

## ***The Corporation of the Township of Perry***

### **MINUTES**

#### **SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING**

**Saturday, August 9, 2008**

**10:00 a.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

#### **Members of the Public**

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

#### **Resolution No. 2008-370**

**Moved by: Mary Anne Love**

**Seconded by: John Dunn**

Be it Resolved that this Special Meeting of the Council of the Township of Perry be opened at 10:00 a.m. with Mayor Core presiding in the Chair. **Carried.**

Mayor William Core welcomed everyone and announced that copies of the power point presentation, developed by Councillor John Dunn in conjunction with discussions of Council, were available as a hand out. Mayor Core then turned the meeting over to Councillor Dunn.

Councillor Dunn explained that Council was interested in developing a Strategic Plan as a tool to guide the direction of Council for the next five years. He also explained that this 'Plan' needs to be reviewed and updated as we move forward and the purpose of the meeting today was for public input to determine if Council is on the right track and if they have missed anything. The power point presentation followed, with Councillor Dunn commenting on each slide.

Input received from members of the public included the following:

- John Williams, resident of Foot Lake Subdivision, commented that this was a great initiative and opportunity for citizen input and requested hard surfacing of Foot Lake Road be considered;
- Incentives be put in place to attract businesses such as restaurants, motels, gas stations, etc.;

- A link be placed on the Perry Twp. Website to allow for public input/suggestions;
- Jim Gerrie of Sherwood Drive requested seasonal maintenance for this road;
- A statement be included that 'Council will keep taxes fair';
- Beth Kerr asked what was being done for 'older' residents;
- The replacement/upgrades to the Twp. Buildings be included in the 'Plan';
- It was suggested that (more) weekend programs be included for recreation;
- A section entitled 'Environment' be added to the 'Plan' and to our website;
- With regard to the Transfer Station, that recycling information be well advertised as well as composting be considered; and
- An Economic and Business Development Plan be added to the Strategic Plan.

**Council:**

- explained that the budget has been set for 2008, so requests for road upgrades could be considered for the 2009 budget, however, processes are being put in place in accordance with asset management that will not just identify what needs to be done, but put in place, a plan for when these upgrades could be done, with the goal being to prioritize and perform work, thereby moving away from 'reacting to problems';
- explained that there are some recruiting challenges for the Novar Volunteer Fire Department;
- is investigating the purchase of two Fire Tankers, one for each fire station;
- has endorsed moving toward an automated mapping system as part of the asset management plan;
- is participating in negotiations with MTO with regard to a new joint Municipal Office/Tourist Information Centre;
- has a process in place to enforce the Township By-laws;
- is currently in the process of reviewing the Official Plan and consolidating the text and mapping of the comprehensive Zoning By-law;
- is in the process of identifying the ownership and level of care and maintenance of all Township cemeteries;
- would support the (re)establishment of a Perry Township Ratepayers Association; and
- will compile the information from the meeting today, adding the suggestions received.

**Resolution No. 2008-371**

**Moved by: John Dunn**

**Seconded by: Mary Anne Love**

*Whereas* the Fire Chief has provided written reports to Council, outlining the benefits and cost savings of purchasing two (2) used trucks, to be retrofitted for use as water tankers by the Fire Department;

*And Whereas* Council has discussed the options for purchasing two (2) used trucks;

*And Whereas* Section 11 of the Procurement By-law allows exemption from any or all the purchasing methods;

*Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry*, authorizes the purchase of 2 Cab & Chassis from Source 1 for an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00 plus taxes. **Carried.**

**Resolution No. 2008-372**

**Moved by: Les Rowley**

**Seconded by: John Dunn**

*Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry* has reviewed the site plans provided by the Ainley Group, on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation, for the new Almaguin Highlands Information Centre / Municipal Offices, and prefers Building design No. 4 as the footprint for further discussion, subject to cost clarification and funding negotiations. **Carried.**

**Resolution No. 2008-373**


**Moved by: John Dunn**

**Seconded by: Mary Anne Love**

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry does hereby now adjourn from this Special Meeting at 12:05 p.m. until our next Regular Meeting of call of the Chair. **Carried.**

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008

  
William Core, *Mayor*

  
Brenda J. Fraser, *Clerk/Administrator*