

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009  
6:00 p.m.**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, May 20, 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, Heather Rutherford, Paul Macdonald

**1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor Guergis called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

An item under the finance department requires immediate attention. Agreement was received to add the item to the agenda.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None**

**3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**a. 6:00 Town of Innisfil**

Re: Barrie/Innisfil/County of Simcoe Boundary/Servicing Issues

The Town of Innisfil informed the Clerks office at 3:45pm that the delegation would not be able to attend the meeting that evening, however they have requested to be placed on the June 3<sup>rd</sup> agenda.

**b. 6:15 River Drive Residents**

Re: Flood Proofing

Residents of River Drive attended to voice concerns regarding high water levels and flooding of properties along River Drive. The delegation wished to ask council for cooperation in trying to solve the problem for the residents.

Councillor Macdonald indicated she has walked the property with residents and has talked to the NVCA about the issue. The NVCA had staked out the 100 year flood line and three times in the last year according to the residents this level has been breached.

Councillor Henderson asked if a berm would solve the problem. The delegation indicated that the NVCA has rejected that suggestion as it is not a solution they feel comfortable in approving. The Mayor indicated that a workable solution needs to be found with the NVCA to ensure this matter is resolved for the residents of River Drive.

**c. 6:30 Michael MacMillan, The Sarjeant Co. Ltd.**  
Re: Brownley Meadows Park Funding Plan

Mr. MacMillan attended to discuss the park funding plan for the Brownley Meadows subdivision. He was asking to have the park put in ahead of time and the developer would upfront the money required which amounts to approximately \$93,000, provided it is paid back within 1-2 years.

Councillor Henderson indicated that the Parks and Recreation Committee felt some of the cost estimates were high and also that the parking area was lacking in the plan. Mr. MacMillan indicated that there was enough room to locate a small parking area if required, which was generally supported by council.

The Planning and Development Manager indicated that a staff report will be presented at the next meeting of council with recommendations on how to proceed. The Treasurer/Deputy Clerk suggested an agreement be prepared which would also provide for how the development charges would be addressed for council's consideration and possible option for financing. Council requested a staff report be prepared for next meeting.

**d. 7:00 Public Meeting – Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment**  
Re: Elmgrove Community Centre, West Part Lot 6, Conc. 4, County Road 10

The Mayor opened the public meeting and asked staff to give a brief overview of the proposal. He then asked if there was anyone in attendance wishing to speak.

JJ Paul Whiteside requested to speak. He was representing Ella Dunn as her farm property encompasses three sides of the property in question. He noted the land has been in the Dunn family for four generations and that the family was concerned with the use of the potential rezoned property. He also indicated that he feels the deed to the property has never been official registered, however noted he is not a lawyer. He offered a suggestion that if the property is rezoned, a provision be put into the purchase and sale agreement to indicate that the adjacent farm is a working farm and that normal farm operations are ongoing throughout the year including at time unpleasant smells. Mr. Whiteside also indicated that in his opinion, some sort of financial compensation be paid to Mrs. Dunn for the land. He would like to be circulated any future notices. The Mayor indicated that June 3<sup>rd</sup> would be the next meeting this item will be dealt with by council.

Kim Murphy from County Road 10 appeared and wished to speak. Mr. Murphy farms under lease on the Dunn lands and also produces pork and potatoes on his own farm. The odour is not always pleasant and wanted to ensure that the individuals purchasing the parcel have an

understanding of the surrounding farming operation.

The Mayor asked those in attendance if there were any further speakers. He then officially closed the public meeting.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

#### **a. Unsafe Buildings and Code Enforcement**

Resolution No: CW99-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that Report P09-34 from the Chief Building Official be received.*

Carried

#### **b. Maple Farm Supply – 9<sup>th</sup> Line – Site Plan Approval**

Resolution No: CW100-2009 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report P09-35 from the Planning Technician be received; and  
That the Site Plan for Maple Farm Supply (October 24, 2008) be accepted and that the  
appropriate Agreement be executed and registered on title.*

Carried

#### **c. Development Proposal – Maple Lane Lands & Development Co. Ltd.**

Resolution No: CW101-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

*Be it resolved that Report P09-37 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received;  
and  
That Maple Lane be sent a copy and asked to comply with the comments contained within, noting  
that they may wish consideration under the Township's Official Plan update.*

Carried

### **5. PARKS AND RECREATION / COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### **a. Essa Baseball Leagues**

Resolution No: CW102-2009 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report PR-2009-08 from the Recreation Coordinator/Programmer be  
received; and  
That Council deny the request of Angus Black Sox League to waive the Non-Resident Sport Field*

*rental fees for 2009.*

Carried

**b. Essa Challenge 2009**

Resolution No: CW103-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report PR-2009-09 from the Recreation Coordinator/Programmer be received; and further*

*That Council approves sponsoring one team to participate in the annual Essa Challenge Golf Tournament June 11, 2009 at Bear Creek Golf Course to support the **Royal Victoria Hospital Cancer Care Unit** at a cost of \$520.*

Carried

**c. Charity Ball Hockey Tournament**

Resolution No: CW104-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report PR -2009- 10 from the Recreation Coordinator/Programmer be received; and*

*That the request to waive the rental fees for the Charity Ball Hockey Tournament that is proposed to be held at the Thornton Outdoor Pad be denied.*

Carried

**d. RinC Infrastructure Funding Opportunity**

Resolution No: CW105-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that the memorandum from the Recreation Coordinator be received; and

That the Recreation Coordinator be requested to submit the projects listed in her memo of May 20, 2009 for RinC Infrastructure Funding.

Carried

**6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**7. PUBLIC WORKS**

**a. 6<sup>th</sup> Line Residents/Adopt-a-Road Project Request**

Resolution No: CW106-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report PW-09-28 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received; and further*

*That the request of the 6<sup>th</sup> Line residents to adopt the 6<sup>th</sup> Line between County Road 21 and the 5<sup>th</sup> Sideroad be approved and the Road Supervisor order and arrange for two Adopt-a-Road*

*signs/posts to be installed on the 6<sup>th</sup> Line in recognition of the local residents volunteer efforts in this matter.*

Carried

**b. Owner's Request to be Relieved of Paying Quarterly Non-Compliance Charges for Not Hooking their Building up to Municipal Water - Angus**

Resolution No: CW107-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report PW-09-29 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received; and further*

*That the request of the owner of property on Elm Street in Angus to be relieved of the requirement of paying the non-compliance charges for not hooking up their building to the municipal water system in Angus be denied.*

*Deferred*

**c. Thornton Resident's Request for an Additional Exemption from the Mandatory Hook-up Requirement to Connect the Building to the Thornton Water System**

Resolution No: CW108-2009 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report PW-09-30 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received; and further*

*That the request of the owner of property on Robert Street in Thornton for an additional exemption from the mandatory hook-up requirement on the Thornton water system be approved up to August 15, 2009.*

Carried

**8. FINANCE**

**a. 2009 BIA Budget**

Resolution No: CW109-2009 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that the 2009 Angus Business Improvement Area Budget received from Councillor Macdonald, BIA Chair, for a total of \$26,200, be approved: and that The Treasurer be authorized to transfer \$26,200 from the Reserve Fund for BIA.*

Carried

**b. Budget Compared to Actual – Operating and Capital Expenditures by Department as at May 9, 2009**

Resolution No: CW110-2009 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report No. TR-2009-14 from the Treasurer be received; and*

*That the Budget Compared to Actual Statement at May 9, 2009 be approved.*

Carried

**c. Letter of Resignation**

Resolution No: CW111-2009 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that the resignation letter dated May 19, 2009 from Camille Coles, Tax Clerk/Cashier be received; and further*

*That the Treasurer be authorized to fill this vacancy as per the Hiring Policy.*

Carried

**9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT/ IT**

**a. Nottawasaga Foundation Request**

Resolution No: CW112-2009 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report C08-2009 from the Clerk be received; and  
That council authorize the Clerk to enter into a Gold sponsorship package agreement at a cost of  
\$1,250.00 with the Nottawasaga Foundation for its fundraising event on July 17, 2009.*

Carried

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Newlove requested the Parks and Recreation Committee investigate the Thornton Park timing for his constituents.

Councillor Macdonald indicated that a daughter of a retired roads employee had passed away.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No: CW113-2009 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 June 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.*

Carried

Original Signed By:

*David Guergis, Mayor*

*Mike Galloway, Clerk*