

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
VIRTUAL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021**

MINUTES

A Meeting of Council was held virtually on Wednesday, January 20, 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)
R. Rosilius, Deputy Treasurer (electronic)
M. Mikael, Manager of Public Works (electronic)
A. Powell, Manager of Planning and Development (electronic)
J. Coleman, Manager of Parks and Recreation (electronic)
L. Wark, CEO Essa Public Library (electronic)
C. Ross Tustin, Fire Chief (electronic)
K. Pascoe, Deputy Clerk (electronic)
L. Lehr, Clerk (electronic)

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR001-2021 Moved by: Smith 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 Public, Special Budget, Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings held on the 16th day of December, 2020 be adopted as circulated.*

----Carried----

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: CR002-2021 Moved by: White Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated January 20, 2021 be received for information; and

That Items A3 and A10 be referred to Section B of the Consent Agenda for letters of support to be drafted; and

That Item A6(a) be referred to Section B of the Consent Agenda for the Manager of Parks and Recreation to reach out to the Health Unit in respect of offering the use of Essa Township facilities for COVID-19 vaccination sites; and

That Item A1 be referred to Section C of the Consent Agenda for a report to be brought forward at a future meeting by the Chief Administrative Officer.

----Carried----

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Healthy Community Committee

Resolution No: CR003-2021 Moved by: White Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Healthy Community Committee from their meeting of November 19, 2020 and December 17, 2020, be received.

----Carried----

b. Essa Public Library Board

Resolution No: CR004-2021 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Essa Public Library Board from their meeting of November 23, 2020, be received.

----Carried----

c. Parks and Recreation Committee

Resolution No: CR005-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee from their meeting of December 9, 2020, be received.

----Carried----

6. PETITIONS

a. Petition – Rezoning Application for 14 Margaret Street and 18 Margret Street, Angus

Resolution No: CR006-2021 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that the petition dated December 15, 2020 in respect of the rezoning application for 14 and 18 Margaret Street (Angus) be received.

----Carried----

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a. Proclamation – Black History Month

Resolution No: CR007-2021 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Smith

WHEREAS the Township of Essa and Simcoe County's population is becoming increasingly diverse, Making Change encourages our community to recognize Black History Month as an opportunity to embrace diversity and to foster belonging and inclusion; and

WHEREAS Black History Month is a time to learn about the stories and many important contributions of local Black Canadians to the settlement, growth and development of Simcoe County, and about diversity of Black communities in Canada and their importance to the history of this country; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby proclaims the month of February 2021 as Black History Month, and encourages residents of Essa Township to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians who have and continue to do so much to make Canada the culturally diverse nation it is today.

----Carried----

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. BY-LAWS

a. By-law 2021-01

Resolution No: CR008-2021 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2021-01, that being a By-law to authorize municipal borrowing for current expenditures for 2021; 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 2021-02

Resolution No: CR009-2021 Moved by: White Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2021-02, that being a By-law to authorize the levy and collection of an interim tax on all properties and property classes, and to establish the date(s) for payment of taxes, and to provide for penalty and interest; 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: CR010-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson

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)]*
- *Acquisition or Disposition of Land [Municipal Act 2001, s.239(2)(c)]*
- *Litigation or Potential Litigation [Municipal Act 2001, s.239(2)(e)];*
- *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 4:19 p.m. This portion of the meeting was not open to the public.

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

Motion to Rise and Report from Closed Session Meeting of January 20, 2021.

Resolution No: CR011-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at 5:42 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: CR012-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: White

*Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report PW001-21 be received; and
That Council's consideration on this matter be deferred to a future meeting in
February 2021.*

----Carried----

- b. **IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUALS [s. 239(2)(b)]
ADVICE SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE [s.239(2)(f)]
Confidential Staff Report CAO002-21 submitted by the Chief Administrative
Officer, re: Thornton Union Cemetery.**

Resolution No: CR013-2021 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report CAO002-21 be received.

----Carried----

- c. POTENTIAL LITIGATION [s. 239(2)(e)]
Confidential Staff Report CAO003-21 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Agricultural Rehabilitation.**

Resolution No: CR014-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that the Confidential Staff Report CAO003-21 be received; and That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to proceed with Option No. 3 as outlined in this Confidential Staff Report.

----Carried----

- d. DISPOSITION OF LAND [s. 239(2)(c)]
Confidential Staff Report CAO004-21 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Sale of Essa Street by Direct Sale to Neighbours.**

Resolution No: CR015-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that the Confidential Staff Report CAO004-21 be received; and That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to proceed with Option No. 2 as contained in this Confidential Staff Report and to sell Essa Street in Angus by direct sale to neighbouring landowners.

----Carried----

- e. IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUALS [s.239(2)(b)]
LITIGATION [s.239(2)(e)]
Confidential Staff Report CAO006-21 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: File No. HRT0 2020-40422-I.**

Resolution No: CR016-2021 Moved by: White Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report CO006-21 be received; and That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to proceed with Option No. 3 as outlined in this Confidential Report.

----Carried----

12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

By-law 2021-03

Resolution No: CR017-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2021-03, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this 20th day of January, 2021; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

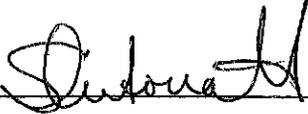
----Carried----

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

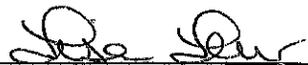
Resolution No: CR018-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that this regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 5:46 p.m. to meet again on the 3rd day of February, 2021 following Committee of the Whole.

-----Carried-----



Sandie Macdonald, Mayor



Lisa Lehr, Clerk