



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
Fire Department
Wednesday, November 6, 2019
6:00 pm

Council Chambers, 1695 Emsdale Road, Emsdale, Ontario)

Any and all Minutes are to be considered Draft until approved by Council at a Regular Meeting of Council

In Attendance:

Council Members:

Mayor Norm Hofstetter
Councillors: Margaret Ann MacPhail, Jim Cushman, Joe Lumley and Paul Sowrey

Municipal Staff:

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator;
Dan Marshall, Fire Chief
Kim Seguin, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Mike Wilmon, CBO/By-law Enforcement

Members of the Public:

See Sign in Sheet

Mayor Hofstetter opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None

Single Station Calls

The Fire Chief presented Council with the letter that has been forwarded to dispatch to address since station calls that are not being acknowledged. This letter was drafted by the Fire Chiefs within our region to address the issue in all Fire Departments.

The Fire Chief explained the types of calls that are responded to. Every Fire Department has different calls that they attend. For example, Burk's Falls has an ambulance stationed in their community, therefore they have limited medical calls that they are paged to go out to, whereas the majority of Perry's calls are medical.

During discussion the Fire Chief advised that at next week's training, the Fire Departments are getting together to train for Ice Water Rescue. Council expressed an interest in attending the exercise. The Fire Chief will advise Council of the time and location so that Council can attend if they are available.

Recruitment

The Fire Chief continues to work on recruitment and recently had a meeting with the firefighters in order for them to provide suggestions for recruitment. The Fire Chief provided a list of ideas to Council. Council is very supportive of the suggestions provided.

Council supports the inclusion of a gym in the Community Centre/Library and directed staff to work with the engineers to include the gym in the new build.

Council also provided direction to the Fire Chief to survey other municipalities and obtain their wages/honorariums for their Fire Department for a comparison and consideration in the 2020 budget.

Council also directed that staff look into a benefit program through a health spending account for the firefighters for presentation and consideration in the 2020 budget.

Access to Fire Hall

The Fire Departments have established running assignments for backfilling Fire Halls when responding to automatic aid calls.

Perry Township Fire Hall is used for backfilling for McMurrich/Monteith, Kearney and Perry. This ensures that there are trucks on standby should there be a second call to one of the neighbouring municipalities.

The Officers for other Fire Departments have access to the Perry Township Fire Hall for backfilling purposes. The Fire Chiefs attend on scene of a fire, therefore they do not require access the hall.

At all other times, other neighbouring Fire Department personnel access the Perry Township Fire Hall with a member of the Perry Township Fire Department.

Council directed that a security camera system be placed in the 2020 budget for the Fire Hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2019.

Original Signed by Norm Hofstetter _____
Norm Hofstetter, *Mayor*

Original Signed by Beth Morton _____
Beth Morton, *Clerk-Administrator*