



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday February 15th, 2023
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Office 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:

Municipal Office:

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

Electronic Attendance:

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

Members of the Public:

John Gallagher, Kartik Singla

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Cushman declared pecuniary interest on Agenda Item 7.6 on the Council Agenda of February 15th, 2023, due to owning and operating the gravel/stone business who has requested that review of the removal of half-load restrictions on a portion of Savage Settlement Road be conducted.

Resolution No. 2023-32

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby approves the Addendum to Include Agenda Item 9.1 on the February 15th, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-33

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

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

3.1. Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday February 1st, 2023

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-34

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry does

now adjourn from this Regular Meeting at 7:09 p.m. to commence a 'Public Meeting' for a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment for lands legally described as Part of Lots 12 and 13, Concession 3, in the Township of Perry, located at 649 Long Lake Road (Calder)

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-35

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry receives the report prepared by Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator, for lands legally described as Part of Lots 12 and 13, Concession 3, located at 649 Long Lake Road (Calder)

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-36

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby now adjourn from this Public Meeting at 7:24 p.m. in order to recommence the Regular Meeting of Council of February 15th, 2023.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-37

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives the Health and Safety Report prepared by the Clerk-Administrator dated February 15th, 2023.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-38

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby accept the request submitted by Kartik Singla, in principle, to purchase a portion of the road allowance abutting Part Lot 25, Concession 1, 53 Lang's Lane, subject to compliance with the Township's property disposal and road closing policies and hereby directs the Clerk to proceed accordingly.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-39

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry approves the request from the Highlands Early Learning and Child Care Centre to place an approximate 24-inch wide self-standing banner in the lobby area at the Municipal Office, in order to promote Early Childhood Education.

Carried

Item 7.3 Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare – Local Share Contribution for Hospital Re-Development (Discussion)

Mayor Hofstetter highlighted to Council the discussions surrounding the Almaguin Highlands Municipal Local Share Contribution to Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) for the Hospital Re-Development and noted the following:

- Under the proposed calculations Perry Township would be contributing approximately \$1.8 million dollars, \$150,000 per year, over 12 years;
- Approximately \$12 million is the municipal contribution for all of Almaguin Highlands;
- There is no mandate requiring municipalities to contribute to local share;
- On February 14th, 2023, the Council of the Township of Armour committed their portioned contribution of approximately \$1.4 million.

Council made the following comments:

- Majority of Perry Township residents utilize MAHC hospitals and their services;
- A lot of money to raise each year, but not likely to fully 'opt-out';
- Would have preferred the Township of Armour had not committed, as a 'Regional' approach to contribute rather than an individual approach may have been more manageable for remaining Almaguin Highlands municipalities;
- At \$150,000 per year, what is the anticipated tax rate increase based just on MAHC contribution;
- Does the tax rate increase for MAHC contribution impact potential tax arrears.

Staff advised that \$150,000 per year would be approximately a 5% tax rate increase. This increase on taxes and any non-payment would be subject to the Township's tax arrears process.

Council elected to not make any formal commitment to the MAHC local share contribution at this time. Once more Almaguin Highlands municipalities make their position known on the matter, will re-evaluate Perry's position.

Item 7.4 2022 Pre-Audit Surplus Analysis (Information)

Staff highlighted key aspects of the report. Council noted no concerns.

Item 7.5 5-Year Capital Budget Plan

Staff highlighted key aspects of the report. Council reviewed the 5-Year Capital Budget Plan and provided direction to staff on a variety of future capital projects.

Resolution No. 2023-40

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry provides direction to staff on the approval of Capital Projects set out in the 2023 Draft 5-Year Capital Budget Plan.

Carried

Councillor Cushman, having previously declared pecuniary interest, did not participate or vote on Agenda Item 7.4.

Resolution No. 2023-41

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry provide direction to staff on the request from Cushman Stone and Gravel to remove half load restrictions from 178 Savage Settlement Road to Hwy 592.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-42

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives Correspondence Items 8.1 to 8.3 as outlined in the Agenda of Wednesday February 15th, 2023.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-43

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that in accordance with Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, Council shall proceed into 'Closed Session' at 8:51 p.m. in order to address matters relating to Section 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (proposed increase of the Community Park in Emsdale); Section 239(2)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Building and Zoning Enforcement Matters)

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-48

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry reconvenes to its Regular Meeting of Council of Wednesday February 15th, 2023 at 9:37 p.m.

Carried

REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED

Mayor Hofstetter advised that Council approved the Closed Session Minutes of February 1st, 2023, and received and provided direction to staff regarding a litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality or local board and proposed or pending acquisition of land to increase the size of the community park in Emsdale.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:37 p.m.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2023.

"Originally Signed"

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

"Originally Signed"

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator