



2025 Puslinch Council and Committee Year in Review



Township of Puslinch Council

- Celebrated the **Township's 175th Anniversary** at the Puslinch Community Showcase & 175th Anniversary Event, featuring 60 local vendors and the unveiling of the Killean School Bell Cairn.
- Approximately 139.39 hectares of land were identified in two areas of the Township to be recommended for designation in the County of Wellington's Official Plan as employment lands through the **Puslinch By Design Employment Land Study**. The designation of these lands is now being considered through the County of Wellington's Official Plan Amendment 131.



Heritage Advisory Committee

- Supported the designation of 28 priority properties under the Ontario Heritage Act by preparing Statements of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. The Township now has **42 designated properties**.
- A **Heritage Plaque Program** was established to recognize properties that are designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act* and promote community awareness of local heritage.
- Provided input on the design of the **Killean School Bell Cairn**, a monument commemorating the Township's 175th Anniversary.



Recreation and Community Wellness Advisory Committee

- Launched a weekly **Senior's Drop-in Pilot Program** where seniors play cards, board games and socialize, helping to reduce isolation and provide a welcome, free space for the community.
- Recommended a **25% non-resident rental surcharge** on all Township facility rentals to prioritize access for local residents, encourage community engagement, and help sustain and support Township facilities and resources.



Youth Advisory Committee

- The Committee **volunteered at multiple events** including the Optimist Club Bike Rodeo, Puslinch Community Showcase/175th Anniversary Event and the Aberfoyle Agricultural Society Fall Fair.
- **Planted over 100 trees at Boreham Park** in collaboration with Wellington County Green Legacy programme and Aberfoyle Public School.



Committee of Adjustment and Planning and Development Advisory Committee

- Reviewed the Township's Minor Variance process and **recommended updates to online forms, guides, and messaging** to make the process clearer for residents.
- The Committee of Adjustment considered 26 minor variance applications.
- The Planning and Development Advisory Committee made comments on 17 severance applications and 4 zoning by-law amendment applications.

