

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 in the Council Chambers of the Administration Centre, Township of Essa.

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

Staff in attendance: G. Murphy, M. Galloway, J. Barrett, C. Healey, P. Macdonald

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Guergis called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The Mayor thanked staff for the success of the 7th Annual Essa Challenge Golf Tournament.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS

- a. 6:00 Public Meeting – Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment**
Re: 4762 20th Sideroad, Pt. West Half Lot 21, Concession 10
(Barrie Agricultural Society)

The Mayor indicated that the Essa Barrie Agricultural Society had informed the township planner in the late afternoon of June 16th that they did not intend to follow through with the open house and public meeting scheduled for this date. The Mayor indicated that even though the public meeting was not taking place, he asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak taking into consideration the late cancellation notice given by the Barrie Agricultural Society.

- b. 6:30 Frieda Baldwin, Essa Recreational Trails Committee**
Re: Funding Application

Ms. Baldwin appeared before council to ask for consideration of a resolution regarding an application to the National Trails Coalition. Matching funds are being requested in the amount of \$15,000 from the township. Council discussed the project with Ms. Baldwin and will deal with the resolution when the item comes up in the council meeting later this evening.

- c. 6:45 Ron Watkin, Ainley Group**
Re: Township Official Plan

Mr. Watkins was requested to attend by planning staff to update council on the new Simcoe County Growth Plan recently released by the Province of Ontario.

STAFF REPORTS

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

a. Baxter (Guergis) Estates Extension to Draft Plan Approval

Resolution No: CW123-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report P09-43 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further

That draft plan approval for Baxter Estates be extended by one year to expire July 29th, 2010.

Carried

b. Simcoe Area Plan

Resolution No: CW124-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report P09-44 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further

That Staff write to the Ontario Growth Secretariat outlining Essa's dissatisfaction with the planned legislation and course of action to be taken by the Province with respect to the Simcoe Area plan and the proposed Barrie-Innisfil Boundary Adjustment Act; and further That Staff examine Essa's supply and demand of lands set out for development and report back to Council (Ainley has already been asked to focus on commercial and industrial lands, however, it may now be necessary to examine residential supply as well); and further

That phasing options be prepared for Council's consideration at a later date.

Carried

c. Elmgrove Hall

Resolution No: CW125-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Report P09-45 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further

That Staff initiate an Official Plan Amendment to redesignate the Elmgrove Hall as Residential to permit a Zoning By-law Amendment to proceed.

Carried

5. PARKS AND RECREATION / COMMUNITY SERVICES

a. Request to donate Sk8 Board Competition proceeds to The Door

Resolution No: CW126-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report PR-2009-11 from the Recreation Coordinator/Programmer be received; and further
That the proceeds of the sale of hotdogs from the Sk8 Board Competition in the amount of \$46.35 be donated to The Door.*

Carried

b. Essa Adult Baseball Leagues

Resolution No: CW127-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report PR-2009-12 from the Recreation Coordinator/Programmer be received; and

That Council support waiving the Non-Resident Sport Field rental fees for 2009 for local Adult leagues.

Carried

6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

7. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Streetlight Installations

Resolution No: CW128-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that that the tender for the installation of ten streetlights at various intersections in the Township of Essa as submitted by C.I.D. Powerline Electrical and Poleline Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$8,300.00 plus GST, be accepted as per Township specifications; and further
That the CAO/Manager of Public Works be authorized to arrange for the necessary work to be done.*

Carried

b. Surface Treatment Tender – Opening Results

Resolution No: CW129-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that the 2009 Surface Treatment tender opening results be received; and further
That the tender submitted by Duncor Enterprises Inc. for Surface Treatment in the total amount of \$201,552.00 (plus taxes) be accepted, as per township specifications; and further*

That the CAO/Public Works Manager be authorized to arrange for the necessary work to be completed.

Carried

c. Peacekeepers Day – Request to Close Commerce Road

Resolution No: CW130-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report PW-09-35 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received; and further

That the request of the Royal Canadian Legion Edward MacDonald Branch 499 to close Commerce Road on Saturday, August 8, 2009 while the Peacekeepers ceremony is taking place be approved; and further

That the Public Works Department be authorized to approve this road closure in the future for any Peacekeeper Day ceremonies that are being held at Peacekeepers Park.

Carried

**d. Request of Landowner to Erect a Gate at the end of the “Dead End”
6th Line, South of the 25th Sideroad**

Resolution No: CW131-2009 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report PW-09-36 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received; and further

That Brayford Sod Farms Inc. be authorized to erect a gate across the road at the end of the “Dead End” 6th Line, south of the 25th Sideroad, provided a checkerboard sign and/or other warning device is placed on the gate and that Brayford Sod Farms Inc. accept all responsibility for maintenance, repairs and/or replacement (if required) including any liability that may arise from the existence of such gate and associated posts that are situated on the said road allowance.

Carried

**e. Thornton Hills Phases 1 and 2 Subdivisions – Request for Security Reductions –
Proposed Schedule of Works**

Resolution No: CW132-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Report PW-09-38 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received; and further

That the works to be completed by the Developer in the Thornton Hills Phases 1 and 2 Subdivisions (Plans 51M-797 and 51M-863) is to be commenced forthwith and completed by August 22, 2009, failing which the Township Engineer (AECOM) and the CAO/Manager of Public Works shall be authorized to arrange for the completion of all deficiencies and

*outstanding works within Thornton Hills Phases 1 and 2 Subdivisions with the cost of the said works being paid for by the Developer pursuant to Section 2 – Remedies and Failure to Maintain sections of the Subdivision Agreement; and further
Should the Developer complete all outstanding works by the deadline date, to the Township's satisfaction, then the Developer shall be eligible to make requests for security reductions based on the recommendation of the Township Engineer at that time.*

Carried

f. Request from Resident – Water and Sewer Services

Resolution No: CW133-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that the correspondence from a resident on Mill Street requesting that the water and sanitary sewers be extended further east on Mill Street during the County road widening project be received and referred to staff for a report back to Council.

Carried

g. Continuing Education

Resolution No: CW134-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report PW-09-41 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received; and further
That the Manager of Planning & Development be authorized to attend this course as continuing education for the three weekly sessions.*

Carried

8. FINANCE

a. Request to Write Off/Adjust 2008 Taxes

Resolution No: CW135-2009 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report TA-2009-01 from the Tax Collector be received; and
That the Tax Collector be authorized to adjust taxes as per the attached listing for Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Taxes; and further
That the write off as attached, be approved.*

Carried

b. Request to Write Off/Adjust 2008 Taxes

Resolution No: CW136-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report TA-2009-02 from the Tax Collector be received; and
That the Tax Collector be authorized to adjust taxes as per the attached listing for Cancellation,*

*Reduction or Refund of Taxes; and further
That the write off as attached, be approved.*

Carried

c. Request to Write Off/Adjust 2008 Taxes

Resolution No: CW137-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report TA-2009-03 from the Tax Collector be received; and
That the Tax Collector be authorized to adjust taxes as per the attached listing for Cancellation,
Reduction or Refund of Taxes; and further
That the write offs as attached, be approved.*

Carried

9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT/ IT

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Macdonald raised a matter in relation to the 2010 Olympic Torch Run and funding required to run the event. An amount of \$5,000 was requested to purchase banners and giveaways to put on the event. Council agreed to an upset limit of \$5,000. The appropriate resolution will be presented at the September 2, 2009 meeting of council.

The CAO brought council up to date on the two successful infrastructure grants. One for street rehabilitation in Angus and the other for the new library project.

The CAO raised a matter in relation to the Women's Institute in Thornton. They have a 65 year member who is turning 93. The committee wants to plant a tree and place a plaque in the Cunningham Park in her honor and is asking for permission. Council agreed with this request.

The CAO raised concern with the contractor hired to perform grass cutting during the summer months on a three year contract. The CAO has called many times and has not heard back from the low bidder concerning works requiring to be done. Council agreed to have the second lowest bidder or third low bidder if the second bidder is unavailable called to perform the works if no response is received by week's end.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: CW138-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of The Township of Essa adjourn to meet again on September 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

Township of Essa
Committee of the Whole
June 17, 2009

Original Signed By:

David Guergis, Mayor

Mike Galloway, Clerk