The Corporation of the Township of Perry

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, October 15, 2008
1:00 p.m.
Almaguin Highlands Information Centre
(1007 Hwy. 11 N Emsdale ON)

Any and All Minutes are to be considered Draft until approved by Council at a Regular Meeting of Council

In Attendance:

Council Members: Mayor William Core
Councillors: Jim Cushman; John Dunn; Mary Anne Love; and Les Rowley.

Municipal Staff: Brenda Fraser, Clerk/Administrator

Municipal Planner: Robert Miller

Mayor Core called the meeting to order and presented the following Resolution.

Resolution No. 2008-465
Moved by: Les Rowley **Seconded by: John Dunn**
Be it resolved that this Special Meeting of the Council of the Township of Perry be opened at 1:00 p.m. with Mayor Core presiding in the Chair. **Carried.**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Mayor Core offered Robert Miller, Planner for the Township of Perry, the opportunity to discuss the events of August 25th, 2008 when Mr. Miller left the preconsultation meetings prematurely.

Mr. Miller commented on various topics and situations, including:

- the difficulty in administering the preconsultation process put in place by the province;
- the changes in the legislation;
- the administration of the application process, as he sees it;
- the commitments he currently has with Perry Township (i.e. the consolidation of the text of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law and the map schedules; and the draft 'new' Official Plan now before MMAH);
- that most municipalities have a procedural manual that they follow;
- the events occurring with regard to the two Minor Variance applications recently before Council;
- his perception of the 'front end process' for applicants;

- what work is included in his 'agreement' and that attending meetings of Council, mileage and accommodation are included in his monthly retainer; and
- the suggestion to not have a Committee of Adjustment and comments thereto.

The Clerk then commented with regard to:

- the preconsultation process provided in draft form to Council;
- the procedure that is followed with all applicants;
- the preparation of the 'Minor Variance Notices' and the procedure followed;
- the conscious effort to limit costs for all ratepayers; and
- in an effort to monitor planning costs, the suggestion that all requests for communications with regard to planning applications/services flow through the Clerk's office.

It was suggested that the agreement between Mr. Miller and Perry Township may need to be renegotiated.

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Moved by: John Dunn **Seconded by: Les Rowley**

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry does hereby now adjourn from this Special Meeting at 3:50 p.m. until our next Regular Meeting of call of the Chair. **Carried.**

Dated this 5th day of November, 2008.

William Core, *Mayor*

Brenda J. Fraser, *Clerk/Administrator*