

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2018**

**PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT (OPA 31)
Whole of Essa Township**

A Public Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 6:00 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, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Healey, Manager of Planning and Development
D. Perreault, Manager of Public Works
D. Burgin, Deputy Fire Chief
L. Lehr, Clerk

The Mayor opened the meeting by stating that the purpose of this Public Meeting is to review an Official Plan Amendment (OPA), relating to the whole of the Township, in accordance with the Planning Act. As well, to hear comments and review written submissions from the public and other agencies.

The Planner, Colleen Healey, described the application as follows:

The Official Plan Amendment is for a proposed Township-wide policy to permit garden suites on any sized lot which is designated as Agricultural and Rural in the Municipality. This OPA will consider allowing for garden suites on any sized lot on a temporary basis, for aging parents of landowners, in accordance with the provisions of Section 39.1 of the Planning Act and all other criteria as listed in Essa's Official Plan. Current policy requires that a property be a minimum of 1 ha (2.5 ac).

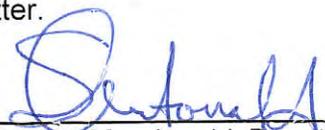
Public meeting notice was circulated in accordance with the Planning Act.

Comments have been received from the County of Simcoe to ensure that we adhere to the upper-tier Official Plan policies which we are mandated to do. As well, a landowner who has written a letter of support and this letter has been copied to Council members.

The Simcoe County District School Board has no objection.

The Mayor then asked if anyone in the audience had any questions or concerns 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. There were no oral questions, comments or presentations by any member of the audience.

The Mayor then stated that if there are no further questions or submissions, Council wished to thank all those in attendance for their participation. The planning office will be preparing a report to be presented to Council concerning this matter. Council will then consider all matters and render a decision. Again, please inform the Clerk or Planner should you wish further notice on this matter.



Sandie Macdonald, Deputy Mayor



Lisa Lehr, Clerk