

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012**

A Public Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 6:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Administration Centre, Township of Essa.

In attendance: Deputy Mayor Sandie Macdonald
Councillor Keith White
Councillor Michael Smith
Councillor Ron Henderson

Staff in attendance: G. Murphy, CAO/Manager of Public Works
J. Barrett, Deputy CAO/Treasurer
J. Hosick, Municipal Planner
P. Macdonald, Fire Chief
B. Sander, Clerk

The Deputy Mayor opened the public meeting at 6:03 p.m. and indicated that the meeting was being held to review an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment (Z1-12) submitted by the owner of Part of Lot 15, Concession 3, as well to hear comments and review written submissions from the public and other agencies.

The Deputy Mayor then asked the Municipal Planner to describe the proposal.

Mr. Hosick stated that the purpose of Zoning By-law Amendment is to amend the C3-H zoned lands at Part of the West 1/2 of Lot 15, Concession 3 to allow for an additional apartment above the existing commercial building. At present, the subject lands have an apartment and would propose to recognize the second apartment at this location.

The property lies west of Baxter at the junction of County Road 21 and County Road 10. It is situated at the southwest corner of the intersection and the lands are zoned as Highway Commercial - Hold, reflecting the commercial operation (gas bar and convenience store) at this intersection.

The proposal would allow the additional apartment to be located above the commercial unit, in addition to the existing apartment.

The Planner stated that the County of Simcoe, Simcoe County District School Board, and NVCA had no objections, the Fire Chief had no objections subject to building and fire approvals and inspection, and that the Chief Building Official requires a permit for proper protection between the units and review of septic system to ensure it is designed and operational to handle the loading.

The Deputy Mayor then asked if Council had any questions or if anybody else had any further statements. As no further comments were heard, the Deputy Mayor then thanked everyone in attendance, for their participation and indicated that planning staff would be preparing a report for Council's consideration in the near future and the website could be referenced for future Council agendas.

The Public Meeting portion of this Committee meeting was closed at 6:07 p.m.



Sandie Macdonald, Deputy Mayor



Bonnie Sander, Clerk