



*The Corporation of the Township of Perry*

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSIONS**  
**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Council Chambers 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:**

**Municipal Office:**

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor  
Councillors: Joe Lumley, Margaret Ann MacPhail, and Jim Cushman  
Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator  
Kim Seguin, Treasurer-Tax Collector  
Erica Cole, Deputy Clerk  
Randy McLaren, Working Roads Supervisor  
Mike Wilmon, CBO/By-law Enforcement Officer  
Dan Marshall, Fire Chief

**Electronic Attendance:**

None

**Absent:**

Councillor Paul Sowrey

**Members of the Public:**

None

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

Nil

**Opening Comments**

Mayor Norm Hofstetter called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

A special meeting of Council was set to continue budget discussions for the 2024 5-Year Capital Budget Plan and preliminary discuss the 2024 Municipal Budget.

**Item 3.1 Mirage Lake Culvert**

The Treasurer highlighted the report prepared by the Working Roads Supervisor.

**Resolution #2024-54**

**Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail**

**Seconded by: Joe Lumley**

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry authorizes Tulloch Engineering to proceed with the engineering work on the Mirage Lake culvert in order to expediate the process and obtain the required approvals to complete the project in 2024.

**Carried**

**Item 3.2. Draft 2 – Revised 5-Year Capital Budget Plan**

Council was presented with Draft 2 of the 5-Year Capital Budget Plan and report from the Treasurer highlighting key items of direction and amendments from the previous Preliminary Budget Meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The Treasurer was provided with further direction from Council on Draft 2 of the 5-Year Capital Budget Plan.

**Item 3.3. Draft 1 – 2024 Budget Discussion**

Council was presented with the 1<sup>st</sup> draft 2024 Municipal Budget. The Treasurer highlighted the report and noted that the current Draft 1 represents a result in a 12.4% increase in the residential taxes.

The Treasurer also noted that over the last 5 years, Council has kept the tax increase to a minimum which has not been in line with annual CPI considerations. The Treasurer noted that if Council shaved \$200,000, it would reduce the tax rate increase to 7.7%.

Council directed the Treasurer to bring back a report to the next meeting with what a 12.4% increase in residential taxes would look like, in dollars, for the average household within the Township of Perry.

The next Budget Meeting to consider the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft of the 5-Year Capital Budget Plan and the additional 2024 Budget Report will be held on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6 p.m.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:41 p.m.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

**"Originally Signed"**

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

**"Originally Signed"**

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator