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Addition to the Agenda Questions received from Council seeking additional information and the corresponding responses provided by staff regarding the May 27, 2026 Council agenda items.

6.3 Ministry of Natural Resources Regulations under the Geological Carbon Storage Act 2025

-is our local stratigraphy suitable for carbon storage?

In order to determine the Township's suitability this would require a subsurface geological investigation to be conducted by a hydrogeologist, as well as other consultants such as a geophysicist, environmental engineering, etc.

6.5 Town of Halton Hills Resolution Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

-do we have similar concerns?

Yes this concern is an ongoing budgetary concern for Ontario municipalities and staff will have a draft support motion prepared.

RE: 6.7 Consent item from Richmond Hill - **Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities**

Could Social Services staff at the County of Wellington provide information on whether the County is positioned to explore integrated and interdisciplinary approaches to care including innovative models of housing and support for adults with developmental disabilities, including the potential for an "integrated Living and Participation Model" and opportunities for partnership with services in the area. Staff will have a draft motion prepared.

6.10 Puslinch Historical Society Archives, Puslinch Library, Aberfoyle Letter to Mayor and Council

-will recommend that a letter of appreciation be sent in response thanking them for their dedicated work Staff will have this draft motion prepared.

9.2.2 Report FIN-2026-016 – First Quarter Report 2026



-p.180 Admin. OT Wages; please explain the rationale for the expenditure of \$1.88k vs budget of \$.5k. Is this trend to continue? **Overtime wages were incurred due to contract staff and vacancies in late 2025.**

-p. 189 Finance PT Wages; \$0 was budgeted for the two categories and we have incurred over \$5k; please explain. Is this trend to continue? **The Asset Management and Capital Co-op Student position is funded in Capital for the Asset Management Plan and Policy updates and system implementation work. A year-end journal entry will be completed to allocate actual costs from the operating budget to the capital budget.**

-p.191 Fire and Rescue Contract Services; 61% of budget has been spent; please explain. Is this trend to continue? **The majority of expenditures that have been paid in Q1 relate to the dispatch agreement with the City of Guelph (\$39K) and the Township's agreement with Cambridge for Fire Standby invoices (annual budget \$80K for 2026 and \$54K of actuals in Q1). This is typical in the first quarter for this line item as the majority of these expenditures are typically paid in the first quarter.**

-p.195 Municipal Office Cleaning; please explain the rationale for the expenditure of \$30k vs budget of \$12k. Is this trend to continue? **\$23K of this amount relates to the emergency replacement of Public Works garage door opener. The costs for this project will be allocated to Capital through an adjusting journal entry in Q2.**

-p.196 Optimistic Rec Centre PT Wages; in the two categories expenditures are either 40% and 50% of budget; please explain. Is this trend to continue? **The rink was open in the 1st quarter (free skate, rentals, etc.) therefore these wages are higher during Q1. This is typical in the first quarter for this line item.**

-p.203 Public Works Fuel; fuel budget is about 50% spent. Understandable given the situation. How will the anticipated budget shortfall be funded? **See below and note - fuel charges in Public Works are allocated to user departments at year end. The 2026 budget has been increased to account for some inflationary increase. Should there be an overall shortfall at year-end, this budget will be adjusted upwards in 2027 and the general 2026 surplus will fund the over expenditure in this line item given current industry trends.**

-p. 203 Public Works OT wages; over 60% of budget has been spent. please explain. Is this trend to continue? **See below and note that increased overtime is attributed to the winter season.**

-p.204 Public Works Vehicle Maintenance; almost 40% of budget has been spent. Please explain. **See below and note that expenditures in the 1st quarter are mainly tied into winter vehicle maintenance.**



-p.204 Public Works Winter Maintenance; almost 50% spent. Is this about right for this time of year? See below and note that the budget was adjusted upwards in 2026 to reflect actuals.

*Note - It was a long and challenging winter season, and in order for the Township to maintain the required service levels, the plow trucks were out most days. As a result, the increased wear and tear on equipment was unavoidable, along with higher fuel consumption and overtime wage costs necessary to ensure the continued service delivery.

-p.212 why is the unrestricted interest income lower compared to last year given that unrestricted cash and investments are about the same or higher this year? Although balances in the unrestricted accounts and investments remained relatively consistent, interest income was lower due to reduced rates. The unrestricted bank account earned up to 1% less interest throughout all three months of the first quarter, and some investments that matured in 2025 were reinvested at lower rates based on the interest rates in effect at the time of reinvestment.

9.4.1 10:35 A.M. Report COR-2026-026 Zoning By-law Amendment Recommendation Report - 7456 Mclean Rd W & 197 Brock Rd S ≠

Have the following PDAC comments been taken into consideration ie.

- a. That the driveway width be reviewed to address any traffic movement/interference at the north entrance/exit.

The applicant prepared diagrams illustrating how all the various vehicles would enter and exit the site to ensure the driveways were wide enough, among other things. The driveway on Brock Road was widened to 11 metres in width. Both Township representatives and County representatives reviewed the drawings. The Township's transportation consultant, Salvini, is satisfied with the driveway.

- b. That any road upgrades including widenings of McLean Road be addressed through the Zoning By-law Amendment application.

It was confirmed that no road widening is required on McLean Road West. The only recommended improvement was extending the median on Brock Road so that the new driveway will only allow right turn movements. The recommended Zoning By-law includes a Holding Provision that requires the applicant to enter into agreement(s) with the County to secure the required road works.



- c. Concerns regarding water imbalance and Council should consider that the water balance may need to be lessened with the use of a lid?

The Township's hydrogeologist, Harden Environmental, response is as follows: "I am satisfied with the efforts made. There is only so much that can be done on a small site and we agree that we do not want opportunity for contaminated water to infiltrate. We are thus suggesting that additional efforts to infiltrate water with other LID measures are not required

9.4.2 Report COR-2026-027 Major Site Alteration Application Recommendation (P11-HBC) ≠

-are Trace Associates satisfied with the comments from the proponent "There is no prohibition of use of potable groundwater on site and there is no impact to either the shallow or deep aquifers" (Schedule E p.19)?

The Township's Hydrogeologist advised as follows, "I am satisfied that there should not be a prohibition of water use at the site and that there is no impact to shallow or deep aquifers." Further, the Township's Environmental Engineering advised as follows, "Yes, Trace is satisfied with the Proponent's statement in Schedule E p.19: "There is no prohibition of use of potable groundwater on site, and there is no impact to either the shallow or deep aquifers."

RE: 9.4.2

When creating the bylaw, the intention was to ensure major site alteration projects do not end up costing the tax payer. The bylaw sets out fees, security deposits, haul route permit fees to ensure our road infrastructure is not prematurely degraded and other impacts such as water quality are considered. Due to this project being retroactively managed, have the full fees been paid to what 'should' have been paid if the proper process was followed? Do we need to consider the addition of an 'after-the-fact permit fee' for situations such as this one?

The by-law includes a penalty provision where double the permit fees are imposed where the project is under enforcement. The process was followed for this application and double permit fees were applied due to enforcement.

9.4.4 Report COR-2026-029 2025 Annual Aggregate and White Wolf Property Management Inc Monitoring Reports ≠

625189 – Roszell Pit

– no action for two years regarding height of causeway even though our reports have been sent to MNRF



-does the height of the causeway match with what is provided on the Site Plan?
-would sending a copy to the MECP with a cover letter explaining the impact on neighbouring properties make sense?

The Township's Hydrogeologist provided the following response:

1. Our report is basically one issue and is a clear issue of noncompliance with respect to the Aggregate Resources Act site plans for the Roszell Pit site resulting in off-site impacts.
2. The height of the causeway is about one metre lower than shown on the site plans. The site plans also show the causeways to be about one metre above the final lake level. The causeway elevations must be raised by more than one metre to accommodate existing overtopping and future increases in Lake 3.
3. I think sending our report with a cover letter from council to both the MNR and MECP stating the following would be helpful.

Aggregate mining below the water table at the Roszell Pit (ARA License 625189) has been subject to complaints from neighbours in regard to low water levels in private ponds and private wells. The cessation of mining activities has not remedied the situation. The cessation of mining has allowed water levels to rise, however, due to a noncompliance issue, the lake water levels in the pit cannot attain their natural level and this continues to have off-site impacts.

The issue is detailed in Harden Environmental's review of the 2025 Annual Monitoring report (attached) and this issue has been reported since 2024. The elevations of the causeways between Lake 1 and Lake 2 and between Lake 2 and Lake 3 must be raised by at least one metre with low to moderate hydraulic conductivity materials such as silt or fine sand.

-White Wolf Property Management Inc. Aberfoyle Site
-there are two activities suggested by White Wolf's consultant and concurred by our Consultant which are that the Source Water Wellington

1. share the MultiAquifer Well Study and
2. that they lead an update to the Cumulative Impact Assessment;



will move that the report be provided to Source Water Wellington and request that they share the MultiAquifer Well Study with White Wolf and ask whether they would be willing to lead undertaking the Cumulative Impact Assessment
Staff will have a draft motion prepared.

9.5.1 Report BLD-2026-002 Building Department First Quarter Update – January to March 2026

-any indication that there will be an upward trend in Q2 regarding number and value of building permits?

There are some indications of an upward trend as building permit activity has increased in the 2nd quarter of 2026. There has been interest in the new ARU (Additional Dwelling Unit) program since its release. We also have some larger-scale projects that are working through the planning process which should ultimately result in additional building permits and construction value.

Community Services and Human Resources Department **Staff will have this draft motion prepared**

9.7.1 Report COM-2026-003 Senior Drop-In Programming Mid-Pilot Update

- will move to amend the second recommendation by adding on “and be relocated to the Archie MacRobbie Hall when it is not otherwise required for scheduled rentals or Township activities”

10.1 10:25 A.M. 2025 Annual Operations and Maintenance Report for the Water and Wastewater Treatment System Wellington Common Elements Condominium Corporation No. 214 (Mini Lakes)

-p. 477 notes “HPC levels should be closely monitored and discussed further in future reports.”; Should this be flagged to Mini Lakes

Staff have provided this question to the Township’s Engineer for response at the meeting.

-will also recommend that these reports be provided to Mini Lakes and thank them for their continued diligence

Staff will have a draft motion prepared.