

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009
5:00 p.m.**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, April 1, 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, Colleen Healey, Paul Macdonald, Ron Watkin (OP Consultant)

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Guergis called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS

a. 5:00 Ron Watkin, Ainley Group
Re: Township Official Plan

Mr. Ron Watkin from Ainley Group attended the meeting to discuss with council the Official Plan Review (OP) process and to solicit feedback from them. He indicated that a review has taken place of the current OP and he distributed a copy of a very preliminary working copy that will be used over the next few months. Mr. Watkin made reference to a letter that has already been received from the Health Unit with comments.

Councillor Newlove expressed a need for a timeline to be drafted and requested that a draft be brought back to the next meeting. The Planning Manager indicated that the timeline may lead to public meetings being established for September.

The timing of the next meeting was discussed. It was agreed that May 6th at 4:00pm would be a suitable time.

STAFF REPORTS

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

a. Economic Development Committee Matters

Resolution No: CW64-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Report P09-21 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and

That the Treasurer be authorized to pay up to \$5,000.00 to the NVCA for a Healthy Waters Project in 2009, the project being a Bear Creek Instream Habitat Enhancement for Rainbow Trout and Chinook Salmon, out of the reserve for Riverbank Restoration created by the profits from the Salmon Derby; and

That the Economic Development Committee's recommendation to re-examine the cost of projects contained in the Township's Development Charge Study be referred to Staff in order that Staff may investigate whether or not project costs can be reduced.

Carried

b. Queensgate

Resolution No: CW65-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report P09-22 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received for information.

Carried

5. PARKS AND RECREATION / COMMUNITY SERVICES

a. March Break Mania Day Camp

Resolution No: CW66-2009 Moved by: Macdonald , Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report PR-2009-04 from the Recreation Coordinator/Programmer be received.

Carried

b. Mould Assessment – Nottawasaga Community Centre

Resolution No: CW67-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report-2009-05 from the Recreation Coordinator/Programmer be received; and

That Council authorize the recommended repairs to be completed at the Nottawasaga Community Centre and the Parks Staff be directed to complete the required work inside the building and a roofing contractor check the roof and caulk around all vents on the roof.

Carried

c. Portable Toilet Tender Opening Results

Resolution No: CW68-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it is recommended that the tender submitted by Nature's Call be accepted as per Township specifications; and further

That the Recreation Coordinator be authorized to hire Nature's Call to provide portable toilets and monthly service for the parks in Essa Township, contingent upon the Nature's Call stake down units being used to eliminate tipping of units and satisfactory weekly maintenance and extra services as required of the units.

Carried

6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

7. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Outdoor Rink Playing Surface - Quotation Opening Results

Resolution No: CW69-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that the quotation submitted by Sport Court for the supply and installation of a 54' X 120' Sport Game Surfacing 10" X 10" Outdoor Rink Playing Surface for the Thornton Outdoor Pad at a total price of \$25,876.00 (excluding taxes) be accepted; and further

That the Working Recreation Centre Manager – Parks Supervisor be authorized to arrange for the necessary work to be done.

Carried

b. Proposed Ditch Enclosure – Jamieson Court

Resolution No: CW70-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report PW-09-17 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works together with the petition signed by the residents on Jamieson Court in support of this project, be received; and further

That the CAO/Manager of Public Works be authorized to purchase the necessary materials and to enclose the roadside ditch on Jamieson Court with the actual costs being assessed to each landowner on an equal share basis, to be added to the tax roll over a 5 year loan period at a rate of 4.75% interest.

Carried

8. FINANCE

a. Transfers to/from Reserves, Reserve Funds and Development Charges for 2008

Resolution No: CW71-2009 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Report TR-2009-09 from the Treasurer, dated April 1, 2009 be received; and That funds be transferred from General Revenues to:

<i>Reserve for Sale of Thornton Hydro</i>	\$ 1,368.33
<i>Reserve for Trail</i>	\$ 50.00
<i>Reserve for Riverbank Restoration</i>	\$ 24,817.77
<i>Reserve for Special Projects</i>	\$ 695,000.00
<i>Reserve for Capital Equipment</i>	\$ 1,612,229.00

and

That funds be transferred from Water and Sewer Revenues to:

<i>Reserve for Water Infrastructure</i>	\$ 370,000.00
<i>Reserve for Sewer Infrastructure</i>	\$ 105,000.00

and

That funds be transferred into General Revenues from:

<i>Reserve for BIA</i>	\$ 541.47
<i>Administration-Growth Development Charge</i>	\$ 30,254.51
<i>Policing Reserve</i>	\$ 150,000.00
<i>Police Development Charge</i>	\$ 4,646.00
<i>Parks and Recreation Reserve</i>	\$ 7,056.72
<i>Capital Equipment Reserve</i>	\$ 402,871.47
<i>Library Development Charge</i>	\$ 6,200.00
<i>Gas Tax Revenue</i>	\$ 217,009.26
<i>Willoughby Road Reserve Fund</i>	\$ 16,701.05
<i>Special Projects Reserve</i>	\$ 367,248.20
<i>Roads and Related Development Charge</i>	\$ 32,390.92
<i>Angus Water Development Charge</i>	\$ 1,615,949.91
<i>Angus Sewer Development Charge</i>	\$ 1,749,939.63
<i>Sewer Infrastructure Reserve</i>	\$ 70,546.30
<i>Water Infrastructure Reserve</i>	\$ 60,902.44

and further

That these transfers be dated December 31, 2008.

Carried

The Treasurer asked Council if she could speak regarding the sale of a debenture. Council agreed. The Treasurer made a verbal request to Council for agreement to continue with the paperwork for the sale of a debenture, dated May 1, 2009 for \$1,900,000 from Infrastructure Ontario. The Treasurer indicated that these funds were approved for borrowing by agreement with OMEIFA, now Infrastructure Ontario, under By-Law 2004-07. In this by-law financing of \$6,027,110 was available of which \$4,127,000 was debentured under By-Law 2004-61 at a rate of 2.62%.

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The Treasurer explained that the purpose of this borrowing is to finance the Angus Mill St. Reservoir/Water Supply expansion for \$1.4M and an unfunded capital deficit for the Baxter water upgrade of \$500,000. The debenture will finance the projects and annual payments will be made from a combination of Angus water development charges and the reserve for water infrastructure/service rates over time. The Mill Street water project was finished in 2007 and has been financed by these funds on a short term borrowing basis. Infrastructure Ontario is asking the Township to either pay back the short term money or to debenture, since the 5 year time frame of this financing agreement has expired.

The debenture terms would be 15 years with a preliminary indicative rate of 2.34% as provided on March 25, 2009. The interest rate for the debenture would be fixed on April 8, 2009 and a subsequent by-law to enter into the sale of a debenture with Infrastructure Ontario will be presented to Council on April 15, 2009.

The Treasurer indicated to Council that the Township current cash flow situation would allow internal financing of this project from general revenues; however our current favourable cash flow may be short term. The Treasurer encouraged Council to sale the debenture as such funds are already approved for borrowing and at a very low interest rate and the Township would be leveraging favourable cash flow for the future when interest rates do go up.

Council agreed and instructed the Treasurer to proceed with the paperwork required by Infrastructure Ontario to sell the debenture and present a staff report with information on the interest rate for the debenture and a by-law for Council's consideration at the April 15th meeting.

9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT/ IT

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Macdonald requested to clarify misinformation regarding the proposed new insert being discussed by the EDC in the Borden Citizen newspaper:

As Delivered.....

I wish to address some concerns that have been raised in regards to the Economic Development Committee (EDC) approaching the Borden Citizen to have a 4-page insert in their existing paper called the Essa News.

The editor of the Borden Citizen was approached by Sandie Macdonald the chair of the EDC to have a 4-page insert in their paper to give Essa residents a voice and to highlight local businesses. This idea was supported by the EDC and then the committee requested Township Council to support the concept of this initiative by resolution, but also recognizing the Township would also continue to utilize the three other neighbouring newspapers The Scope, Alliston Herald and the Barrie Advance.

To clear up the misinformation, I would like on record that the Borden Citizen did not approach

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the EDC or the Township of Essa to start this project or request money for start up costs. The Borden Citizen does not use public funds to run their paper but production of a yearly program and advertising to fund it. The only time money was discussed was when I asked the Clerk of the municipality to call the editor to get a copy of the advertising rates as the EDC did not know the rate costs for advertising in the Borden Citizen.

The EDC Chair will continue to pursue having a 4-page insert called the Essa News distributed


Councillor Macdonald noted that the Holly Meat Packers were recently featured in the Business Times and council congratulated them on this accomplishment.

11. ADJOURNMENT


Resolution No: CW72-2009 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 April 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried



David Guergis, Mayor



Mike Galloway, Clerk