

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the 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: C. Mohr, Manager of Finance
C. Ross Tustin, Fire Chief
D. Perreault, Manager of Public Works
B. Sander, Clerk

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Dowdall opened the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:14 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Dowdall declared a conflict with Item 9(b) as he has familiar relations with one of the applicants. He did not participate in discussions or vote on this item. Deputy Mayor Macdonald chaired this portion of the meeting.

3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS

a. Richard Hildebrandt and John Goodfellow, Bonsecour Track and Trail Snowmobile Club

Re: Thornton-Cookstown Trail – Bridge Decking

John Goodfellow & Richard Hildebrandt were in attendance on behalf of the Bonsecour Track and Trail Snowmobile Club. Mr. Hildebrandt provided an overview of the historical involvement of the Snowmobile Club and their financial involvement over the years. He stated that financially they have no funds to help but could supply some manpower and equipment to assist in repairing the bridge decking.

Mayor Dowdall asked about the changes to the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) Trail Permit Program. Mr. Goodfellow stated that all the money received from the sale of trail permits goes to the OFSC who in turns pays for all grooming costs.

Mayor Dowdall stated that the Township could possibly reach out to the County of Simcoe for financial support.

Councillor White wondered if there was a process through the OFSC for applying for funding to help pay for the work required on the bridges. Mr. Goodfellow stated that additional funding is usually received from the Government but he was not sure how much is received.

Deputy Mayor Macdonald asked if the number of passes purchased are down because the weather is bad. Mr. Goodfellow stated that it didn't matter how many passes were sold, the OFSC only pays for the grooming of the trails. The OFSC finds it is the fairer way to distribute the funds. This is the second year for distributing the funding this way.

Mayor Dowdall stated that the Town of Innisfil and Township of Essa will work together and see what can be done. He also stated that a request will be made to the County.

Councillor White asked the Snowmobile Club if they had approached the Town of Innisfil. They said that they will not be making a presentation with the Town of Innisfil and that the Town was aware of the Clubs assistance with the trail.

The Mayor thanked the Bonsecour Track and Trail Snowmobile Club for their presentation.

STAFF REPORTS

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- a. **Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice Court File No. 15-1325 dated February 19, 2016, re: Corporation of the Township of Essa and Addiction Canada Inc. and 2223408 Ontario Inc.**

Resolution No: CW042-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Order dated February 19, 2016 from the Ontario Superior Court of Justice regarding Court File No. 15-1325 be received for information.

----Carried----

- b. **Staff Report PD013-16 submitted by the Manager of Planning and Development, Re: Barrie Collingwood Railway Corridor Future Trail Opportunities.**

Resolution No: CW043-2016 Moved by: White Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Staff Report PD013-16 be received; and That Council does direct Staff to invite the County of Simcoe to speak about future trail opportunities along the Barrie Collingwood Railway corridor as has been done in Collingwood and Clearview recently.

----Carried----

- c. **Staff Report PD014-16 submitted by the Manager of Planning and Development, re: Giulam Developments – The Former Sardelis Draft Plan of Subdivision.**

Resolution No: CW044-2016 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Staff Report PD014-16 be received; and That Council does authorize staff to schedule a public meeting on April 6, 2016 for the consideration of an Official Plan Amendment (OPA), Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA) and Redline Revision to an earlier approved draft plan.

----Carried----

- d. **Staff Report PD015-16 submitted by the Manager of Planning and Development, re: Proposal to Cut .05 Hectares of Trees and Selectively Thin .41 Hectares of Red Pine Overstory.**

Resolution No: CW045-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Smith

*Be it resolved that Staff Report PD015-16 be received; and
That Council does authorize the owner and developer of Brownley Meadows Phase 2 to cut
.05 hectares of trees from lots to be developed and to thin or selectively cut .41 hectares of a
Red Pine Overstory as suggested by Certified Arborist, Envision-Tatham.*

----Carried----

5. **PARKS AND RECREATION / COMMUNITY SERVICES**
6. **FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**
7. **PUBLIC WORKS**
8. **FINANCE**
9. **CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT/ IT**

a. Staff Report C005-16 submitted by the Clerk, re: 2016 Fees and Charges.

Resolution No: CW046-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Smith

*Be it resolved that Staff Report C005-16 be received; and
That Council does direct Staff to schedule a Public Meeting for March 23, 2016; and
That the appropriate by-law be presented to Council for consideration at its regular
meeting on March 23, 2016.*

----Carried----

Mayor Dowdall declared a conflict with the following Item as he has familiar relations with one of the applicants. He did not participate in discussions or vote on this item. Deputy Mayor Macdonald chaired this portion of the meeting.

b. Staff Report C006-16 submitted by the Clerk, re: 2016 General Assistance Grants.

Resolution No: CW047-2016 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that Staff Report C006-16 be received; and
That Council does approve the attached recommendations for the 2016 General
Assistance Grants.*

----Carried----

Mayor Dowdall resumed his chair.

10. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (C.A.O.)

a. Correspondence submitted by the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) dated February 17, 2016, re: 2015 Annual Drinking Water System Reports for the Angus, Baxter and Thornton Drinking Water Systems.

Resolution No: CW048-2016 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that the correspondence and Summary Reports from the Ontario Clean Water Agency dated February 17, 2016 be received; and
That a notice be posted on the Township's website stating that the 2015 Summary Reports for the Angus, Baxter and Thornton Drinking Water Systems are available for inspection at the Administration Centre or on the Township website by any member of the public during normal business hours at no charge.*

----Carried----

**b. Staff Report CAO008-16 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer,
re: Proposed Revisions to Hiring Policy.**

Resolution No: CW049-2016 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Staff Report CAO008-16 be received; and
That Council does approve the attached Draft Hiring Policy A01-16.*

----Carried----

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Macdonald thanked members of Council for attending Hockey Day in Essa.

Councillor White, with Council's consent, requested the Manager of Public Works to check into the possibility of businesses advertising on the Angus/Borden/Barrie bus.

Councillor White, with Council's consent, requested the Manager of Public Works to contact the County of Simcoe to see what the cost difference would be if decorative light standards instead of conventional light standards are installed for the new traffic signal lights which are going to be installed at the intersection of King and Mill Streets. Since these traffic signals are proposed to be installed soon, the Angus BIA would like to see if it is financially feasible to upgrade the appearance of the lights.

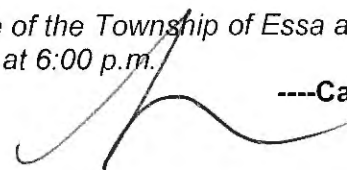
Deputy Mayor Macdonald announced that there was going to be a "March for Aaron" walk-a-thon at Baxter Central School on Friday starting at 11:30. Persons wishing to show their support are invited to attend wearing their super hero outfit.

12. ADJOURNMENT

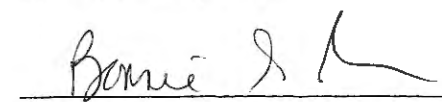
Resolution No: CW050-2016 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of the Township of Essa adjourn at 6:43 p.m. to meet again on the 23rd day of March, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

----Carried----



Terry Dowdall, Mayor



Bonnie Sander, Clerk