



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday December 4, 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, Joe Lumley, Jim Cushman, and Paul Sowrey
Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator
Erica Cole, Deputy Clerk
Kim Seguin, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Mike Wilmon, CBO/By-law Enforcement Officer

Electronic Attendance:

Andy Todd, Dan Somers, Martina Dube

Members of the Public:

See Sign In Sheet

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil

Resolution No. 2024-397

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

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 Council – Wednesday November 20th, 2024

Carried

Delegation: Bob MacPhail, re: Proposed Discharge of Firearms By-law

Bob MacPhail highlighted the following for Council's consideration regarding the proposed Discharge of Firearms By-law for Perry Township:

- While not a gun owner, was in the Canadian Military for 20 years, so very familiar with shooting weapons of all size;
- The number one item around weapons instilled from the Military was safety, safety, safety. Safety for the user, safety for the bystanders, and safety and maintenance of the actual equipment itself;
- Most law-abiding gun owners have common sense, but there is the 1% that do not have common sense or experience, and would think it is okay to shoot on a 3 acre property with residences 50 feet away. Without a By-law in place, there is nothing the Township is able to enforce to try to keep residents safe;

- It is less expensive to have the Township By-law Enforcement Officer attend and enforce the By-law than OPP. Each time an OPP officer attends a property, there is a fee paid by the Township. Why should the 99% of taxpayers pay for the 1% who do not abide by the law;
- Perry Township is growing, and with growth comes more homes and built-up areas. It is less rural that it once was. Emsdale and Novar and its outskirts are growing, and around the lakes, its at capacity;
- Council has a very challenging decision to make as most By-laws adopted affect all residents equally, whereas the proposed Discharge of Firearms By-law affects only a portion of residents. Council, by picking one side, will leave the other side left out. Somehow, finding a resolution that will maintain the safety and enjoyment of both non gun owners and gun owners is key.

Mayor Hostetter thanked Mr. MacPhail for this presentation.

Resolution No. 2024-398

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 and approves the Minutes and/or Reports from the following Municipal Boards and Committees:

5.1. Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

5.1.1. November 2024 Draft Minutes

5.2. District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board

5.2.1. October 2024 CAO Report

5.3.1. November 2024 CAO Report

5.3. Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) Committee

5.3.1. October 2024 Minutes

5.3.2. Director of Economic Development Report – November 2024

5.3.3. 2025-2028 ACED Budget {Discussion}

5.3.4. Resolution 2024-20, ACED Director of Economic Development Transition to Shared Armour Township CAO

5.3.5. Draft ACED Signage Plan {Discussion}

5.4. Township of Perry Recreation and Culture Committee

5.4.1. November 2024 Draft Meeting Minutes

5.5. Township of Perry Public Library Board

5.5.1. October 2024 Meeting Minutes (October 9th, October 25th, October 31st)

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-399

Moved by: Joe Lumley

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. Cheifs Meeting and Fire Department Report – November 2024

6.2. By-law Enforcement Department

6.2.1. November 2024 Report

6.3. Building Department

6.3.1. November 2024 Report

6.4. Transfer Station

6.4.1. November 2024 Report

6.5. Public Works Department

6.5.1. November 2024 Report

6.6. Finance Department

6.6.1. November 2024 Report

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-400

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that By-law 2024-67 "Being a By-law to Prohibit the Keeping of Certain Animals within the Township of Perry" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-401

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2024-67 "Being a By-law to Prohibit the Keeping of Certain Animals within the Township of Perry" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Defeated

Resolution No. 2024-402

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that By-law 2024-70 "Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry (November 2024 Meetings)" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-403

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2024-70 "Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry (November 2024 Meetings)" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-404

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 the Health and Safety Report prepared by the Clerk-Administrator dated December 4th, 2024.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-405

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby provides direction to staff regarding the current and draft Discharge of Firearms By-law.

Carried

After discussions, Council directed staff to schedule a Special Town Hall Meeting regarding the proposed Discharge of Firearms By-law in the Spring 2025 at the Emsdale Community Centre, so residents can attend and speak on the matter. Staff will review possible dates available at the Community Centre, schedule, and advertise accordingly closer to Spring 2025.

Resolution No. 2024-406

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives the annual investment report prepared by the Treasurer.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-407

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby declares Lot 6, Plan 34, Roll #4914 000 003 06000 surplus property;

And further that Council has no objection to the sale of the lands located off Mitchell Street, legally described as Lot 6, Plan 34, in the Township of Perry to the adjoining property owner Jack Marshall, as set out in By-law 2008-09;

And further that Mr. Marshall is solely responsible for all costs of the purchase, including legal, advertising, survey, appraisal, and any other costs associated with the purchase of said lands.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-408

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby accepts the request submitted by Jack Marshall, in principle, to purchase a portion of road allowances known as:

- Road Allowance #1 – Mitchell Street, abutting 23 Mary Street, 11 Joseph Street, Lot 5 & 6, Plan 34 and Lots 5-7, Plan 69
- Road Allowance #2 – Mary Street, abutting Lot 5 & 6, Plan 34, Part Lot 5, Plan 34, and Lot 6, Plan 34
- Road Allowance #3 – Joseph Street, abutting 11 Joseph Street, Lots 3-7, Plan 69, Part 3, 42R-15556

Subject to compliance with By-law 2008-09 and hereby directs the Clerk to proceed accordingly;

And further that Mr. Marshall is solely responsible for all costs of the purchase, including legal, advertising, survey, appraisal, and any other costs associated with the purchase of said lands.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-409

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry authorizes a cost-of-living increase of 2.0% to the 2024 Township of Perry salary

grid, Council and Committee remuneration rates for the 2025 calendar year and that the increase to the grid be implemented January 1st, 2025.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-410

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives Correspondence Items 10.1 – 10.7 as outlined in the Agenda of Wednesday December 4th, 2024.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-411

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that in accordance with Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, as amended*, Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry shall proceed into Closed Session at 8:17 p.m. in order to address matters relating to Section 239(2)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipiaty or local board (Potential Civil Litigation)

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-414

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 December 4th, 2024 at 8:41 p.m.

Carried

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:41 p.m.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2024.

Originally Signed

Norm Hofstetter, *Mayor*

Originally Signed

Erica Cole, *Deputy Clerk*