

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
VIRTUAL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021**

MINUTES

A Meeting of Council was held virtually on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 following Committee of the Whole and was livestreamed for viewing to the public on the Township of Essa's YouTube Channel.

In attendance: Mayor Sandie Macdonald (electronic)
Deputy Mayor, Michael Smith (electronic)
Councillor Keith White (electronic)
Councillor Henry Sander (electronic)
Councillor Ron Henderson (electronic)

Staff in attendance: C. Healey-Dowdall, Chief Administrative Officer (electronic)
C. Traynor, Manager of Finance (electronic)
M. Mikael, Manager of Public Works (electronic)
A. Powell, Manager of Planning and Development (electronic)
J. Coleman, Manager of Parks and Recreation (electronic)
K. Pascoe, Deputy Clerk (electronic)
L. Lehr, Clerk (electronic)

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR019-2021 Moved by: Sander 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 Special Budget, Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings held on the 20th day of January, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

---Carried---

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: CR020-2021 Moved by: White Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated February 3, 2021 be received for information; and

That Items A5 and A7 be moved to section B of the Consent Agenda, for letters of support to be drafted; and

That Item A11 be referred to Section C of the Consent Agenda, for a Staff Report to be brought forward by the Manager of Public Works at a future meeting of Council.

----Carried-----

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Essa Public Library Board

Resolution No: CR021-2021 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Essa Public Library Board from their meetings of December 14, 2020 and January 11, 2021 be received.

----Carried-----

b. Healthy Community Committee

Resolution No: CR022-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Healthy Community Committee from their meeting of January 21, 2021 be received.

----Carried-----

6. PETITIONS

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a. Proclamation – Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness

Resolution No: CR023-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: White

WHEREAS on June 28, 2012, the Purple Day Act (Bill C-278) received a Royal Assent in Canada; and

WHEREAS Epilepsy is a common neurological disease that is not well understood, and affects approximately 1 in every 100 persons in Simcoe County; and

WHEREAS Epilepsy is a chronic neurological disease which affects each person differently, with the effects ranging from mild and relatively minor to extremely serious (which includes death); and

WHEREAS Epilepsy Simcoe County was established in 1978 to assist individuals, families, caregivers, and professionals in our area with education, support, and advocacy in relation to epilepsy awareness;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby proclaims March 26, 2021 as "Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness" in the Township of Essa.

----Carried-----

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. BY-LAWS

a. By-law 2021-04

Resolution No: CR024-2021 Moved by: White Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2021-04, that being a By-law to authorize participation in OMERS Primary Pension Plan ("Primary Plan"), and the Retirement Compensation Arrangement that provides benefits for members and former members of the Primary Plan ("RCA"), in respect of the Councillors of the Corporation of the Township of Essa identified herein; 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 2021-05

Council deferred this Item to follow Closed Session Deliberations at the meeting of this date.

10. QUESTIONS

11. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No: CR025-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that Council proceed to a Closed Session in order to address matters pertaining to:

- *Personal Matters about Identifiable Individuals [Municipal Act 2001, s.239(2)(b)]*
- *Advice subject to Solicitor-Client Privilege [Municipal Act 2001, s.239(2)(f)]; and*
- *Plans and Instructions for Negotiations [Municipal Act 2001, s.239(2)(k)].*

----Carried----

Council proceeded into Closed Session Deliberations at 6:22 p.m. This portion of the meeting was not open to the public and was not livestreamed.

Council rose from Closed Session Deliberations and livestreaming resumed. Council passed the following in the public forum.

Resolution No: CR026-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at 7:18 p.m.

----Carried----

- a. **PLANS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS [Municipal Act s.239(2)(k)]**
Confidential Staff Report PW001-21 submitted by the Manager of Public Works, re: County Road 21 (Murphy Road) and Denney Drive Intersection Upgrades.

Resolution No: CR027-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report PW001-21 be received; and That Council authorize Staff to proceed with Option No. 2 as outlined in this Confidential Report; and That Council authorize Staff to proceed with Option No. 3 as outlined in this Confidential Report.

----Carried----

- b. **PLANS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS [Municipal Act s.239(2)(k)]**
Confidential Staff Report CAO005-21 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Brookfield and a Water Supply Amending Agreement with the Town of New Tecumseth.

Resolution No: CR028-2021 Moved by: White Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report CAO005-21 be received; and That Council authorize Staff to proceed with Option No. 2 as outlined in this Confidential Report.

----Carried----

- c. **IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUALS [s. 239(2)(b)]**
ADVICE SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE [s.239(2)(f)]
Confidential Staff Report CAO007-21 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Thornton Union Cemetery.

Resolution No: CR029-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report CAO007-21 be received; and That Council authorize Staff to proceed with Option No. 3 as amended in this Confidential Report.

----Carried----

9. b. **By-law 2020-05**

Resolution No: CR030-2021 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2021-05, that being a By-law to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to enter into an amending Agreement with the Corporation of the Town of New Tecumseth for Connection to the Collingwood to Alliston Pipeline; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

----Carried----

12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

By-law 2021-06

Resolution No: CR031-2021 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2021-06, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this 3rd day of February, 2021; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

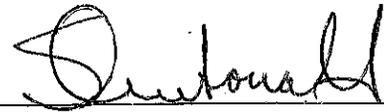
----Carried-----

13. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: CR032-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that this regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 7:22 p.m. to meet again on the 17th day of February, 2021 following Committee of the Whole.

----Carried-----



Sandie Macdonald, Mayor



Lisa Lehr, Clerk