



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday April 29th, 2026
6:00 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:

Acting Mayor Joe Lumley
Councillors: Paul Sowrey and Margaret Ann MacPhail
Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator
Kim Seguin, Treasurer-Tax Collector

Electronic Attendance:

Councillor Jim Cushman

Absent

Mayor Norm Hofstetter

Members of the Public:

Nil

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Paul Sowrey declared Pecuniary Interest on Agenda Item 8.1 at the April 29th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council due to attending the church that requested the donation.

Resolution No. 2026-162

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, April 15, 2026

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-163

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-35 "A By-law to provide for reduced load limits in the Township of Perry and to repeal By-law 2000-06." be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-164

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-35 "A By-law to provide for reduced load limits in the Township of Perry and to repeal By-law 2000-06." be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-165

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-36 "Being a by-law to establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee and appoint Committee Members for the 2026 municipal election period." be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-166

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-36 "Being a by-law to establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee and appoint Committee Members for the 2026 municipal election period." be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-167

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby support a donation to the Parish of the Good Shepherd Anglican Church in the amount of \$500.00.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-168

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

WHEREAS municipal workers and contractors play a critical role in maintaining essential infrastructure and ensuring public safety, particularly during significant weather events;

AND WHEREAS there has been a documented increase in incidents involving harassment, threats, and dangerous interference with municipal workers across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) has formally requested provincial legislative amendments to strengthen protections for these workers;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Oro-Medonte has passed a resolution supporting these requests, which has been endorsed by other municipalities including the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports the AORS request for provincial legislation amendments to enhance protections for municipal workers and contractors;

AND THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to:

- Implement stronger legislative measures addressing interference with municipal workers;
- Enhance protections during declared Significant Weather Events;
- Improve enforcement and coordination with police services;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
- Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
- Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound - Muskoka
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)
- All Ontario municipalities

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-169

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

WHEREAS Council passed Resolution No. 2022-509 on December 7, 2022, establishing the Acting Mayor appointments for the 2022–2026 Term of Council;

AND WHEREAS Resolution No. 2022-509 appointed Paul Sowrey as Acting Mayor for the period of June 1, 2026 to November 14, 2026;

AND WHEREAS Council, at its meeting held April 15, 2026, directed that a resolution be brought forward to amend the Acting Mayor appointment for this period;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby rescind the portion of Resolution No. 2022-509 appointing Paul Sowrey as Acting Mayor for the period of June 1, 2026 to November 14, 2026;

AND FURTHER THAT Council appoint Councillor Joe Lumley as Acting Mayor for the period of June 1, 2026 to November 14, 2026.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-170

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry will be sending Councillors: Paul Sowrey, Margaret Ann MacPhail, and Joe Lumley to the 2026 Spring Meeting of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association being held on May 29, 2026 in the Town of Kearney.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-171

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receive the 2025 Trust Fund Statements prepared by management.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-172

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

WHEREAS Council passed Resolution No. 2024-230 on July 17, 2024, appointing Norm Hofstetter as the representative on the South Almaguin Regional Fire Services Committee and that Jim Cushman be appointed as his alternate on the Committee;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it appropriate to amend the alternate appointment for the remainder of this term of Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby rescind the portion of Resolution No. 2024-230 appointing Jim Cushman as the alternate on the South Almaguin Regional Fire Services Committee;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby appoint Councillor Joe Lumley as the alternate on the South Almaguin Regional Fire Services Committee for the remainder of this term of Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-173

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 9.1 to 9.25 as outlined in the Agenda of Wednesday April 29th, 2026.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-174

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry shall proceed into Closed Session on Wednesday, April 29th, 2026 at 6:45 p.m. in order to address matters relating to Section 239(2)(a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board; and 239 (2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations (Parks & Recreation/Transfer Station).

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-177

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

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, April 29th, 2026, at 7:09 p.m.

Carried

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.
Dated this 20th day of May, 2026.

Original signed by Joe Lumley

Joe Lumley, *Acting Mayor*

"Original signed by Beth Morton"

Beth Morton, *Clerk-Administrator*