

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

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020  
MINUTES**

A Meeting of Council was held virtually on Wednesday, November 18, 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)  
J. Coleman, Manager of Parks and Recreation (electronic)  
C. Traynor Treasurer (electronic)  
L. Lehr, Clerk (electronic)  
K. Pascoe, Deputy Clerk (electronic)

**1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

**3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS**

**Resolution No: CR200-2020 Moved by: Smith 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 Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020 be adopted as circulated.*

**----Carried----**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**INFORMATION ITEMS (Section A of Consent Agenda)**

**Resolution No: CR201-2020 Moved by: White Seconded by: Sander**

*Be it resolved that the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated November 18, 2020 be received for information; and  
That Item A13 be moved to section B of the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

**----Carried----**

**ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION (Section B of Consent Agenda)**

**Resolution No: CR202-2020 Moved by: White Seconded by: Sander**

*Be it resolved that the correspondence and information in respect of Bill 229 Schedule 6 and Proposed Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act be received; and That Council supports a resolution being brought forward under Section 7 "Motions" of this Regular Meeting.*

**---Carried---**

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Healthy Community Committee**

**Resolution No: CR203-2020 Moved by: White Seconded by: Sander**

*Be it resolved that the minutes of the Healthy Community Committee from their meeting of October 16, 2020 be received.*

**---Carried---**

**6. PETITIONS**

**7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**Resolution No: CR204-2020 Moved by: White Seconded by: Sander**

**a. Bill 229 "Protect, Support and Recover from COVID19 Act – Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act"**

*WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act; and*

*WHEREAS the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications; and*

*WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act; and*

*WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without CA watershed data and expertise; and*

*WHEREAS the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs; and*

*WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on CA Boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the CA Board should be duly elected; and*

*WHEREAS the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a CA board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed; and*

*WHEREAS conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative; and*

*WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process; and*

*WHEREAS municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority's work to ensure safe drinking water;*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

- *THAT the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229)*
- *THAT the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth*
- *THAT the Province respect the current conservation authority and municipal relationships; and*
- *THAT the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.*

----Carried----

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. BY-LAWS**

**a. By-law 2020-66**

**Resolution No: CR205-2020 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Smith**

*Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2020-66, that being a By-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an Agreement with the Alliston and District Humane Society for Poundkeeping Services, 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 2020-67**

**Resolution No: CR206-2020 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: White**

*Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2020-67, that being a By-law to appoint a Manager of Public Works for the Corporation of the Township of Essa; 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: CR207-2020 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: White**

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

- *Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual [s.239(2)(b)].*

**----Carried----**

Council proceeded into Closed Session at 7:19 p.m. The Mayor informed members of the public that were watching livestream, that the livestream will stop while Council is in Closed Session Deliberations, and that it will reconvene when Council rises.

**Motion to Rise and Report from Closed Session Meeting of November 18, 2020.**

**Resolution No: CR208-2020 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Henderson**

*Be it resolved that Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at 7:27 p.m.*

**----Carried----**

- a. PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUALS [s.239(2)(b)]  
Confidential Staff Report CAO058-20 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Personnel Matter.**

**Resolution No: CR209-2020 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Smith**

*Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report CAO058-20 be received;  
and*

*That Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to proceed with Option No. 1 as outlined in this Confidential Staff Report.*

**----Carried----**

**12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**By-law 2020-68**

**Resolution No: CR210-2020 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Henderson**

*Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2020-68, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.*

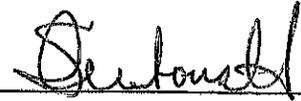
**----Carried----**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No: CR211-2020    Moved by: Smith    Seconded by: Henderson**

*Be it resolved that this regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 7:29 p.m. to meet again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020 following Committee of the Whole.*

**----Carried----**

  
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Sandie Macdonald, Mayor

  
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Lisa Lehr, Clerk