

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 28, 2010
EDC office in Angus**

ATTENDANCE:

Sandie Macdonald-Chairperson, Derek McKeever-Member, James Ellwood-Member, Connie Watson-Member and Colleen Healey & Susan Makepeace- Staff Support. Archie Duckworth & Leesa Turnbull-Visitors.

ABSENT: Scott Mullen-Member, Kevin Roberts-Member, Bob O'Brien-Member.

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON, by Sandie Macdonald.

DEPUTATION: A deputation concerning the NVCA was made by Archie Duckworth. Mr. Duckworth explained that he is concerned about the NVCA and their mapping pertaining to Angus. He feels that Council and the Township have not done enough to counter the actions of the NVCA. He feels the NVCA have stepped outside of their mandated role. He commented that the NVCA is "bad for business" and is "inconsistent". He will be going door to door in Angus to spread the word.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

BE IT RESOLVED that, the minutes of March 31, 2010 be approved and adopted as circulated. Moved by Derek McKeever, Seconded by Connie Watson **Carried.**

CURRENT/PAST BUSINESS:

Discussion	Action
<p>1. ANGUS TREE PLANTING DAY Colleen explained that plans for the Tree Planting Day are well underway for May 15th. 9-12 noon. The volunteers have been sent a package with details and a waiver. The sign at the Park should be up soon.</p>	<p>Susan to do the final organization for this project with direction from Colleen.</p>
<p>2. TOURIST BUSINESSES AND CONTACT LIST The new Essa Tourism Operators List was e-mailed to members and will be sent to New Tecumseth to formulate a South Simcoe Tourism strategy through the SSEA when completed.</p>	<p>Members to notify Susan with any changes or additions. Susan to e-mail the A&A Chamber for input.</p>
<p>3. MAP OF ANGUS The map is still being worked on. Once completed it will be installed behind plexi-glass at various locations.</p>	<p>Sandie to contact Chamber and ask for input.</p>
<p>4. COMMUNITY PROFILE The Community Profile was distributed at the meeting for members to review and bring comments to the meeting in May.</p>	

<p>5. UPDATE ON PAVILLION Plans for the new pavilion are progressing nicely; building should start near the end of May.</p>	Colleen
<p>6. SIGNAGE FOR TRAILER More information on this next month.</p>	Sandie

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS/INFORMATION:

INFORMATION: Colleen informed members that the rezoning for the Car Wash on Mill Street had been approved. There is a application for rezoning from commercial to residential for 40 Margaret Street and a new subdivision on Centre Street.
Sponsorship is still needed for the Salmon Derby and Susan is looking into events where tickets can be sold at as well as at Canada Day.

NEW BUSINESS: The problems related to the NVCA and the proposed Canadian Tire was discussed in depth. The Committee felt that this business was important for Angus to gain as it would create many jobs and help the economy. With the opening of the Essa High School in the fall of 2011 it is very important to create part-time jobs for our youth as well as full time jobs for our adult Community. "The more people who work in Angus, the more people will shop in Angus". The Committee felt that if the Canadian Tire is built it would attract other businesses. Derek McKeever made a motion that the EDC send a letter to Council with a copy to NVCA supporting the Canadian Tire at 305 Mill Street. Connie Watson seconded the motion. **Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee adjourn at 7:15 pm and meet again on May 26, 2010 at 6 pm at which time we will have Pini Ravid from the Angus Plaza as a guest to discuss issues which are important to him. Moved by Connie Watson, Seconded by Derek McKeever. **Carried.**

Sandie Macdonald, Chairperson

Colleen Healey, Staff Support