

Resolution No. 2017-157

Moved by: Les Rowley

Seconded by: Jeff Marshall

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry agree to reimburse Ms. Tammy Rand in the amount of \$175 for the Emsdale Community Centre rental on April 8, 2017.

Carried

Resolution No. 2017-158

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of support the Resolution No. 87-17 from the Township of Machar regarding a one school system in Ontario.

Carried

Resolution No. 2017-159

Moved by: Jeff Marshall

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry have received the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Prevention Plan prepared by the South-East Almaguin Regional Fire Departments and approve the implementation of the Plan.

Carried

Resolution No. 2017

Moved by: Jeff Marshall

Seconded by: Les Rowley

Resolution of Support for the Coalition for Responsible and Sustainable Navigation

WHEREAS it is recognized that certain pleasure craft activities can have harmful effects on the health of water bodies, notably the marine fauna and the flora;

WHEREAS there are greater numbers of pleasure craft of the type wake boat which produce oversized and powerful waves;

WHEREAS the waves produces by such pleasure craft erode the shorelines and damage docks, parked boats and marine life habitats;

WHEREAS the oversized waves contribute to the churning up of sediments, the releasing of the phosphorus trapped in the sediments and engender a proliferation of aquatic plants, including blue algae and the emergence of murky waters;

WHEREAS the current federal legislation does not adequately respond to the preoccupations of residents and users of the water bodies in relation to environmental considerations and the harmonization of different aquatic activities;

WHEREAS the federal legislation applicable to pleasure craft, the *Canada Shipping Act*, concerns safety, the rights of navigators and the minimization of obstacles to navigation but does not integrate environmental and quality of life considerations;

WHEREAS the actions open to municipalities to regulate certain aspects of navigation are onerous and piecemeal and do not represent a holistic vision for responsible management of the water bodies and the surrounding areas at large;

WHEREAS several municipalities and organizations, notably environmental organizations, have identified the impacts of pleasure craft activities and wish to

put in place a vision for sustainable development taking into account economic, social and ecological considerations;

WHEREAS the federal government, currently responsible for navigation on water bodies is too far removed from local communities to fully grasp the problems associated with pleasure craft navigation;

WHEREAS the Coalition for Responsible and Sustainable Navigation has undertaken steps to develop and submit legislative proposals concerning pleasure craft to the Government of Canada based on science and at a national scale;

WHEREAS the legislative proposals of the Coalition for Responsible and Sustainable Navigation will be based on scientific research and data and will reflect the environmental tolerances and characteristics of water bodies;

WHEREAS other municipalities, regional governments and residents' associations have adopted resolution to modernize the federal legislation concerning pleasure craft to reflect socio-economic factors associated with nautical activities and the delegation of some powers to local governments to better adapt the framework for nautical activities to local realities;

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities is attempting to convince the Government of Canada of importance of the protection of the health of our water bodies and the need for new legislation to do so;

IT IS PROPOSED THAT the Township of Perry support the Coalition for Responsible and Sustainable Navigation to develop and submit legislative proposals to the Government of Canada taking into account the environmental and social aspects associated with pleasure craft use, including the capacity of water bodies to support pleasure craft activities.

Tabled

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Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Resolution of Support for the Coalition for Responsible and Sustainable Navigation

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

WHEREAS certain pleasure craft activities could have harmful effects on a water body, namely the flora and fauna;

WHEREAS certain pleasure craft activities could inhibit a harmonious co-habitation among the different usages of a waterway and render life unpleasant for many in the community;

WHEREAS the presence of wake boats and other types of powerful boats and such as cigarette boats exceed the environmental tolerance of a water body with their oversized waves;

WHEREAS the waves produced by such pleasure craft erode the shorelines and damage docks, parked pleasure craft and marine life habitats;

WHEREAS the oversized waves contribute to the churning up of lake bottom sediments and release phosphorus trapped in these sediments thus endangering the proliferation of aquatic plants, including blue algae, and murky water;

WHEREAS the current federal legislation which applied to navigation, the Canada Shipping Act, is inadequate to respond to the concerns of residents and users pertaining to environmental considerations and the harmonization of different water activities;

WHEREAS the Canada Shipping Act is primarily about safety, the rights of navigators and the minimization of obstacles to navigation and doesn't sufficiently take into account environmental impact considerations related to motor boats, nor quality of life matters;

WHEREAS the options currently available to a municipality to regulate aspects of pleasure craft navigation involve 29 steps, and as such are bureaucratically heavy, onerous and troublesome and render it impossible to have an integrated, responsible and sustainable management plan for the water body and surrounding area;

WHEREAS many municipalities and environmental organizations have identified the issues of the impacts of pleasure craft and wish to put in place measures reflecting a sustainable development vision that covers social and economic as well as environmental goals;

WHEREAS there are collective rights at stake to assure the survival of the natural heritage of a water body for current and future generations;

WHEREAS municipalities are well placed to have a say in the management of their respective water bodies;

WHEREAS the Coalition for Responsible and Sustainable Navigation aims to develop science-based legislative solutions to the Government of Canada, at a national scale regarding pleasure craft;

WHEREAS the proposals of the Coalition for Responsible and Sustainable Navigation are based on studies and scientific data that reflect the characteristics and environmental tolerances of water bodies;

IT IS PROPOSED THAT the Township of Perry support the initiatives of the Coalition for Responsible and Sustainable Navigation aimed at developing legislative proposals that take into account the environmental and social impacts of certain types of pleasure craft;

IT IS PROPOSED THAT the Township of Perry advise the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to make known to communities across Canada the importance of the challenges regarding the health of our water bodies so that the FCM can make known these concerns to the federal and provincial governments.

Tabled

Council tabled the resolution and directed staff to amend the proposed resolutions and bring back to a future council meeting.

Resolution No. 2017-160

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry hereby receives Correspondence Items 7.1 to 7.3 as outlined in the Agenda of April 19th, 2017

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. p.m.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2017.

Original Signed by Norm Hofstetter
Norm Hofstetter, *Mayor*

Original Signed by Melinda Torrance
Beth Morton, *Clerk-Administrator*