

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
VIRTUAL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022**

MINUTES

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 and was livestreamed to the public on the Township of Essa's YouTube Channel.

In attendance: Mayor Sandie Macdonald
Deputy Mayor, Michael Smith
Councillor Pieter Kiezebrink
Councillor Henry Sander
Councillor Ron Henderson

Staff in attendance: C. Healey-Dowdall, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Powell, Manager of Planning and Development
D. Burgin, Fire Chief
J. Coleman, Manager of Parks and Recreation
K. Pascoe, Deputy Clerk
L. Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR046-2022 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Sander

*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 Public, Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings held on the 9th day of March, 2022 be adopted as circulated.*

----Carried-----

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: CR047-2022 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Sander

*Be it resolved that the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated March 23, 2022 be received for information; and
That Item A5 be referred to section C of the Consent Agenda for a Staff Report to come forward for Council's consideration at a future meeting; and
That Item A5 be referred to section B of the Consent Agenda for a letter of support to be drafted.*

----Carried-----

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6. **PETITIONS**

7. **MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

- a. **Proclamation – World Autism Awareness Day April 2, 2022
(Flag Raising Ceremony – April 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at Administration
Centre)**

Resolution No: CR048-2022 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Sander

*WHEREAS World Autism Awareness Day will be recognized on April 2, 2022 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 135,000 Ontarians, and 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 not only manifests itself differently in every individual in whom it appears, but its characteristics will change over the life of each 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, and has been providing support, information and opportunities for thousands of families across the Province since 1973; 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, and the professionals with whom they interact, as well as sharing between the Association and its Chapters, the 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 Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims April 2, 2022 as World Autism Awareness Day.*

----Carried-----

- b. **Request for County of Simcoe to Assist S.H.I.F.T. (Support and Hope for
Individuals and Families Today)**

Resolution No: CR049-2022 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Smith

*WHEREAS homelessness in Ontario has been worsening over time, has been affecting younger cohorts, and has shifted geographically to smaller but rapidly growing municipalities; and
WHEREAS the 2020 Homeless Enumeration (‘Everyone Counts’) coordinated by the County of Simcoe, on November 17th, 2020, indicated that a minimum of 563 individuals were experiencing homelessness in Simcoe County, which represents a rate of 10.5 people for every 10,000; and*

WHEREAS the Affordable Housing Task Force of the Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness (SCATEH) – South Simcoe Chapter is working diligently with community partners, including municipalities and the County of Simcoe to address the immediate, intermediate, and long-term affordable housing needs of our community; and WHEREAS S.H.I.F.T (Support and Hope for Individuals and Families Today), formally Alliston Out of the Cold, provides safe, respectful, and welcoming overnight accommodation, meals and support to those experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness and/or food insecurity in all of South Simcoe; and WHEREAS S.H.I.F.T recognizes no municipal borders, and serves all of South Simcoe with services that are an integral part of a healthy, thriving, supportive community; and WHEREAS S.H.I.F.T is no longer able to operate from its existing location and therefore, requires a new space within the next year to continue to provide their programming; and WHEREAS the County of Simcoe is responsible for providing social housing throughout the County; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Essa respectfully requests that the County of Simcoe provide physical space or financial assistance to S.H.I.F.T to secure new locations in both the east and west areas of South Simcoe to ensure that they can continue to provide this critical service.

----Carried-----

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. BY-LAWS

a. By-law 2022-15 – DEFERRED

b. By-law 2022-16

Resolution No: CR050-2022 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2022-16, that being a By-law to establish and regulate a Fire Department in the Township of Essa and to repeal By-law 2014-27; 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 2022-17

Resolution No: CR051-2022 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2022-17, that being a By-law to assume for public highway purposes all or portions of Brownley Lane, Greenwood Drive, Hutton Crescent, Wagner Crescent, Plan 51M-1102; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

----Carried-----

d. **By-law 2022-18**

Resolution No: CR052-2022 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2022-18, that being a By-law to assume for public highway purposes all or portions of Sasco Way Plan 51M-1097, .3 Reserve Block 147 Plan 51M-732, Part of Block 125 Plan 51M-844; 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**

12. **CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

By-law 2022-19

Resolution No: CR053-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Kiezebrink

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2022-19, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this 23rd day of March, 2022; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

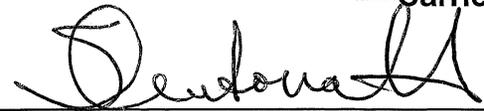
----Carried-----

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No: CR054-2022 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of the Township of Essa adjourn at 7:17 p.m. to meet again on the 6th day of April, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

----Carried-----



Sandie Macdonald, Mayor



Lisa Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services