

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2009**

A Regular Council meeting was held following Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 in the Council Chambers of the Administration Centre, Township of Essa.

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

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

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Guergis opened the Regular Council meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Councillor Macdonald requested to add an item to the in-camera agenda regarding Centre Street litigation. The CAO/Public Works Manager requested that an item be added to the in-camera agenda regarding the disposition of the Elmgrove Community Centre.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – none

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: C86-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

*Be it resolved that the motions duly passed and approved at the Committee of the Whole meeting of this date be approved; and
That the minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings held on the First day of April, 2009 be adopted as circulated.*

Carried

4. PRESENTING, REFERRING OR PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution No: C87-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Payments dated March 27 to April 8, 2009 in the amount of \$704,950.96 be approved.

Carried

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: C88-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated April 15, 2009 be approved as presented, and that the necessary action be taken.

Carried

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Essa Public Library Board

Resolution No: C89-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Essa Public Library Board meeting dated February 23, 2009 be received.

Carried

7. PETITIONS

8. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Deputy Mayor Dowdall moved a Notice of Motion at the April 1st meeting regarding a resolution dealing with the recently released 2008 Public Salary Disclosures list.

Resolution No: C90-2009 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald

WHEREAS earlier this month the 2008 public salary disclosures were released by the provincial government for all public sector organizations in the province otherwise known as the Sunshine List;

AND WHEREAS the list included James Hankinson President of Ontario Power Generation with a 2008 salary of \$2,474,500 and Laura Formusa President of Hydro One at \$924,437;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario economy is struggling and the unemployment rate continues to increase in the province;

AND WHEREAS the government sector has the obligation to be open and transparent with its constituents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Essa requests the Provincial Government hold a public review of any annual salaries over \$500,000 in the Ontario Public Service Sector or any affiliated organizations to justify these salaries to the residents of the Province of Ontario;

Township of Essa
Regular Council
April 15, 2009

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, Minister of Finance and all MPP's;

AND FURTHER this resolution be forwarded through AMO to all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support of this resolution.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. BY-LAWS

a. By-law 2009 – 28

Resolution No: C91-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2009 - 28, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$1,900,000.00 towards the cost of the Village of Angus water supply and Hamlet of Baxter water supply; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

b. By-law 2009 – 29

Resolution No: C92-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2009 - 29, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of Tax Rates for 2009; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

c. By-law 2009 – 30

Resolution No: C93-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2009 - 30, being a by-law to amend Township of Essa By-law 2003-50, as amended, for Part of Lot 31, Concession 4, Township of Essa (Queensgate Subdivision); and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

11. QUESTIONS

Councillor Newlove asked staff questions regarding infrastructure projects.

The media asked various questions of council.

12. IN CAMERA

Resolution No: C94-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Council proceed In Camera in order to address matters pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for Municipal or local board purposes, to address matters pertaining to advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the Municipality or local board.

Carried

Council came out of the in-camera session at 8:25pm and adopted the following resolutions:

a. Utopia Conservation Area – Joint Ownership vs. Leasing

Resolution No: C95-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that the confidential update from the Clerk regarding the Utopia Conservation Area be received for information.

Carried

b. Elmgrove Community Centre

Resolution No: C96-2009 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that the contents of Confidential Report PW-09-20 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be approved.

Carried

13. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

By-law 2009 - 31

Resolution No: C97-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2009 - 31 , being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this Fifteenth Day of April 2009; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

Township of Essa
Regular Council
April 15, 2009

14. ADJOURNMENT

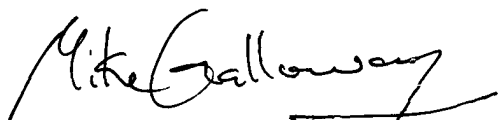
Resolution No: C98-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that this meeting of the Council of the Township of Essa adjourn to meet again on the Sixth day of May 2009 following Committee of the Whole.

Carried



David Guergis, Mayor



Mike Galloway, Clerk