



*The Corporation of the Township of Perry*

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday September 20, 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: Margaret Ann MacPhail, Paul Sowrey, Jim Cushman, and Joe Lumley  
Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator  
Kim Seguin, Treasurer-Tax Collector  
Erica Cole, Deputy Clerk  
Mike Wilmon, By-law Enforcement Officer/CBO

**Electronic Attendance:**

Sarah Bissonette

**Members of the Public:**

Pete LeMoine

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

Nil

**Resolution No. 2023-303**

**Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail**

**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 from Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- 3.2. Public Meeting Minutes from Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Zoning By-law Amendment – Part of Lot 11, Concession 12, in the Township of Perry located at 669 Mason's Road (Shillolo)

**Carried**

**Delegation: Pete LeMoine, Director, Muskoka Watershed Council re: 2023 Municipal Council Update**

Pete LeMoine, Director with the Muskoka Watershed Council, presented the following information to Council:

- Muskoka Watershed Council (MWC) is a not-for-profit, volunteer driven, environmental organization whose mission is to protect and enhance watershed health;
- MWC conducts studies and research on the local watershed and prepares recommendations for the public, cottage associations and municipalities, to

provide awareness and aide decisions impacting the environment and shoreline health. MWC also offers programs to assist the public;

- MWC is seeing many different impacts on the local watershed due to recent changes in the environment compared to 40 years ago. This includes and increase in the number of days of rainfall (and heavy rainfall in early spring), fewer winter days with ice cover, and increase in hazardous algal blooms;
- The 2023 Watershed Report Card, which is produced every 5 years, is now available on their website;
- The MWC "Love Your Lake" program extends into Almaguin Highlands;
- MWC will be hosting a one-day education program, which will include members of the MWC, municipalities, cottage associations, etc. in February 2024, extended invitation to Perry Township.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Hofstetter thanked Mr. LeMoine for attending and providing information on the local watershed health. Mayor Hofstetter noted his interest in attending the MWC event in February 2024 and requested that Mr. LeMoine forward details to the Clerk-Administrator to share with all of Council.

### **Presentation of Certificate to Councillor Jim Cushman for 20 Years of Municipal Service**

On behalf of Council, Mayor Hofstetter presented a certificate to Councillor Jim Cushman in recognition of his 20 years of service and dedication as Councillor with the Township of Perry.

#### **Resolution No. 2023-304**

**Moved by: Joe Lumley**

**Seconded by: Paul Sowrey**

***Be it resolved that*** By-law 2023-43 "Being a By-law to repeal Schedule "F" of By-law 2022-114 and replace with Schedule "A" of By-law 2023-43, to revise Community Centre Rental Fees" be given first and second reading.

**Carried**

#### **Resolution No. 2023-305**

**Moved by: Paul Sowrey**

**Seconded by: Jim Cushman**

***Be it resolved that*** By-law 2023-43 "Being a By-law to repeal Schedule "F" of By-law 2022-114 and replace with Schedule "A" of By-law 2023-43, to revise Community Centre Rental Fees" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

**Carried**

#### **Resolution No. 2023-306**

**Moved by: Jim Cushman**

**Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail**

***Be it resolved that*** By-law 2023-46 "Being a By-law to amend By-law 2014-21, as amended, the Zoning By-law for the Township of Perry with respect to lands legally described as Part of Lot 11, Concession 12, in the Township of Perry" be given first and second reading.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-307**

**Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail**

**Seconded by: Paul Sowrey**

***Be it resolved that*** By-law 2023-46 "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 11, Concession 12, in the Township of Perry" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-308**

**Moved by: Paul Sowrey**

**Seconded by: Joe Lumley**

***Be it resolved that*** By-law 2023-47 "Being a By-law to repeal By-law 2019-10, being a by-law to establish and regulate a Farmers' Market in the Township of Perry" be given first and second reading.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-309**

**Moved by: Jim Cushman**

**Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail**

***Be it resolved that*** By-law 2023-47 "Being a By-law to repeal By-law 2019-10, being a by-law to establish and regulate a Farmers' Market in the Township of Perry" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-310**

**Moved by: Joe Lumley**

**Seconded by: Jim Cushman**

***Be it resolved that*** By-law 2023-48 "Being a By-law authorizing the execution of a Licence of Occupation Agreement between Christopher Michael Smith and Stephaine Ann Smith and the Corporation of the Township of Perry" be given first and second reading.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-311**

**Moved by: Jim Cushman**

**Seconded by: Paul Sowrey**

***Be it resolved that*** By-law 2023-48 "Being a By-law authorizing the execution of a Licence of Occupation Agreement between Christopher Michael Smith and Stephanie Ann Smith and the Corporation of the Township of Perry" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-312**

**Moved by: Paul Sowrey**

**Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail**

***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 September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-313**

**Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail**

**Seconded by: Jim Cushman**

***Be it resolved that*** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby approves the new Facility Rental Package effective September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-314**

**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 report regarding the Baseball Diamond Proposal and provides direction to staff.

**Carried**

Council discussed the Emsdale Baseball Diamond Proposal and directed staff to bring a report to a future Council Meeting regarding the approximate costs to rebuild the Novar Outdoor Skating Rink and relocate the Emsdale Baseball Diamond to Old Government Road; and the reinstallation of the Baseball Diamond at the Emsdale Community Park be placed on hold until the above approximate costs are determined.

**Resolution No. 2023-315**

**Moved by: Paul Sowrey**

**Seconded by: Joe Lumley**

***Be it resolved that*** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby repeals Resolution No. 2023-271 and direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the Waste Disposal By-law 2009-14 to allow for each household a maximum of sixty (60) bags per year, and repealing Section 5.1 to remove that each household be allowed a maximum of five (5) bags per month; and Section 5.3 to remove that there will be no carry over bag limit from one month to the next month, to be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023;

And further that Council direct staff to amend the Fees & Charges By-law to increase additional bags over the sixty (60) bags per year limit from \$2 to \$5 per bag.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-316**

**Moved by: Joe Lumley**

**Seconded by: Jim Cushman**

***Be it resolved that*** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports the Courageous K9 magazine by placing a sponsorship ad in the amount of \$395.00.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-317**

**Moved by: Jim Cushman**

**Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail**

***Be it resolved that*** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry have no objection to the sale of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Part Lot 23, Plan 175, Township of Perry, municipally known as 148 Churchill Gardens Road to the owner of the said lands, Patricia Henry and L.D. Henry, as set out in By-law 2008-09, further amended by Resolution No. 2009-38.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-318**

**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 waiving of the rental fee as an in-kind donation to the Parish of the Good Shepherd Anglican Church for the use of the Main Hall and Kitchen at the Emsdale Community Centre on Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 for a fundraising banquet for the Emsdale Masonic Lodge #434;

**And further that** the Church shall be responsible to pay the applicable insurance, deposit, and set up cleaning fee required for the use of the Emsdale Community Centre on Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-319**

**Moved by: Paul Sowrey**

**Seconded by: Jim Cushman**

**Be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry authorize the interest earned on the MAHC budget allocation be allocated to the MAHC commitment.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-320**

**Moved by: Joe Lumley**

**Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail**

**Whereas** between 1869-1948, over 100,000 children of all ages were emigrated from the United Kingdom to across Canada. These children were used as farm workers and domestics as a source of labour. They are known today as the British Home Children (BHC). Their vast contributions to our country should never be forgotten;

**And whereas** many of these children settled in Canada as adults, fought for our country in the wars, and contributed to the development of this and many municipalities across Canada;

**And whereas** it is estimated that over 10% of the current population of Canada and approximately four million people are descended from these Home Children;

**And whereas** 2023 marks the 154<sup>th</sup> year since the first British Home Child arrived in Canada;

**And whereas** on September 28<sup>th</sup>, many landmarks and venues throughout Canada and the United Kingdom will mark the 154<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of the first British Home Child with special events to honour the memory of these children and their descendants;

**Be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby proclaims September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as British Home Child Day in the Township of Perry and in recognition of this day hereby participates in the "Porch Light" to honour the memory of the BHC and their descendants.

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-321**

**Moved by: Paul Sowrey**

**Seconded by: Joe Lumley**

**Be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry continues the practice of hosting a luncheon and providing a \$125 gift certificate from Hope’s Clover Farms to all permanent, part-time, and temporary Township of Perry employees, in recognition of the Christmas holiday;

**And further that** the Christmas luncheon be held on Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.  
**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-322**

**Moved by: Jim Cushman**

**Seconded by: Joe Lumley**

**Be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry provides staff with direction on a proposed Pickleball Program within the Township.

**Carried**

Council discussed the proposed Pickleball Program within the Township and fully supported initiating a program, to be overseen through the Recreation and Culture Committee. Staff advised that there are two individuals who have come forward expressing their interest to commence a Pickleball League in the Township. Council directed staff to invite these individuals to the next Recreation and Culture Committee to provide details of the proposed Program and how to implement within the Township.

**Resolution No. 2023-323**

**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 Correspondence Items 8.1 to 8.9 as outlined in the Agenda of Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Carried**

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:52 p.m.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

**“Originally Signed”**

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

**“Originally Signed”**

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator