



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday October 7th, 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
Erica Cole, Deputy Clerk
Douglas Holland, Fire Chief/CEMC

Absent

Mayor Norm Hofstetter

Electronic Attendance:

Councillor Jim Cushman, Jefferey Marshall

Members of the Public:

Cary Grant, Robin & Donald Atherton, Nancy Bruce, Kim Harvey

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None

Resolution No. 2026-361

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 Addendum to Include Agenda Item 8.9. "Novar Rink Electronic Message Board" on the October 7th, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-362

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 September 16th, 2026
- 3.2. Special Meeting Minutes – Firefighter/Council Meeting of Tuesday September 29th, 2026

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-363

Moved by: Jim Cushman

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-64 "Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of

the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry (September 2026 Meetings)" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-364

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-64 "Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry (September 2026 Meetings)" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-365

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-65 "Being a By-law to authorize the execution of a Road Maintenance Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Perry and the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-366

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-65 "Being a By-law to authorize the execution of a Road Maintenance Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Perry and the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-367

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-66 "Being a By-law to authorize the execution of the Letter of Termination for the mutual Fire Protection Agreement between the Town of Huntsville and the Township of Perry" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-368

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-66 "Being a By-law to authorize the execution of the Letter of Termination for the mutual Fire Protection Agreement between the Town of Huntsville and the Township of Perry" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-369

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry receives the report and By-law 2026-67, Township of Perry Strategic Emergency Response Plan;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby rescind Resolutions 2025-182, 2025-183, and 2025-184 as the details of these

resolutions are now included within the Township of Perry Strategic Emergency Response Plan.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-370

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-67 "Being a By-law to adopt an Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan and to meet other Requirements under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-371

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-67 "Being a By-law to adopt an Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan and to meet other Requirements under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-372

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-68 "Being a By-Law authorizing the execution of the Municipal Funding Agreement for the Recreation and Culture Program Coordinator Intern between the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and the Corporation of Township of Perry" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-373

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-68 "Being a By-Law authorizing the execution of the Municipal Funding Agreement for the Recreation and Culture Program Coordinator Intern between the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and the Corporation of Township of Perry" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-374

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby adopt By-law 2026-69 to amend By-law 2026-14 to revise the land acquisition cost to \$4,025.70 plus HST (from \$4,757.65 plus HST) for the sale of the Original Shore Road Allowance lying in front of Lot 23, Concession 6 (closed by By-law 399 as in PE3269), Township of Perry, designated as Part 1, Plan 42R-22901, to the adjacent owner, Kimberley Ann Harvey.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-375

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-69 "Being a By-law to Amend By-law 2026-14, being a by-law to sell part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 23, Concession 6 (closed by By-law 399 as in PE3269); designated as Part 1, Plan 42R22901; Perry (Harvey)" be given first and second reading.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-376

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Be it resolved that By-law 2026-69 "Being a By-law to Amend By-law 2026-14, being a by-law to sell part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 23, Concession 6 (closed by By-law 399 as in PE3269); designated as Part 1, Plan 42R22901; Perry (Harvey)" be given third and final reading and enacted in open Council.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-377

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 proposed amendment to the Township Flag Protocol Policy to remove the National Flag of the United States of America as an authorized flag to be flown under this policy.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-378

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 supports the news release from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) regarding the Call for Federal-Provincial Partnership to Four-Lane Highways 11 and 17;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Prime Minister Carney, the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, Scott Aitchison, MP Muskoka-Parry Sound, Graydon Smith, MPP Muskoka-Parry Sound, FONOM, NOMA, and all 154 Northern municipalities represented by FONOM and NOMA.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-379

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 and supports the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch, and Raglan's resolution regarding the Review and Reform of Provincial Offences System;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, Association of Municipalities

Ontario (AMO), Graydon Smith, MPP Muskoka- Parry Sound, and the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch, and Raglan.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-380

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

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 the remainder of the Term of Council, or until November 14th, 2026, pursuant to Section 259(1)(c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-381

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 updates to the Recreation and Culture Committee Terms of Reference and that a by-law be brought forward at the October 21st, 2026 meeting for adoption of the updated terms of reference.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-DEFEATED

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby receives the report dated October 7th, 2026 regarding the proposed Atherton land exchange at 198 Churchill Gardens Road;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby denies preliminary approval of the Sale and Other Disposition of Land Application submitted by Robin and Donald Atherton, as presented, to exchange a portion of Township-owned Lot 2, Plan 169, for the portion of Lot 3, Plan 169, reported to contain the deviated section of Churchill Gardens Road;

And further that Staff be directed to advise the applicants and their solicitor of Council's decision.

Carried

Council supported Option #3 within the staff report, deferring the decision to grant preliminary approval of the proposed land exchange to a future Regular Council Meeting in order to provide staff and Council the opportunity to perform a site inspection and propose an alternative configuration for the proposed land exchange that would be in the best interest of both the Township and applicants.

Resolution No. 2026-382

Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail

Seconded by: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby has no objection to Consent Application B-014/26 (Vista Investments Muskoka Inc.) subject to the following conditions:

1. The Township of Perry requires a "Cash-in-lieu of Parkland" payment of 5% based on the vacant land assessed value of the newly created lot.

2. A draft reference plan of survey shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board and to the Municipality, for review, prior to registration. If the reference plan or other evidence discloses that either the severed property or the retained property owned by the Applicant, contains a deviation road maintained by the Municipality as a public road, then the Applicant shall survey and transfer such deviation road to the Municipality as a condition of severance. The area to be surveyed and transferred shall generally be sixty-six (66') feet in width and centred upon the centre line of the present travelled road. In situations where this is impractical, the Applicant should discuss how this requirement will be fulfilled with the Municipality before the reference plan is finalized.

Prior to the finalization of consent, The District Planning Board must be advised in writing by the Municipality that the above condition has been satisfied.

3. The Township of Perry requires four (4) papers copies and one PDF copy for its files. The Township of Perry requires confirmation from the Working Road Supervisor that an entrance permit(s) can be obtained on the lot to be created.

4. The Township requires confirmation from the Building Department that there are no concerns or objections regarding a sewage disposal system on the newly created lot.

5. Applicant is required to rezone the newly created lot to the Rural – Exception Zone to recognize a reduced lot frontage of 74.4 metres.

6. The Township requires payment of \$500 administration fee as per the Fees and Charges By-law for each lot to be created.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-383

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 purchase of an electronic message board for the Novar Rink;

And further that Council authorizes staff to proceed with the direct purchase of the electronic message board from Gateway Signs of North Bay in the amount of \$25,020 plus applicable HST, with the cost funded from the Novar Rink Project contingency.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-384

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 9.1 to 9.15 as outlined in the Agenda of Wednesday October 7th, 2026.

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-385

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 October 7th, 2026 at 7:01 p.m. in order to address matters relating to Section 239(2)(c) Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Municipality or Local Board (North Bay Lake Road) and Section 239(2)(d) Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations (Building and By-law Department)

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-390

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 on Council of Wednesday October 7th, 2026 at 7:29 p.m.

Carried

Report Out of Closed

In Closed Session, Council received previous closed session minutes, provided direction on commencing conversation with the Township of Armour regarding Shared Services for By-law Enforcement, and received an update on proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Municipality for North Bay Lake Road.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:29 p.m.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2026.

Originally Signed

Joe Lumley, *Acting Mayor*

Originally Signed

Beth Morton, *Clerk-Administrator*