



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
MARCH 4, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING BY ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION
& IN-PERSON AT 7404 WELLINGTON RD 34, PUSLINCH

MINUTES

DATE: March 4, 2026

CLOSED MEETING: Directly following Section 13.

Announcements

COUNCIL MEETING: 10:00 A.M.

The March 4, 2026 Council Meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 10:00 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. Mike Fowler, Director of Public Works, Parks and Facilities
5. Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer
6. Jamie MacNeil, Fire Chief
7. Michael Chant, Deputy Fire Chief
8. Andrew Hartholt, CBO
9. Sarah Huether, Director of Community Services & Human Resources

3. **MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2026-055:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Council approves the March 4, 2026 Agenda and Addendum as circulated; and

That Council approves the additions to the agenda as follows:

Consent Item 6.1.6 Questions received from Council seeking additional information and the corresponding responses provided by staff regarding the March 4, 2026 Council agenda.

CARRIED

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

Mayor Seeley declared a potential pecuniary interest related to item 10.3 County of Wellington Notice of Decision regarding Application for Approval of Draft Plan of Subdivision under Subsection 51(37) of Planning Act regarding 2081788 Ontario Corporation c/o Walter Broos, President (11 Main Street) as I own property adjacent to the development. As such, I would have an indirect interest, I cannot participate in any discussions concerning this property.

Councillor Goyda declared a potential pecuniary interest related to item 7.1.1 Delegation by Rob Stovel, Agent on behalf of Timberworx Custom Homes Inc., Sloom Construction Ltd., and John Sloom Investments

Ltd., regarding item 6.1.1 as the presentation is partially owned by my employer. As such, I may be considered to have a pecuniary interest and therefore will not participate in discussion or decision on this item.

Councillor Goyda declared a potential pecuniary interest related to item 9.4.5 Amended Report COR-2026-012 2025 Aggregate Compliance Assessment Reports Schedules L and Q are licences that are operated by a family member. As such, I may have a pecuniary conflict of interest in any discussion or decisions on the matter.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

6.1 Adoption and Receipt of the Minutes of the Previous Council and Committee Meetings:

- 6.1.1 February 11, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes
- 6.1.2 January 13, 2026 Planning and Development Advisory Committee Minutes
- 6.1.3 January 12, 2026 Youth Advisory Committee Minutes
- 6.1.4 November 19, 2025 Public Information Meeting Minutes
- 6.1.5 November 18, 2025 Recreation and Community Wellness Advisory Committee Minutes
- 6.2 AMO Policy Update - Submission on Municipal Environmental Assessments, Advocacy on Municipal Case Law, New Funding for Postsecondary Education
- 6.3 December 3, 2025 County of Wellington Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes
- 6.4 Municipality of Magnetawan Support Resolution regarding Federal broadband Funding
- 6.5 Prince Township Support Resolution regarding Support for Steel and Lumber Sectors
- 6.6 Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Ragland Support Resolution regarding Support for Steel and Lumber Sectors
- 6.7 Township of Perry Support Resolution Regarding Reduced Rate Distribution of Library Resources
- 6.8 Township of Cochrane OPP Detachment Board Support for Victim Crisis Assistance Program
- 6.9 City of Cambridge Notice of Adoption – Companion Official Plan Amendment No. 91
- 6.10 City of Cambridge Notice of Passing Phase 1 Comprehensive Zoning By-law
- 6.11 City of Guelph Notice of Public Open House #2 Gordon St from Clair Rd to Maltby Rd
- 6.12 City of Guelph Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting 328 Victoria Rd and 588 Stone Rd E
- 6.13 City of Guelph Official Plan Amendment 113
- 6.14 City of Guelph Zoning By-law Amendment 2023-20790
- 6.15 City of Guelph Notice of Passing – Hanlon Creek Business Park Phase 3 Housekeeping Amendments
- 6.16 City of Guelph Notice of Adoption – Hanlon Creek Business Park Phase 3 Housekeeping Amendments
- 6.17 Puslinch Profile March 2026
- 6.18 Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board Report February 11, 2026

Resolution No. 2026-056:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda items listed for March 4, 2026 Council meeting be received for information with the exception of items 6.1.1, 6.2, 6.7 and 6.11.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2026-057:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.1.1 listed for March 4, 2026 Council meeting be received for information; and

That Council direct staff to prepare a report for a future meeting outlining the changes to the provincial legislation and the implications to the by-law.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2026-058:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda item 6.2 listed for March 4, 2026 Council meeting be received for information.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2026-059:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.7 listed for March 4, 2026 Council meeting be received for information; and

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2026-060:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That Council received consent agenda item 6.11 City of Guelph Notice of Public Open House #2 Gordon St from Clair Rd to Maltby Rd for information; and,

That Council direct staff to request a presentation from the City of Guelph regarding Gordon Street and Clair Road Environmental Assessment & Infrastructure Preliminary Design Study specifically with respect to traffic coming into Puslinch.

CARRIED

7. DELEGATIONS:

7.1 Specific Interest (Items Listed on the Meeting Agenda)

- 7.1.1 Delegation by Rob Stovel, Agent on behalf of Timberworx Custom Homes Inc., Sloat Construction Ltd., and John Sloat Investments Ltd., regarding item 6.1.1

Councillor Goyda declared a potential pecuniary interest related to item 7.1.1 Delegation by Rob Stovel, Agent on behalf of Timberworx Custom Homes Inc., Sloat Construction Ltd., and John Sloat Investments Ltd., regarding item 6.1.1 as the presentation is partially owned by my employer and refrained from discussion and decision on this matter.

Resolution No. 2026-061:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Delegation by Rob Stovel, Agent on behalf of Timberworx Custom Homes Inc., Sloat Construction Ltd., and John Sloat Investments Ltd., regarding item 6.1.1 be received for information; and

Whereas the Township supports residential growth that is directed to designated settlement areas; and

Whereas Township Council supports, in principle, the Arkell residential development, subject to the requirements and processes of the *Planning Act*;

That Puslinch Council supports the inclusion of the Arkell settlement boundary expansion within Official Plan Amendment No. 131 to accommodate the proposed development, recognizing that the 50 residential units proposed for Arkell were incorporated into the residential land needs analysis forming part of the OPA 131 background work, provided that such inclusion does not result in a delay in the submission to the province of OPA 131; and

That Council request that should the County not include this in OPA 131, that the Arkell boundary expansion be included in the next Official Plan Amendment;

That Council requests confirmation from the County regarding this matter, including advice on whether the inclusion of the Arkell settlement boundary expansion would require a delay in the processing or approval of OPA 131.

CARRIED

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

7.2.1 10:05 A.M. Delegation by Scott McNair, Hydro One Senior Advisor, Community Relations

Resolution No. 2026-062:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That Council receives the delegation by Scott McNair, Hydro One Senior Advisor, Community Relations for information; and,

That Council direct staff to request that Hydro One establish a Technical Advisory Committee model for the Puslinch Transmission Line Project; and,

That Council direct staff to request that Hydro One agree pay for the Township's costs of any peer reviews for this project; and,

That Council direct staff to advise Hydro One of the potential impacts of this project on the lands identified as future employment lands through OPA 131, and specifically the power needs for the lands identified should OPA 131 be approved.

CARRIED

Council recessed from 12:35 p.m. to 1:09 p.m.

Roll Call

Councillor Goyda
Councillor Sepulis
Councillor Bailey
Councillor Hurst
Mayor Seeley

8. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

March 4, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. Open House held in-person at the Puslinch Community Centre (23 Brock Rd S) Community Improvement Plan (CIP) & Urban Design Guidelines Open House #2

9. REPORTS:

9.1 Puslinch Fire and Rescue Services

9.1.1 None

9.2 Finance Department

9.2.1 Report FIN-2026-0011 Rural Ontario Development Program – Community Development – Execution of Agreement

Resolution No. 2026-063:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Report FIN-2026-011 entitled Rural Ontario Development Program-Community Development – Execution of Agreement be received; and,

That Council gives 3 readings to By-law No. 2026-008 being a By-law authorizing the entering into an Agreement with the Minister of Rural Affairs for the Rural Ontario Development Program-Community Development for Beautification and Streetscaping in Aberfoyle and Morriston.

CARRIED

9.3 Office of the CAO

9.3.1 Report CAO-2026-002 ROMA 2026 Conference Debrief

Resolution No. 2026-064:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Report CAO-2026-002 entitled ROMA 2026 Conference Debrief be received for information; and

That Council direct the CAO and the Mayor to request a meeting with MPP Racinsky to discuss the delegation requests that were unsuccessful.

CARRIED

9.4 Corporate Services Department

9.4.1 Report COR-2026-008 2026 Municipal and School Board Election Key Dates and Restricted Acts

Resolution No. 2026-065:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Report COR-2026-008 entitled 2026 Municipal and School Board Election Key Dates and Restricted Acts be received for information; and

That Council give three readings to By-law 2026-009 being a By-law to delegate authority to the CAO during the 2026 municipal election period in accordance with Section 275 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

CARRIED

9.4.2 Deferred to Future Council Meeting - Report COR-2026-009 Proposed Stop Up, Close and Declare Surplus a Portion of Lake Ave Road Allowance

9.4.3 Report COR-2026-010 Council and Committee Year in Review

Resolution No. 2026-066:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Report COR-2026-010 entitled 2025 Council and Committee Year in Review be received for information; and,

That Council direct staff to distribute the 2025 Council and Committee Year in Review as outlined in the report.

CARRIED

9.4.4 Report COR-2026-011 Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) By-law Amendments – Ontario Regulation 260/25

Resolution No. 2026-067:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Report COR-2026-011 entitled Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) By-law Amendments – Ontario Regulation 260/25 be received for information; and,

That Council defers the report and directs staff to report back on potential amendments to the by-law at a future meeting to incorporate the feedback from Council.

CARRIED

9.4.5 Amended Report COR-2026-012 2025 Aggregate Compliance Assessment Reports

Resolution No. 2026-068:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That Report COR-2026-012 entitled Aggregate Compliance Assessment Reports be received for information; and,

That Council directed staff incorporate the following comments, as amended, within the Township's Compliance Assessment Report Tracker and that Council direct staff to contact the pit operator and MNR in accordance with the comments:

- 1) **Schedule A – Licence 5465**
 - Council direct staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns:
 - i. That a new silt pond or wash out pit has been created in southwest portion of the site, where the site plan indicates there should be a coniferous plantation.
 - ii. that the southwest portion of the property is being used as storage area for equipment and containers, which is not identified on the Site Plan. It is noted this is likely ancillary to the construction business located in the front zoned portion of the property.
- 2) **Schedule AA – Licence 625710**
 - Council directs staff to request the address for the pit location, rather than the latitude and longitude.
 - The Site Plan indicates that the site plan includes schematic of operations. Section D6 of the CAR Report does not indicate where the operator is currently operating within the sequence. Council directs staff to request this information from the pit operator.
- 3) **Schedule B – Licence 5482**
 - Council directs staff to notify the County of Wellington regarding the removal of the overburden identified in the 2025 CAR Report for this area to move into the Industrial Tax Classification.
 - Section D6 of the Car Report states that the operator is in compliance with phasing/sequencing of the site and does not indicate the current phasing/sequencing. Council Directs staff to request this information from the operator.
 - Section D7 does not previous disclosure which would add to the disturbed hectarage. Council directs staff to seek clarity regarding the areas where overburden have been removed.
 - Section C22 indicates that the operator is in compliance with importation of material. Operator did not indicate what material was imported. Council directs staff to seek additional information from the operator regarding what and how much material was imported in 2025.
- 4) **Schedule C – Licence 5483**
 - Council direct staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns that all ponds identified on the site plan in close proximity to the processing plan other the source pond and the settling pond are full. The settling pond appears to be 95% full.
- 5) **Schedule D – Licence 5497**
 - Council direct staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns:
 - i. That the silt pond identified on site plan indicates its location is the southeast corner and it appears the operator is currently filling in the northeast corner.
 - ii. That the operator appears to be in violations of Site Note #9 which states there shall be no offsite discharge of processing water and currently there is water being discharged onto another site. Further, Site Note #9 also states the wash water will be contained in the siltation ponds located in the southeast corner and currently the operator is utilizing the created ponds as a waters source which is in violation of their site plans.

iii. That under section C14 which indicates the use of Rock Trucks for importing material from Lanci.

6) Schedule E – Licence 5514

- Council direct staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns that there is no indication on the site plan of silt immediately adjacent to the processing plant, however creation of a silt pond is noted on satellite imagery.
- C22 indicated that clear inert fill was imported to the site. Council directs staff to request either from the operator directly or through a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry, how much fill was imported, as well as the laboratory testing to demonstrate it met applicable excess soil standards.

7) Schedule F – Licence 5520

- Council direct staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns:
 - i. That silt is being deposited into the McNally (5497) ponds from the southern portion (south of the 401) of the site. Silt fencing was installed due to previous site plan violation concern. Silt fence does not ensure the gradual placement of silt into McNally (5497).
 - ii. That satellite imagery suggests that the site area immediately north of the water intake location could be utilized for silt deposition.
- C22 operator did not indicate what material was imported to the site. Council directs staff to request either from the operator directly or through a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry, how much fill was imported, as well as the laboratory testing to demonstrate it met applicable excess soil standards.

8) Schedule G – Licence 5563

- Council direct staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns with silt deposition on the site.
- C22 operator did not indicate what material was imported to the site for rehabilitation. Council directs staff to request either from the operator directly or through a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry, how much fill was imported, as well as the laboratory testing to demonstrate it met applicable excess soil standards.

9) Schedule H – Licence 5609

- Council directs staff to send the Township's concerns regarding material being exported from this site to the Mill Creek Pit (5738) in contravention of its site plan which states that material is to be processed at Aberfoyle Pit 1 (5483).

10) Schedule I – Licence 5610

- Council directs staff to contact the operator regarding the fencing which requires repair along Wellington Road 32 and Concession Road 4 and request a timeline for when these repairs will be completed.
- Council directs staff to request that the MNR remove Licence 5610 given the CAR report states that the site is fully rehabilitated.

11) Schedule J – Licence 5631

- This site was previously not in compliance with the location of the stockpiles not meeting the setback requirements from the property line, however can MNR confirm if this was a violation and if MNR ordered the operator to address this.

12) Schedule K – Licence 5654

- Council directs staff to request that the MNR remove Licence 5654 given the CAR report states that the site is fully rehabilitated.

13) Schedule M – Licence 5710

- Council directs staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns that the location of the asphalt plant, washing plant and washing ponds are not identified on the current site plan that the Township has on record.

14) Schedule N – Licence 5737

- Council directs staff to request that the MNR remove Licence 5737 given this is a historic aggregate site with no aggregate activity, making it a property that is sheltered from Municipal By-laws.
- Council directs staff to confirm the status of licensed area of the site, determine the ownership of the unlicensed area and report back to Council regarding the current taxation classification of the licensed and unlicensed areas of the site.

15) Schedule O – Licence 5738

- **Importation of Material from Aberfoyle Pit 2 (5609) which explicitly states material to be processed at Aberfoyle Pit 1 (5483)**
 - **Council direct staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns:**
 - i. **Regarding a potential silt pond in violation of site plan. The site plan that the Township has on file identifies the silt pond for "start-up" purposes.**
 - ii. **That Dufferin utilizing the large pond as a passive silt deposition should require a major site plan amendment.**
- 16) Schedule P – Licence 10671**
- **Council direct staff to request that Lafarge delegate at a future Council Meeting regarding why pit licence 10671 has not been surrendered given extraction has been completed at the site.**
 - **Council direct staff to request that the MNR remove Licence 10671 given extraction is completed at the site.**
 - **C22 operator did not indicate what material was imported to the site for rehabilitation. Council directs staff to request either from the operator directly or through a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry, how much fill was imported, as well as the laboratory testing to demonstrate it met applicable excess soil standards.**
- 17) Schedule R – Licence 17600**
- **Council direct staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns:**
 - i. **That the site plans indication of the requirement for an 80 m setback for the extractive area at the southwest concern of the site, and the Township's understanding that the area has been stripped and operations are occurring within 5-10 metres of the property line.**
 - ii. **Whether the berm on the site meets the requirements of the site plan.**
 - **C22 operator did not indicate what material was imported to the site for rehabilitation. Council directs staff to request either from the operator directly or through a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry, how much fill was imported, as well as the laboratory testing to demonstrate it met applicable excess soil standards.**
- 18) Schedule S – Licence 20012**
- **Council direct staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns that the site plan indicated that the processing plan is to be located on the north westerly corner of the site, however it is currently located on the southwest corner. Further, there are multiple processing plants/screening plants on site, whereas the site plan indicated one processing plan, asphalt plant and concrete plant are permitted.**
 - **C22 operator did not indicate what material was imported to the site for rehabilitation. Council directs staff to request either from the operator directly or through a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry, how much fill was imported, as well as the laboratory testing to demonstrate it met applicable excess soil standards.**
- 19) Schedule T – Licence 20085**
- **Council direct staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns:**
 - i. **With the scales being removed vehicles entering highways may be overloaded. Noncompliance of site plan by not having scales where the site plan indicates**
 - **Council directs staff to notify the County of Wellington that the entire site is stripped with only 4.2 HA being progressively rehab as indicated in D2. ARB ruling indicates lands stripped but not yet rehab are in the industrial tax class, to ensure majority of the site is in the industrial tax class**
 - **C22 operator did not indicate what material was imported to the site for rehabilitation. Council directs staff to request either from the operator directly or through a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry, how much fill was imported, as well as the laboratory testing to demonstrate it met applicable excess soil standards.**
- 20) Schedule V – Licence 624864**

- Council direct staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns regarding:
 - i. Noncompliance as the satellite imagery suggests this site has been utilized as a silt pond commencing the end of 2018, which would require a major site plan amendment required. The Township request that the MNR order cessation of activity in the pond.
 - ii. No extraction was identified on CAR report to explain water colour variation and it is an offence to submit CAR report not indicating the use of the pond as a silt pond or extraction activity on the license.
- C22 operator did not indicate what material was imported to the site for rehabilitation. Council directs staff to request either from the operator directly or through a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry, how much fill was imported, as well as the laboratory testing to demonstrate it met applicable excess soil standards.
- Council direct staff to request the MNR release the site plan amendment that was submitted in February 2023 through the appropriate record process.

21) Schedule X – Licence 624952

- Council direct staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns regarding:
 - i. The westerly berm has been removed which is not in compliance of the site plan.
 - ii. How was the fish farming structure indicated on the site plan included? Was this done through an amendments or was it included on the original site plan at the time of zoning?
- C22 operator did not indicate what material was imported to the site for rehabilitation. Council directs staff to request either from the operator directly or through a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry, how much fill was imported, as well as the laboratory testing to demonstrate it met applicable excess soil standards.

22) Schedule Y – Licence 625189

- Council direct staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns regarding:
 - i. The Township's Hydrogeologist raised concerns that the berms were breached, not constructed to the appropriate level.
 - ii. The Silt barrier not functioning properly ongoing impacts to neighbours ponds and adjacent wet land
 - iii. In the general comments section of the CAR report the operator states that the pit was active during the 2025 compliance assessment. CAR Reports indicate Section B is to be completed for inactive sites and it is an offense to submit a false CAR report.
- Council direct staff to request that the MNR remove Licence 625189 given the site is inactive.

23) Schedule Z – Licence 625284

- Council direct staff to confirm that the upgrades to the pit have been completed to prevent tracking of material onto the road.
- Council direct staff to have the appropriate consultant review the rear slope and setback on the site plan to determine if extraction is occurring on the southern setback.
- C22 operator did not indicate what material was imported to the site for rehabilitation. Council directs staff to request either from the operator directly or through a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry, how much fill was imported, as well as the laboratory testing to demonstrate it met applicable excess soil standards.

24) Schedule BB – Licence 626648

- Council direct staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns:
 - i. That structure 25 identified on the site plan as a woof frame stable is currently being used for commercial non-ancillary uses to the aggregate use of the property

- Council directs staff to notify the County of Wellington that the entire site is stripped with only 4.2 HA being progressively rehab as indicated in D2. ARB ruling indicates lands stripped but not yet rehab are in the industrial tax class, to ensure majority of the site is in the industrial tax class
- C22 operator did not indicate what material was imported to the site for rehabilitation. Council directs staff to request either from the operator directly or through a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry, how much fill was imported, as well as the laboratory testing to demonstrate it met applicable excess soil standards.

CARRIED

Councillor Goyda declared a potential pecuniary interest related to item 9.4.5 Amended Report COR-2026-012 2025 Aggregate Compliance Assessment Reports Schedules L and Q are licences that are operated by a family member. As such, I may have a pecuniary conflict of interest in any discussion or decisions on the matter and refrained from discussion and voting on the matter.

Resolution No. 2026-069:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Council directed staff incorporate the following comments within the Township's Compliance Assessment Report Tracker and that Council direct staff to contact the pit operator and MNR in accordance with the comments:

1) Schedule L – Licence 5709

- Council direct staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns that shipping containers are located on the westerly boundary of the property that are not included on the Site Plan.
- C22 operator did not indicate what material was imported to the site for rehabilitation. Council directs staff to request either from the operator directly or through a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry, how much fill was imported, as well as the laboratory testing to demonstrate it met applicable excess soil standards.

2) Schedule Q – Licence 15338

- Council direct staff to advise the MNR and pit operator regarding the Township's concerns regarding the additional building and storage containers located within the vicinity of the scale are not identified on the site plan.
- C22 operator did not indicate what material was imported to the site for rehabilitation. Council directs staff to request either from the operator directly or through a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry, how much fill was imported, as well as the laboratory testing to demonstrate it met applicable excess soil standards.

9.5 Building Department

9.5.1 Building Department Fourth Quarter Update – October to December 2025

Resolution No. 2026-070:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Report BLD-2026-001 entitled Building Department Fourth Quarter Update – October to December 2025 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 Presentation by Harden Environmental Services Limited regarding Multi-aquifer Wells and Transport Pathways Study

Resolution No. 2026-071:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Correspondence Item 10.1 Presentation by Harden Environmental Services Limited regarding Multi aquifer Wells and Transport Pathways Study be received for information; and

That Council endorse the recommendations made under section 10 of the report; and

That Council endorse the preparation of scope of work, by Source Water and Harden Environmental for a future study in order to be prepared for when funding is available; and

Whereas Council remains concerned with the current legislation framework which does not require encasing of multi aquifer wells for new development or retrofitting existing wells;

That Council direct staff to work with Source Water Protection, the member municipalities, the City of Guelph, and the Region of Waterloo regarding an action plan to advocate to the Province on this matter.

CARRIED

10.2 CBM Aberfoyle South Lake Pit Aggregate Resources Act Application 626630 - Objection Form

Resolution No. 2026-072:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Correspondence Item 10.2 CBM Aberfoyle South Lake Pit Aggregate Resources Act Application 626630 - Objection Form be received for information; and,

That Council direct staff to prepare a draft response to the Aggregate Resources Act Application Objection Form to be reviewed at a special meeting of Council on Friday March 13 in advance of the final submission on by March 16, 2026.

CARRIED

10.3 County of Wellington Notice of Decision regarding Application for Approval of Draft Plan of Subdivision under Subsection 51(37) of Planning Act regarding 2081788 Ontario Corporation c/o Walter Broos, President (11 Main Street)

Mayor Seeley declared a potential pecuniary interest related to item 10.3 County of Wellington Notice of Decision regarding Application for Approval of Draft Plan of Subdivision under Subsection 51(37) of Planning Act regarding 2081788 Ontario Corporation c/o Walter Broos, President (11 Main Street) as I own property adjacent to the development and refrained from discussion and decision on this matter.

Resolution No. 2026-073:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Correspondence Item 10.3 County of Wellington Notice of Decision regarding Application for Approval of Draft Plan of Subdivision under Subsection 51(37) of Planning Act regarding 2081788 Ontario Corporation c/o Walter Broos, President (11 Main Street) be received for information.

CARRIED

11. **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

11.1 Mayor' Updates

11.1.1 Mayor Seeley remarked on OPA 131 public meeting at the county of Wellington

11.1.2 Mayor Seeley provided information related to TAPMO initiatives that Puslinch staff are supporting.

Resolution No. 2026-074:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council receive the Mayor's updates for information.

CARRIED

11.2 Council Member Reports

11.2.1 Councillor Hurst remarked on the past Heritage Committee meeting and the designation process to date.

11.2.2 Councillor Bailey remarked on the Whistle Stop Easter Breakfast on March 28, 2026.

Resolution No. 2026-075:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council receive the Councillor member updates for information.

CARRIED

12. BY-LAWS:

12.1.1 BL2026-008 Authorize Entering into Agreement with the Minister of Rural Affairs for the Rural Ontario Development Program-Community Development for the Beautification and Streetscaping in Aberfoyle and Morriston

12.1.2 BL2026-009 Delegate Authority to CAO during the 2026 Municipal Election Period

12.1.3 Deferred to Future Council Meeting BL2026-010 Stop up, Close and Declare Surplus Lake Ave Road Allowance

12.1.4 Deferred to Future Council Meeting BL2026-011 Authorize Entering into Purchase and Sale Agreement and enter into an Encroachment Agreement

12.1.5 BL2026-012 Amend Open Air Burning By-law 45/14

12.1.6 BL2026-013 Amend AMPS By-law 043-2025

12.1.7 BL2026-015 Appointment of an Interim Fire Chief

Resolution No. 2026-076:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

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

12.1.1 BL2026-008 – Being a by-law to Authorize Entering into Agreement with the Minister of Rural Affairs for the Rural Ontario Development Program-Community Development for the Beautification and Streetscaping in Aberfoyle and Morriston

12.1.2 BL2026-009 – Being a By-law to Delegate Authority to CAO during the 2026 Municipal Election Period

12.1.7 BL2026-0015 – Being a by-law to Appointment of an Interim Fire Chief

CARRIED

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

14. CLOSED SESSION:

Council was in closed session from 2:45 p.m. to 3:15 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.

Resolution No. 2026-077:

Moved by Councillor Bailey 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 – Volunteer of the Year Nominations

14.2 Confidential report regarding a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board – Procurement Request

14.3 Confidential minutes from previous closed meetings:

14.3.1 February 11, 2026, Closed Council Meeting Minutes

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2026-078:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council moves into open session at 3:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Council resumed into open session at 3:15 p.m.

Resolution No. 2026-079:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Council receives the:

14.1 Confidential report regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Volunteer of the Year Nominations

14.2 Confidential report regarding a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board – Procurement Request

14.3 Confidential minutes from previous closed meetings:

14.3.1 February 11, 2026, Closed Council Meeting Minutes

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. 2026-080:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
MARCH 4, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING BY ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION
& IN-PERSON AT 7404 WELLINGTON RD 34, PUSLINCH

Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

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

By-law 2026-014 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch at its meeting held on the 4 day of March 2026.

CARRIED

19. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution No. 2026-081:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Council hereby adjourns at 3:16 p.m.

CARRIED

James Seeley, Mayor

Justine Brotherston, Clerk