

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, January 14, 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: Mike Galloway, Julie Barrett, Greg Murphy, Paul Macdonald, Colleen Healey

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Guergis called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - none

3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS

(a) 6:00 Jamieson Court Residents
Re: Ditch Enclosure Petition

The Mayor indicated that this matter was on the budget meeting agenda earlier this day; however a request to move the delegation to 6:00 pm was received by the residents.

Mr. John Zenderline representing the residents entered with the Clerk a copy of the presentation for the record and reviewed it with council. The Mayor thanked the residents for attending and informed them the matter would be discussed later that evening.

(b) 7:00 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 opened the public meeting and asked the Manager of Planning and Development to give an overview of the application.

The Barrie Agricultural Society planner, Rosemary Humphries of Humphries Planning Group, was in attendance and gave an overview of the application that her client has submitted to the township for review and consideration.

The Mayor opened the floor for comments and questions:

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Stan from the 20th SR stated he was concerned about traffic on his road.

Margaret Strycki expressed comments about her concern with high taxes because of road repairs and was concerned with the set up/take down of the fair which she feels will be longer than five days and was concerned with the Agriculture Society wanting to use prime farmland.

Blair Swenor conveyed concerns with leaching into groundwater, liquid agricultural waste affecting water supply and quality. He also expressed concern with potential parking problem.

Caroline Koyo expressed concern with who pays for road upkeep and speeding. She also expressed concern with commercial uses that might take place on property.

Tom Osler asked how many people attend the fair annually. Society estimates that 30,000 people attend fair each year.

Sandy Kursis indicated that she commends the Agricultural Society for its visionary approach to future agriculture leaders; however she is concern with location. She would like to see more communication from the society with residents on the matter.

John Kloosterman expressed concerns about taking land out of production and how this would affect his lands that are close to the proposed site.

Eelke Devries was concerned that this issue may end up at the OMB and the costs involved.

Ted Woods expressed that the plan is a good one for agriculture but might be in the wrong location. He felt taking property out of agricultural production means loss of food production lands.

Laura Aman made a suggestion that the midway activity be cut down on the plan.

Dr. Fabian commented that he likes the current fair however feels that the property purchased is not ideal and is concerned with lights, traffic, noise, urban sprawl.

Tom Oliver expressed concern that the intersections in the area are already dangerous. He would like to hold a meeting to work with society on plan.

Lee Crosby expressed comments about potential tax burden to residents and concerns for security of patrons at the annual fair.

Jim Wilson a member of the Agricultural Society indicated he can see concerns expressed by residents, however feels this is a workable plan.

Terre Coles indicated that she supports the plan in general, however has the society considered growth in the future and is this plan economically feasible for them in the long term.

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Todd from the corner of 9th and 20th indicated that he feels this is already a busy intersection and people run stop signs.

Stephen Remington expressed he has no problem with the plan he has heard this evening but would like more information on water runoff concerns, professional farmers market.

Jim Brass mentioned to council that they should give consideration for those directly affected by the plans.

Giselher Weber mentioned that he was concerned with the midway portion of the plan and suggested bussing people in to lands to avoid traffic problems.

Don Gates mentioned what would happen in 10 years if the plan fails. He is concerned that Essa will change to commercial zoning.

Henry Vander Whalen a Society member and a local farmer wants to see this plan be a part of the community. He indicated that the property has been bought on conditions.

Mike Wilson commented that he is concerned with traffic in general and suggested that consideration be given to stop lights for traffic control.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and providing feedback. He indicated that the process is far from complete and that the comments from this meeting will be considered in future discussions regarding this application. The Mayor closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

STAFF REPORTS

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

a. Campground Licensing

Resolution No: CW01-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report P09-01 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further

That Staff continue to carry out a review of the Township's campground provisions (as contained in the Township's Business Licensing and Zoning By-Laws) to ensure that minimum standards are applied in the future when future campgrounds wish to become established.

Carried

5. PARKS AND RECREATION / COMMUNITY SERVICES

6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

7. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Resident's Request to Apply to the County of Simcoe for an Entrance Permit on County Road 21 to Access Their Property at the Unopened Section of the Scotch Line, North of County Road 21

Resolution No: CW02-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report PW-09-01 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received; and further

That a By-law be presented to Council to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with a landowner to allow them to construct and maintain a driveway on County Road 21 at the Scotch Line and to use the unopened road allowance to gain access to their property at the West Part of Lot 17, Concession 2, Township of Essa.

Carried

b. Bridge Inspections – 2008

Resolution No: CW03-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that Report PW-09-03 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received for information.

Carried

8. FINANCE

a. 27 Cecil St – Angus Mobile Homeowners Association – Request for Consideration for reduction in 2009 County Waste charges.

Resolution No: CW04-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that Report No. TR-2009-01 from the Treasurer be received; and That the request from the Angus Mobile Homeowners Association be denied; and That it is recommended that the AMHA contact the County of Simcoe and request that they be included in the green program.

Carried

9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Council recessed at 6:25pm and reconvened at 7:00pm for the public meeting.

Council discussed the matter concerning the previous delegation of that day regarding Jamieson Court. Staff discussed some potential available options as expressed by the delegation earlier this evening.

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Councillor Newlove requested council to have the public works department work with the residents to come up with an appropriate option. However some members of council are still concerned with the precedence this would be setting in the municipality.

Resolution No: CW05-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that the request of the Jamieson Court residents to have the ditches enclosed on a cost sharing basis with the municipality be denied.

Carried

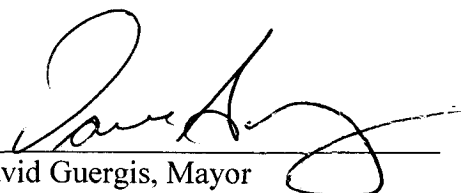
Council suggested the CAO Public Works Manager discuss this matter with the residents and provide suggestions.

11. ADJOURNMENT

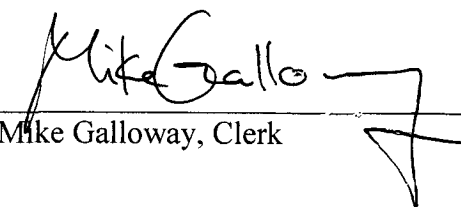
Resolution No: CW06-2009 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald

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

Carried



David Guergis, Mayor



Mike Galloway, Clerk