Council will then have an opportunity to ask any clarification questions

Staff will attempt to answer questions or respond to concerns this evening. If this is not possible, staff will follow up and obtain this information. Responses will be provided when this matter is brought forward and evaluated by Council at a later date.

5. PROPOSED 2024 USER FEES AND CHARGES BY-LAW PRESENTATION

Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer for the Township presented the following information:

- Where do Township revenues come from?
- Why do we collect user fees?
- What changes are being proposed for 2024?
- Benching marking analysis
- Engagement opportunities
- Feedback from the public.

The Chair, requested if there was anyone in attendance that wished to express their views on the proposed 2024 User Fees and Charges By-law.

The Chair, requested if there were anyone clarification questions from Council the proposed 2024 User Fees and Charges By-law.

Councillor Bailey: I had a question, or maybe a comment I had a member of the public ask when we were doing comparable rates for the Tennis Courts, the question was whether we had compared outdoor to outdoor courts or if indoor courts have been included in the comparison. I do not need the answer right now but moving forward.

Director of Finance/Treasurer: I believe we established the tennis court rate a couple of years ago. I believe it was mostly outdoor courts, but I believe Ms. Hoytfox it was your team who looked at the comparator and boundary municipalities perhaps. Would you remember or recall.

CAO: I do not recall but we can bring that back and look into it.

Councillor Bailey: The second was a very similar question and it was just how the ball diamond rates were established. When we look at municipalities near by they often have hard ball diamonds and I understand they are built slightly different and I wanted to know if we are comparing softball to softball and hardball to hardball and if that matters and if there is a differences and if you can let me know at a future date.

Director of Finance/Treasurer: We do charge the same fee for our various baseball diamonds we do not differentiate between those types of ball diamonds but when we were looking at comparators and boundary municipalities, we did look at comparable ball diamonds.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared Public Meeting closed and stated Council will take no action on this matter tonight. Staff will be reporting at a later date with a recommendation for Council's consideration.

If you wish to receive further notification on this matter, notify by email Mary Hasan at mhasan@puslinch.ca or by phone at 519-763-1226 ext. 222. Only those persons who leave their names will be provided further notification. If you wish to speak to the matter when it is brought before Council in the future, you must register as a delegation with the Township Clerk prior to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.