



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday May 17th, 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:

Council Chambers:

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor
Councillors: Paul Sowrey, Joe Lumley, Margaret Ann MacPhail, and Jim Cushman
Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator
Kim Seguin, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Erica Cole, Deputy Clerk

Electronic Attendance:

None

Members of the Public:

Jack Marshall

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil

Resolution No. 2023-175

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 Minutes of the following Meeting as presented:

3.1. Regular Meeting Minutes on Wednesday May 3rd ,2023

Carried

Item 4.1. DELEGATION: Jack Marshall, Resident of Perry Township, re: Concerns on the Proposed Land Acknowledgement Statement and Commitment Rock

Jack Marshall presented the following information to Council regarding the proposed Land Acknowledgement Statement for Perry Township:

- Concerned about the potential legal implications of the Township 'acknowledging' the land as Indigenous and then five years down the road, having to 'give the land back' as it's been acknowledged as Indigenous.
- Wants to protect the taxpayers' dollars as future legal bills could be costly.
- The Marshall Family is an original settler family, they had to clear the land and

settle to obtain the land grant. What about our local ancestors and their history? What about protecting our children and grandchildren and their claims to the land?

- Does not agree with the wording of the proposed Land Acknowledgement Statement or installing a stone at the new Community Centre in Emsdale.

Mayor Hofstetter thanked Mr. Marshall for his presentation and advised that the proposed Land Acknowledgement Statement has been forwarded to the Township Solicitor for his comments and the solicitors' recommendations on the proposed statement will be presented at the June 7th, 2023 Council Meeting.

Council thanked Mr. Marshall and noted that having these healthy discussions and expressing different opinions allows Council to continue to develop the community and ensure all points of view are heard to make a sound and informed decision.

Resolution No. 2023-176

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-28 "Being a By-law authorizing the execution of a Licence of Occupation Agreement between Jake Edward Powell and Naomi June Banks-Powell and the Corporation of the Township of Perry" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-177

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-28 "Being a By-law authorizing the execution of a Licence of Occupation Agreement between Jake Edward Powell and Naomi June Banks-Powell and the Corporation of the Township of Perry" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-178

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

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 May 17th, 2023.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-179

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township Perry hereby receives correspondence from the Village of Burk's Falls regarding the resignation of Sean Cotton from the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry hereby supports the appointment of Ryan Baptiste as one of the two Area 4 representatives to the Parry Sound District Social Services Administration Board.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-180

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry received a request from the Women’s Own Resource Centre for a donation, as per the Township of Perry Donation Policy, to support programming and services to assist women within the Township and Almaguin Highlands;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supports a donation to the Women’s Own Resource Centre in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-181

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports entering into a shared Fire Training Services Joint Municipal Agreement between the Corporations of the Township of Ryerson, Township of Armour, Village of Burk’s Falls, Municipality of Magnetawan, Township of McMurrich/Monteith, Town of Kearney and the Township of Perry for a new term from 2024 to 2027.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-182

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Whereas the Village of Burk’s Falls has collaborated with a dentist who will be opening a Dental Clinic in the Medical Centre this year;

And Whereas the Village of Burk’s Falls has received a request to reduce or waive rent for the first 6 months;

And Whereas the Village of Burk’s Falls is seeking support from the seven closest member municipalities to help cover the costs associated with this funding request;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports a one-time payment of \$1,572.47 being a 1/7th share for waiving the rent for the Dental Clinic for 6 months.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-183

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives and supports the correspondence regarding the request for additional Primary Care Funding for the Burk’s Falls Family Health Team and the Sundridge & District Medical Centre;

And further that Council hereby directs staff to forward a letter of support to the Burk's Falls Family Health Team, Sundridge & District Medical Centre, Almaguin Health Centre Council, and area municipalities.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-184

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives Correspondence Items 8.1 to 8.6 as outlined in the Agenda of Wednesday May 17th, 2023.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-185

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that in accordance with Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, Council shall proceed into 'Closed Session' at 7:42 p.m. in order to address matters relating to Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Administration Department)

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-189

Moved by: Jim Cushman

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 May 17th, 2023 at 8:02 p.m.

Carried

Reporting Out of Closed

Mayor Hofstetter advised that Council approved the Closed Session Minutes of April 5th, 2023 and received and provided direction to staff regarding an Administrative Department matter.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:03 p.m.

Dated this 7th day of June, 2023.

"Originally Signed"

Margaret Ann MacPhail, Acting Mayor

"Originally Signed"

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator