

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY MAY 16, 2018**

DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BACKGROUND STUDY AND DRAFT BY-LAW

Mayor Dowdall opened the Public Meeting by stating that the purpose of this Public Meeting is to review the 2018 Development Charge Background Study as well as the draft Development Charge By-law, and to hear comments and review written submissions from the public and other agents about this matter.

He stated that this public meeting is a statutory meeting under the *Development Charges Act* 1997. Notice of this meeting was advertised in the Alliston Herald on April 26, 2018, and was also posted on the Township's website on April 20, 2018. In addition to two workshops that took place on January 17, 2018 and April 4, 2018, the full 2018 Development Charge Background Study and the Draft By-law have been advertised on the Township's website since April 20, 2018.

Andrew Mirabella from Hemson Consulting reviewed the Development Charges Background Study and the proposed rates. He stated that the current Development Charges will expire this year. The Development Charges Act legislates that a review of Development Charges must be undertaken every five years, and a new By-law must be passed prior to the expiry of the current one. The Development Charges By-law will be presented to Council at its meeting of June 20, 2018.

The Mayor then asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak and that speakers must state their name and address so that proper records may be kept and notice of future decisions be sent to those persons involved in the review process. Comments are to be orderly, respectful and not repetitious.

The Mayor opened the question period to members of Council.

Councillor White asked if there is opportunity to amend projects, given that it is an election year and a new Council could potentially be sitting after the Municipal Election. Andrew responded that yes, the projects could be amended.

Council White inquired as to how affordable housing may be considered in the event that the municipality is forced to undertake certain financial obligations. Andrew stated that a provision could be placed in the By-law for an exemption in this case, with specific criteria outlined.

The Mayor then confirmed that if there were no further questions or submissions, Council wishes to thank all those in attendance for their participation. He stated that a By-law concerning this matter will be brought forward for Council's consideration on June 20, 2018. Council will then consider all matters and render a decision. A decision has not yet been made and again, please inform the Clerk or the Manager of Finance if you wish further notice on this matter, if you have not written to us or spoken.



Terry Dowdall, Mayor



Lisa Lehr, Clerk