

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL –BUDGET
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2012**

A Special Meeting of Council was held on December 19, 2012 in the Council Chambers at the Township of Essa Administration Centre. The purpose of the meeting was for consideration of the 2013 Capital and Operating Budget for the Township of Essa.

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

Staff in attendance: G. Murphy, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Barrett, Deputy CAO/Treasurer
C. Healey, Manager of Planning and Development
D. Perreault, Manager of Public Works
P. Macdonald, Fire Chief
B. Sander, Clerk

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Dowdall called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

a) List of items for discussion to be included or not included in the 2013 Budget

i. Former Angus Library Building

An "Expression of Interest" document will be drafted and sent to local organizations and realtors to see if there is any interest or ideas on the former Library building. Consideration will have to be given to repairing the roof in the spring.

ii. Replace Playground Equipment in Thornton

The purchase of the playground equipment will be deferred until 2014.

iii. Thornton Trail Improvements

iv. Increase Trail Budget

\$5,000.00 is still required to finish the Pine River Trail so the trail budget has been increased to \$20,000.00

v. Flood Remediation Study

The funds for the study will be taken from Reserves.

- vi. **Angus Community Park Building**
- vii. **Huron Street / Community Park Parking Areas**
- viii. **Thinning of Pine Trees at Administration Office**

The Chief Administrative Officer will look at having the trees thinned out at the Administration Centre, and will look at other locations (Angus Community Park, Centennial Park).

- ix. **Addition to Thornton Arena (GMHL Team)**

No addition will be built at the Thornton Arena.

- x. **Administration Building Repairs and Maintenance**

Funds will be used from Reserves if the Enabling Accessibility Fund Grant is not approved by the Province.

- xi. **Road Construction Projects – Wages, Benefits and Machine Time**

3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

- a) **2:00 p.m. Delegation – Bonnie Bellerose and Erin Helleman, Board Members Thornton Minor Hockey Association**

Bonnie Bellerose and Erin Helleman were in attendance to request Council's consideration for the installation of heaters in the viewing stands at the Thornton Arena. They stated that the Minor Hockey system in Thornton is thriving and that there is not enough heated viewing area to accommodate spectators who cannot withstand the cold.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION - Continued

- a) **List of items for discussion to be included or not included in the 2013 Budget**

- xii. **Thornton Arena Grand Stand Heating**

Heaters will be installed at the Thornton Arena.

- xiii. **Other Items as brought forward at meeting**

5. 2012 BUDGET COMPARED TO PROPOSED 2013 BUDGET

- a) **2nd Working Paper dated December 14, 2012**

- b) **Comparison of 2012 to 2013 Taxes**

- i. Option A – 5% (\$324,162 still to be reduced)
 - ii. Option B – 13.4% (Budget Worksheet #2)

- c) **Comparison of 2011 to 2012 Taxes**
 - d) **List of Expenditure Changes to the 2013 Draft Budget dated November 29, 2012**
 - i. Capital Expenditures
 - ii. Operating Expenditures
 - iii. Funding Sources
- 6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INFORMATION**
- a) **Fire Department**
 - i. Fire Operating
 - ii. 75' Aerial Apparatus
 - b) **Transportation**
 - i. 2013 Budget – Proposed Changes to Transportation Operating Budget
 - c) **Parks and Recreation**
 - i. Vehicle Mileage
 - ii. Arena Revenues
 - iii. Thornton Arena Priority List 2013
 - iv. Quotation, re: Electrical Box – Thornton Outdoor Rink
 - v. Parking Lot at Stonemount Park
 - d) **Planning and Development**
 - i. Budget – Building 2013
- 7. HISTORY OF ACTUAL RESERVE BALANCES AT YEARS ENDING 2004 – 2011 ANTICIPATED 2012 AND 2013**
- 8. TOWNSHIP OF ESSA WATER AND SEWER BUDGET**
- i. OCWA Capital Projects Revised Priority Listing
 - ii. Town of New Tecumseth / Essa Water Sale Agreement
 - iii. Operating Water and Sewer
 - iv. Capital Water and Sewer

Resolution No: SCW017-2012 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: White

*Be it resolved that all Budget Information be received; and
That the 2013 Budget be presented, as amended, at the next budget meeting.*

----Carried----

9. IN CAMERA

10. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: SCW018-2012 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that this Special Meeting of the Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 4:12 p.m. to meet again on the 16th day of January, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

----Carried----

Original signed by:

Terry Dowdall
Terry Dowdall, Mayor

Bonnie Sander
Bonnie Sander, Clerk