

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
VIRTUAL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020
MINUTES**

A Meeting of Council was held virtually on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 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)
M. Mikael, Manager of Public Works (electronic)
A. Powell, Manager of Planning and Development (electronic)
S. Holness, Planner (electronic)
J. Coleman, Manager of Parks and Recreation (electronic)
R. Rosilius, Deputy Treasurer (electronic)
L. Lehr, Clerk (electronic)
K. Pascoe, Deputy Clerk (electronic)

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR225-2020 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Henderson

*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 Council meetings of December 1, 2020 and December 10, 2020 be adopted as circulated; and
That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings held on the 2nd day of December, 2020 be adopted as circulated.*

----Carried-----

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: CR226-2020 Moved by: White Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated December 16, 2020 be received for information; and

*That Item A11 be referred to Section B of the Consent Agenda, for a letter of support to be drafted; and
That Item A13 be referred to Section C of the Consent Agenda, for a report to be brought forward from the Manager of Public Works at a later date.*

---Carried---

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Nottawasaga Police Services Board

Resolution No: CR227-2020 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Nottawasaga Police Services Board from their meeting of October 28, 2020, be received.

---Carried---

6. PETITIONS

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a. COVID-19 Penalty and Interest Relief Expires December 31, 2020

Resolution No: CR228-2020 Moved by: White Seconded by: Sander

*WHEREAS Council provided residents with penalty and interest relief on unpaid 2020 property taxes and unpaid 2020 water/sewer bills, effective April 1, 2020 and for the duration of 2020, in an attempt to mitigate uncertain times caused by the Pandemic and to alleviate financial burdens on residents displaced by COVID-19; and
WHEREAS the COVID-19 Pandemic is expected to continue into 2021 with no clear indication of an end to the Pandemic;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT effective December 31, 2020, the period to provide penalty and interest relief on unpaid 2020 property taxes and unpaid 2020 water/sewer bills expires, thereby authorizing staff to enforce and collect penalty and interest charges on outstanding unpaid balances for property tax bills and water/sewer bills, commencing January 1, 2021.*

---Carried---

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. BY-LAWS

a. By-law 2020-74

Resolution No: CR229-2020 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2020-74, that being a By-law to declare surplus and close Pt Essa Street, Plan 160A, Essa Township lying between Jonas St & Margaret St; Township of Essa, County of Simcoe, being all of PIN: 58108-0109 (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 2020-75

Resolution No: CR230-2020 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2020-75, that being a By-law to authorize participation in the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) in respect to its Head of Council and Councillors; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

---Carried---

10. QUESTIONS

11. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No: CR231-2020 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

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

- *Acquisition or Disposition of Land [Municipal Act 2001, s.239(2)(c)];*
- *Litigation or Potential Litigation [Municipal Act 2001, s.239(2)(e)].*

---Carried---

Council proceeded into Closed Session Deliberations at 7:43 p.m.

Council rose from Closed Session Deliberations and passed the following in the public forum:

Motion to Rise and Report from Closed Session Meeting of December 16, 2020.

Resolution No: CR232-2020 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at 8:10 p.m.

---Carried---

- a. LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION [Municipal Act s.239(2)(e)].
Correspondence from the Township's Lawyer dated December 2,
2020, re: File No. A4247104.**

Resolution No: CR233-2020 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that the correspondence from the Township's Lawyer in regard to File No. A4247104 be received for information.

---Carried---

- b. **POTENTIAL LAND ACQUISITION [Municipal Act s.239(2)(c)].**
Confidential Staff Report CAO062-20 from the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Potential Land Acquisition.

Resolution No: CR234-2020 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that the Confidential Staff Report CAO062-20 be received; and That Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to proceed with Option No. 2 as outlined in this Confidential Report.

----Carried----

- c. **POTENTIAL LAND DISPOSITION [Municipal Act s.239(2)(c)].**
Confidential Staff Report CAO064-20 from the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Sale of Surplus Land.

Resolution No: CR235-2020 Moved by: White Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that the Confidential Staff Report CAO064-20 be received; and That Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to proceed with Option No. 2 as outlined in this Confidential Report.

----Carried----

12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

By-law 2020-76

Resolution No: CR236-2020 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2020-76, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this 16th day of December, 2020; 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: CR237-2020 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that this regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 8:13 p.m. to meet again on the 20th day of January, 2021 following Committee of the Whole.

----Carried----



Sandie Macdonald, Mayor



per; Lisa Lehr, Clerk