



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
AUGUST 26, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING BY ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION
& IN-PERSON AT 7404 WELLINGTON RD 34, PUSLINCH

MINUTES

DATE: August 26, 2026

CLOSED MEETING: Directly following Item 13.

Announcements

COUNCIL MEETING: 9:00 A.M.

The August 26, 2026 Council Meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 9:00 a.m. via electronic participation and in-person at 7404 Wellington Rd, 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. Courtenay Hoytfox, CAO
2. Justine Brotherston, Director of Corporate Services / Municipal Clerk
3. Laura Emery, Manager of Corporate Services / Deputy Clerk
4. Michael Chant, Fire Chief
5. Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer
6. Andrew Hartholt, CBO
7. Sarah Huether, Director of Community Services & Human Resources

3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution No. 2026-252:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That Council approves the August 26, 2026 Agenda and Addendum as circulated; and

That Council defer the presentation by Karen Medeiros regarding Wellington County OPP Detachment Board 2025 Annual Report to a future Council meeting; and

That Council approves the addition to the agenda as follows:



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Consent Item 6.1.6 Questions received from Council seeking additional information and the corresponding responses provided by staff regarding the August 26, 2026 Council agenda

CARRIED

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

Mayor Seeley declared a potential pecuniary interest related to item 14.4.2.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.1. Adoption and Receipt of the Minutes of the Previous Council and Committee Meetings
 - 6.1.1. July 15, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes
 - 6.1.2. July 14, 2026 Planning and Development Advisory Committee Minutes
 - 6.1.3. June 17, 2026 Public Information Meeting Minutes
 - 6.1.4. June 9, 2026 Committee of Adjustment Minutes
 - 6.1.5. June 9, 2026 Planning and Development Advisory Committee Minutes
 - 6.1.6. Questions received from Council seeking additional information and the corresponding responses provided by staff regarding the August 26, 2026 Council agenda
- 6.2. AMO Policy Update Property Tax Reassessment, National Housing Strategy Renewal, Provincial Data Centre Playbook
- 6.3. Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency regarding Conservation Authority Transition Committee Members
- 6.4. Hamilton Conservation Authority acquires more than 200 acres of provincially significant natural lands
- 6.5. South Huron Support Resolution regarding Heads and Beds Payment in-lieu of Taxes Program
- 6.6. Township of Alnwick Haldimand Council Resolution regarding Beacons of Light British Home Children & Child Migrants
- 6.7. Municipality of Central Manitoulin Support Resolution regarding Support for Ontario Health Care System
- 6.8. Municipality of Wawa Support Resolution regarding Support for Ontario Health Care System
- 6.9. Township of South-West Oxford Resolution regarding Request for Changes to the Pesticides Act
- 6.10. Huron OPP Detachment Board requesting Letter of Support for Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation Techniques
- 6.11. Municipality of Wawa Support Resolution regarding Traffic Calming and Speed Mitigation Initiatives
- 6.12. Township of Clearview Council Resolution regarding Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Initiatives
- 6.13. ERO 026-0312 Decision Proposed Changes to Support Standardizing of Parkland Requirements Under the Planning Act
- 6.14. July 2026 Monthly Monitoring Report - #5738
- 6.15. June 2026 Monthly Monitoring Report - #5738
- 6.16. May 7, 2026 County of Wellington Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes
- 6.17. TAPMO Newsletter July 2026



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Resolution No. 2026-253:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda items listed for August 26, 2026 Council meeting be received for information with the exception of 6.10, 6.11 ,6.12, and 6.17.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2026-254:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda items 6.10, 6.11, and 6.12 be received for information; and,

Whereas Council Supports the resolutions from the Huron OPP Detachment Board, Municipality of Wawa and Township of Clearview regarding Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation initiatives;

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2026-255:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.17 be received for information; and

Whereas the Aggregate Resources Act, R.S.O. (ARA) governs the licensing and regulation of aggregate pits and quarries in Ontario;

And Whereas the Planning Act and the Provincial Planning Statement establish the policy framework for land use planning in Ontario and recognize aggregate extraction as an interim land use, with defined expectations for progressive rehabilitation and ultimate transition to an appropriate end use;

And Whereas the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has provided written clarification confirming that where a licensed site's site plan expressly permits the importation of aggregate material from other licensed sites in Ontario:

- **such imported material may be brought to the site;**
- **such imported material does not count toward the site's annual licensed tonnage limit; and**
- **where processing and blending are permitted in the site plan, imported material may be processed or blended for the duration of the licence;**

And Whereas under the Ministry's current interpretation, imported aggregate material that is processed or blended is not currently subject to annual licensed tonnage limits or associated TOARC levy payments;

And Whereas this interpretation may enable a licensed site to function as an ongoing industrial processing and blending facility, including in circumstances where on-site extraction has ceased or is winding down;

And Whereas municipalities may experience increased truck traffic, road deterioration, noise, and dust impacts where processing and blending continue independent of extraction;

And Whereas such an outcome may not align with the planning principle that aggregate operations are intended to be interim land uses and may have implications for municipal land use planning, infrastructure management, environmental oversight, and long-term rehabilitation objectives;

And Whereas clarity and consistency between the implementation of the ARA and the provincial land use planning framework are essential to maintaining policy coherence and municipal planning certainty;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of Township of Puslinch respectfully requests that the MNR reconsider its current interpretation respecting the importation, processing, and lending of aggregate material under the ARA, particularly where such interpretation:

- **permits unlimited importation of aggregate material from other licensed sites;**
- **excludes imported and processed materials from annual licensed tonnage limits; and**
- **allows processing and blending activities to continue for the duration of the licence without regard to the interim nature of aggregate extraction contemplated under provincial planning policy; and,**

That the Province clarify how the interpretation and administration of the ARA will be aligned with the *Planning Act* and Provincial Planning Statement, including the recognition of aggregate extraction as an interim land use with defined rehabilitation and transition objectives;

That the Province provide guidance on how imported and processed aggregate materials are to be considered in relation to licensed tonnage limits, rehabilitation timelines, and the interim land use intent of aggregate operations;

That the Province consult with municipalities prior to finalizing any policy, regulatory, or interpretive direction related to importation, processing, blending, and tonnage calculations under the ARA and importantly any TOARC regulatory reform;

Further be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch supports TAPMO's call for policy clarification regarding importation, processing and blending under the Aggregate Resources Act; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Natural Resources, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO), MPP Joseph Racinsky and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1. Specific Interest (Items Listed on the Meeting Agenda)

7.1.1. Delegation by Neal DeRuyter and Andreanne Simard regarding 9.4.1 Zoning By-law Amendment Application Request for Council to Deem Complete 4454 Victoria Road South

Resolution No. 2026-256:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the delegation by Neal DeRuyter regarding Zoning By-law Amendment Application Request for Council to Deem Complete 4454 Victoria Road South be received for information.

CARRIED

7.1.2. Delegation by John McNie regarding 10.4 Wellington Waterloo Power Line Project Notice of Commencement

Resolution No. 2026-257:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the delegation by John McNie regarding the Wellington Waterloo Power Line Project Notice of Commencement be received for information.

CARRIED

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

7.2.1. Delegation by Manu Kaushik regarding request for a Letter of Support for Diagnostic Ultrasound Services in Puslinch

Resolution No. 2026-258:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the delegation by Manu Kaushik regarding request for a Letter of Support for Diagnostic Ultrasound Services in Puslinch be received for information; and

That Council provide a letter of support for Manu Kaushik for Morriston Medical Centre to support Diagnostic Ultrasound Services in Puslinch.



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7.2.2. Delegation by Karen Slade and Bill Knetsch regarding safety of Calfass Road

Resolution No. 2026-259:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the delegation by Karen Slade and Bill Knetsch regarding safety of Calfass Road be received for information; and

That Council direct staff to report back on traffic calming, emergency detour, signage, speed mitigation measures, and other requests outlined in the presentation materials, for Calfass Road as part of the 2027 budget process; and

That Council direct staff to continue to advocate for traffic mitigation measures at Highway 6 and Concession Rd 1 intersection with the MTO; and

That Council direct staff to investigate further signage near Concession Rd 2 and Concession Rd 7 better directing traffic to the established detour route on Wellington Rd 34; and

That Council direct staff to pass the Cultural Heritage Designation request to the Heritage Advisory Committee for review and recommendation to Council.

CARRIED

8. PUBLIC MEETINGS

- 8.1. September 16, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. Public Information Meeting held in-person at the Municipal Office (7404 Wellington Road 34) and by electronic participation through Zoom regarding 2027 User Fees and Charges By-law
- 8.2. September 16, 2026 at 7:30 P.M. Public Open House held in-person at the Puslinch Community Centre (23 Brock Road South) regarding Recreation and Parks Master Plan

9. REPORTS

9.1. Puslinch Fire and Rescue Services

9.1.1. None

9.2. Finance Department

9.2.1. Report FIN-2026-020 2027 Proposed Cost of Living Adjustment

Resolution No. 2026-260:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That report FIN-2026-020 entitled 2027 Proposed Cost of Living Adjustment be received; and,



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That Council approve a Cost-of-Living Adjustment of 2.60% effective January 1, 2027; and,

That Council consider, through the 2027 budget process, allocating funding equivalent to an additional 1% Cost-of-Living Adjustment to a discretionary reserve for the 2028 compensation and benefits review.

CARRIED

9.2.2. Report FIN-2026-023 - Second Quarter Financial Report – 2026

Resolution No. 2026-261:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Report FIN-2026-023 entitled Second Quarter Financial Report – 2026 be received for information; and,

That the Budget Development and Control Policy be amended to discontinue the standalone third-quarter financial report and require financial reporting following the first, second and fourth quarters of each year, recognizing that updated year-to-date financial information is provided to Council through the annual operating budget process, as outlined in this Report.

CARRIED

Council Recess 11:18am to 11:21am

**Councillor Sara Bailey
Councillor Russel Hurst
Councillor Jessica Goyda
Councillor John Sepulis
Mayor James Seeley**

9.3. Office of the CAO

9.3.1. Report CAO-2026-008 Site Alteration By-law Proposed Amendments

Resolution No. 2026-262:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That Report CAO-2026-008 entitled Site Alteration By-law Proposed Amendments be received; and

That Council direct staff to incorporate Council's feedback in addition to the legal review and technical feedback, into the next draft of the by-law.



CARRIED

9.4. Corporate Services Department

9.4.1. Report COR-2026-039 Zoning By-law Amendment Application Request for Council to Deem Complete 4454 Victoria Road South (D14-CBM)

Resolution No. 2026-263:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That report COR-2026-039 entitled Request for Council to Deem Zoning By-law Amendment Application Complete – D14/CBM (4454 Victoria Rd S) be received for information; and,

Whereas the Township's subconsultants have reviewed the application and have raised no concerns regarding deeming the application complete, confirming that all required studies have been provided; and

Whereas the Township acknowledges that deeming the application complete does not imply any judgment or position on the merits of the application; and

Whereas the application is still undergoing ongoing review, including public consultation and further detailed analysis, with a formal position on the matter to be presented following the completion of these processes; and

Whereas the Township expects that all concerns raised by its professional consultants during the review process will be adequately addressed to the satisfaction of the Township;

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council deems the application D14/CBM to be complete in accordance with the Planning Act; and

That Council acknowledges that the deeming of the application as complete is procedural and does not constitute a decision on the merits of the application, which will be determined following the full review process, including public consultation and the final analysis of all relevant information; and

That Council expects the applicant to adequately address concerns raised by the Township's professional consultants in accordance with the Planning Act and Township's policies and standards; and,

That staff be directed to proceed with notice in accordance with Section 3 and Section 5 of O. Reg. 545/06 of the Planning Act, 1990; and



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That Council's feedback be forwarded to the Township's review team for consideration as part of the technical review of the application.

CARRIED

9.4.2. Report COR-2026-046 Zoning By-law Amendment Application Request for Council to Deem Complete 4078 Highway 6 (D14-WAL)

Resolution No. 2026-264:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That report COR-2026-046 entitled Request for Council to Deem Zoning By-law Amendment Application Complete – D14/WAL (4078 Highway 6) be received for information; and,

Whereas the Township's subconsultants have reviewed the application and have raised no concerns regarding deeming the application complete, confirming that all required studies have been provided; and

Whereas the Township acknowledges that deeming the application complete does not imply any judgment or position on the merits of the application; and

Whereas the application is still undergoing ongoing review, including public consultation and further detailed analysis, with a formal position on the matter to be presented following the completion of these processes; and

Whereas the Township expects that all concerns raised by its professional consultants during the review process will be adequately addressed to the satisfaction of the Township;

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council deems the application D14/WAL to be complete in accordance with the Planning Act; and

That Council acknowledges that the deeming of the application as complete is procedural and does not constitute a decision on the merits of the application, which will be determined following the full review process, including public consultation and the final analysis of all relevant information; and

That Council expects the applicant to adequately address concerns raised by the Township's professional consultants in accordance with the Planning Act and Township's policies and standards; and,

That staff be directed to proceed with notice in accordance with Section 3 and Section 5 of O. Reg. 545/06 of the Planning Act, 1990.

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9.4.3. Report COR-2026-047 Zoning By-law Amendment Application Request for Council to Deem Complete 7248 Gore Road (D14-HAS)

Resolution No. 2026-265:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That report COR-2026-047 entitled Request for Council to Deem Zoning By-law Amendment Application Complete – D14/HAS (7248 Gore Rd) be received for information; and,

Whereas the Township's subconsultants have reviewed the application and have raised no concerns regarding deeming the application complete, confirming that all required studies have been provided; and

Whereas the Township acknowledges that deeming the application complete does not imply any judgment or position on the merits of the application; and

Whereas the application is still undergoing ongoing review, including public consultation and further detailed analysis, with a formal position on the matter to be presented following the completion of these processes; and

Whereas the Township expects that all concerns raised by its professional consultants during the review process will be adequately addressed to the satisfaction of the Township;

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council deems the application D14/HAS to be complete in accordance with the Planning Act; and

That Council acknowledges that the deeming of the application as complete is procedural and does not constitute a decision on the merits of the application, which will be determined following the full review process, including public consultation and the final analysis of all relevant information; and

That Council expects the applicant to adequately address concerns raised by the Township's professional consultants in accordance with the Planning Act and Township's policies and standards; and,

That staff be directed to proceed with notice in accordance with Section 3 and Section 5 of O. Reg. 545/06 of the Planning Act, 1990.

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9.4.4. Report COR-2026-049 Proposed Amendment to Entrance By-law

Resolution No. 2026-266:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Report COR-2026-049 entitled Amendment to Entrance By-law be received for information; and

That Council give three readings to By-law 2026-054 being a by-law to amend the Township's Entrance Permit By-law.

CARRIED

9.4.5. Report COR-2026-050 Proposed 2027 Council, Committee and Budget Meeting Schedule

Resolution No. 2026-267:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That Report COR-2026-050 entitled proposed 2027 Council, Committee & Budget Meeting Schedule be received; and,

That Council adopts the 2027 Council, Committee & Budget Meeting Schedule, attached as Schedule "A" as presented; and

That Council direct staff to amend its process to appoint a representative to the Safe Communities Committee to allow for a citizen appointment to this committee as it is statutory and meeting dates conflict with Council meeting dates; and

That Council direct staff to include a per diem for meeting attendance should we be permitted to appoint a citizen member and that Council request that virtual attendance.

CARRIED

9.4.6. Report COR-2026-051 2026 Township of Puslinch Emergency Management Programme Annual Report

Resolution No. 2026-268:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Report COR-2026-051 entitled 2026 Township of Puslinch Emergency Management Programme Annual Report be received for information; and,



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That the Council of the Township of Puslinch accepts the annual report of the Township's Emergency Management Programme for 2026.

CARRIED

9.4.7. Report COR-2026-048 Zoning By-law Amendment Application Recommendation Report -
To lift the holding provision McLean Rd W & 401 (D14/PPL)

Resolution No. 2026-269:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report COR-2026-048 entitled Zoning By-law Amendment Application Recommendation Report to lift the holding provision – McLean Rd W & 401 – D14/PPL be received for information; and

Whereas the Township and its expert consultants are satisfied with the application to lift the holding provision of the Part Lots 26 & 27 Concession 7 through their comprehensive review of the submission materials;

Therefore be it resolved,

That Council approves the Zoning By-law Amendment to lift the holding provision for the property municipally known as Part Lots 26 & 27 Concession 7; and

That Council give three readings to By-law 2026-055 as presented, being a by-law to amend By-law no. 2018-023, as amended, being the Zoning By-law of the Township of Puslinch.

CARRIED

9.4.8. Report COR-2026-052 Noise By-law Exemption Request 4591 Wellington Road 32

Resolution No. 2026-270:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report COR-2026-052 entitled Noise By-law Exemption Request – 4591 Wellington Road 32 be received for information; and,

That Council approve the request for relief from Noise By-law 6001-24 for 4591 Wellington Road 32, to permit Instruments/Human noise from 2300 hours on Sunday September 6, 2026 to 0000 hours on Monday September 7, 2026.

CARRIED



9.5. Building Department

9.5.1. Report BLD-2026-003 Building Department Second Quarter Update – April to June 2026

Resolution No. 2026-271:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Report BLD-2026-003 entitled Building Department Second Quarter Update be received for information.

CARRIED

9.6. Public Works Department

9.6.1. None

9.7. Community Services and Human Resources Department

9.7.1. None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1. Deferred to future Council Meeting - Wellington County 2025 Detachment Board Annual Report

10.2. Consultation on Proposed Governance Regulations for Regional Conservation Authorities and the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency

Resolution No. 2026-272:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

Whereas, the Province of Ontario has proposed the consolidation of Ontario's existing conservation authorities into nine Regional Conservation Authorities (RCA), with a proposed transition date of February 1, 2027, or such later date as may be prescribed; and

Whereas, Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting No. 026-0740 proposes regulations respecting the method for determining the number of members appointed by participating municipalities to RCAs and additional eligibility criteria for appointments to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA); and

Whereas, under the proposed governance framework, upper-tier and single-tier municipalities will be responsible for appointing members to RCAs, resulting in lower-tier municipalities no longer having the ability to directly appoint representatives to the governing board; and

Whereas, lower-tier municipalities continue to have a direct and significant interest in the programs, services, land use planning matters, natural hazard management, environmental

protection and other responsibilities undertaken by conservation authorities within their communities; and

Whereas, meaningful local and watershed-based representation will be essential to ensuring that local municipal priorities, knowledge and watershed-specific considerations continue to inform decision-making within the new RCA structure; and

Whereas, the geographic size of the proposed RCAs further emphasizes the importance of ensuring that appointed Board members have a meaningful connection to the watershed they are responsible for governing; and

Whereas, there remains a need for additional information and guidance respecting several significant aspects of the proposed transition and future operation of the RCAs, including the governance framework, member recruitment and eligibility, travel and time commitments, budgeting, financial responsibility and the future apportionment and payment of conservation authority levies;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Council of the Township of Puslinch supports continued consultation with municipalities and existing local Conservations Authorities on the development and implementation of the new RCA governance framework; and

That the Province of Ontario be requested to ensure that any individual appointed to a RCA Board of Directors reside within the applicable watershed of the RCA to which they are appointed, in order to ensure that Board members have a direct and meaningful connection to the communities, municipalities and watershed they are responsible for governing; and

That the future regulations establishing the composition, role and operation of Watershed Advisory Committees provide meaningful opportunities for lower-tier municipal representation and participation, recognizing that lower-tier municipalities will no longer directly appoint members to RCA Boards; and

That the Province be requested to reconsider the proposed eligibility restrictions for the OPCA Board in order to establish a meaningful connection between the RCAs and the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, including consideration of providing for at least one representative from each RCA on the OPCA Board, or another formal mechanism to ensure direct communication and coordination between the two levels of governance; and

That the Province be requested to provide clear guidance to upper-tier and lower-tier municipalities respecting the recruitment and appointment of RCA Board members, including eligibility criteria, desired qualifications and expertise, expected roles and responsibilities, anticipated meeting frequency, travel requirements and the time commitment associated with serving on the larger regional authorities; and

That the Province be requested to provide municipalities with additional information regarding the financial and operational implications of the consolidation, including how RCA budgets will be developed and approved, how municipal levies and apportionment will be determined and collected, whether upper-tier and single-tier municipalities will assume responsibility for levy payments on behalf of lower-tier municipalities, and how costs and financial obligations will be allocated throughout the transition and ongoing operation of the new RCAs; and

That the Province be encouraged to provide this information as soon as possible to allow municipalities sufficient time to understand the governance, operational and financial implications of the new model and to prepare for implementation; and

Whereas the County of Wellington is currently represented by 3 members serving on the GRCA board and representing 7 lower-tier municipalities with diverse needs; and

Whereas it's population count for the new Eastern Lake Erie RCA area is 70,348 (4.8%); and

Whereas it's representation on the new Eastern Lake Erie RCA Board will be one member; and

Whereas a municipality of 1,009 (0.1 %) will also have a representation of one member on the new Eastern Lake Erie RCA Board;

Be it further resolved that that the Province be requested to review its eligibility criteria to make it more equitable for Wellington County representation on the new Eastern Lake Erie RCA Board and other municipalities in similar circumstances; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Environmental Registry of Ontario as the Township's comments on ERO Posting No. 026-0740; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; Conservation Ontario; MPP Racinsky; the County of Wellington; and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

10.3 Cambridge East Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Resolution No. 2026-273:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Correspondence Item 10.3 entitled Cambridge East Municipal Class Environmental Assessment be received for information; and,

That Council direct staff to have the environmental assessment reviewed by the Township's Hydrogeologist for comment.



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10.4 Wellington Waterloo Power Line Project Notice of Commencement

Resolution No. 2026-274:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Correspondence Item 10.4 entitled Wellington Waterloo Power Line Project Notice of Commencement be received for information; and,

Whereas Hydro One has proposed several alignments for its Wellington Waterloo Power Line Project through the Township of Puslinch;

And Whereas it is essential the impacts to residents be minimized;

And Whereas not all potentially affected residents have been made aware of the alignment Proposals;

Therefore Be it resolved that Hydro One Be requested to:

- **Make a presentation to Council at the September 16th Council meeting; and**
- **review their notification to residents and ensure all residents within 500m be notified in accordance with the Hydro One protocol; and**
- **Whereas the Township is unaware of a TAC and specifically requested that it participate on the TAC, that Hydro One consider having a Township representative on their Technical Advisory Committee for this study; and**
- **Whereby Puslinch Council fully supports the preferred route along the 401 corridor as presented through John McNie's Delegation; and,**

That Hydro One be requested to include a presentation to the residents at their Open House of September 17, 2026 including the preferred route along the 401 as an option and include a moderated Q&A session to ensure adequate public consultation.

CARRIED

11. COUNCIL REPORT

11.1. Mayor Updates – The mayor provided an update on the AMO conference and the delegations on current issues for the Township as well as the TAPMO AGM.

Resolution No. 2026-275:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Council receive Mayor's updates for information.



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11.2. Councillor Updates

None

12. BY-LAWS

12.1. First, Second and Third Reading

12.1.1. BL2026-054 Amend Entrance Permit By-law

12.1.2. BL2026-055 Zoning By-law Amendment Lifting Holding Provision 7 (D14-PPL)

Resolution No. 2026-276:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and

Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

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

By-law 2026-054 Being a By-law to amend By-law 032/2020 being a by-law to regulate the installation, construction, alteration or change in the use of any private entranceway that permits access to a Township Road allowance; and

By-law 2026-055 being a By-law to amend By-law 023-18, as amended, being the zoning by-law of the Township of Puslinch.

CARRIED

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Seeley congratulated Deputy Fire Chief Aaron Ferroccioli on his promotion to Deputy Fire Chief of the Township of Puslinch.

Mayor Seeley announced that the Aberfoyle Agricultural Society is hosting the 2026 Fall Fair September 11th and 12th.

Mayor Seeley announced that the Fastball tournament is taking place in Puslinch on the same weekend as the Fall Fair.

Council Recess 11:58 a.m. to 12:37p.m.

Councillor Sara Bailey

Councillor Russel Hurst

Councillor Jessica Goyda

Councillor John Sepulis

Mayor James Seeley



14. CLOSED SESSION

Council was in closed session from 12:39 p.m. to 2:07 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.

Mayor Seeley declared a potential conflict of interest related to Confidential Item 14.4.2. and left the Council Chambers during discussions on this item and did not participate in any associated vote.

Resolution No. 2026-277: Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

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

- 14.1 Confidential report regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Human Resources Matter**
- 14.2 Confidential report regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Human Resources Matter**
- 14.3 Confidential report regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board – In accordance with Section 3.14(c) of the Township's By-law Complaint Policy**
- 14.4 Confidential minutes from previous closed meetings:**
 - 14.4.1 June 17, 2026 First Closed Council Meeting Minutes**
 - 14.4.2 June 17, 2026 Second Closed Council Meeting Minutes**
 - 14.4.3 July 15, 2026 Closed Council Meeting Minutes**
- 14.5 Confidential report regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board – Potential OLT Matter.**

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2026-278: Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council moves into open session at 2:07 p.m.

CARRIED

Council resumed into open session at 2:07 p.m.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
AUGUST 26, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING BY ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION
& IN-PERSON AT 7404 WELLINGTON RD 34, PUSLINCH

Resolution No. 2026-279: Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council receives the following report for information:

- 14.1 Confidential report regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Human Resources Matter
- 14.2 Confidential report regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Human Resources Matter
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- 14.5 Confidential report regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board – Potential OLT Matter; 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

- 18.1. By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch

Resolution No. 2026-280: Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

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



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VIRTUAL MEETING BY ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION
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By-law 2026-056 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch at its meeting held on the 26 day of August 2026.

CARRIED

19. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2026-281:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That Council hereby adjourns at 2:09 p.m.

CARRIED

James Seeley, Mayor

Justine Brotherston, Municipal Clerk