



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
APRIL 10, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING BY ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION
& IN-PERSON AT 7404 WELLINGTON RD 34, PUSLINCH

MINUTES

DATE: April 10, 2024

CLOSED MEETING: Directly following section 13
Announcements

COUNCIL MEETING: 10:00 A.M.

The April 10, 2024 Council Meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 10:15 a.m. via electronic participation and in-person at 7404 Wellington Rd 34, 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, Interim CAO
- 5. Justine Brotherston, Interim Clerk
- 6. Sarah Huether, Interim Deputy Clerk

3. **MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2024-120:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That Council approves the April 10, 2024 Agenda and Addendum as circulated; and

That Council approves the additions to the agenda as follows:

Consent Item 6.14 Questions received from Council seeking additional information and the corresponding responses provided by staff regarding the April 10, 2024 Council agenda; and

That Council approve the addition of the confidential item 14.3 Confidential Verbal Report regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board – potential OLT appeal.

CARRIED

5. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:**

Councillor Bailey declared a potential pecuniary interest related to item 9.6.2 REC-2024-002 Concession Stand at Old Morriston Baseball Diamond, as I am a member of the Puslinch Minor Ball board of directors and will refrain from discussion and voting with respect to this item.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

6.1 Adoption and Receipt of the Minutes of the Previous Council and Committee Meetings:

6.1.1 March 20, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes



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- 6.1.2 February 13, 2024 Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes
- 6.1.3 February 13, 2024 Planning and Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
- 6.1.4 April 10, 2024 Council questions and Staff Responses

- 6.2 Heritage Advisory Committee Resolution 2024-017 Regarding Report HER-2024-009 Designating Properties Delisted from Heritage Register on January 1, 2025
- 6.3 Grand River Conservation Authority Summary of the General Membership Meeting – March 22, 2024
- 6.4 Grand River Conservation Authority Legislative and Regulatory Changes Affecting GRCA Development Permitting – Effective April 1, 2024
- 6.5 Hamilton Conservation Authority Legislative and Regulatory Changes Affecting HCA’s Development Permitting - Effective April 1, 2024
- 6.6 Town of Bracebridge Resolution of Support for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework
- 6.7 Letter from Ministry of Transportation regarding Licence Plate Renewal
- 6.8 Letter from MPP Ted Arnott in Support of Township of Puslinch Resolution 2024-072, Bill 165 Keeping Energy Costs Down, 2024
- 6.9 Letter from Fondation Émergence Requesting Support for International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (May 17)
- 6.10 Town of Aurora Resolution regarding Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding with School Boards for Evening and Weekend Gym Use
- 6.11 Letter from Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding Comprehensive Environmental Assessment Projects Regulation and other Regulations
- 6.12 Loyalist Township Resolution regarding Budgetary Pressure Relating to Infrastructure Development, Maintenance and Repairs
- 6.13 Town of Cobourg Council Resolution to Request an Amendment of Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act
- 6.14 Township of Amaranth Resolution regarding Operational Budget Funding
- 6.15 AMO Policy Update – 2024 Ontario Budget and National Housing Strategy Funding
- 6.16 Former Senior Managers of Public Health Ontario - Letter of Concern regarding Closure of Regional PHO Lab
- 6.17 Town of Whitby Resolution regarding Ontario Energy Board's Decision to end the Gas Pipeline Subsidy
- 6.18 Township of Adelaide Metcalfe Resolution regarding Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit
- 6.19 Township of Clearview Resolution regarding Endorsement of Bill C-63, The online Harms Act currently in front of Parliament
- 6.20 Township of Shelburn Resolution to Eradicate All Forms of Racism, Especially Islamophobia and Antisemitism
- 6.21 Conservation Halton report regarding Advancing Natural Asset Management Practices in the Grindstone Creek Watershed
- 6.22 Chartered Professional Accountants Canada report regarding Valuing natural capital - is it on your radar

Resolution No. 2024-121: Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda items listed for APRIL 10, 2024 with the exception of items 6.13, 6.14, 6.21 Council meeting be received for information.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-122: Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda item 6.21 be received for information; and

That Council direct staff to connect with NAI and the conservation authorities and bring back an information report on Natural Asset Planning for Council’s consideration including potential funding options; and



That Council’s resolution, and the corresponding consent items, be sent to HCA and GRCA for information.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-123:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.13 be received for information; and

Whereas Council supports the resolution from the Town of Cobourg Council regarding a Request to Amend Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

That Council direct staff to forward a support resolution accordingly; and

That Council refer this consent item to the Heritage Advisory Committee for its information.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-124:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda item 6.14 be received for information; and

Whereas Council supports the resolution from the Township of Amaranth regarding Operational Budget Funding;

That Council direct staff to forward a support resolution accordingly; and further

That the resolution be forwarded to the County Warden Lennox for information.

CARRIED

7. DELEGATIONS:

(a) Specific Interest (Items Listed on the Meeting Agenda)

7.1.1 None

7.2 General Interest (Items Not Previously Listed on the Meeting Agenda)

7.2.1 None

8. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

None

9. REPORTS:

9.1 Puslinch Fire and Rescue Services

9.1.1 Deferred to future Council Meeting - 9.1.1 Report FIR-2024-003 - The Canadian Red Cross Society Training Partnership Agreement

9.2 Finance Department

9.2.1 Report FIN-2024-008 - Temporary Borrowing By-law

Resolution No. 2024-125:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

THAT Report FIN-2024-008 entitled 2024 Temporary Borrowing By-law be received; and

THAT Council give 3 readings to By-law No. 2024-032 being a by-law authorizing external temporary borrowings of \$1,500,000 in 2024.



CARRIED

9.3 Administration Department

9.3.1 Report ADM-2024-020 Repeal and Replace of Township Noise By-law

Resolution No. 2024-126: Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

**That Report ADM-2024-020 entitled Repeal and Replace of Township Noise By-law be received;
And**

**That Council give three readings to By-law 6001-24 being a by-law to regulate, prohibit and
otherwise control noise in the Township of Puslinch and to repeal by-law 5001-05.**

CARRIED

9.3.2 Report ADM-2024-021 2024 Proposed 2024 Corporate Work plan

Resolution No. 2024-127: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

THAT Report ADM-2024-021 regarding the Proposed 2024 Corporate Work Plan be received; and

**THAT the Township of Puslinch Council directs staff to proceed with finalizing the document as
presented and report back to Council regarding the progress throughout the year; and**

**That Council direct staff to include the County Road Diet through Aberfoyle on the
2025 Proposed Corporate Work Plan subject to confirmation from the County on the status of
this work.**

CARRIED

9.3.3 Report ADM-2024-022 Heritage Advisory Committee 2022-2026 Goals and Objectives
Update

Resolution No. 2024-128: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

**That Report ADM-2024-022 entitled Heritage Advisory Committee 2022-2026 Goals and
Objectives Update be received for information; and,**

**That Council approve the addition of 2025 Priority Properties as a Heritage Advisory Committee
goal and objective as presented.**

CARRIED

9.3.4 Report ADM-2024-023 Launch of Puslinch Community Guide & Business directory and
associated programs

Resolution No. 2024-129: Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

**That Report ADM-2024-023 entitled Launch of Puslinch Community Guide & Business Directory
and associated programs be received for information.**

CARRIED



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Council recessed from 11:40pm to 12:10pm

Roll Call

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

9.3.5 Report ADM-2024-024 First Reading Repeal and Replacement of Township Sign By-law

Resolution No. 2024-130: Moved by Councillor Hurst and
 Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

THAT Report ADM-2024-024 First Reading Repeal and Replacement of Township Sign By-law be received for information; and

That Council direct staff to report back with on the revisions and recommendations made by Council at a future meeting.

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 Report REC-2024-001- Roller Skating at the ORC Final Pilot Program

Resolution No. 2024-131: Moved by Councillor Bailey and
 Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Report REC-2024-001 entitled Roller Skating Free Drop-in Time at the ORC Rink – Final Pilot Program Results be received; and

That the following free drop in schedule at the ORC Rink continue to remain in place:

Month	Tuesday - Inline Shinny	Thursday - Roller-skating	Sunday - Roller-skating
May to June and September to November – weather dependent	3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
July and August	11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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9.7.2 Report REC-2024-002 - Concession Stand at Old Morriston Baseball

Resolution No. 2024-132: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Report REC-2024-002 entitled Concession Stand at Old Morriston Baseball Diamond be received; and

That Council direct staff to permit the use of the Concession Stands with the rental of the field at no additional cost;

That staff be requested to contact Puslinch Minor Ball regarding whether Puslinch Minor Ball is willing to donate the fridge to the Township for the use of all renters.

CARRIED

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

10.1 2023 Puslinch Pit Expansion (625710) Ground Water Monitoring Report and Peer Review

Resolution No. 2024-133: Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That correspondence item 10.1 regarding the 2023 Puslinch Pit Expansion (625710) Ground Water Monitoring Report and Peer Review be received for information.

CARRIED

10.2 Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee recommendation Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing

Resolution No. 2024-134: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That correspondence item 10.2 regarding the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee recommendation Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing be received for information; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch in receipt of the February 26, 2024 letter from the Ausable Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee (via the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee Meeting of March 28, 2024) to Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs concerned Public Health Ontario’s recommended phase out of free well water testing; and

Whereas the residents of the Township does not have access to a municipal water supply and rely exclusively on well water; and

Whereas the phasing of free well water testing will impose an additional barrier to ensuring safe drinking water when it is already difficult to encourage residents to test their water;

Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch supports the letter from the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee to Minister Lisa Thompson and requests staff to



Send a similar letter of concern Minister Lisa Thompson, Honourable Sylvia Jones Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Honourable Andrea Khanjin Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Municipalities, AMO, Hon. Ted Arnott, and MPP Rae.

CARRIED

10.3 County of Wellington Committee Report regarding 2023 Residential Development Monitoring

Resolution No. 2024-135: Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That correspondence item 10.3 regarding the County of Wellington Committee Report regarding 2023 Residential Development Monitoring be received for information.

CARRIED

10.4 ERO Posting 019-8428 - CBM Aggregates

Resolution No. 2024-136: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That correspondence item 10.4 regarding the ERO Posting 019-8428 - CBM Aggregates be received for information; and

That Council direct staff to provide the Township objection letter to Council for consideration at a May 1, 2024 meeting in order to meet the timeline to submit comments; and

That Council direct staff, should time permit that the Township objection letter and supporting technical review be forwarded to the County Planning Committee for its May 16, 2024 meeting.

CARRIED

11. COUNCIL REPORTS:

11.1 Mayor' Updates

11.1.1 Mayor Seeley gave an update on the upcoming meeting with the MTO regarding the Highway 6 upgrade requests.

11.1.2 Mayor Seeley provided an update regarding the meeting with the MOF related to the assessment of aggregate lands and the potential for a new tax class.

11.1.3 Mayor Seeley provided an update that Caledon has tentatively supported the TAPMO request for funding for an Executive Director position.

11.1.4 Mayor Seeley gave an update that the Director of Public works and himself attended a site meeting with the Ag Society at the PCC regarding the annual Fall Fair. There is an additional meeting in April to discuss the fall fair programming.

11.2 Council Member Reports

11.2.1 Councillor Bailey gave an update on the Conservation Halton CEO vacancy and the upcoming recruitment for the position.

11.2.2 Councillor Goyda gave an update that the Rec Committee Engagement Survey launches on Engage Puslinch. This will include written surveys at the Optimist Fish Fry.

11.2.3 Councillor Sepulis provided an update on the Puslinch High Speed Internet Committee and the recent meetings that have taken place with Rogers, Standard Broadband, and SWIFT.

11.2.4 Councillor Hurst made note that the Township Clean-up day is scheduled for May 4, 2024.

Resolution No. 2024-137: Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

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

CARRIED

12. BY-LAWS:



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12.1.1 BL2024-032 – Being a by-law to authorize Temporary Borrowing of funds to meet current expenditures of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

12.1.2 BL6001-24 – Being a By-law to regulate, prohibit and otherwise control noise in the Township of Puslinch and to repeal by-law 5001-05

Resolution No. 2024-138:

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 BL2024-032 – Being a by-law to authorize Temporary Borrowing of funds to meet current expenditures of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

12.1.2 BL6001-24 – Being a By-law to regulate, prohibit and otherwise control noise in the Township of Puslinch and to repeal by-law 5001-05

CARRIED

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

13.1 Councillor Bailey mentioned the upcoming Bike Rodeo on May 11, 2024 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm

14. CLOSED SESSION:

Council was in closed session from 1:46 p.m. to 2:33 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. 2024-139:

Moved by Councillor Hurst 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 prepared by staff regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Senior of the Year Nominations

14.2 Confidential minutes from previous closed meetings:

14.2.1 January 10, 2024 First Closed Meeting Minutes

14.2.2 January 17, 2024 First Closed Meeting Minutes

14.2.3 January 24, 2024 First Closed Meeting Minutes

14.2.4 February 7, 2024 First Closed Meeting Minutes

14.2.5 February 20, 2024 First Closed Meeting Minutes

14.2.6 February 28, 2024 First Closed Meeting Minutes

14.2.7 March 20, 2024 First Closed Meeting Minutes

14.3 Confidential Verbal Report regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board – potential OLT appeal.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-140:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

THAT Council moves into open session at 2:33 pm

CARRIED

Council resumed into open session at 2:33 p.m.



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Resolution No. 2024-141:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Council receives the:

14.1 Confidential report prepared by staff regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Senior of the Year Nominations

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14.3 Confidential Verbal Report regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board – potential OLT appeal; and

That staff 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. 2024-142:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

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

By-Law 2024-034 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch at its meeting held on the 10 day of April 2024.

CARRIED

19. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution No. 2024-143:


Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis


That Council hereby adjourns at 2:34 p.m.

CARRIED



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James Seeley, Mayor

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