



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday September 17th, 2025
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:

Mayor Norm Hofstetter
Councillors: Joe Lumley, Margaret Ann MacPhail, and Paul Sowrey
Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator
Kim Seguin, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Mike Wilmon, CBO/By-law Enforcement Officer

Absent:

Councillor Jim Cushman

Electronic Attendance:

Amanda Savage - Building Inspector/By-law Enforcement Officer

Members of the Public:

Nil

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil

Resolution No. 2025-316

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

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 Wednesday, September 3, 2025
- 3.2 Public Meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, for Zoning By-law Amendment - Lot 1, Plan 42M607, Township of Perry - 26 Centurion Crescent (Stillar)

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-317

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2025-57 "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 at Lot 1, Plan 42M607, Township of Perry." be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-318

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that By-law 2025-57 "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 at Lot 1, Plan 42M607, Township of Perry." be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-319

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby approves the Health and Safety Report dated September 17, 2025.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-320

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry continue the practice of hosting a luncheon and providing a \$130 gift certificate from Hope's Clover Farms to all permanent, part-time and temporary Township of Perry employees, in recognition of the Christmas holiday;

And that the Christmas luncheon be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-321

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Whereas the Council of the Township of Perry received a request from the Almaguin Homeschool Co-op for a donation, as per the Township of Perry Donation Policy, to support programming for the children and parents/guardians in the homeschool community within the Township and Almaguin Highlands;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry support an in kind donation to the Almaguin Homeschool Co-op to reduce the rental fees of the Emsdale Community Centre Hall by 50% for the months of October, November, January, February, March, April, and May to \$95.63 per month.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-322

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry hereby provide direction regarding the request to waive the rental fee for the Novar Community Centre, as an inkind donation, to Diane Heal to run a dart league.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-323

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Whereas the Province has posted ERO 0250923, Consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion, seeking feedback from municipalities, Indigenous communities and other stakeholders on how Phase Three (3) could best support access to natural gas for community development.

And whereas expanding access to natural gas is identified as a tool to support affordability and economic growth in Ontario communities, with Phases One (1) and Two (2) estimated to enable connections for approximately 17,000 buildings across 59 communities, and 16 projects completed to date.

And whereas The Township of Perry is working toward its housing and employment land goals that contribute to Ontario's broader objective to build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031 and recognizes that timely servicing solutions (including natural gas where appropriate) can help enable these targets.

And whereas Ontario's energy future relies on a balance of affordability, reliability, and sustainability by leveraging a mix of energy solutions—including natural gas, electricity, and emerging energy technologies, to meet growing community needs. And whereas natural gas continues to play a critical role in supporting energy affordability, economic competitiveness, and enabling housing and employment growth across the province.

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby;

1. Supports the Ministry's consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion (NGEP Phase 3) and endorses access to natural gas as an option to other energy solutions to advance the Township of Perry's housing, employment lands, and economic development objectives.
2. Directs staff to submit comments to ERO 0250923 reflecting the Township of Perry's priorities, including: priority application types, alignment with Official Plan/Secondary Plans, sites and corridors where gas access would enable development (housing/employment lands), any Phase 1 and 2 learnings (if applicable) and practical barriers (e.g., timing, permitting, costs, land access).
3. Forwards this resolution to Graydon Smith Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, the Minister of Energy and Mines, the Ontario Energy Board, AMO, and neighbouring municipalities.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-324

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry hereby award RFQ 2025-013 for Porta Potty Services to K&K Sanitation and direct staff to bring the required By-law to a future Council Meeting for approval.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-325

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry hereby approve the date of the annual Firefighter Meeting to be Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Perry Township Fire Hall.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-326

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry hereby receive the report prepared by Mike Wilmon, Chief Building Official & By-Law Enforcement Officer and permit the exemption for noise (music and amplified sound) from 9 PM to midnight on Friday October 3, 2025 at 8 Shannon Road, for the purpose of an outdoor wedding.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-327

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry hereby receive the report prepared by Kim Seguin, Treasurer with regards to the submissions for the Novar Covered Rink tender.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-328

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry hereby authorize that the Transfer Station and Municipal Office be closed on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 so that staff from the Transfer Station, Parks & Recreation and Municipal Office may participate in a group training session;

And Further that Council direct staff to provide notice to the public of the closure of the Transfer Station and Municipal Office on Tuesday, October 7, 2025.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-329

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives Correspondence Items 8.1 to 8.5 as outlined in the Agenda of Wednesday September 17th, 2025.

Carried

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:31 p.m.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2025.

"Original Signed by Margaret Ann MacPhail"

Margaret Ann MacPhail, Acting Mayor

"Original Signed by Beth Morton"

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator