

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, September 16, 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: G. Murphy, M. Galloway, J. Barrett, C. Healey, P. Macdonald, D. Straus

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Guergis called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS

- a. 6:00 Bob Fedosa, Resident, Collier Crescent**
Re: Placement of Curbs on Collier Crescent

Mr. Fedosa appeared before council to ask for council's support regarding the widening of the driveways on Collier Crescent from six meters to eight meters for those homes containing three car garages. Council agreed to the request as long as the residents and developer can agree on the project and a cost sharing arrangement between them.

- b. 6:15 Wilco Vercoelen, Dommelvalley Green Power Inc.**
Solar Energy Solutions
Re: Solar PV Public Sites within Essa Township

Mr. Wilco Vercoelen attended and made a presentation to council. Council asked staff to make contact with Mr. Vercoelen and bring back a report regarding the request.

- c. 6:30 Presentation**
Re: Exemplary Medals Presentation to Essa Fire Fighters

The Mayor presented a number of fire fighters with 20 and 25 year recognition awards.

STAFF REPORTS

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

a. Official Plan Update

Resolution No: CW166-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report P09-51 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received.

Carried

b. Elmgrove Hall - Conversion to a Residence

Resolution No: CW167-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report P09-52 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and

That a) further overall consideration be given on this matter; b) a further planning public meeting be held to eliminate any concerns and complaints that the Township is not open and transparent; and c) that a legal agreement concerning farm odours be drafted for review.

Carried

Mr. Whiteside attended and requested to speak to council. The Mayor indicated that council would allow the discussion and asked Mr. Whiteside to keep his comments to new business only.

Mr. Whiteside indicated that he had some concerns with the report and noted them to council.

c. Enrollment in the OBOA Annual Conference

Resolution No: CW168-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report P09-53 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further

That the CBO and Deputy be authorized to attend the Annual OBOA Conference with the CBO enrolling for full attendance and the Deputy enrolling for 2 days only (cost \$500) noting that the education budget approved for this year remains largely unspent.

Carried

5. PARKS AND RECREATION / COMMUNITY SERVICES

a. Revise By-Law – 36 Angus Recreation Centre Concession Lease Agreement

Resolution No: CW169-2009 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Dowdall

*Be it resolved that Report PR -2009-18 from the Recreation Coordinator/Programmer be received; and further
That council agrees to a revision to the contract from \$400 to \$350 per month for 6 months per year.*

Carried

6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

7. PUBLIC WORKS

a. 2009 Hot Mix Tender Opening Results

Resolution No: CW170-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that the tender submitted by Lisbon Paving for hot mix paving in the amount of \$428,025.15 (G.S.T. included) be accepted, as per Township specifications; and further

That the CAO/Public Works Manager be authorized to arrange for the required works to be completed.

Carried

8. FINANCE

9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT/ IT

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Macdonald reminded council of the upcoming Salmon Festival and thanked council who attend the “Salmon Festival Fun For All” event held this past weekend.

Deputy Mayor Dowdall presented an invitation to council for the upcoming weekend for a grand opening of a financial firm in Thornton.

The CAO/Public Works Manager made note of works being done by CP Rail on County Roads 10 and 21 over the coming weeks.

Councillor Newlove indicated that the Thornton Cookstown Trans Canada Trail Committee had been unsuccessful in a grant application. He asked council that if matching funds were available would they still be in favour of granting up to \$15,000 to the Trail Committee. Council agreed with this suggestion.

The Treasurer/Deputy Clerk asked Council if they would agree to provide direction to staff in order to arrange for Aecom to commence immediately with engineering design for the projects under the Community Adjustment Fund. Council provided the direction to staff.

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11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: CW171-2009 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald.

Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of The Township of Essa adjourn to meet again on October 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

Original Signed By:

David Guergis, Mayor

Mike Galloway, Clerk