



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday November 15th, 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

Electronic Attendance:

None

Members of the Public:

Dave Marshall

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil

Resolution No. 2023-363

Moved by: Joe Lumley

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 of Council on Wednesday October 18th, 2023
- 3.2. Special Meeting of Council (Firefighter-Council Meeting) on Tuesday October 24th, 2023

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-364

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

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

- 5.1. **Almaguin Highlands Health Centre (AHHC)**
 - 5.1.1. October 2023 Minutes
 - 5.1.2. MAHC Hospital Build "Local Share" Update
 - 5.1.3. Laboratory Services Provided at AHHC {Res}
 - 5.1.4. Muskoka and Area Ontario Health Team – Recruitment Update
- 5.2. **District Social Services Administration Board**
 - 5.2.1. October 2023 CAO Report

- 5.3. **Almaguin Housing Task Force**
 - 5.3.1.Meeting Notes – September 2023
- 5.4. **Eastholme Board of Management**
 - 5.4.1.October 2023 Board of Management Report
- 5.5. **Township of Perry Public Library Board**
 - 5.5.1.CEO’s Report – June 2023
 - 5.5.2.CEO’s Report – July 2023
 - 5.5.3.CEO’s Report – August 2023
 - 5.5.4.CEO’s Report – Septmeber 2023
 - 5.5.5.Minutes – June 2023
 - 5.5.6.Minutes – September 2023
- 5.6. **Township of Perry Recreation and Culture Committee**
 - 5.6.1.October 2023 Draft Meeting Minutes
- 5.7. **Kearney Perry Joint Waste Management Committee**
 - 5.7.1.November 2023 Draft Minutes
 - 5.7.2.2024 Meeting Schedule
- 5.8. **District of Parry Sound Municipal Association**
 - 5.8.1.September 2023 Meeting
 - 5.8.2.May 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - 5.8.3.January to July 2023 Treasurer’s Report

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-365

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Whereas Muskoka Algonquin Health Care operates physiotherapy, E.C.G., Imaging, and Labortary Services at the Almaguin Health Centre; and

Whereas the laboratory has been a significant number of closures over the summer due to staffing resources; and

Whereas Almaguin residents, inclduing those in Perry Township, rely on this vital service and are impacted by these closures; and

Whereas the Council of the Township of Perry receives Resolution #2023-024 from the Almaguin Highlands Health Council regarding laboratory services;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports Almaguin Highlands Health Council’s resolution #2023-024 asking that Muskoka Algonquin Health Care commit to resume laboratory services to their regular functions on a regular scheudle in Almaguin Highlands;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to Muskoka Algonquin Health Care, Almaguin Highlands Health Centre (AHHC), and all AHHC member municipalities.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-366

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

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 – October 2023

6.2. By-law Enforcement Department

6.2.1. October 2023 Report

6.3. Building Department

6.3.1. October 2023 Report

6.4. Transfer Station

6.4.1. October 2023 Report

6.5. Public Works Department

6.5.1. October 2023 Report

6.6. Finance Department

6.6.1. October 2023 Report

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-367

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-54 "Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry (October 2023 Meetings)" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-368

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-54 "Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry (October 2023 Meetings)" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-369

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-55 "Being a By-law of the Corporation of the Township of Perry to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$1,000,000.00 towards the cost of the community centre library replacement" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-370

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-55 "Being a By-law of the Corporation of the Township of Perry to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$1,000,000.00 towards the cost of the community centre library replacement" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-371

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-56 "Being a By-law to authorize the execution of the Fire Dispatch Agreement between West Parry Sound Health Centre and the Corporation of the Township of Perry" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-372

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-56 "Being a By-law to authorize the execution of the Fire Dispatch Agreement between West Parry Sound Health Centre and the Corporation of the Township of Perry" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-373

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-57 "Being a By-law to authorize the Township of Perry to enter into an Agreement with His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Corporation of the Township of Perry for high resolution aerial imagery of the geographic area of Perry Township" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-374

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-57 "Being a By-law to authorize the Township of Perry to enter into an Agreement with His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Corporation of the Township of Perry for high resolution aerial imagery of the geographic area of Perry Township" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-375

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-58 "Being a By-law to establish a Adverse Water Test Reporting Policy" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-376

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2023-58 "Being a By-law to establish a Adverse Water Test Reporting Policy" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-377

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

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 November 15th, 2023.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-378

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Whereas Metroland Media Group has sought bankruptcy protection and will cease to print publication of its weekly community newspapers across Ontario, moving to an online-only model; and

Whereas Neil Oliver, Chief Executive Officer and President of Metroland Media Group, said the 71 Metroland community publications will be digital only going forward; and

Whereas the Legislation Act, 2006, provides a definition of “newspaper” which applies to every Ontario Act and Regulation, as in a provision requiring publication, means a document that (a) is printed in sheet form, published at regular intervals of a week or less and circulated to the general public, and (b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest; (“journal”); and

Whereas Ontario Municipalities are required to follow publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

Whereas communities such as the East Parry Sound Area cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Almaguin News and Muskoka Region publications are no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no other local news publications fitting the definition of ‘newspaper’; and

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby request the Provincial Government to make an amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006, to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra, the Honourable Parry Sound Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO), CEO and President of Metroland Media, Neil Oliver, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-379

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby approves the rental fee rate of \$425 (with 15% discount) to the Emsdale Agricultural Society for the use of the Main Hall and Kitchen at the Emsdale Community Centre on Saturday November 25th, 2023 for their annual Holiday Craft Sale;

And further that the Emsdale Agricultural society shall be responsible to pay the applicable insurance and deposit required for the use of the Emsdale Community Centre on Saturday November 25th, 2023.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-380

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby denies the request to discount the rental fee for the kitchen at the Emsdale Community Centre, as an in-kind donation, to Colleen Comer, caterer for the Eastholme Senior’s Luncheon, as it is not in compliance with the Donation Policy.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-381

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Whereas the Innovative Initiatives Ontario North (IION) serves businesses throughout the districts of Muskoka, Parry Sound, and Nipissing with valuable funding opportunities, networking support, and direct opportunities for Research & Development/Prototyping, and much more; and

Whereas across the province, Regional Innovation Centres (RICs) like IION play a pivotal role in fostering economic development and innovation within our communities, creating jobs, and positioning Ontario as the best place in Canada for innovation and entrepreneurship;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports the current efforts of the IION and all critical funding that enables IION to serve businesses throughout the Almaguin Highlands area;

And further that a letter of support be forwarded to Innovative Initiatives Ontario North, Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee, and municipalities in the East Parry Sound district.

Carried

Resolution No. 2023-382

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

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 10.14 as outlined in the Agenda of Wednesday November 15th, 2023.

Carried

Councillor MacPhail moved that Items 10.4 and 10.8 be placed on the next Agenda for consideration. There was no objection from any member of Council.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:08 p.m.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2023.

“Originally Signed”

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

“Originally Signed”

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator