



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday July 15th, 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
Mike Wilmon, CBO/By-law Enforcement Officer
Randy McLaren, Working Roads Supervisor
Douglas Holland, Fire Chief/CEMC
Leah Perron, CEO Perry Township Public Library

Absent

Mayor Norm Hofstetter, Councillor Jim Cushman

Electronic Attendance:

Nil

Members of the Public:

Cary Grant, Christopher Robbins, Josephine Robbins, Amy Marshall, Hunter Marshall

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil

Resolution No. 2026-251

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 June 17th, 2026

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-252

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry does now adjourn from this Regular Meeting at 6:01 p.m. to commence a 'Public Meeting' for a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment for lands legally described as Part of Lot 9, Concession 11, Township of Perry, designated as Part 1 on Plan 42R-23004, located at 514 Star Lake Road (Marshall).

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-253

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 the report prepared by Jordan Ross, Development and Planning Coordinator Intern for lands legally described as Part of Lot 9, Concession 11, Township of Perry, located at 514 Star Lake Road.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-254

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby now adjourns from this Public Meeting at 6:11 p.m. in order to recommence the Regular Meeting of Council of Wednesday July 15th, 2026.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-255

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

5.1. District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board

5.1.1. May 2026 Minutes

5.1.2. June 2026 CAO Report

5.2. Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) Committee

5.2.1. May 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

5.2.2. June 2026 DoED Report

5.2.3. 2026 AHSS Student Engagement Report

5.3. Perry Township Recreation and Culture Committee

5.3.1. June 2026 Minutes

5.3.2. Member Resignation

5.4. Perry Township Public Library Board

5.4.1. Library Year-to-Date Budgetary Control

5.4.2. June 2026 CEO Monthly Report

5.4.3. Library Pay List by Fund

5.5. Board of Health for North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

5.5.1. June 2026 CAO Report

5.5.2. April 2026 Finance and Property Committee Minutes

5.5.3. May 2026 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

5.6. Almaguin Highlands OPP Service Board

5.6.1. July 2026 Minutes - Draft

5.7. Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board

5.7.1. May 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

5.7.2. May 2026 Hearing Minutes

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-256

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

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. June 2026 Fire Chief Meeting/Training Report

6.2. Building Department/By-law

6.2.1. June 2026 Building Monthly Report

6.2.2. June 2026 By-Law Report

6.3. Transfer Station

6.4. Public Works

6.5. Finance Department

6.6. Planning

6.7. Health and Safety Update

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-257

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-48 "Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry (June 2026 Meetings)" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-258

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-48 "Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry (June 2026 Meetings)" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-259

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-49 "Being a By-law authorizing the execution of the RFT 2026-006 Gravel Tender: Fowler Construction Company LTD and The Corporation of the Township of Perry" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-260

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-49 "Being a By-law authorizing the execution of the RFT 2026-006 Gravel Tender: Fowler Construction Company LTD and The Corporation of the Township of Perry" be given third and final reading an enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-261

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-50 "Being a By-law to adopt an Investment Policy" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-262

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-50 "Being a By-law to adopt an Investment Policy" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-263

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$367,701.25, currently invested in the ONE Investment High Interest Savings Account (HISA), and future reserve contribution into the ONE Investment Canadian Equity Fund to support the long-term growth of funds reserved for the Township's local share of the future hospital redevelopment project;

And further that the Treasurer be authorized to execute all documents necessary to complete the investment transfer in accordance with the Township's Investment Policy and applicable legislation.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-264

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby authorizes Mayor Norm Hofstetter's continued absence from meetings of Council for an additional three (3) months pursuant to Section 259(1)(c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-265

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that ***Be it resolved that*** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives the Report regarding the Village of South River's Ontario Transit Investment Fund (OTIF) Rideshare Proposal;

And further that Council support the Village of South River's request to the Province of Ontario for approval of its Ontario Transit Investment Fund application for a rural rideshare program;

And further that a copy of Council's resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, MPP Graydon Smith, MP Scott Aitchison, and the Village of South River.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-266

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Whereas the government of Ontario is proposing changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the Premier, Cabinet Ministers and their staff from public access requests;

And Whereas these changes would apply retroactively and may limit access to records related to matters of public interest;

And Whereas the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Ontario has warned that these changes would reduce transparency and accountability, Freedom of Information laws are an essential to the public trust and democratic accountability;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby opposes the proposed changes to FIPPA and Council:

1. Calls on the Province to ensure records related to government business remain accessible to the public;
2. Urges the Province to consult with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the public before proceeding; and
3. Directs that this motion be circulated to the Premier Doug Ford, Stephen Crawford, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement, all MPPs, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-267

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 the report prepared by Jordan Ross, Development and Planning Coordinator Intern, regarding the *Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act, 2026* (Bill 119)

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-268

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 the report regarding the Ministry of Natural Resources' proposed updates to the Technical Guide - River and Stream Systems: Flooding Hazard Limit and the new Technical Bulletin – Special Flooding Hazard Conditions in River and Stream Systems for information;

And further that Council authorize staff to monitor the consultation process and review the final guidance once released to determine whether any amendments to Township planning policies, procedures or mapping practices may be required;

And further that Council direct staff not to submit comments on the Environmental Registry proposal at this time, as the proposed guidance is technical in nature and is expected to be implemented through the Province, Conservation Authorities, and qualified engineering professionals.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-269

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 the report regarding the Municipal Heritage Register Extension Resolution received from the Town of Grimsby;

And further that Council determine whether it wishes to support the Town of Grimsby's request that the Province of Ontario amend the Ontario Heritage Act to either maintain municipal heritage registers indefinitely or extend the current legislative deadline for municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate listed heritage properties to January 1st, 2030.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-270

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 the report regarding the Municipal Heritage Extension Resolution received from the Town of Grimsby and hereby supports the Town of Grimsby's request that the province amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the current legislation deadline for municipalities to issue Notice of Intention to Designate listed heritage properties to January 1st, 2030.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-271

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports the MADD Canada yearbook by placing a sponsorship ad in the amount of \$329.00 plus HST.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-272

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby approves the additional asphalt shouldering work on Fern Glen Road and Savage Settlement Road and accept the quotation from Fowler Construction in the amount of \$41,453.30 plus HST, with the costs to be funded from the approved 2026 Capital Road Program budget.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-273

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 the report respecting the Bay Lake Outlet and the Ministry of Natural Resources' response, attached as Appendix "A", for information;

And further that Council authorize staff to engage Tulloch Engineering Inc., or another qualified consulting firm with expertise in hydrology and aquatic systems, to review the Bay Lake outlet, provide recommendations respecting water level management, assess future maintenance requirements, and identify any regulatory approvals that may be required.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-274

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports the Agreement in principle and direct staff to prepare the following by-laws for consideration at the August 19th, 2026 Council Meeting:

1. By-law adopting the revised Road Maintenance Agreement between the Township of Perry and the Town of Kearney; and
2. By-law formally renaming Perry's Fisher Lake Lane to Patton Road South and confirming the roadway as a year-round maintained municipal road.

And further that Council directs staff to provide notice to the public of the formal renaming of Perry's Fisher Lake Lane to Patton Road South.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-275

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 the report from the Treasurer on the purchase of the Ice Resurfacer and tractor from the qualified vendors available through the CANOE Procurement Program.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-276

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 9.28 as outlined in the Agenda of Wednesday July 15th, 2026.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-277

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 July 15th, 2026 at 7:13 p.m. in order to address matters relating to Section 239(2)(a) Security of the Property of the Municipality or local board (Novar Outdoor Rink Property).

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-280

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 July 15th, 2026 at 7:40 p.m.

Carried

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2026.

"Original signed by Joe Lumley"

Joe Lumley, Acting Mayor

"Original signed by Beth Morton"

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator