

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 in the Council Chambers of the Administration Centre, Township of Essa.

In attendance: Mayor David Guergis
Deputy Mayor Terry Dowdall
Councillor Sandie Macdonald
Councillor Rick Newlove
Councillor Ron Henderson

Staff in attendance: Greg Murphy, Mike Galloway, Julie Barrett, Paul Macdonald, Colleen Healey

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Guergis called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – Deputy Mayor indicated a conflict on item 4 b.

3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS

**a. 7:00 Public Meeting – Proposed Plan of Subdivision
Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment**
Re: Egbert Estates, Part of Lot 10, Concession 10

The Mayor opened the public meeting and asked the planner to give a brief overview of the proposal. The Planning Manager gave an overview of the plan and noted any comments that had been received from staff, outside agencies and a letter of objection from the adjacent land owners.

The Planning Manager introduced the applicant's consultant, Brian Goodreid of the Jones Consulting Group. The consultant elaborated on the plan for the benefit of council and those in attendance.

Gary Dermott indicated that he was concerned with a fence being erected backing on to his property and requested that the developer be responsible for all costs related to the installation of a post and wire fence abutting his property.

The Mayor asked if there were any further comments from the public. Seeing none he closed the meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

a. Committee of Adjustment – OACA Membership & Annual Conference

Resolution No: CW27-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report P09-07 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and

That one membership be renewed with the Ontario Association of Committees of Adjustment at a cost of \$110; and

That one staff member from the Municipality (Secretary-Treasurer to the Committee of Adjustment) be registered to attend the annual Conference on Committee of Adjustment matters at a cost of approximately \$900.00.

Carried

b. Continuing Education

Resolution No: CW28-2009 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report P09-09 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received and that Council contribute towards the Manager of Planning and Development's pursuit for a Masters Certificate in Municipal Leadership, in the amount that was approved for the Manager to attend the annual Planner's Conference, knowing that the program aims to ensure effective leadership skills capitalizing on challenges and opportunities.

Carried

The Deputy Mayor did not vote on the matter due to a pecuniary interest.

c. Home Occupations

Resolution No: CW29-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that Report P09-10 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and

That the Zoning By-Law be amended such that the definition of Home Occupations is reworded and will not include auto sales; and

That the Zoning By-law be amended such that the definition of Home Occupations is expanded to allow anyone living in the home, of driving age and employed by the home occupation, or who drives to earn their living, to park one vehicle associated with the home-based business or their source of income in the driveway of the premises as amended.

Deferred

The Planning Manager was directed to send a letter to all interested individuals outlining the proposed changes and to bring back the matter to the next meeting for consideration.

d. Addition to Baxter Public School

Resolution No: CW30-2009 Moved by: Newlove , Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Report P09-11 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received and

That Staff work with the Simcoe County District School Board to ensure that all municipal comments on an addition to the Baxter Public School are addressed.

Carried

e. Policies for Telecommunication Towers

Resolution No: CW31-2009 Moved by: Macdonald , Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report P09-12 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and

That correspondence from Bell Mobility, Rogers Wireless and TELUS Mobility be received; and That Staff relay to these groups that Essa will maintain the current process of consultation which relies on the policy of Industry Canada and its Default Consultation Procedures, and if in the future, a new policy is to be adopted, notice will be provided.

Carried

f. Living Faith Community Presbyterian Church – Return of a Letter of Credit

Resolution No: CW32-2009 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that Report P09-13 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and that the Letter of Credit held on file in association with the construction of a new facility by Living Faith Community Presbyterian Church be returned on the basis that the construction works are now complete.

Carried

g. Status of Land Supply – Essa

Resolution No: CW33-2009 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Report P09-14 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received.

Carried

5. PARKS AND RECREATION / COMMUNITY SERVICES

6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

7. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Resident's Concern about the Condition of the Intersection at Margaret and Vernon Streets

Resolution No: CW34-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that Report PW-09-10 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received; and further,
That the resident's request for reimbursement of their deductible relating to an accident that occurred at one of the Township's intersections be denied.*

Carried

b. Safety Boot and Clothing Allowance Policy

Resolution No: CW35-2009 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report PW-09-11 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received; and further,
That the Public Works, Building, Parks and Recreation Clothing and Safety Boot Allowance Policy marked as Appendix "B" be approved and that all previous policies with respect to this matter are hereby rescinded.*

Carried

c. OGRA Sponsored Road Courses

Resolution No: CW36-2009 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that Report PW-09-12 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received and that the Roads Supervisor be authorized to attend the Municipal Legislation and Legal Responsibilities Course, one Assistant Roads Supervisor be authorized to attend the Practical Urban Maintenance Course and two roads employees be authorized to attend the T.J. Mahoney Road Maintenance Course sponsored by the Ontario Good Roads Association at the University of Guelph, from May 4 to 6, 2009.

Carried

d. Supply and Installation of a Diesel Exhaust System – Roads Garage

Resolution No: CW37-2009 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that the proposal submitted by Plymovent Canada for the supply and installation of a diesel exhaust system in the Roads Garage, at a cost of \$44,488.15 plus taxes be accepted and the Roads Supervisor be authorized to arrange for this exhaust system to be installed.

Carried

8. FINANCE

a. Employee Group Benefits Renewal – effective March 1, 2009

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Resolution No: CW38-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report TR-2009-05 from the Treasurer be received; and
That the Employee Group Benefit Renewal, insured by Manulife Group and Co-operators
Group, be approved effective March 1, 2009.*

Carried

9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

a. Canine Control Monthly Report

Resolution No: CW39-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that the Report from the Canine Control Officer for the month of December 2008
be received.*

Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

The CAO/Public Works Manager indicated that the Town of Innisfil has contacted him to arrange for a meeting to clear up the miscommunication that was published recently in the press in regards to the Fire Department.

The Deputy Mayor reminded council of the hockey game and dinner tomorrow evening.

Councillor Newlove asked the Clerk if the municipality has received any inquiries concerning wind farms. The Clerk indicated that nothing has been received as of yet.

The Mayor brought up a matter of concern in relation to clothing drop off containers that are appearing in the community. The Mayor asked the Clerk to draft a by-law for consideration at the next council meeting

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: CW40-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of The Township of Essa adjourn to meet again on March 4, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.*

Carried

Original Signed By:

David Guergis, Mayor

Mike Galloway, Clerk