

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2010**

A Special Council meeting was called by Mayor Guergis on January 6, 2010 for January 8, 2010 at 4:30pm 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 (left at 5:51pm)

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Guergis opened the Special Council meeting at 4:54 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None declared.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Angus Arena Renovations – Verbal Report from the CAO/Public Works Manager

Resolution No: SC01-2010 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that the verbal report regarding the Angus Arena renovations from the CAO/Public Works Manager be received; and further
That council directs staff to proceed with the call for tenders.*

Carried

The CAO/Public Works Manager gave a brief update of the renovation project to council including the requirement that the whole complex have sprinklers to meet the Building Code for this addition. Councillor Newlove asked for a recap of the project costs from the Treasurer. Deputy Mayor Dowdall stated that this project and its costs are getting to a point that he feels the question must be asked if this is the right project for the money being spent. Councillor Macdonald noted that almost \$963,000 of the costs of the project is eligible from development charges.

Mayor Guergis expressed concern that there have not been many large projects slated for Angus over the past 10-15 years and feels this project will enhance the look of an aging facility. Councillor Macdonald stated that this renovation project will modernize the aging facility and add many years to the life of the complex. Deputy Mayor Dowdall wanted to make sure that council realized that he is not trying to slight Angus but is

concerned with the costs of the project and questioned whether the funds would be better spent on other projects in the Angus area.

Councillor Henderson expressed concern with the cost of the project and asked if there were any other projects the money could be spent on in Angus such as a swimming pool or twin pad. The Treasurer noted that the grant money was not transferable to another project. Mayor Guergis indicated that in excess of \$200,000 was spent on the sidewalk in Baxter for a small population base and with the growth in Angus over the years this expenditure was warranted to modernize the facility.

Councillor Newlove asked if the Thornton Arena project and its funding were contingent on the Angus Arena project being completed. The Treasurer indicated that the grant was for both the project in Angus and Thornton and if one did not proceed an inquiry could be made to Industry Canada to see if this would affect the Thornton project.

4. QUESTIONS

Councillor Henderson indicated that he attended the NVCA board meeting earlier today and was concerned with the letter sent by the Mayor regarding Conservation Authorities. He noted that he felt this letter should have been approved by council in advance of distribution.

Mayor Guergis thanked Councillor Macdonald and the staff that worked on the Olympic Torch Run. He noted it was well organized and the community support was outstanding for this event.

5. IN CAMERA

Resolution No: SC02-2010 Moved by: Newlove Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Council proceed In Camera in order to address a matter before an administrative tribunal affecting the Municipality or local board.

Carried

Council came out of the in-camera session at 6:49 p.m.

6. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

By-law 2010 - 01

Resolution No: SC03-2010 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2010 - 01, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Council meeting held on this 8th Day of January

2010; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.


Carried

7. ADJOURNMENT


Resolution No: SC04-2010 Moved by: Dowdall Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that this meeting of the Council of the Township of Essa adjourn to meet again on the 20th day of January 2010.

Carried



David Guergis, Mayor



Mike Galloway, Clerk

