



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday June 21st, 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:

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

Absent:

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

Electronic Attendance:

Sarah Bissonnette

Members of the Public:

Judy Kleinhuis, Annette Gilpin

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil

Resolution No. 2023-209

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

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 Minutes of Council on Wednesday June 7th, 2023

Carried

Item 4.1 Judy Kleinhuis, Grant Thornton – Presentation of the 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements for the Township of Perry and for the Township of Perry Trust Funds

Judy Kleinhuis of Grant Thornton provided Council with the following information regarding the Township's 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements:

- Highlighted the financial statements, which depicts the consolidated budget, accounting matters, and the draft audit report;

- Advised that the audit simply looks at the internal controls of the Township, it does not review every figure or account. It summarizes the areas of risks and conducts random tests on accounts and figures;
- Noted that the Township’s 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements presents fairly in all respects and for the year ending December 31st, 2022 meets required standards;
- Grant Thornton confirms the Township has a clean audit opinion, and as such releases the full draft financial statement report to the Township.

On behalf of Council, Acting Mayor MacPhail thanked Ms. Kleinhuis for her presentation.

Resolution No. 2023-210

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry accepts the 2022 Draft Financials as presented by Judy Kleinhuis of Grant Thornton for the Township of Perry and for the Township of Perry Trust Funds.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-211

Moved by: Joe Lumley

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 7:28 p.m. to commence a ‘Public Meeting’ for a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment for lands legally described as Part of Lot 8, Concession 14, designated as Part 1 on Plan 42R-22090, in the Township of Perry, located at 516 So-Ho-Mish Road (Brown)

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-212

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

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 Lot 8, Concession 14, designated as Part 1 on Plan 42R-22090, in the Township of Perry, located at 516 So-Ho-Mish Road.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-213

Moved by: Jim Cushman

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 7:35 p.m. in order to recommence the Regular Meeting of Council of June 21st, 2023.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-214

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry does now adjourn from this Regular Meeting at 7:36 p.m. to commence a 'Public Meeting' for a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment for lands legally described as Lots 7 and 15, Plan 55, in the Township of Perry, located at 14 Oak Street (Bremner)

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-215

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

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 Lots 7 and 15, Plan 55, in the Township of Perry, located at 14 Oak Street.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-216

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby now adjourn from this Public Meeting at 7:43 p.m. in order to recommence the Regular Meeting of Council of June 21st, 2023.

Carried

Item 4.4 Annette Gilpin, Perry Township Public Library CEO – TD StoryWalk 2023 and Other Library Updates

Annette Gilpin, Perry Township Public Library CEO, presented the following information to Council.

Youth Advisory Committee (YAC):

- The Library's YAC, which currently has 15 members between the ages of 11-15, has been investigating ways to promote community programs and initiatives to support the youth within the Township of Perry;
- By engaging with the community, it was realized that parents are bringing sandbox toys with them to the Emsdale Park each time they visit, or leaving older toys for other children;
- To assist families, YAC is proposing that a toy Sand Box Library be installed on the grounds of the Alphabet Park in Emsdale;
- YAC would build the Sand Box Library, with assistance from volunteers and with donated material;
- The proposed Sand Box Library would hold a variety of sandbox toys – shovels, buckets, dump trucks, etc. – that children would play with and then return to the shelter.

TD StoryWalk 2023:

- As in year's past, the Library is proposing that the TD StoryWalk placards be installed at the Novar Community Park for children and families to enjoy all summer long;
- The 2023 story is "Treasure" by Mireille Messier and Irene Luxbacher and contains 18 panels total;
- The StoryWalk has been well received by the community in past years and many families are looking forward to the program again in 2023.

Acting Mayor MacPhail thanked Ms. Gilpin for her presentation and noted that many children who participate in T-Ball and Softball in Novar love reading the TD StoryWalk while they attend practice.

Resolution No. 2023-217

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supports the Perry Township Public Library Board and Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) request to install a toy Sand Box Library on the grounds of the Alphabet Park at the Emsdale Community Park;

And further that Council directs the Perry Township Library Board to collaborate with municipal staff with regards to determining the best location and assisting in the installation of the toy Sand Box Library.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-218

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supports the Perry Township Public Library Board's request to install the TD Summer Reading Program 2023 Story Walk Project at the Community Park in Novar, to remain installed for the duration of the program (July 4, 2023 – September 1, 2023);

And further that Council directs the Perry Township Library Board to collaborate with municipal staff with regards to determining the best location and assisting in the installation of the Story Board stands and placards provided by the TD Summer Reading Club.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-219

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-34 "Being a By-law to authorize the Execution of an Automatic Aid Agreement for First Response Medical Calls Only between the Corporation of the Township of Perry and the Corporation of the Town of Kearney" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-220

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-34 "Being a By-law to authorize the Execution of an Automatic Aid Agreement for First Response Medical Calls Only between the Corporation of the Township of Perry and the Corporation of the Town of Kearney" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-221

Moved by: Joe Lumley

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 June 21st, 2023.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-222

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives ACED's resolution #2023-17 recommending that a Regional Housing Task Force be established;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry is in favour of the Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) Committee creating a regional task force to address opportunities and barriers regarding housing development, agrees to a regional approach to housing development is needed for the area, and agrees to participate in a task force if it is created.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-223

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby provide direction to staff regarding the Township of Perry's donation policy.

Carried

Council discussed the current donation policy for the Township of Perry and directed staff to prepare a revised donation policy with specific guidelines of when certain community groups and organizations would pay in full for their community centre rental and when these certain community groups and organizations would receive the rental free of charge or at a reduced rate (to supplement applicable building maintenance, heat, hydro, and custodial costs). Staff will prepare a revised donation policy to be reviewed and considered by Council at a future meeting.

Resolution No. 2023-224

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

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

receives Correspondence Items 8.1 to 8.7 as outlined in the Agenda of Wednesday June 21st, 2023.

Carried

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:29 p.m.

Dated this 5th day of July, 2023.

"Originally Signed"

Margaret Ann MacPhail, Acting Mayor

"Originally Signed"

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator