



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday April 1st, 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: Margaret Ann MacPhail,
and Joe Lumley
Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator
Kim Seguin, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Mike Wilmon, CBO/By-law Enforcement Officer
Randy McLaren, Working Roads Supervisor
Douglas Holland, Fire Chief/CEMC
Leah Perron, CEO Perry Township Public Library

Electronic Attendance:

Councillor Jim Cushman

Absent:

Councillor Paul Sowrey

Members of the Public:

Nil

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil

Resolution No. 2026-125

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, March 18, 2026

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-126

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

5.1. Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

5.1.1 December 2025 Minutes

5.1.2 January 2026 Minutes

5.1.3 February 2026 Minutes

- 5.2. District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board**
 - 5.2.1 March 2026 CAO Report
- 5.3. Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) Committee**
 - 5.3.1 February 2026 Minutes
 - 5.3.2 March 2026 DoED Report
- 5.4. Perry Township Recreation and Culture Committee**
 - 5.4.1 March 2026 Minutes – Draft
- 5.5. Perry Township Public Library Board**
 - 5.5.1 March 2026 Minutes
 - 5.5.2 March 2026 CEO Monthly Report

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-127

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry has received and accepts the Monthly Reports, as circulated, from the following Municipal Departments:

- 6.1. **Fire Department**
 - 6.1.1. March 2026 Fire Chief/Training Report
- 6.2. **Building Department/By-law**
 - 6.2.1. March 2026 Building Monthly Report
 - 6.2.2. March 2026 By-law Report
- 6.3. **Transfer Station**
- 6.4. **Public Works**
- 6.5. **Finance Department**
- 6.6. **Planning**

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-128

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-27 “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. 2026-129

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-27 “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. 2026-130

Moved by: Joe Lumley

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 April 1st, 2026.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-131

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receive the Report from the Clerk-Administrator regarding the Draft Procedural By-law;

And that Council review and provide input on the Draft Procedural By-law;

And that staff incorporate any final revisions as directed by Council;

And that the Procedural By-law be brought forward for adoption at the April 15, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-132

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby accepts the report for upgrading Radio Communications System for 9-1-1 Dispatching.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-133

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby direct staff to reorganize and set up the museum as a replicate home like setting of the pioneer era of the original building;

And that small historic items for display be stored for future display purposes; And that remaining items be offered for donation on an organized 'sale day', with remaining items being disposed of thereafter.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-134

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Whereas democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community;

And whereas we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions;

And whereas Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly

hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment;

And whereas social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office;

And whereas better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables;

And whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office;

And whereas in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and call on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct;

And whereas H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process;

And whereas on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan "Parliamentary Civility Pledge" to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct.

And that Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca.

And that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Office of the Mayor of Burlington, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-135

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby approve the installation of two enclosed, locking bulletin boards at the Emsdale Community Centre in the proposed hallway location, and that staff be directed to implement and manage a posting procedure as outlined in this report.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-136

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Whereas Council has received the report regarding the proposed charity bicycle ride in support of MADD Canada;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby grant permission for the event to commence from a Brooks Falls in Emsdale, subject to any required permits and safety requirements;

And That Council direct staff to work with the event organizer, the Ontario Provincial Police, and the Ministry of Transportation (if provincial highways are used) to ensure all necessary approvals and safety measures are in place.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-137

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receive the draft Succession Planning Policy for review and comment;

And further that the policy be brought forward to the April 15, 2026 Council Meeting for formal adoption.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-138

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receive the Draft Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use (Policy No. 2026-XX);

And that Council review the draft Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy (Policy No.

2026-XX) and provide comments or direction;

And that Council direct staff to bring forward the finalized Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy for adoption at the April 15, 2026 Council Meeting.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-139

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receive the report prepared by Beth Morton, Clerk/Administrator for the closure of the east entrance of Old Mulligan Road.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-140

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby approve the request submitted by the Perry Public Township Library for an exemption under By-law 2025-35, Section 4.1(g), to permit an educational reptile presentation as part of the Summer Reading Lunch Party, subject to the condition that no poisonous or venomous reptiles or snakes are brought into the Township.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-141

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby support the Royal Canadian Legion's Military Service Recognition Book by purchasing a veterans support/remembrance 1/10 page (colour) ad in the amount of \$395.00.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-142

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby authorize the Working Roads Supervisor to review and approve reduced load exemptions to Justin Alldred to allow Marshall Well Drilling to access 304 Old Muskoka Road from Hwy 592 for well drilling services, subject to the following:

- The applicant provide written confirmation from the Ministry of Transportation for reduced load exemption along Highway 592;
- Favourable weather and road conditions;
- Trucks scheduled in advance;
- Authority to suspend approvals immediately if road damage risk increases.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-143

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 Correspondence Items 10.1 to 10.30 as outlined in the Agenda of Wednesday April 1st, 2026.

Carried

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:57 p.m.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2026.

"Original signed by Joe Lumley"

Joe Lumley, *Acting Mayor*

"Original signed by Beth Morton"

Beth Morton, *Clerk-Administrator*