



*The Corporation of the Township of Perry*

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**  
**2:00 p.m.**

Seasonal Portion of Savage Settlement Road  
(end of Savage Settlement Road and Ash Lane)

Any and all Minutes are to be considered Draft until approved by Council at a Regular Meeting of Council

**In Attendance:**

Mayor Norm Hofstetter  
Councillors: Margaret Ann MacPhail,  
Joe Lumley, and Paul Sowrey  
Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator  
Randy McLaren, Working Roads Supervisor  
Erica Cole, Deputy Clerk

**Regrets:**

Councillor Jim Cushman

**Members of the Public:**

See Sign In Sheet

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**Opening Comments**

Mayor Norm Hofstetter called the meeting to order at approximately 2:07 p.m.

**Item 3.1 Seasonal Road Maintenance of Savage Settlement Road**

Mayor Hofstetter welcomed everyone in attendance and opened the meeting for property owners' comment regarding Savage Settlement Road.

Property owners highlighted the limited seasonal maintenance received on the road, updating the culvert on the summer portion of Savage Settlement Road, the increase of ATV/Dirt Bikes/Small Trucks on the summer portion of Savage Settlement Road and Ash Lane and trespassing by these individuals, proposal of a turnaround at beginning of Ash Lane, and possibility of winter maintenance on this summer portion of Savage Settlement Road so property owners can access their lands on Ash Lane during the winter months.

Mayor Hofstetter and Council advised that unfortunately, the trespassing of ATVs/Dirt Bikes/Small Trucks onto private property is a civil matter through the O.P.P.

Staff noted that Ash Lane is a private lane and therefore does not and will not receive any summer or seasonal maintenance.

The portion of Savage Settlement Road in question is a summer road and receives general maintenance between June 1 to October 31 as determined and under the discretion of the Working Roads Supervisor. The subject culvert work has now been conducted on the summer portion of Savage Settlement Road. Winter maintenance, by the Township or property owners, is prohibited. Staff would have to investigate, if directed by Council, the regulations of upgrading the road to a year-round road to MTO standards. The cost of this upgrade would be at the property owner's expense. Additionally, as a portion of the subject Savage Settlement Road is a boundary road/allowance with the Town of Kearney, they would also be required to provide comment.

The turnaround at the end of the summer portion of Savage Settlement Road/beginning of Ash Lane would need to be further investigated by Staff, in consultation with abutting property owners and the Town of Kearney. Council supported staff investigating the proposed turnaround at the beginning of Ash Lane to determine its feasibility, approximate costs, if sufficient land is present, and working with the Town of Kearney as 33' of the subject road/allowance is under their jurisdiction.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:14 p.m.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

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Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator