

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016**

A Regular Council meeting was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 in Council Chambers of the Administration Centre, Township of Essa.

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

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 meeting at 6:43 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR043-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Smith

*Be it resolved that the motions duly passed and approved at the Committee of the Whole meeting of this date be approved; and
That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings held on the 17th day of February, 2016 be adopted as circulated.*

----Carried----

4. PRESENTING, REFERRING OR PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution No: CR044-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: White

*Be it resolved that payments dated February 9, 2016 to February 25, 2016 in the amount of \$547,939.53 be approved; and
That visa payments dated December 16, 2015 to January 15, 2016 with a payment date of February 5, 2016 in the amount of \$21,872.61 be approved; and
That payroll for the month of February in the amount of \$189,942.54 be approved.*

----Carried----

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: CR045-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated March 9, 2016 be approved as presented, and that the necessary action be taken.

----Carried----

- Item 1 – Council wishes to raise the Flag for Autism on April 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
 Item 3 – letter of support to be sent

Resolution No: CR046-2016 Moved by: White Seconded by: Smith

*Be it resolved that the correspondence from CFB Borden with regards to the Borden Centennial Ball be received; and
 That Council approved Gold Sponsorship for the event.*

----Carried----

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Essa Public Library Board

Resolution No: CR047-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Essa Public Library Board from their meeting of January 25, 2016, be received.

----Carried----

b. Nottawasaga Police Services Board

Resolution No: CR048-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Nottawasaga Policy Service Board from their meeting of January 28, 2016, be received.

----Carried----

c. Accessibility Advisory Committee

Resolution No: CR049-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from their meeting of February 22, 2016 be received.

----Carried----

7. PETITIONS

8. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a. Resolution of Support – Construction and Operation of Rooftop Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Facility – 6 Napier Court, Utopia.

Resolution No: CR050-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: White

*WHEREAS capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed thereto in the FIT Contract, Version 3.1; and
 WHEREAS 2387276 Ontario Inc. (the "Supplier") has entered into a FIT Contract to construct and operate a rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) Facility (the "Project") on an existing industrial building at 6 Napier Court, Utopia, L0M 1T0 (the "Lands") in the Township of Essa (the "Local Municipality") under the Province's FIT Program; and
 WHEREAS the Supplier previously requested that the Council of the Local Municipality ("Council") indicate by resolution Council's support for the construction and operation of the Project on the Lands or all Projects with the same Renewable Fuel anywhere in the Local Municipality, and Council did provide such support in a prior resolution; and*

WHEREAS the Supplier has requested that the Council indicate, by a resolution dated no earlier than June 10, 2015 (the "New Resolution"), Council's continued support for the construction and operation of the Project on the Lands; and

WHEREAS where a new resolution is received in respect of a Project, the Supplier will be recognized as fulfilling the requirements under Section 2.4(d)(vii) of the FIT Contract, which may result in the Supplier being offered Notice to Proceed in accordance with the terms of the Supplier's FIT Contract;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa supports the construction and operation of the Project on the Lands.

----Carried----

b. Proclamation – April 2, 2016 as "World Autism Awareness Day"

Resolution No: CR051-2016 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Macdonald

WHEREAS World Autism Awareness Day will be recognized on April 2, 2016 in Canada thanks to Liberal Senator Jim Munson's Bill S-206, An Act Respecting World Autism Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects more than 100,000 Ontarians. Autism Spectrum Disorder is now recognized as the most common neurological disorder affecting 1 in every 94 children, as well as their friends, family and community; and

WHEREAS ASD is a spectrum disorder, which means it not only manifests itself differently in every individual in whom it appears, but its characteristics will change over the life of the individual as well. A child with ASD will become an adult with ASD; and

WHEREAS Autism Ontario (formerly Autism Society Ontario) is the leading source of information and referral on autism, and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community. Since 1973, Autism Ontario has been providing support, information and opportunities for thousands of families across the Province; and WHEREAS Autism Ontario is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families, the professionals with whom they interact. The association and its chapters share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for the autism community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day.

----Carried----

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. BY-LAWS

a. By-law 2016-16

Resolution No: CR052-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2016-16, being a by-law to establish and assume for public highway purposes, Block 38, Plan 51M-814, Underhill Court, Plan 51M-814, and Morrison Court, Plan 51M-814; in the Township of Essa, County of Simcoe; being all of PINS: 58139-0206 (LT); 58139-0211 (LT); and 58139-0212 (LT); and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

----Carried----

b. By-law 2016-17**Resolution No: CR053-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Henderson**

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2016-17, being a by-law to establish and assume for public highway purposes, Underhill Court on Plan 51M-880, in the Township of Essa, County of Simcoe; being all of PINS: 58139-0226 (LT); and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

----Carried----

c. By-law 2016-18**Resolution No: CR054-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Smith**

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2016-18, being a by-law to establish and assume for public highway purposes the 0.3 metre reserve described as Block 20 on Plan 51M-978, lying on the east side of Brolley Crescent, in the Township of Essa, County of Simcoe, being part of PIN 58117-0098 LT; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

----Carried----

11. QUESTIONS

A Member of the Press asked for clarification on the budget as discussed under Committee of the Whole. Mayor Dowdall reiterated that the budget was revisited and will be reduced from 16% to 12% increase over last year's budget.

A Member of the Press asked what was happening with Addiction Canada. The Mayor stated that an application for a Zoning By-law and Official Plan Amendment has been received. Neighbours have voiced concerns to Township staff.

12. CLOSED SESSION**Resolution No: CR055-2016 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: White**

Be it resolved that Council proceed to a Closed Session in order to address matters pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Municipality or local board; advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege and personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or local board employees, including communications and personnel matter necessary for that purpose.

----Carried----

a. CLIENT-SOLICITOR PRIVILEGE

**Correspondence from Russell, Christie, LLP dated February 22, 2016,
re: Township of Essa v. Addiction Canada Inc.**

Resolution No: CR056-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that correspondence dated February 22, 2016 from Russell, Christie, LLP regarding the Township of Essa v. Addiction Canada Inc. be received for information.

----Carried----

b. LITIGATION

Confidential Staff Report CAO010-16 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Nottawasaga River Bank Stabilization Litigation.

Resolution No: CR057-2016 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report CAO010-16 be received for information.

----Carried----

c. Identifiable individual

Re: Angus Resident - water hook-up

Resolution No: CR058-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that the verbal report from members of Council be received; and That Staff proceed as directed by Council.

----Carried----

13. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

By-law 2016 – 19

Resolution No: CR059-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2016 - 19, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this 9th day of March, 2016; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.


----Carried----

14. ADJOURNMENT

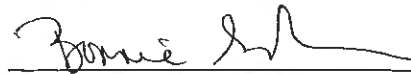
Resolution No: CR060-2016 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that this meeting of the Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 7:20 p.m. to meet again on the 23rd day of March, 2016 following Committee of the Whole.

----Carried----



Terry Dowdall, Mayor



Bonnie Sander, Clerk