

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2012**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday October 3, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the Administration Centre, Township of Essa.

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

Staff in attendance: G. Murphy, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Barrett, Treasurer/Deputy CAO
C. Healey, Manager of Planning and Development
B. Sander, Clerk

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Dowdall opened the Regular Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS

a. **6:00 p.m.** Chuck Cuschieri – Certified Solar

Resolution No: CW184-2012 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that the information as presented by Certified Solar be received.

----Carried----

Mr. Chuck Cuschieri, Sales Representative with Certified Solar, was in attendance to explain their request for a Municipal Support Resolution for the installation of roof-top solar panels on a residence in the Township of Essa. He stated that the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) has established a Feed-In-Tariff (FIT) program.

Applications can be submitted between October 1 to November 30, 2012, and are time/date stamped. If an application has a Municipal Support Resolution and By-law attached, two extra points are awarded to the application giving it priority over an application with no resolution and by-law.

Certified Solar is proposing a 250 KWAC project to be installed on property owned by Paul Buttigieg. A member of Council asked if the neighbours are notified of the installation of roof-top solar panels, and Mr. Cuschieri stated that there was not enough time to do this.

Mr. Cuschieri went on to state that the owner of the property would receive a percentage of revenue for 20 years, while Certified Solar pays all expenses.

In response to questions from members of Council, Mr. Cuschieri stated that Certified Solar has been in business for 20 years. He also explained that upon request from the owner, all solar panels are removed within 180 days of the completion of the 20 year contract.

STAFF REPORTS**4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

- a. **Staff Report PD058-12 submitted by the Manager of Planning and Development, re: 13 Lookout Street Request for Zoning Consideration.**

Resolution No: CW185-2012 Moved by: White Seconded by: Smith

*Be it resolved that Staff Report PD058-12 be received; and
That the request of the owner of 13 Lookout Street be denied.*

---Carried---

- b. **Staff Report PD059-12 submitted by the Manager of Planning and Development, re: Rainbow Campground.**

Resolution No: CW186-2012 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: White

*Be it resolved that Staff Report PD059-12 be received; and
That Council requests this report be deferred.*

---Carried---

- c. **Staff Report PD060-12 submitted by the Manager of Planning and Development, re: Draft Plan Extensions.**

Resolution No: CW187-2012 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Staff Report PD060-12 be received for information.

---Carried---

5. PARKS AND RECREATION / COMMUNITY SERVICES

- a. **Staff Report PR025-12 submitted by the Recreation Coordinator/Programmer, re: Essa Challenge 2013.**

Resolution No: CW188-2012 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Staff Report PR025-12 be received; and
That the 2013 Essa Challenge date be set for Thursday June 6, 2013 at Bear Creek Golf Club at a cost of \$90 including tax/golfer with the proceeds going to RVH Cancer Care Unit.*

---Carried---

- b. **Staff Report PR026-12 submitted by the Recreation Coordinator/Programmer, re: Enabling Accessibility Fund.**

Resolution No: CW189-2012 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that Staff Report PR026-12 be received; and
That Council supports the submission of the Enabling Accessibility Fund Application for the following:*

1. **Administration Centre – total estimated at \$64,982.00**
Exterior double doors upper and lower levels – approximately \$22,500
 - New exterior double doors at upper and lower level with proper barrier-free threshold, inclusive of new automatic door openers for double doors.**Washrooms upper and lower level – approximately \$21,482**
 - Retrofit sinks in all washrooms to allow for barrier free access
 - Automatic door openers for both ladies and men's washrooms on upper and lower levels
 - Motion sensor light switches in both men's and ladies washrooms on upper and lower levels
 - Replace hardware on all sinks with lever-type handles
 - Lower one mirror in each washroom to accommodate for barrier-free wash basin**Exterior upper entrance – estimate only \$7,000**
 - Exterior path to upper level doors – bricks taken up, area to be leveled to exterior entrance-way, and brick laid down again (alternatively a new pathway that will accommodate wheelchairs to the exterior doors)**Customer Service Counters upper and lower levels – estimate only \$14,000**
 - Retrofit the customer service counters on both levels
2. **Thornton Arena – total estimated at \$16,800**
 - Exterior double doors
3. **New Library - \$10,000**
 - Purchase of exterior weather proof book drop off bin - **approximately \$7,000**

----Carried----

6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

7. PUBLIC WORKS

- a. **Staff Report CAO044-12 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Proposed Re-alignment (including Signalization) of Essa's 6th Line with New Tecumseth's 10th Sideroad at Highway No. 89.**

Resolution No: CW190-2012 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Staff Report CAO044-12 be received; and That the Township of Essa supports in principle the re-alignment and signalization of the Township of Essa's 6th Line and the Town of New Tecumseth's 10th Sideroad at Highway #89, subject to the opportunity to review and comment to the Ministry of Transportation on design details during the approval process and that there are no costs to our municipality involved with respect to this project.

----Carried----

- b. **Staff Report CAO045-12 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Proposed Distracted Driving/Cell Phone and Texting Policy.**

Resolution No: CW191-2012 Moved by: White Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that Staff Report CAO044-12 be received; and That Council consider approving the draft Distracted Driving/Cell Phone and Texting Policy No, EHS-14 as amended.

----Carried----

8. FINANCE

9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT/ IT

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: CW192-2012 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of the Township of Essa adjourn at 6:27 p.m. to meet again on the 17th day of October, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

----Carried----

Original signed by:

Terry Dowdall
Terry Dowdall, Mayor

Bonnie Sander
Bonnie Sander, Clerk