



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 6th, 2021

7:00 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 a Regular Meeting of Council

In Attendance:

Council Chambers:

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

Electronic Attendance:

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

Staff: Mike Wilmon, Chief Building Official
Dan Marshall, Fire Chief
Randy McLaren, Working Roads Supervisor

Members of the Public:

Randie Doornik, Paul Morin

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None

Resolution No. 2021-388

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry approves the Minutes of the following Meetings as presented:

- 3.1 Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, September 15th, 2021
- 3.2 Public Meeting on Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 – Zoning By-law Amendment for Part of Lot 13 and Part of Lot 14, Plan 169, Township of Perry, located at 184 Homeland Drive (Morin)
- 3.3 Public Meeting on Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 – Zoning By-law Amendment for Lot 6, Plan 180, in the Township of Perry, located at 50 Fairview Lane (Thomson)

Carried

Presentation: Almaguin Adult Learning Centre – Update on Programs

Randie Doornik, Lead Instructor with Almaguin Adult Learning Centre (AALC) presented the following:

- AALC provides services to residents from Powassan to south of Burk's Falls;
- AALC works towards creating stability to help residents learn and focus on upgrading their education;
- AALC assists in supporting the life skills necessary for a successful independent life;
- Many of AALC programs are once again being offered, virtually, with a Free Food & Finance 6-week workshop starting this October;
- Personally thanked Council for their continued support to AALC over the years.

Mayor Hofstetter and Council thanked Ms. Doornik for her presentation.

Resolution No. 2021-389

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry does hereby now adjourn from this Regular Meeting at 7:15 p.m. to commence a 'Public Meeting' for the purpose of hearing comments from members of the public with regard to a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment for lands legally described as Lots 1 and 2 and Part of Lot 3, Plan M19, in the Township of Perry, designated as Parts 2 and 3 on Plan 42R-4709; and Part Lot 18, Concession 9, Township of Perry, designated as Part 1 on Plan 42R-4709, located at 156 Scotia Road (Myra)

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-390

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry receives the Planning Report prepared by Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator for proposed Zoning By-law Amendment for lands legally described as Lots 1 and 2 and Part of Lot 3, M19, in the Township of Perry, designated as Parts 2 and 3 on Plan 42R-4709; and Part Lot 18, Concession 9, Township of Perry, designated as Part 1 on Plan 42R-4709, located at 156 Scotia Road (Myra)

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-391

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry does hereby now adjourn from this Public Meeting at 7:22 p.m. in order to recommence the Regular Meeting of Council of October 6th, 2021.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-392

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry has received the Minutes and/or Reports from the following Municipal Boards and Committees:

5.1. ACED Committee

5.1.1 Report – September 2021

5.1.2 Minutes – August 2021

5.2. Almaguin Highlands Healthcare Centre

5.2.1. Minutes – September 2021

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-393

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry has received the Monthly Reports, as circulated, from the following Municipal Departments:

6.1. Fire Department

6.1.1. Fire Training & Chiefs Meeting Report

6.2. By-law Enforcement

6.3. Transfer Station

6.4. Public Works

6.5. Building Department

6.6. Facilities

6.7. Finance Department

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-394

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law No. 2021-84 "Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-395

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that By-law No. 2021-84 "Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-396

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law No. 2021-85 "Being a By-law to amend By-law No. 2014-21, as amended, the Zoning By-law for the Township of Perry with respect

to lands legally described as Part of Lot 13 and Part of Lot 14, Plan 169, Township of Perry” be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-397

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law No. 2021-85 “Being a By-law to amend By-law No. 2014-21, as amended, the Zoning By-law for the Township of Perry with respect to lands legally described as Part of Lot 13 and Part of Lot 14, Plan 169, Township of Perry” be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-398

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that By-law No. 2021-86 “Being a By-law to amend By-law No. 2014-21, as amended, the Zoning By-law for the Township of Perry with respect to lands legally described as Lot 6, Plan 180, in the Township of Perry” be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-399

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that By-law No. 2021-86 “Being a By-law to amend By-law No. 2014-21, as amended, the Zoning By-law for the Township of Perry with respect to lands legally described as Lot 6, Plan 180, in the Township of Perry” be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-400

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law No. 2021-87 “Being a By-law to establish a Municipal COVID-19 Vaccination Policy” be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-401

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law No. 2021-87 “Being a By-law to establish a Municipal COVID-19 Vaccination Policy” be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-402

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receive the October 6th, 2021 Health and Safety Report from the Clerk-Administrator.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-403

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry receives the report from the Clerk-Administrator providing an update on the Emsdale Community Centre and Library Project;

And that Council hereby directs the Clerk-Administrator to advertise for an Open House to say 'good-bye' to the Emsdale Community Centre on Saturday, November 6th, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with light refreshments and cupcakes to be served;

And further that Council directs the Clerk-Administrator to coordinate the storage of tables, and that any kitchen items in good use be repurposed to the Novar Community Centre;

And further that the Clerk-Administrator is directed to contact the Emsdale Agricultural Society to remove any of their items within the building on or by November 5th, 2021;

And further that all other items left within the Emsdale Community Centre after November 5th, 2021 be included as part of the demolition.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-404

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry have no objection to Consent Application B-048/21 (Miller), subject to the following conditions:

1. The Township of Perry requires a "Cash-in-lieu of Parkland" payment of 5% based on the assessed value of the newly created lot as per By-Law No. 2007-33.
2. The Township of Perry requires four (4) copies of the new survey, together with a digital pdf copy for our records.
3. A draft reference plan of survey shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer of the District Planning Board and to the Municipality, for review, prior to registration.

If the reference plan or other evidence discloses that either the severed property or the retained property owned by the Applicant, contains a deviation road maintained by the Municipality as a public road, then the Applicant shall survey and transfer such deviation road to the Municipality as a condition of severance. The area to be surveyed and transferred shall generally be sixty-six (66') feet in width and centered upon the centre line of the present travelled road. In situations where this is impractical, the Applicant should discuss how this requirement will be fulfilled with the Municipality before the reference plan is finalized.

Prior to the finalization of consent, The District Planning Board must be advised in writing by the Municipality that the above condition has been satisfied.

4. The Township of Perry requires confirmation from the Working Road Supervisor that an entrance permit can be obtained.
5. The Township of Perry requires that the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority provide comments as to the suitability to the severed lot for sewage disposal services.
6. The Township of Perry requires that the lot to be created be rezoned to the Rural Residential (RR) Zone.
7. The Township requires payment of \$500 administration fee as per the Fees and Charges By-law.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-405

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry have no objection to Consent Application B-052/21 (Snow), subject to the following conditions:

1. The Township of Perry requires a "Cash-in-lieu of Parkland" payment of 5% based on the assessed value of the newly created lot as per By-Law No. 2007-33.
2. The Township of Perry requires four (4) copies of the new survey, together with a digital pdf copy for our records.

3. A draft reference plan of survey shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer of the District Planning Board and to the Municipality, for review, prior to registration.

If the reference plan or other evidence discloses that either the severed property or the retained property owned by the Applicant, contains a deviation road maintained by the Municipality as a public road, then the Applicant shall survey and transfer such deviation road to the Municipality as a condition of severance. The area to be surveyed and transferred shall generally be sixty-six (66') feet in width and centered upon the centre line of the present travelled road. In situations where this is impractical, the Applicant should discuss how this requirement will be fulfilled with the Municipality before the reference plan is finalized.

Prior to the finalization of consent, The District Planning Board must be advised in writing by the Municipality that the above condition has been satisfied.

4. The Township of Perry requires confirmation from the Working Road Supervisor that an entrance permit can be obtained.
5. The Township requires payment of \$500 administration fee as per the Fees and Charges By-law.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-406

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

WHEREAS Communities across the province are addressing an intensified social crisis and Northern Ontario is no different. It has been recognized that creating solutions will require a multi-ministry approach but if there are lessons to be learned from this pandemic, what were once cracks in the health care foundation, there are now large gaps forming especially around mental health, addictions, and homelessness; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario has significant challenges when it comes to accessing mental health and addictions services for our residents in our communities; and

WHEREAS over 300 childcare staff workers who provide services to over 21,000 licenced childcare spaces in over 340 locations across Northern Ontario see the effects of Mental Health and Addictions every day in the children they care for and the parents they support; and

WHEREAS the defined area of Northern Ontario is over 800,000 square kilometres. Annually over 500 Social Services staff provide financial and employment assistance to over 15,000 families in 37 delivery sites across Northern Ontario. Over 300 Community Housing staff provide safe and affordable housing to over 17,000 families in Northern Ontario. In addition, there are many Police Officers and over 900 paramedics who respond to 200,000 medical emergency 911 calls. Paramedics have seen the direct results of the Mental Health and Addictions crisis in the North and some cases becoming ill themselves trying to cope with what they have seen; and

WHEREAS the efforts of all the agencies that are working to help and support those addicted to opioids are greatly appreciated, however, in some districts, over 30 agencies are providing some assistance; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities would like to see consolidation of these agencies with the input of Municipalities/DSSAB's and local stakeholders as it is believed a streamlined agency would be able to put the combined funds to better use;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports FONOM in asking the Northern Ontario Health Teams, in consultation with area Municipalities/DSSAB's and local stakeholders, to support a province-wide strategy for such consolidation;

AND FUTHER THAT Council direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to Honourable Premier Doug Ford, Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, the Leaders of the Provincial Oppositions, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all local municipalities.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-407

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives Correspondence Items 10.1 to 10.5 as outlined in the Agenda of October 6th, 2021.

Carried

10. New Business

Mayor Hofstetter brought forward the following two items for Council consideration and discussion:

a. Reopening Municipal Office/Almaguin Highlands Information Centre

Council discussed the potential full reopening of the Municipal Office and Almaguin Highlands Information Centre to the general public. As the Municipal Office is connected directly with the Information Centre, it was noted by Council that it would be difficult to ensure continued safety of staff and visitors using the building as a rest stop.

Council decided that the Municipal Office will continue to be open by appointment only, that the Information Centre will remain closed, with portable washrooms being available in front of the building.

Council noted they will consider the reopening of the Municipal Office/Information Centre at a future meeting this Winter 2021/2022.

b. Revisions to Flag Policy re: National Truth and Reconciliation Day and Orange “Every Child Matters” Flag

Council discussed revising the current Township Flag Policy to include lowering the flags on the Community Flag Pole to half-mast on September 30th in recognition of the National Truth and Reconciliation Day. In addition, the policy would include the raising of the orange “Every Child Matters” flag for the month of September.

Council directed staff to bring forward a report to a future meeting of Council revising the Township’s Flag Policy to reflect the proposed revisions as highlighted above.

Resolution No. 2021-408

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that in accordance with Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, as amended*, Council shall proceed into ‘Closed Session’ at 8:13 p.m. in order to address matters relating to Section 239(2)(a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board (Update)

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-411

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry adjourns this ‘Closed Session’ Meeting of Wednesday, October 6th, 2021 at 8:47 p.m.

Carried

Resolution No. 2021-412

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry reconvenes to its Regular Meeting of Wednesday, October 6th, 2021 at 8:48 p.m.

Carried

Reporting out of Closed

Council was provided with a Report from Staff on the Township's existing IT Services and provided direction to staff on future IT services.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:49 p.m.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2021.

"Originally Signed"

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

"Originally Signed"

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator