

# The Corporation of the Township of Perry

### **MINUTES**

# SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL BUDGET DISCUSSIONS Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 6:00 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

Councillors: Margaret Ann MacPhail,

Joe Lumley, Paul Sowrey, and Jim Cushman

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator Kim Seguin, Treasurer-Tax Collector

Randy McLaren, Working Roads Supervisor

Erica Cole, Deputy Clerk

**Electronic Attendance:** Mike Wilmon, Chief Building Official/By-law

**Enforcement Officer** 

**Members of the Public:** None

#### **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

None

## **Opening Comments**

Mayor Norm Hofstetter called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

A special meeting of Council was set to continue 2023 budget discussions.

#### Item 3.1 2023 Budget Changes Draft 1 to Draft 2

Treasurer Kim Seguin highlighted the information presented in her report "2023 Budget Changes Draft 1 to Draft 2".

Council discussed the report and requested that the study on Brook's Falls be removed for 2023, and in its place more funding go towards the local share commitment of the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Hospital Builds. The budgeted funding of \$10,000 was increased to \$50,000 for 2023.

Council also discussed how to increase the safety along Scotia Road, as while the speed limit was reduced from 60 km/hr. to 40 km/hr., many are still driving too fast on this road. Working Roads Supervisor will investigate to see if a speed radar can be placed along the road.

The remaining \$35,000 from the Brook's Falls studies was directed to be applied to reduce the tax requirement for 2023.

#### Resolution No. 2023-120

**Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail Seconded by: Paul Sowrey Be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby approves the 2023 Draft 2 Budget for adoption and directs staff to bring forward the associated by-laws for adoption of the 2023 Final Budget at the next regular Council meeting with the following changes being directed:

- Remove Brook's Falls study of \$75,000;
- Increase local hospital share to \$50,000; and
- Offset remaining \$35,000 to reduce tax requirement.

Carried

The applicable by-laws for the 2023 Municipal Budget will be presented to Council for consideration at their next regular meeting on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 7 p.m.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2023.

"Originally Signed"

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

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Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator