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JANUARY 21, 2026 PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
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DATE: January 21, 2026
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

The January 21, 2026 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 – Chair
Councillor Sara Bailey
Councillor Russel Hurst
Councillor John Sepulis
Councillor Jessica Goyda - Absent

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Courtenay Hoytfox, CAO
Justine Brotherston, Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk
Laura Emery, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk
Mike Fowler, Director of Capital Projects and Public Works
Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Andrew Hartholt, CBO
Jamie MacNeil, Fire Chief
Sarah Huether, Director of Human Resources and Community Services

3. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

4. PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

The Chair 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 Township's proposed 2026 Budget. 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 electronic meetings are uploaded to the municipality's YouTube page. 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:

- Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer will present the proposed 2026 budget and any further relevant information.
- Following this, the public can obtain clarification, ask questions and express their views.



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- 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.
- 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 the February 11, 2026 Council Meeting.

5. PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Director of Finance/Treasurer, Mary Hasan: As the mayor indicated it is our 2026 Proposed Budget Public Information Meeting. Tonight we will be discussing:

- The budget process.
- What do property taxes pay for in the Township?
- How the budget has changed from 2025
- The impacts of the proposed budget on taxpayers
- What is included in the operating budget
- The 2026 Capital Budget and Long-Term Forecast
- The Township's Discretionary and Restricted Reserves
- Engagement opportunities
- Feedback from the public.

Mayor Seeley: Thank you, Ms. Hasan. Are there any persons who have questions, require further clarification or information, or wish to present their views on the matter?

There were no questions received by members of the public, or from Council.

Mayor Seeley: I declare this public meeting closed. Council will take no action on this matter tonight. Staff will be reporting at the February 11th 2026 Council meeting with a recommendation for Council's consideration.

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

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.