



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, June 25th, 2020

3:30 p.m.

Council Chambers and Electronic Attendance

(1695 Emsdale Road, Emsdale, ON)

Any and all Minutes are to be considered Draft until approved by Council at the next Regular or Special of Meeting of Council

In Attendance:

Council Chambers:

Mayor Norm Hofstetter
Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator
Kim Seguin, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Melinda Torrance, Deputy Clerk

Electronic Attendance:

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

Members of the Public:

See Sign In Sheet

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None

Resolution No. 2020-190

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

WHEREAS the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways is a growing area of public concern;

WHEREAS reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce GHGs significantly;

WHEREAS the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes;

WHEREAS the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome;

WHEREAS the Township of Perry is supportive of a timely, seamless, and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products;

WHEREAS the Township of Perry is concerned about a recent proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that could jeopardize over 135 small rural, remote, and Northern community Blue Box programs across the Province as well as servicing to schools and public spaces;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Perry strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures municipalities under 5,000 continue to receive Blue Box servicing as was agreed as part of the Provincial government's Blue Box mediation as well as schools and public spaces.

THAT the Township of Perry would like to transition their Blue Box program to full producer responsibility effective March 2, 2023.

AND THAT this decision is based on our current collection contract for Blue Box material expiring as of March 1, 2023.

AND THAT the Township of Perry would be interested in providing collection services to Producers should we be able to arrive at mutually agreeable commercial terms.

AND FURTHER THAT any questions regarding this resolution can be directed to Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator at 705-636-5941 or beth.morton@townshipofperry.ca.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:46 p.m.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2020.

Original Signed by Norm Hofstetter

Norm Hofstetter, *Mayor*

Original Signed by Beth Morton

Beth Morton, *Clerk-Administrator*