



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING BY ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION
& IN-PERSON AT 7404 WELLINGTON RD 34

MINUTES

DATE: September 16, 2026
TIME: 6:30 P.M.

The September 16, 2026 Public Information Meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 6:33 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
Councillor Sara Bailey
Councillor Russel Hurst
Councillor Jessica Goyda
Councillor John Sepulis

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
Michelle Cassar, Deputy Treasurer
Andrew Hartholt, CBO
Michael Chant, 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 called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 the Finance Department, finance@puslinch.ca or by phone at 519-763-1226 ext. 3 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 2026 USER FEES AND CHARGES BY-LAW PRESENTATION

Michelle Cassar, Deputy 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 2027?
- Benchmarking 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 2027 User Fees and Charges By-law.

Mayor Seeley: Thank you, Ms. Cassar. 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 just have a couple of comments that I didn't get a chance to say earlier today.

The first one is around the 8-hour day rental feedback.

Would we want to consider is providing a slight discount for someone booking the facility for a full day to encourage more use of the facility. Because if the feedback we're hearing is that people want a day rental, and a day rental is essentially the same thing as renting it for eight hours straight, I'm not sure that's necessarily what they were looking for.

I'm not suggesting we give them 50% off or anything like that. But maybe, if you rent it for the full day, you're charged for seven hours instead of eight. Something along those lines could encourage people to use the facilities more.

The other thing I wanted to mention is the ice rental at \$252 for non-residents. I still feel like that's high. Guelph Minor Hockey, for example, rents a full sheet of ice for \$180, and I understand they spend about \$150,000 a year with the City of Guelph.

So, asking them to come out to a smaller rink outside of Guelph and pay \$70 more an hour could be a challenge. If we were closer to that \$180 range, I think that would make a difference.

And I do understand that there's value in the outdoor experience. I think families appreciate being able to bring their kids out and have that experience of skating outside.

So, I'll just leave it there. I still feel that \$252 is a little high, and I think it's something we could look at.

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

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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 delegate with the Township Clerk prior to the meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.