



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday March 18th, 2026
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: Paul Sowrey and Margaret Ann MacPhail
Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator
Kim Seguin, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Mike Wilmon, CBO/By-law Enforcement Officer
Kellen Robinson, Deputy Treasurer

Electronic Attendance:

Councillor Jim Cushman
Leah Perron, CEO Perry Township Public Library

Members of the Public:

Cary Grant

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil

Resolution No. 2026-108

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, March 4, 2026

Carried

Item 4.1. 2026 Municipal Budget Presentation

By Deputy Treasurer Kellen Robinson

Resolution No. 2026-109

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-23 "Being a By-law to adopt the estimates of all sums required during 2026 for the purposes of the Municipality." be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-110

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-23 "Being a By-law to adopt the estimates of all sums required during 2026 for the purposes of the Municipality." be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-111

Moved by: Paul Sowrey Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-24 "Being a By-Law to set and levy the rates of taxation for municipal purposes and school purposes for the year 2026, to impose a penalty charge for non-payment of 2026 taxes, to provide for interest to be added to tax arrears for the year 2026." be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-112

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-24 "Being a By-Law to set and levy the rates of taxation for municipal purposes and school purposes for the year 2026, to impose a penalty charge for non-payment of 2026 taxes, to provide for interest to be added to tax arrears for the year 2026." be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-113

Moved by: Paul Sowrey Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-25 "A By-law to authorize the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation ("OILC") for financing of certain capital work(s) of the Corporation of the Township of Perry (the "Municipality"); and to authorize long-term borrowing for such capital work(s) through the issue of debentures to OILC." be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-114

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-25 "A By-law to authorize the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation ("OILC") for financing of certain capital work(s) of the Corporation of the Township of Perry (the "Municipality"); and to authorize long-term borrowing for such capital work(s) through the issue of debentures to OILC." be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-115

Moved by: Paul Sowrey Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-26 "Being a By-law to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Armour for the Township of Perry." be given first

and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-116

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-26 "Being a By-law to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Armour for the Township of Perry." be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-117

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 Health and Safety Report dated March 18th, 2026.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-118

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby approve Change Order 5 for Contract 2025-011 with Greystone Project Management Inc for the additional charges for Tariffs implemented by the Canadian Federal Government on pre-engineered steel buildings in the amount of \$59,473.81 plus HST.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-119

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Whereas Highways 11 and 17 form the backbone of the Trans-Canada Highway through Northern Ontario and are essential corridors for the movement of people, goods, and emergency services across Canada;

And whereas these highways support Northern Ontario's resource economy, connect communities to health care and services, and carry significant national supply chains;

And whereas Northern Ontario continues to experience a troubling number of serious collisions and highway closures each year;

And whereas the tragic fatal collision near Smooth Rock Falls on March 7, 2026 involving four tractor-trailers and a passenger vehicle, resulted in the death of a Kapuskasing resident and marked the tenth highway fatality in Northern Ontario so far in 2026;

And whereas in April 2023, the Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force, co-chaired by representatives of FONOM and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), delivered a comprehensive set of recommendations to the

Province of Ontario aimed at improving safety, reliability, and economic connectivity across Northern Ontario's transportation network;

And whereas Northern leaders, Indigenous partners, and transportation experts invested significant time and effort developing practical and achievable recommendations, many of which have yet to be fully implemented;

And whereas Northern Ontario residents should not have to accept a higher level of risk simply because they live, work, or travel in the North, and every preventable highway fatality underscores the urgent need for action;

Therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Perry call upon the Province of Ontario to urgently accelerate the implementation of the recommendations contained within the Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force Final Report;

And further that the Province of Ontario prioritize meaningful safety improvements along Highways 11 and 17, including increased passing opportunities through four-laning where feasible and expanded implementation of the 2+1 highway model in appropriate sections;

And further that the Province work collaboratively with Northern municipalities, Indigenous communities, and the Government of Canada to modernize this critical national transportation corridor;

And further that the Province provide an update to Northern municipalities on the status of the Task Force recommendations and the timeline for their implementation;

And further that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, Northern Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, Northern Members of the Canadian Parliament, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-120

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby approve for the Staff Appreciation and Team Building Afternoon to be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026;

And that all municipal facilities be closed at 12:00 p.m. that day in order to allow all staff the opportunity to attend the Staff Appreciation & Team Building afternoon.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-121

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby provide direction on how to proceed with the 2024-2025 AHHC deficit funding requests.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-122

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives Correspondence Items 8.1 to 8.29 as outlined in the Agenda of Wednesday March 18th, 2026.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-123

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that in accordance with Section 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry shall proceed into Closed Session on Wednesday, March 18th, 2026 at 7:42 p.m. in order to address matters relating to Section 239(2)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Ontario Aboriginal Housing Support Services Corporation ats Municipal Property Assessment Corporation et al).

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-124

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry reconvenes to its Regular Meeting of Council of Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 7:57 p.m.

Carried

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:58 p.m.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2026.

"Original signed by Norm Hofstetter"

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

"Original signed by Beth Morton"

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator