



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday October 4, 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
Randy McLaren, Working Roads Supervisor

Electronic Attendance:

Sarah Bissonette, Tim Cook

Members of the Public:

None

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil

Resolution No. 2023-327

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 from Wednesday September 20th, 2023

Carried

Item 4.1. Presentation of Certificate to Michael Wilmon, Chief Building Official/By-law Enforcement Officer – Recognition of Ontario Municipal Law Enforcement Long Service Medal for 25 Years of Service.

Resolution No. 2023-328

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry receives and approves the Minutes and/or Reports from the following Municipal Boards and Committees:

5.1. Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

5.1.1. September 2023 Draft Minutes

5.1.2. September 2023 Progress Report

- 5.2. District Social Services Administration Board**
 - 5.2.1. September 2023 CAO Report
- 5.3. Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee**
 - 5.3.1. August 2023 Minutes
 - 5.3.2. Director of Economic Development August 2023 Report
 - 5.3.3. RED Gala Save the Date {Res}
- 5.4. Board of Health – North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit**
 - 5.4.1. August 2023 Minutes
- 5.5. Township of Perry Recreation and Culture Committee**
 - 5.5.1. September 2023 Draft Minutes
- 5.6. Eastholme Board of Management Committee**
 - 5.6.1. September 2023 Report

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-329

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supports Paul Sowrey and Erica Cole attending the ACED RED Gala on Friday October 27th, 2023 at the Emsdale Community Centre;

And further that Council supports Margaret Ann MacPhail, Joe Lumley, Norm Hofstetter, Beth Morton, and Kim Seguin being placed on the waitlist for the event should more tickets become available.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-330

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry has received the Monthly Reports, as circulated, from the following Municipal Departments:

- 6.1. Fire Department**
 - 6.1.1. Chiefs Meeting and Fire Training Report – September 2023
- 6.2. By-law Enforcement Department**
 - 6.2.1. September 2023
- 6.3. Building Department**
 - 6.3.1. September 2023
- 6.4. Transfer Station**
 - 6.4.1. September 2023
- 6.5. Public Works Department**
 - 6.5.1. September 2023
- 6.6. Finance Department**
 - 6.6.1. September 2023

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-331

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-49 “Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry (September 2023 Meetings)”

be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-332

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-49 "Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry (September 2023 Meetings)" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-333

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby declares the lands described as Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance lying in front of Lot 33, Concession 4, Township of Perry; District of Parry Sound; designated as Part 1 on Plan 42R-22221 to be surplus and that it be sold by direct sale to Evan Edward Chambers and Amanda Diane Chambers for the consideration of \$4,144.25 plus HST of \$538.75 and any and all Township administrative and legal costs.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-334

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-50 "Being a By-law to close and sell part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 33, Concession 4, Township of Perry (Chambers)" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-335

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-50 "Being a By-law to close and sell part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 33, Concession 4, Township of Perry (Chambers)" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-336

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receive the Health and Safety Report prepared by the Clerk-Administrator dated October 4th, 2023.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-337

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Whereas the Council of the Township of Perry receives the proposed draft Poultry By-law for consideration on October 4th, 2023;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry directs staff to bring the proposed draft Poultry By-law for further consideration and/or approval to a future meeting of Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-338

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby appoints the following persons to the Property Standards Committee for the 2022-2026 Term of Council:

- Heather Watson
- Bob MacPhail
- Jeff Patterson

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-339

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby cancels the November 1st, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council and directs the Clerk-Administrator to provide notice to the public.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-340

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby cancels the Wednesday January 3rd, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council and directs the Clerk-Administrator to provide notice to the public.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-341

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Whereas the Housing Affordability Task Force made 74 unique recommendations, some of which applies to all communities in Ontario, with others more specific to large and urban municipalities;

And whereas the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has requested that municipalities identify the Top Five Housing Affordability Task Force (HATF) recommendations that the Township supports, together with rationale and comments;

Be it resolved that Council direct the Clerk-Administrator to submit the Township’s top five HATF recommendations as outlined on the attachment.

Attachment: Top Five Housing Affordability Task Force (HATF) Recommendations for Response Please identify the top 5 HATF recommendations that you support, and rationale / comments

1. **#5 - Permit “as of right” secondary suites, garden suites, and laneway houses province-wide.**

The Township fully supports secondary suites and garden suites and have implemented additional residential units into the Township’s Comprehensive Zoning By-law as a permitted use. Details are also outlined within the Township’s website.

Properties within the Township of Perry are serviced completely by a private septic and well. In addition, the majority of the lots being developed are located outside

of the hamlet areas within the rural designation. There is no public transportation within the Township. Lots can generally accommodate additional residential units, however with the private services and no public transportation, it is difficult to develop affordable large-scale housing with no parking requirements in rural areas with no transit system, and private services to accommodate these builds.

2. **#14 – 12 b) Exempt from site plan approval and public consultation all projects of 10 units or less that conform to the Official Plan and require only minor variances.**

The Township supports the exemption from site plan approval and public consultation for all projects of 10 units or less and has implemented this within the planning process in order to expedite the planning process, however the Township recommends that the exemption be amended so that environmental sensitive areas and development surrounding shorelines be subject to site plan approval to ensure that the quality of the lake environments are maintained or improved, and protecting the natural features of the shoreline area and the immediate shoreline including fish habitat.

3. **#18 – 14) Request that public consultations provide digital participation options.**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Township of Perry established a successful process for virtual public meetings. Post COVID, the Township has implemented a hybrid system whereas the public can participate in public meetings virtually or in person so that it may continue to support those members of the public who are best serviced in either manner. The virtual meetings have been very beneficial to all of our residents and greatly assists those that do not live in the Township on a full-time basis to be able to be actively involved and stay informed without having to travel a great distance to attend in person.

4. **#19 – 15) Require mandatory delegation of site plan approvals and minor variances to staff or pre-approved qualified third-party technical consultants through a simplified review and approval process, without the ability to withdraw Council's delegation.**

The Township supports the recommendation to delegate site plan approval to staff and Council has passed a by-law delegating the authority to the Clerk or in their absence the Deputy Clerk in order to expedite the planning approval process. Council continues to stay informed and receives full updates throughout the planning process.

5. **#46 - Undertake multi-stakeholder education program to promote skilled trades.**

The Township supports training and education opportunities that will assist with the construction of housing and contribute to economic recovery. It continues to be a challenge to find skilled trades in Northern Ontario. The Township recommends additional support that is focused on young people entering into the skilled trades.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-342

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Whereas the Township of Perry recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians;

And whereas life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate;

And whereas one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario;

And whereas communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities;

And whereas in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University's medical programs;

And whereas the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate the growth and expansion;

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Perry strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities;

And further that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPP's Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-343

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby accepts the Treasurers recommendation and authorized the Treasurer to have the documents prepared by an Amortizer Debenture with a 15-year term in the amount of \$1,000,000 with Infrastructure Ontario subject to the current rate upon debenture.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-344

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports the request made by Timothy Cook to use the unopened road allowance located between Lots 30 and 31, Concession 6 and 7, from North Bay Lake Road to

his lands legally described as Part of Lot 30, Concession 7, for ATV use only, provided that he enters into an Agreement with the Township to be registered on title, which will include the requirement for road signage, indemnification and insurance, survey, together with other details as outlined in the Clerk-Administrators report dated October 4th, 2023, with all associated costs being at the expense of Mr. Cook;

And further that staff work with Mr. Cook to determine a safe parking location for up to two vehicles, for Council's consideration at a later date, with location to be incorporated into the Agreement.

Carried

Item 9.9. OPP Police Billing Statement {Information Only}

Item 9.10. Proposed Baseball Diamond at Emsdale Community Centre {Discussion}

Council reconsidered the Baseball Diamond at the Emsdale Community Centre. It was noted that while a larger field on Old Government Road would be beneficial to the community, that may be 5 years+ down the road. For immediate recreation programs and children within the village of Emsdale, Council directed staff to bring the proposed Baseball Diamond at the Emsdale Community Centre back into consideration and investigate approximate costs and location and provide details at a future meeting. Council also directed staff to conduct test holes of the soil at the Old Government Road site.

Resolution No. 2023-345

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives Correspondence Items 10.1 to 10.11 as outlined in the Agenda of Wednesday October 4th, 2023.

Carried

Break from 8:15 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

Resolution No. 2023-346

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 8:20 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 (Todd)

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-350

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry reconvenes to its Regular Meeting of Council of Wednesday October 4th, 2023 at 8:35 p.m.

Carried

Reporting Out of Closed

Mayor Hofstetter advised that Council approved the Closed Session Minutes of September 6th, 2023 and provided direction to staff regarding a proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality (Todd).

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:44 p.m.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2023.

"Originally Signed"

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

"Originally Signed"

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator