



September 16, 2026 Council Meeting

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Addition to the Agenda Questions received from Council seeking additional information and the corresponding responses provided by staff regarding the September 16, 2026 Council agenda items.

Design Guidelines

1. How would the guidelines be applied to commercial and industrial development outside of the focus areas? **The guidelines have evolved to incorporate settlement areas of Aberfoyle, Morriston and Arkell, and now include information related to the rural employment lands. It is the intention of the guideline to work with other development and planning tools and it has identified which resources may be applicable.**
2. I am very supportive of incorporating heritage character into new development. How would that be evaluated when a development application comes in? Can there be some criteria identified in order to provide clarity to applicants? **The inclusion of "heritage character" is typical to a 'Facade Improvement Guideline' and for the most part, falls outside the scope of these guidelines. Façade renewal designs or guidelines for buildings located within The Township of Puslinch would illustrate how building and business owners can transform their building's façades; typically, under the topics of awnings, signage, planters, shutters, colour, and lighting; a facade guidelines suggest ways in which a building's façade can be maintained or improved to suit the desired heritage.**
3. Some of the elements such as hanging baskets, large container plantings could create considerable operating watering and maintenance – what would staff suggest in terms of prioritizing those initiatives? Start with one focus area vs. strategically placing a few in select areas? **For the current round of funding, the**



strategy has been to focus on settlement areas' cores, increasing improvement visibility, by adding 'street planters' to complement the addition of new seating.

4. There was some grant funding that the township received for downtown beautification. Can you give a refresh on what that was and which components of the design guidelines could be implemented with that funding? **There were 3 RFQs to assist in 1) the purchase of mural development/installation at two locations, 2) to obtain supply and installation of site furnishings including seating distributed in select location in Aberfoyle and Morriston, and for supply and installation of street planters, same locations, and 3) community identity signage in the spirit of the Puslinch sign (sw corner of 46/34 Rds roundabout), for Aberfoyle, Morriston and Arkell locations.**

6.1.2 January 15, 2026 Joint Recreation and Community Wellness and Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

8.2 Proposed Donation Policy

Re “That the following comments from the Joint Recreation and Community Wellness Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee be provided to Council for its consideration regarding the Proposed Donation Policy:

- The Committee recommends clarified wording regarding how an Official Donation Receipt is not -issued to a business should they choose to advertise their business as part of the donation

That staff review Section 8. D.) ii. to ensure sponsorship and/or naming rights be considered”

If this requires a motion from Council then I would like to move such motion – **The comments provided by the Joint Recreation and Community Wellness Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee at their January 13, 2025 meeting were incorporated into the final Donation Policy. The Policy was subsequently presented to and approved by Council through Report FIN-2025-003 at its February 20, 2025 meeting. Accordingly, no further motion of Council is required.**

9.2.1 Report FIN-2026-021 2027 Proposed User Fees and Charges

-by mid year 2026 for Buildings where did we stand financially? **As presented in Report FIN-2026-023, Second Quarter Financial Report – 2026, at the August 26, 2026 Council**



meeting, page 7 of the report projected a contribution from the Building Surplus Reserve of approximately \$69,167 as of the end of the second quarter. This projection was based on revenues of approximately \$299,387 and expenditures of \$368,554. Based on current year-to-date actuals, Building revenues are approximately \$485K compared to expenditures of approximately \$439K, resulting in a preliminary estimated surplus of approximately \$46K. Based on these figures, rather than drawing from the Building Surplus Reserve, it is currently anticipated that approximately \$46K may be contributed to the reserve at year-end. This remains a preliminary estimate and will change as additional revenues and expenditures are recorded and year-end entries are completed prior to the annual audit.

9.7.1 10:25 A.M. Draft Puslinch Recreation and Parks Master Plan

-p. 754 what is the cost of the mechanical system as there is a typo in the cost?

The dashboard depicts items with costing and timelines. Will there be a prioritization of the items in the short term, medium term and long term for Council to consider funding.

There was a typo error in the dashboard. The correct estimated cost for the mechanical system should have noted \$100,000.

The dashboard is intended to provide staff and Council with an overview of the Plan's recommendations, anticipated timelines, and estimated costs. Staff will prioritize items based on operational needs, community demand, available resources, costs, and other competing municipal priorities. Where an item is recommended for action and has a budget or financial impact, staff will report back to Council for consideration through the annual budget process or, where the financial impact is low, during the year as appropriate. All recommendations and associated expenditures will be contingent upon Council approval. There may also be items identified in the dashboard that staff do not recommend or proceed with due to costs, staffing resources and/or other priorities.

9.2.3 Report FIN-2026-024 Municipal Performance Measurement Program Report for 2025

-One less bridge rated good ; where is this bridge? What is the rating of this bridge and other less than good bridges? When are these bridges scheduled for rehab?

This is Little's Bridge, located on Sideroad 25 North, which has been identified as requiring load testing and minor rehabilitation. The work is currently included in the 2028 Capital Budget at an estimated cost of \$45K. The other bridges identified as requiring work through the 2025 OSIM inspections are outlined below including the year they are incorporated in the Capital Budget and Forecast:



Structure Name	Road Name	Structure Type	Description
Cook's Bridge	Cook's Mill Road	I-Beam or Girders	Major Rehab
Little's Bridge	Sideroad 25 North	Solid Slab	Minor Rehab
Structure 0006	Concession 1	Rigid Frame, Vertical Legs	Minor Rehab
Structure 0008	Gore Road	Rectangular Culvert	Minor Rehab

10.1 9:05 A.M. Presentation by Sonny Karunakaran regarding Wellington Waterloo Power
Staff will have the draft motion prepared for Council's consideration.

Line Project Hydro One ≠

I would like to make the following motion

Whereas Hydro One is undertaking an Environmental Assessment for a proposed transmission line in the Township of Puslinch;

And Whereas the Environmental Assessment Technical Advisory Committee (EA TAC) would benefit from local knowledge and community perspectives regarding the Mill Creek area and surrounding environs;

Be It Resolved That Council request that Hydro One include a representative from Help Protect Puslinch and the Mill Creek Stewards on the Environmental Assessment Technical Advisory Committee;

And Whereas it is important that the Township have the resources and expertise necessary to provide informed input throughout the Environmental Assessment process and to advocate for an alignment that minimizes impacts on the Township and its residents;



Be It Resolved That Township staff be requested to prepare a plan, including estimated costs, for consideration as part of the 2027 budget, to provide the Township with appropriate technical and professional support to participate in the Environmental Assessment process, including supporting, reviewing and providing input on the proposed 401 alignment and reviewing the draft Environmental Assessment with particular emphasis given to the Socio-Economic Environment evaluation category;

And Whereas a Public Meeting is preferred over an Open House format so that residents can collectively hear the same presentation, information and answers to questions, and hear the concerns raised by other residents;

Be It Resolved That Council request that Hydro One hold a Public Meeting in the Township of Puslinch this year to explain the Environmental Assessment process, present the alternatives being considered, and provide residents with an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

10.3 1:00 P.M. Presentation by Karen Medeiro regarding Wellington County O.P.P.

Detachment Board Report ≠

Table 2.1 Are there any underlying causes to the rise of assaults and violence year over year?

Table 2.8 if sum of accepted is included already in sum of offered then percentages are stated too low.

Staff have provided these questions to Karen Medeiros for response.

10.4 IESO South and Central Final Bulk Plan ≠ Staff will have the draft motion prepared for Council's consideration

-will ask to have an appropriate representative to come to Council to present the proposed Puslinch to Guelph lines as well as the increased facilities at the Puslinch Hydro Station south of 401 on Concession 7

10.5 Notice Permit to Take Water 101 Brock Rd S - White Wolf Property Management Inc. ≠

-given our knowledge with the technical information that had been provided by the previous owner is there any benefit to request that Township's Hydrogeologist be permitted to review the proponent's hydrogeologist report and submit comments through the Township to the Ministry?

Staff have submitted an objection on the basis of requesting additional time for review. The Ministry has provided the Township with an extension to October 10th, 2026 to submit



comments. Staff have circulated the application to the Township's Hydrogeologist and Source Water for comment.

Hamilton Conservation Authority

-allocation to Puslinch is \$35.6K; what was last year's allocation? **\$34.4K**