



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday August 21st, 2024
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, Chief Building Official/By-law Enforcement Officer

Electronic Attendance:

Mark Rykman, Marc Reaman, Sandy Tyers, Aimee Powell, Bilan Mohamud

Members of the Public:

See Sign In Sheet

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None

Resolution No. 2024-237

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

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 of Wednesday July 17th, 2024
- 3.2. Public Meeting Minutes of Wednesday July 17th, 2024 – Zoning By-law Amendment – 17 Clear Lake Road (De Buck Van Overstraeten/Hoydonckx)

Carried

Item 4.1. Delegation: Geoff Ross, Muskoka Watershed Council, re: Enhanced Environmental Management in Our Watershed

Geoff Ross, Muskoka Watershed Council, presented the following to the Mayor and Council:

- In 2023, the Watershed Council released their 6th report card on the health of the Muskoka Watershed;
- The latest report card came back 'good', however many lakes in the area are seeing an increase in salt and fluoride levels. These increased levels are

reducing the levels of food supplies in lakes. Additionally, calcium levels are decreasing, making food supply growth a challenge;

- Seeing more algal blooms and health unit swim advisory's each year;
- All watersheds flow together, so we need to all work together across municipalities to find solutions and make more economic efforts to help keep our lakes and watershed healthy;
- Encourages area Councillors and staff to attend Watershed Conferences and Workshops this Fall, hosted in Huntsville and Bracebridge.

Mayor Hofstetter thanked Mr. Ross for his presentation and requested that once information on the Fall Conferences and Workshops are released, to please share with Perry Council.

Item 4.2.1 Delegation: Mark Ryckman, Manager of Policy, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, re: Proposed Discharge of Firearms By-law

Mark Ryckman, Manager of Policy, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, presented the following to Council:

- Clarified with Council that the OFAH does not make a stand for or against municipal discharge of firearms by-laws, but offers assistance in the drafting and review stage;
- The OFAH offers to educate Council members, non-hunting residents, and communities on discharge regulations, but the authority to make final decisions on by-laws lies with the municipality;
- The sound of a gun shot, while startling, should not be considered a public safety matter. Individuals who wish to discharge firearms are required to participate and pass the firearm safety/safe handling courses and adhere to provincial and federal regulations;
- Recommends that bows and firearms are separated within the proposed by-law as restrictions on both should be treated differently;
- "Specific Areas" with relation to gun ranges/clubs should be further defined and include that they are regulated by Chief Firearms Officers (CFO);
- Should Council proceed with the proposed by-law, OFAH offers their full support and expertise to review the proposed by-law to ensure it is as fair as possible to the hunting community.

Mayor Hofstetter thanked Mr. Ryckman for his presentation. There were no questions from Council.

Item 4.2.2. Delegation: Ian Todd, re: Proposed Discharge of Firearms By-law

Ian Todd presented the following information to Council:

- Highlighted areas in which he has concerns regarding the proposed by-law, including:
 - Classification of By-law Officer

- Definition of Designate
- Entry and Inspection Powers
- Definition of Firearms
- Exemptions to Firearms Discharge
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- If public safety is a concern for Council, why would they send an employee to a property to investigate a firearms complaint. That power of property entry and search without a warrant and arrest lies with the OPP and the Criminal Code of Canada. This includes reckless use of firearms;
- The power of entry and search by a by-law officer is unacceptable. Many residents and contractors aren't going to like that and worry that if the By-law Officer attends for a complaint, the Officer may also investigate different building matters too as the employee shares both responsibilities.
- All the federal and provincial regulations, OPP, CFO, and MNRF can handle discharge complaints. Many residents do not support the municipality implementing this proposed by-law;
- Majority of residents are not aware of the 1960 Discharge By-law, and that old by-law should be repealed and not replaced;
- Felt that this topic needs to be thoroughly discussed so that Council can get a fulsome understanding of where the majority of residents stand on this proposed by-law; residents are opposed to it.

Mayor Hofstetter thanked Mr. Todd for his presentation. There were no questions from Council.

Mayor Hofstetter advised those in attendance that many may not realize that the 1960 by-law exists regarding the discharge of firearms, and it is staff responsibility to review old by-laws and bring forward amendments for Council review. Council will continue the discussion regarding this proposed by-law, no decision will be made at this meeting or any immediate meeting. Mayor Hofstetter encouraged residents to continue to submit their comments on the proposed by-law.

Resolution No. 2024-238

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry does now adjourn from this Regular Meeting at 7:48 p.m. to commence a 'Public Meeting' for a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment for lands legally described as Part of Lot 32, Concession 4, located at 1097 Bay Lake Road (Trott/Monett)

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-239

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives the report prepared by Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator, for lands legally described as Part of Lot 32, Concession 4, Township of Perry, located at 1097 Bay Lake Road.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-240

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby now adjourn from this Public Meeting at 8:08 p.m. in order to recommence the Regular Meeting of Council of Wednesday August 21st, 2024.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-241

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry does now adjourn from this Regular Meeting at 8:09 p.m. to commence a 'Public Meeting' for a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment for lands legally described as Lots 4 and 5, Plan M77, Township of Perry, located at 471 North Bay Lake Road (Orzel)

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-242

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry receives the report prepared by Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator, for lands legally described as Lots 4 and 5, Plan M77, Township of Perry, located at 471 North Bay Lake Road.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-243

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby now adjourn from this Public Meeting at 8:26 p.m. in order to recommence the Regular Meeting of Council of Wednesday August 21st, 2024.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-244

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

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**
 - 5.1.1. August 2024 Draft Minutes
- 5.2. **Parry Sound District Social Services Administration Board**
 - 5.2.1. July/August 2024 CAO Report
- 5.3. **Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee**
 - 5.3.1. Director of Economic Development Report – August 2024
 - 5.3.2. ACED Contribution Update for Municipalities (Res)}
- 5.4. **Township of Perry Recreation and Culture Committee**
 - 5.4.1. August 2024 Draft Minutes

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-245

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports the return of \$4,361.00 allocated for Perry Township from the 2024 ACED

Operating Budget be designated as ACED Surplus, for their use for future projects in 2024/2025 year.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-246

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

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. Chief's Meeting and Fire Training Report – August 2024
- 6.2. By-law Department**
6.2.1. August 2024
- 6.3. Building Department**
6.3.1. August 2024
- 6.4. Transfer Station**
6.4.1. August 2024
- 6.5. Public Works**
6.5.1. August 2024
- 6.6. Finance Department**
6.6.1. August 2024

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-247

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that By-law 2024-48 "Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-248

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2024-48 "Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-249

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that By-law 2024-49 "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 located in Lot 5, Registered Plan 167, Township of Perry, designated as Parts 2 and 4 on Plan 42R-8015" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-250

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2024-49 "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

located in Lot 5, Registered Plan 167, Township of Perry, designated as Parts 2 and 4 on Plan 42R-8015" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-251

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that By-law 2024-50 "Being a By-law to establish a Display of Public Art Policy" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-252

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2024-50 "Being a By-law to establish a Display of Public Art Policy" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-253

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Perry enters into a Depot Operations Agreement with Circular Materials for the Township of Perry to provide blue box services at our depot, including promotion and education and service to non-eligible sources, for the period of March 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2025 based on the terms described in this report; and

And further that the Mayor and Clerk-Administrator be authorized to execute the Depot Operations Agreement with Circular Materials.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-254

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that By-law 2024-51 "Being a By-Law authorizing the execution of Depot Operations Agreement between the Circular Materials Ontario and the Corporation of Township of Perry" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-255

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2024-51 "Being a By-Law authorizing the execution of Depot Operations Agreement between the Circular Materials Ontario and the Corporation of Township of Perry" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-256

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2024-52 "Being a By-law authorizing the execution of RFP 2024-011 for the Provision of External Audit Services between Grant Thornton LLP and The Corporation of the Township of Perry" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-257

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that By-law 2024-52 "Being a By-law authorizing the execution of RFP 2024-011 for the Provision of External Audit Services between Grant Thornton LLP and The Corporation of the Township of Perry" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-258

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that By-law 2024-53 "Being a By-law to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief / Fire Prevention Officer for the Township of Perry" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-259

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2024-53 "Being a By-law to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief / Fire Prevention Officer for the Township of Perry" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-260

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

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 August 21st, 2024.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-261

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives the draft Discharge of Firearms By-law on August 21st, 2024 for review and edit, if applicable, and hereby directs staff to bring the draft by-law, with any edits, to a future regular meeting for further review and consideration.

Carried

Council directed staff to revise the proposed draft by-law to include the comments received from the members of the public and bring the revised by-law back to a future Council meeting for further review and discussion.

Council also directed that the full report be posted on the Township website for residents to view.

Resolution No. 2024-DEFER

Moved by: Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby provide direction to staff regarding the proposed Land Acknowledgement Statement for Perry Township.

Carried

Council deferred the decision regarding the proposed Land Acknowledgement Statement (LAS) until the Fall 2024 District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Meeting, as there is a presentation on LAS's at that Meeting that will perhaps provide further information to Council to make the appropriate decision.

Resolution No. 2024-262

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby accepts the Benefits Trust proposal for the provision of benefits for the Township of Perry effective September 1st, 2024.

Carried

The following resolution was not tabled as no member of Council wished to 'Move' the motion for discussion.

Resolution No. 2024-

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Whereas employers across Northern Ontario are experiencing a critical shortage of skilled workers, contributing to a shrinking labour market with an estimated 50,000 newcomers needed by 2041 to sustain current Northern Ontario population levels; and

Whereas the labour shortage is causing significant economic hardship for Northern Ontario communities, including reduced productivity and business closures; and

Whereas population and migration trends to 2021 suggest that Northern Ontario needs 100,000 newcomers by 2041 to sustain current population; and

Whereas the success of the federal Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) demonstrates the effectiveness of allocating nomination spots to address regional labour shortages in attracting newcomers to Northern Ontario; and

Whereas the Ontario Immigration Nominee Program has been expanded from 9,750 nominees in 202 to a goal of 21,500 in 2024;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry urges the Government of Ontario to address the critical market shortage of skilled labour in Northern Ontario by allocated 3,000 Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program spots to support the region's economic growth and development;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training & Skills Development; Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP – Muskoka-Parry Sound, The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, and the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-263

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry has no objection to Consent Application B-032/24 (Clark), subject to the following conditions:

1. A draft reference plan of survey shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer of the District Planning Board and to the Municipality, for review, prior to registration.
2. The Township of Perry requires four (4) copies of the new survey, together with a digital pdf copy for our records.
3. The Township requires payment of \$500 administration fee for the Consent Application as per the Fees and Charges By-law.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-264

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives the Draft Terms of Reference for the Regional Fire Services Committee and recommends that they be approved as submitted.

Carried

Item 9.8. Council Tour of Potential Township-owned Lands for Water Access Park {Discussion}

Council directed staff to schedule a tour for all of Council to attend different areas in the Township to see if a suitable location for as new Water Access Park is viable. Staff will review schedules in September/October and provide tour date options to Council.

Resolution No. 2024-265

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives Correspondence Items 10.1 to 10.8 as outlined in the Agenda of Wednesday August 21st, 2024.

Carried

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 p.m.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2024.

"Originally Signed"

Norm Hofstetter, *Mayor*

"Originally Signed"

Beth Morton, *Clerk-Administrator*