



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGET DISCUSSIONS
Wednesday, February 19th, 2025
5:00 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:

Councillors: Joe Lumley, Margaret Ann MacPhail, Paul Sowrey, and Jim Cushman
Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator
Kim Seguin, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Erica Cole, Deputy Clerk
Randy McLaren, Working Roads Supervisor
Dan Marshall, Fire Chief
April Stockfish, Deputy Fire Chief

Electronic Attendance:

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

Members of the Public:

None

Absent:

Mike Wilmon, CBO/By-law Enforcement Officer

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil

Opening Comments

Mayor Norm Hofstetter called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

A special meeting of Council was set to discuss the 2025 Operating Budget for the Township of Perry.

Resolution #2025-39

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby approves the Addendum to Include Agenda Item 3.2. on the February 19th, 2025 Special Meeting of Council – Preliminary Operating Budget Discussions.

Carried

Item 3.1 Draft 1 – 2025 Operating Budget Discussions

The Treasurer highlighted the Draft 1 2025 Operating Budget report. The Treasurer noted the following in response to Council questions:

- Perry Township Public Library: adjustments due to the new CEO/Librarian Hire; programming amount set for year, Programming Committee to stay within that budget.
- Perry Kearney Joint Waste Management Committee: Committee has not yet received the draft 2025 budget; they meet end of February. Increase in 2025 due to closing of Cell #1.
- 2025 last year to receive the NORDS funding.
- New Fire Tanker: \$150,000 from reserves, \$340,000 budgeted.
- Proposed New Novar Outdoor Rink Facility: \$4,000,000, Township will apply for grants to offset cost.
- Public Works: RAP from Hwy 11 requires to be crushed again to be easily utilized on Township roads; gravel placement at Transfer Station to support the new recycle bins.

Council directed Staff to investigate and bring back to a future meeting the costs of purchasing portable washrooms versus leasing and the steps and process to remove the Pit Licence, Rezone, and Survey the lands for the proposed baseball diamond complex in Emsdale, besides the Public Works Garage.

The Treasurer noted that under the proposed 2025 Operating Municipal Budget, there would be a residential tax increase of 3.4%. Council directed staff to round tax increase to 4% for reserves for the proposed Novar Outdoor Rink Facility.

Item 3.2. RFP 2025-001 Parks and Rec SUV – Supplement Report

Resolution #2025-40

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby provides direction on which vehicle they would like to accept and will provide the updated By-law at the regular Council meeting tonight, February 19th, 2025.

Carried.

The Treasurer highlighted her supplemental report to Council regarding RFP 2025-001, and noted the original vehicle recommended to Council at their Regular Meeting on February 19th, 2025 is no longer available. Council supported the acceptance of the 2025 Chevy Trailblazer AWD SUV and directed staff to bring the appropriate By-law to the Regular Meeting on February 19th, 2025.

Council will consider the adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget at their next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday March 5th, 2025 at 7 p.m.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:14 p.m.

Dated this 5th day of March, 2025.

Originally Signed

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

Originally Signed

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator