A Public Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 6:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Administration Centre, 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, CAO
J. Barrett, Treasurer
C. Healey, Manager of Planning & Development
C. Ross Tustin, Fire Chief
D. Perreault, Manager of Public Works
B. Sander, Clerk

The Mayor opened the Public Meeting and stated that the purpose of this Public Meeting is to review a proposal for rezoning several farmlands such that there will be no future dwellings permitted on the lands; and specifically on a separate parcel that being the Essa and District Agricultural Society lands, permit further uses being educational and historical re-enactments on the property for short time periods, in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act. As well, to hear comments and review written submissions from the public and public agencies.

The Mayor then asked the Manager of Planning and Development to explain more about the proposal.

Ms. Healey stated that the Zoning By-law Amendment would affect those farmlands where surplus homes have been severed off; 5276 30th Sideroad, where two lots have been merged on title to become one lot; and the Essa and District Agricultural Society lands at the West Part of Lot 21, Concession 10. The last property at 7505 10th Line requests additional uses for short time periods or events for educational and historical re-enactments.

The County of Simcoe and Simcoe County District School Board had no objections.

The Mayor then opened the meeting to the public and asked if there were any comments. No comments were received from the public.

The Mayor then asked if Council had any questions. As no further comments were heard the Mayor stated that the Manager of Planning and Development will be preparing a report and By-law to be presented to Council at a future meeting.

The Public Meeting portion of this Committee meeting was closed at 6:15 p.m.

Terry Dowdall, Mayor
Bonnie Sander, Clerk