



August 27, 2025 Council Meeting

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Addition to the Agenda Questions received from Council seeking additional information and the corresponding responses provided by staff regarding the August 27, 2025 Council agenda items.

6.14 Township of Wellington North Council Resolution regarding Critical Ground - Why Soil is Essential Report

-would like to support with the following motion;

Whereas the Township of Puslinch is receipt of North Wellington's letter of July 21, 2025 to The Standing Senate Committee of Agriculture and Forestry wherein North Wellington's Council communicated their full support for a 2024 titled "Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic, Environmental, Human and Social Health";

Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch also fully supports all of the recommendations included in the Report; and

That a copy of this resolution by forwarded to

- The Standing Senate Committee of Agriculture and Forestry
- Senator Robert Black
- MP Michael Chong
- All municipalities within the County of Wellington
- Wellington Federation of Agriculture
- Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Staff will have a resolution prepared accordingly.

9.4.1 Report COR-2025-033 Reporting out from Council Direction Update

ADM-2025-008 Reporting Out Update

-do we have access to the MTO traffic counts?

Staff can request that MTO share the traffic counts. If Council can provide additional information for how this information will be used it would help to support the request for this data from the MTO.

-when is the meeting anticipated with MTO?

MTO and staff are seeking a meeting date in September.



2024 Mill Creek

Aggregate Water Monitoring Report and Peer Review & 2024 Ecological Monitoring Report

-who is responsible for removal of the beaver dam?

The property owner is responsible for removal of the beaver dam. In September 2025 Mayor Seeley contacted the GRCA regarding the beaver dam and advised that the dam is located on private property and that the property owner will not provide access. The Mayor also spoke with Dufferin Aggregates to see if there is potential to get access to the dam from their side and it would be very challenging. The GRCA does not look after the micro-flooding caused by a beaver dam and relocating beavers is not something they manage.

- re Technical Appendix C - 2024 Fisheries Report Mill Creek Pit; it is stated that

“WSP recommends a comprehensive habitat assessment be completed (i.e. mapping of habitat units, estimates of suitability for all life stages, etc.) to understand the current habitat structure of the reaches. The updated habitat assessment would determine if there are impacts to the reaches (i.e. sediment load, erosion, etc.) that could contribute to the habitat suitability for spawning and the general decline in the redd count observed over the last ten years. There may be some areas identified within the reaches that could benefit from rehabilitation (i.e., bank work, woody bank treatment, beaver dam removal, etc.) that could result in an increase in the productivity of Mill Creek.”; who should we ask to undertake this work? Would it be appropriate to pass this on to Friends of Mill Creek?

Staff recommend that the operator be provided with the information and opportunity to address the recommendations in the report. Staff can monitor the response from the operator and escalate to the MNR if not addressed in a timely manner.

9.4.2 Report COR-2025-034 Shooting Range Complaint Resolution Protocol ≠

-has the shooting club and public provided input?

The Shooting Club reviewed the protocol and provided input which has been incorporated into the draft. The Township notified the interested parties via email last week when the agenda was published and did not receive any public feedback at this time. The protocol will be presented to Council again with the 3rd reading of the by-law, so there is still opportunity for the public to submit comments prior to approval.

-to validate complaints and responses from shooting club is there consideration to provide remote noise monitoring?

Yes, staff are investigating noise monitoring tools including remote monitoring.