

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held 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 Sandie Macdonald
Councillor Rick Newlove
Councillor Ron Henderson

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

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Guergis called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – The Mayor declared a conflict on item 4(e).

3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS

a. 6:00 Inspector Dirk Cockburn, Nottawasaga OPP
Re: OPP Update

Inspector Cockburn introduced the new Operations Manager for the area, Staff Sgt. Dominic Beckett. He looks forward to working with council and the residents of Essa.

The Inspector wanted to sit down with council to review the past year and discuss areas of interest for this year. In 2008 over 16,000 occurrences were responded to in the entire Nottawasaga Detachment area. He also noted that in March 2009 the Nottawasaga area was rated the 3rd safest community in Canada. The Inspector also discussed the move to the new detachment building and feels it has been well received among staff and the community.

Council asked questions regarding impaired drivers, proceeds of crime, bike patrols and foot patrols.

Inspector Cockburn thanked council and township staff for all the support and cooperation over the past year. He looks forward to a continued working relationship in the future.

STAFF REPORTS

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

a. Grow Ops - Update

Resolution No: CW73-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report P09-23 from the Chief Building Official be received for Council's information.

Carried

b. Hiring of a Geotechnical Consultant to review the Riverview Subdivision Soils, Phase 2 (Brookvalley Subdivision, Centre Street, Angus)

Resolution No: CW74-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that Report P09-24 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and

That the proposal submitted by Stantec Jacques Whitford Engineering be accepted and that this firm be employed by the Township to review the soils at the Riverview Subdivision, Phase 2, on behalf of the Township and NVCA, at the sole cost of the Developer.

Carried

c. Economic Development Committee Matters – Angus Tree Planting

Resolution No: CW75-2009 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Report P09-25 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received, and

That the Treasurer be authorized to pay \$529.64 to Vital Signs for an Angus Tree Planting sign and \$1,150.00 to the NVCA for trees, both out of the reserve for Riverbank Restoration created by the profits from the Salmon Derby.

Carried

d. Fencing at 2 and 4 Walton Lane

Resolution No: CW76-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report P09-26 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received.

Carried

e. Essa's Requested Contribution to a Study of Storm Sewer Capacity on County Road 90

The Mayor declared a conflict on this matter and did not vote or speak on the item.

Resolution No: CW77-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report P09-27 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received.

Carried

f. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and the Development Approval Process in Essa Township

Resolution No: CW78-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report P09-28 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received for information.

Carried

g. Septic System Reinspection - Building Code Technical Committee

Resolution No: CW79-2009 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Report P09-29 from the Chief Building Official be received for information.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Dowdall noted he was not supportive of the idea contained in the report and he prefers the "do nothing" option as the costs associated with this re-inspection program will create a financial burden on seniors and low income residents.

5. PARKS AND RECREATION / COMMUNITY SERVICES

6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

7. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Tender Opening Results – Granular "A" Crushed Gravel Supply, Loading and Spreading

Resolution No: CW80-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that that the tender for the supply, hauling and spreading of 5/8" Granular "A" gravel as submitted by Ralph MacDonald Construction in the total amount of \$136,590.00 plus taxes, be accepted as per Township specifications; and

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That the CAO/Manager of Public Works be authorized to arrange for the necessary work to be done.

Carried

b. Summary of Offers received for the Purchase of Surplus Equipment

Resolution No: CW81-2009 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that the offers received for the following surplus equipment be accepted, as follows:

<u>Name/Firm</u>	<u>Surplus Equipment/Vehicle</u>	<u>Offer Submitted</u>
Grant Brentin	1997 Ford Half Ton Pickup	\$ 415.00

and further

That the purchaser shall be required to pay all applicable taxes and the vehicle is sold as is, where is, with no warranty expressed or implied.

And further that the 1990 and 1993 Tandem Snowplow/Sander be sent to the North Toronto Auction for sale.

Carried

c. Proposed Revisions to Safety Boot and Clothing Allowance Policy

Resolution No: CW782-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report PW-09-19 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received; and further

That the revised Public Works, Parks and Recreation Clothing and Safety Boot Allowance Policy marked as Appendix "A" be approved; and

That all previous policies with respect to this matter are hereby rescinded.

Carried

8. FINANCE

a. Sale of Debenture to Infrastructure Ontario

Resolution No: CW83-2009 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Report No. TR-2009-11 from the Treasurer be received; and

That a Debenture By-Law to sell a 15 year debenture for \$1,900,000 to Infrastructure Ontario be presented to Council for their consideration and;

That the Township Solicitor be requested to review final debenture documents and hold in escrow until the close date of May 1, 2009.

Carried

b. Update on Property Insurance Values and Coverage from Cowan

Resolution No: CW84-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report No. TR-2009-12 from the Treasurer be received; and
That the response dated April 3, 2009 from Dusome Insurance and Frank Cowan Company be
accepted.*

Carried

c. Revised Waste Costs from Simcoe County

Resolution No: CW85-2009 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report No. TR-2009-13 from the Treasurer be received; and
That the 2009 budget for Simcoe County Waste – Unit Fee be approved as revised according to
the Simcoe County 2009 Waste Levy Report; and
That the revised waste budget be inserted into the Township of Essa 2009 budget and reflected in
the 2009 Tax Rate By-Law.*

Carried

9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT/ IT

a. OPP Computer Lease

Resolution No: CW86-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that Report C07-2009 from the Clerk be received; and
That the Clerk be authorized to submit a letter to the OPP Detachment Commander approving
the lease of two computers for a three year term commencing June 2009.*

Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Macdonald noted the budget for the BIA will be presented at the next meeting.

Councillor Macdonald requested an item to be added to the council in-camera agenda. The Clerk noted that council can deal with this request at the beginning of the forthcoming council meeting.

Councillor Macdonald noted a concern she received regarding a water bill one of her constituents had forwarded to her. Council asked the Treasurer to come back to the next meeting with a resolution.

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The CAO/Public Works Manager noted a letter received today regarding the Intake 2 of BCF Communities Component and asked council for input on what projects they wished to submit. Council expressed interest in paving the remainder of the roads in the municipality and possibly the library project. Senior management will meet to discuss shortly and if any further items are identified, council will be contacted.

Councillor Macdonald indicated that next Sunday a public meeting will be held to discuss a possible local Chambers of Commerce from 2-4pm at the Angus Arena.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: CW87-2009 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 May 6, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Carried

Original Signed By:

David Guergis, Mayor

Mike Galloway, Clerk