THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA VIRTUAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 6:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

- 1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR
- 2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
- 3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS
 - a. Delegation Michael Ryan, Simcoe County Food Council re: Raising Awareness about the Food Council
- p. 1 **b. Delegation Wes Crown, MHBC Planning** re: Update on Official Plan Review Project

STAFF REPORTS

- 4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
- p. 18 a. Staff Report PD018-21 submitted by the Manager of Planning and Development, re: Request for Proposal Results Heritage Consultants.

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- 5. PARKS AND RECREATION / COMMUNITY SERVICES
- 6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

7. PUBLIC WORKS

p. 31 a. Staff Report PW024-21 submitted by the Manager of Public Works, re: Winter Sand Tender Results.

Recommendation: Be it resolved that Staff Report PW024-21 be received; and That the tender received from DARPAK INC. for the purchase, mixing and stacking of winter sand in the amount of \$ 164,840.00 plus H.S.T be accepted as per Township specifications.

- 8. FINANCE
- 9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT / IT
- p. 34 a. Staff Report C022-21 submitted by the Manager of Legislative Services, re: By-Law Enforcement Activity Summary (May 1 August 31, 2021).

<u>Recommendation</u>: Be it resolved that Staff Report C022-21 be received for information.

p. 37 b. Staff Report C023-21 submitted by the Manager of Legislative Services, re: Municipal Modernization Program Funding – New Website.

Recommendation: Be it resolved that Staff Report C023-21 be received; and That Council accept the quote as received from eSolutionsGroup in the amount of \$20,000.00 (plus HST), and authorize staff to engage the services of eSolutionsGroup for the development of a new website.

- 10. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (C.A.O.)
- p. 54 a. Staff Report CAO039-21 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Rainbow Campground, 62 Brentwood Road.

Recommendation: Be it resolved that Staff Report CAO0391-21 be received; and further

That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to send a letter on behalf of Council to the County of Simcoe recommending that they accept the road widening which they requested August 5, 2016, fronting 62 Brentwood Road, in conjunction with their approval of the 2016 site plan pertaining to the former "campground" lands.

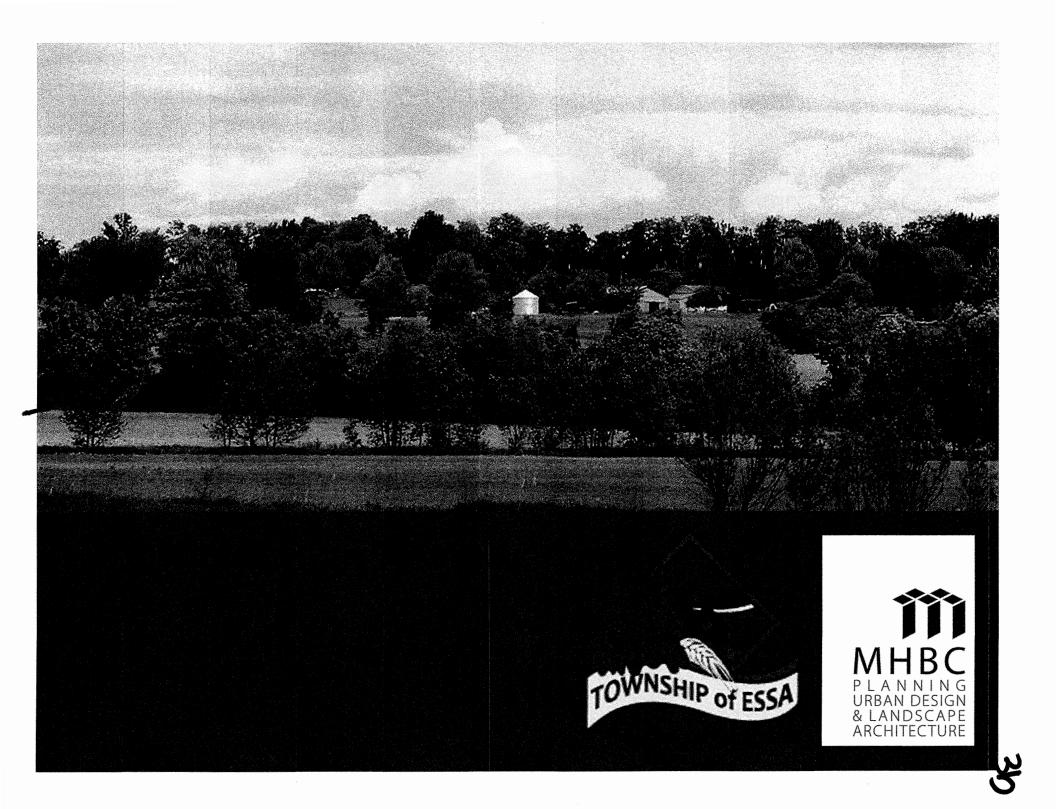
p. 58 b. Staff Report CAO041-21 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Xplornet Communications Request for a Statement of Concurrence from 6004 Scotch Line.

Recommendation: Be it resolved that Staff Report CAO041-21 be received; and further That Xplornet Communications seek an alternate location other than that presented to Council at their September 1st meeting since neighbours oppose the site at 6004 Scotch Line and it is typically preferred by the municipality if a compromise solution can be sought out, and in order to enhance land use compatibility.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. ADJOURNMENT

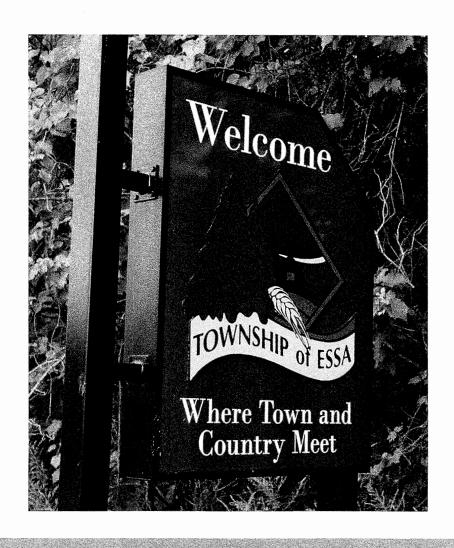
<u>Recommendation</u>: Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of the Township of Essa adjourn at _____ p.m., to meet again on the 6th day of October, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.





Open House Agenda

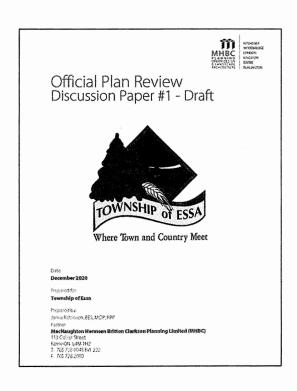
- OPR Update What has been accomplished so far
- 2. The County "MCR"
- 3. Coordinating Schedules
- 4. Revised OPR Schedule
- 5. Questions





Work Completed

- ➤ Council Kick-off Meeting Sept. '20
- ➤ Public Request for Comments and IRpase Sept 22 to Oct 6
- ➤ Visioning Sessions October 27/20
- ➤ Discussion Paper #1 released Dec 2020 for 4 week comment period







Work Completed

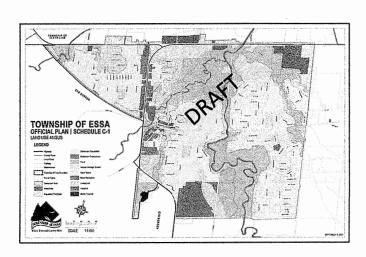
- ➤ Discussion Paper #2 released March 2021
- > Finalsaring draft new OP schedules Spring/Summer 2021



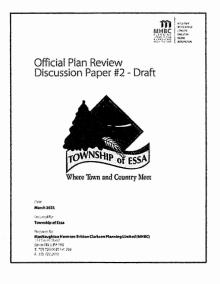
- Spring/Summer 2021

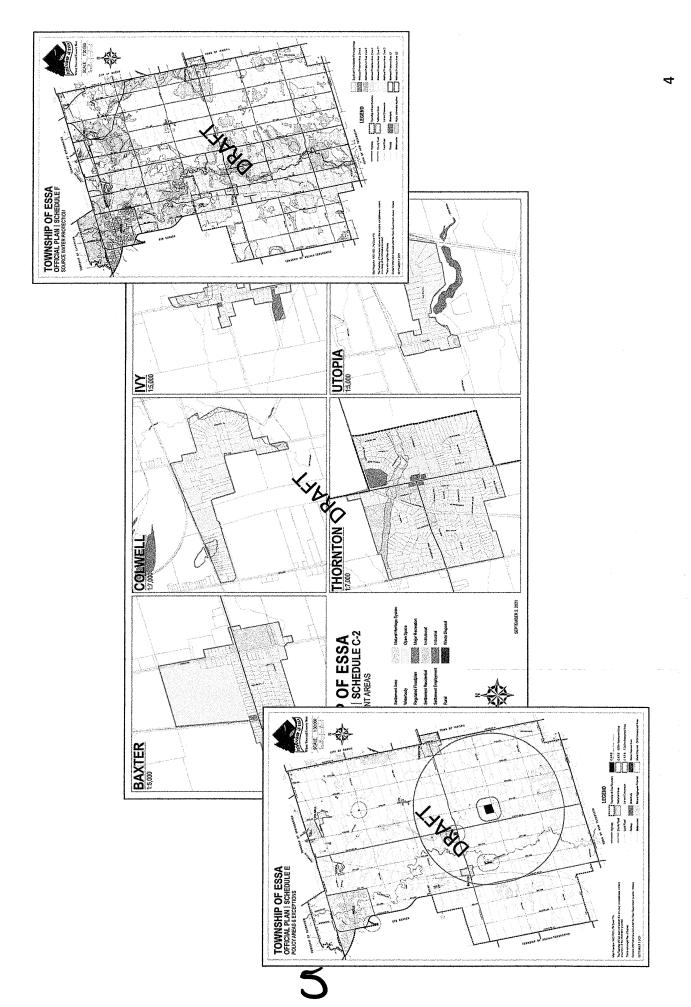












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TOWNSHIP OF ESSA OFFICIAL PLAN

A INTRODUCTION

B VISION, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

- B.1 INTRODUCTION
- B.2 RURAL ESSA
- B.3 NATURAL ESSA
- B.4 GROWING ESSA
- B.4 CONNECTING ESSA B.5 RESILIENT ESSA

C LAND USE STRUCTURE AND GROWTH MANAGEN

- C.1 INTRODUCTION
- C.2 RURAL ESSA
- C3 NATURAL ESSA
- C.4 SETTLEMENTS
- C.4 CONNECTING ESSA
- C.5 CFB BORDEN

D LAND USE DESIGNATIONS

- D.1 INTRODUCTION
- D.2 AGRICULTURAL
- D.3 RURAL
- DA: NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM
- D.S. SETTLEMENT AREA DESIGNATIONS
 - D.S.). SETTLEMENT RESIDENTIAL
 - D.52 SETTLEMENT COMMERCIAL
 - D.S.3 SETTLEMENT EMPLOYMENT
 - D.5.4 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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- D.5.5 OTHER SETTLEMENT DESIGNATIONS
- D.6 COUNTRYSIDE RESIDENTIAL D.7 AGGREGATE RESOURCE
- D.8 MAJOR RECREATION
- D.9 CENTRE FOR ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH EXPERIMENTS
- D.10 WASTE MANAGEMENT

E OVERLAY DESIGNATIONS

- E.1 INTRODUCTION
- E.2 SOURCE WATER PROTECTION
- E3 MINERAL AGGREGATE POTENTIAL AREAS
- EA WASTE DISPOSAL ASSESSMENT AREAS
- E.5 CONSERVATION AUTHORITY REGULATORY LIMITS
- E.6 EXCEPTIONS

F GENERAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

- F.1 LAND USE COMPATIBILITY
- F.2 CLIMATE CHANGE AND CLIMATE ADAPTION
- F.3 ENERGY CONSERVATION
- F.4 HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
- F.5 HOUSING CHOICE AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY
- F.5 EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT LANDS
- F.6. HERITAGE RESOURCES
- F.7 COMMUNITY DESIGN
- F.8 COMMUNITY FACILITIES
- F.9 PARKS AND TRAILS
- F.10 NATURAL HAZARDS
- F.11 HUMAN-MADEHAZARDS
- F.12 URBAN FORESTRY

G INFRASTRUCTURE

- G.1 INTRODUCTION
- G.2 WASTEWATER SERVICING
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- G.5 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
- 6.6 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

ATTACHMENT 2

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- G.7 TRANSIT
- G.8 UTILITIES AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

H IMPLEMENTATION

- H.1 INTRODUCTION
- H.2 INTERPRETATION
- H.3 OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW, IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING
- H.4 PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT
- H.5 COMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND PRECONSULTATION
- H.6 BY-LAWS
- H.7 URBAN DESIGN, ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL AND SITE PLAN CONTROL
- H.8 LAND DIVISION AND COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
- H.9 EXISTING USES NON-CONFORMING AND NON-COMPLYING
- H.10 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLANS
- H.11 MASTER PLANS
- H.12 PARKLAND DEDICATION AND ACQUISTION
- H.13 PUBLIC USES
- H.14 TRANSITION
- H.15 DEFINITIONS

SCHEDULES

- Schedule A Land Use and Settlement Structure
- Schedule B Land Use
- Schedule C1 Urban Settlement Area Angus
- Schedule C2 Urban and Rural Settlement Areas (Urban Settlement Areas Angus,
- Thornton & Baxter; Rural Settlement Areas Ivy, Utopia & Colwell)
- Schedule D Transportation
- Schedule E Overlay Designations/Policy Areas/Exceptions
- Schedule F Source Water Protection
- Schedule G Conservation Authority Regulation Limits

APPENDICIES

Work Completed

➤ Draft Technical Memorandum regarding Settlement Area Boundary Expansions – Spring/Summer 2021 Phase 1





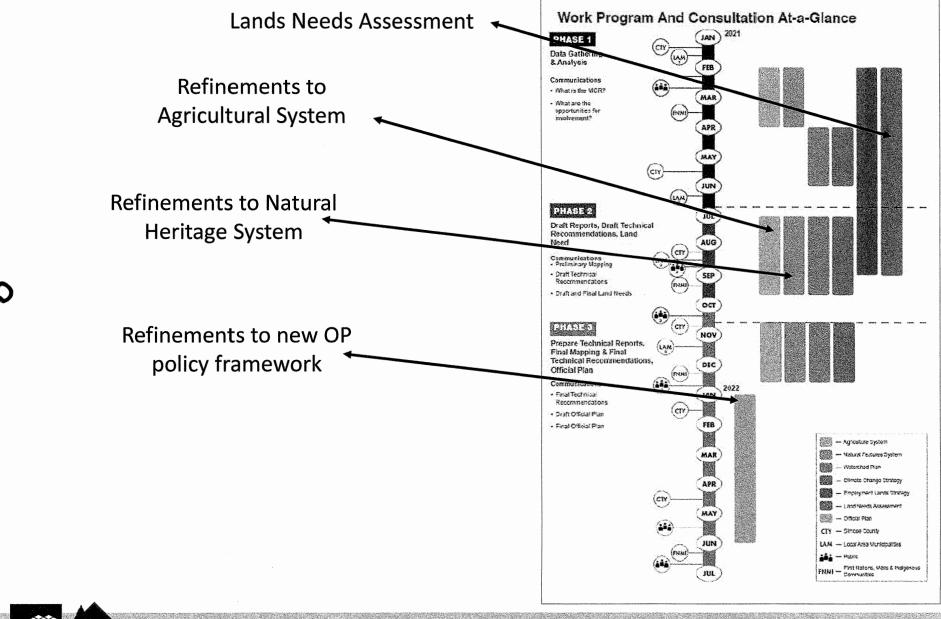




THE COUNTY "MCR"



County MCR

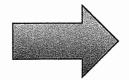






County MCR

- Will determine need for additional lands for growth to 2051 in Essa
- Will establish density and intensification targets for settlement areas
- Will determine Primary Agricultural Areas for County and Essa
- Will define Natural Heritage System (outside SA's) for County and Essa



Incorporate these directions in OPR or as follow up amendments?



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COORDINATING SCHEDULES



Benefits

 Should better ensure conformity between New Essa OP and County MCR work – quicker approval process!



- Minimize or eliminate need for follow-up OPAs to New Essa OP
- Consistent and coordinated messaging between Essa OPR process and County MCR
- No impact on budget



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Revised Schedule

Updated Work Plan (August 9, 2021)					&			7.7				
Township of Essa - Official Plan					MHB(n. 75*				
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Phase 2 - Draft Official Plan								· 经 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
9 Preparation of Oraft Official Plan & Land Use Schedules												
10 Preparation of Draft Discussion Paper #3												
11 Provide Draft to Township & County for Review												
12 Project Team Meeting/Council Meeting												
13 Open House #2												
14 Discussion Paper #4 - What We Heard at Open House				- Y								
15 Project Team Meeting/Council Meeting)	- 11								
16 Finalize Draft Official Plan			8	_								
17 Statutory Public Meeting			3									
Phase 3 - Final Official Plan			()	10 TE								
18 Discussion Paper #5 - What We Heard at Public Meeting												
19 Project Team Meeting/Council Meeting												
20 Preparation of Final Official Plan												
21 Adoption of New Official Plan												

Notes Act requires we provide county 90 days with draft OP before we give notice of public meeting; Open House can happen during the 90 days; Public meeting happens 20 days after the giving of notice;



NEXT STEPS



Next Steps

Draft the new Official Plan Public Engagement & Consolation

Final
Adoption of
New Essa
Official Plan

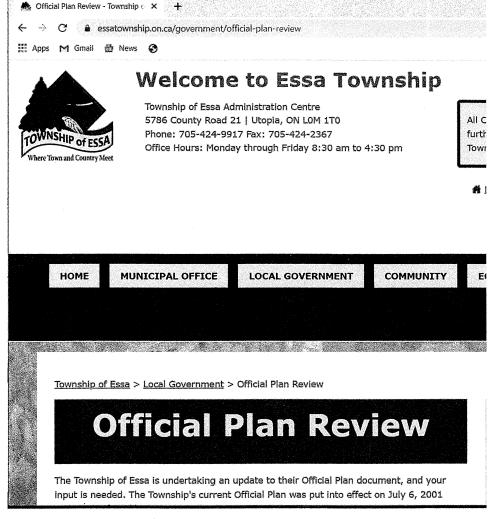
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Questions about OPR?

officialplan@essatownship.on.ca 705-424-9917 ext. 111



QUESTIONS?







TOWNSHIP OF ESSA STAFF REPORT

STAFF REPORT NO.:

PD018-21

DATE:

September 15th, 2021

TO:

Committee of the Whole

FROM:

Aimee Powell, BURPI., MPA, MCIP, RPP Manager of Planning & Development

SUBJECT:

Request for Proposal Results -

Heritage Consultants

RECOMMENDATION

That Staff Report PD018-21 be received; and

That Council consider authorizing Archeological Research Associates Ltd. (ARA) and Archeological Services Inc. (ASI) as Heritage Consultants on behalf of the Township to peer review Heritage Impact Assessments that accompany Planning Applications. This service would be retained on an as needed basis whereas all costs will be charged back to the landowner, developer or proponents of the application that the work pertains to.

BACKGROUND

As the Planning and Development Department has been processing varied *Planning Act* Applications, there has been a noticeable need to have qualified professionals in the field of Cultural Heritage Studies to review, comment on, and provide approval for certain studies or plans received. Through Staff's formalization of Pre-Consultation meetings, a studies list is derived and provided to applicants to assist them in being able to provide a complete submission for their Planning Act application proposals.

Archeological Site Assessments, Cultural Heritage Impact Studies, and Heritage Impact Assessments, are items that Staff can require for a complete application submission through the Pre-Consultation process. However, through making these asks of applicants, Staff want to ensure that a qualified professional can review, provide comment and assist in the approval of the subject applications. In order to review these documents appropriately, a qualified professional is required to assist. Review of this nature cannot be substantiated with the current staff complement. Therefore, Staff deem it necessary to have Consultant resources that are qualified and able to review required submission materials in this regard.

On July 12th, 2021, a Request for Peer Review Submissions was posted on the website Biddingo to gather interest for a Heritage Consultant, to act as peer reviewer for the Township. This Request was posted for approximately four weeks and was active until 2:00PM on Thursday August 12th, 2021.

In total, the Township received three proposal submissions, and has conducted a review of each proposal in order to assess the preferred candidates. It is suggested that two consultants be retained so that if a conflict of interest was to arise, Staff would have the opportunity to utilize an alternate consultant instead.

Interested consultants were tasked with providing a scope of their working capabilities and pricing in relation to their services (including hourly rates, review rates, mileage rates etc.). This information has been extracted to assist in the analysis below.

COMMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Township Staff collected a total of three submissions during the 24-business day posting period. Submissions were received from:

- Archaeological Research Associates Ltd. (ARA)
- Archeological Services Inc. (ASI); and
- WSP

Four categories (fees, location, previous experience, and resources available) were used to guide Staff's review and analysis.

A review of fees has been determined for each firm, where rates have not been provided this was determined from the breakdown of other fees (i.e., internal meeting rates, plans review, etc.).

A review of each firms' location has been undertaken to assess the proximity to the Township Municipal Office to better understand any mileage which might be incurred, adding to project costs of the applicant and to gain an understanding of the firms' local knowledge.

It was important to assess the previous experience of each firm, which assists in gaining an understanding of each firms' local knowledge and experience.

Finally, resources available refers to the number of staff available to assist in peer review. Those larger firms, with additional staff members available to assist were more desirable, as there would be additional junior and intermediate-level staff available, at lower rates, to support review. This would ensure that work was completed in a cost-effective manner.



A table was completed (see below), to assist in Staff's review of all consultant submissions. Each firm has been given a score from 1 to 5, 1 being the lowest score, or least suitable, and 5, being the highest scored, or most suitable.

The bidders with the two highest scores are recommended to be retained as the Township consulting resources, so that should a conflict arise, Staff are able to work with a suitable qualified alternate in this regard.

Heritage Consultant Submissions:

Bidder	Fees	Location	Previous Experience	Resources Available (i.e. Staff)	Total Ranked Score
ASI	5	4	5	2	16
ARA	5	3	5	2	15
WSP	4	0	5	1	10

^{*}the shaded rows indicate the desired consulting firms

As indicated on the table above, both ASI and ARA have scored the highest. Therefore, Staff recommend these two consultants be selected to assist with Peer Reviews that are to be undertaken concerning Heritage Impact Assessments and their related work.

In conclusion, Township Staff have identified the need for the professional review services of a Heritage Consultant. As these services cannot be provided for internally, Township Staff are seeking external consultants to conduct peer reviews to support *Planning Act* submissions. Staff recommends Council authorize both ASI and ARA to act as Township Peer Reviewing Heritage Consultants.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There will be no costs incurred by the Township of Essa in association with the request of this report. All invoices sent to the Township by ASI and ARA for the purposes of conducting peer review services will be charged back to the landowner, developer or proponent of the application that work pertains to.

Manager of Finance Approval:



SUMMARY/OPTIONS

Council may:

- 1. Take no further action.
- 2. Authorizing Archeological Research Associates Ltd. (ARA) and Archeological Services Inc. (ASI) as Heritage Consultants on behalf of the Township to peer review Heritage Impact Assessments that accompany Planning Applications. This service would be retained on an as needed basis whereas all costs will be charged back to the landowner, developer or proponents of the application that the work pertains to.
- 3. Direct Staff in another manner as Council deems appropriate.

CONCLUSION

Option #2 is recommended.

Prepared by:

Respectfully submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Elizabeth Davis

Elizabeth Davis, CPT Planning Technician

Aimee Powell BURPI, MPA, MCIP,

RPP

Manager of Planning &

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TOWNSHIP OF ESSA STAFF REPORT

STAFF REPORT NO.:

PD019-21

DATE:

September 15th, 2021

TO:

Committee of the Whole

FROM:

Aimee Powell, BURPI., MPA, MCIP, RPP Manager of Planning & Development

SUBJECT:

Part Lot Control, Plan 51M-1130 Lancaster Homes

East Part Lot 31, Concession 3, Angus

RECOMMENDATION

That Staff Report PD019-21 be received; and

That Council consider adopting a Part Lot Control By-law in order for Part Lot Control, as prescribed by Section 50 of the *Planning Act*, to be applied to permit for the division of Lots 14-17 and 24-28 of Plan 51M-1130, into Semi-Detached units for Lancaster Homes at East Part Lot 31, Concession 3, Angus.

BACKGROUND

SanDiego Homes and the Township of Essa entered into a Subdivision Agreement on October 16th, 2017 and the plan of subdivision was registered on November 7th, 2017. This subdivision plan has 72 Blocks and Lots, and a mix of residential homes including single-detached homes, semi-detached homes, and townhouse blocks. SanDiego Homes has since sold lots, including but not limited to the subject lots, to Lancaster Homes, who have recently submitted a request for Part Lot Control to be applied to Lots 14-17 and 24-28 of Subdivision Plan 51M-1130. (See Attachment 'A' for a copy of the Builder's Letter of Request).

As common practice, it is expected that a Builder seeks Part Lot Control approval when dealing with townhouses and/or semi-detached homes sharing blocks or lots within a Plan of Subdivision.

COMMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The Builder has provided Staff with the Registered M (Subdivision) Plan prepared by Eplett Worobec Raikes Surveying Ltd, and the preliminary Registered Plans prepared by J.D. Barnes Limited, for the lands within 51M-1130 Blocks & Lots 1-46. Staff has reviewed the Plans provided and finds them acceptable in addition to subsequent

amendments to the Township's Zoning By-law 2003-50, in regard to the nature of this request. (See Attachment B for Plan 51M-1130, and Attachments C through E for the scoped surveys pertaining to the subject lots of this request).

Staff has no objection to supporting the Builder's request for Part Lot Control so that the lots can be sold individually. Attachment F is a copy of the Part-Lot Control By-law.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No financial impact. The Builder is responsible for paying all legal fees associated with registering the appropriate By-law on title. The appropriate application and required deposit fees to support this request have been received by the Township.

Reviewed by Finance Department:

SUMMARY/OPTIONS

Council may:

- 1. Take no further, action which may prevent the sale of the homes within Lots 14-17 and 24-28 of Plan 51M-1130.
- 2. Adopt a Part Lot Control By-law in order for Part Lot Control, as prescribed by Section 50 of the *Planning Act*, to be applied to permit for the division of Lots 14-17 and 24-28 of Plan 51M-1130, into Semi-Detached units for Lancaster Homes at East Part Lot 31, Concession 3, Angus.
- 3. Deny the request of the builder, with reasons.

CONCLUSION

Option 2 is recommended.

Respectfully submitted:

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Aimee Powell BURPI., MPA, MCIP, RPP Manager of Planning & Development Reviewed by:

Colleen Healey-Dowdall

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Attachments:

- A. Letter of Request from Lancaster Homes for Part Lot Control approval
- B. Plan 51M-1130
- C. Scoped Survey Plan 51M-1130, Plan 51R-43073 Lots 14-17
- D. Scoped Survey Plan 51M11-30, Plan 51R-42939 Lots 24-27
- E. Scoped Survey Plan 51M-1130, Plan 51R-43081 Lot 28



F. Part Lot Control By-law



ATTACHMENT 'A'



September 2, 2021

Aimee Powell
Manager of Planning and Development
Essa Township
5786 Simcoe Road 21
Utopia, Essa Township
L0M 1T0

Re: San Diego Homes Subdivision Agreement – Angus Registered Plan 51M-1130 Part-Lot-Control Exemption By-Law J.D. Barnes Ref. No. 20-11-797-00

Dear Aimee:

On behalf of Lancaster Homes we wish to apply to have a Part-Lot-Control Exemption By-law registered to allow for the sales of the linked (semi-detached) units for the following Lots:

<u>Plan 51M-1130</u>: Lots: 14, 15, 16, 17, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

Please find enclosed a print of Plans 51R-43073, 51R-42939 and 51R-43081, showing the proposed division lines of the units, a copy of Registered Plan 51M-1130. A cheque from Lancaster Homes (in the amount of \$2,350.00) for the application fee, will be delivered to your office.

We trust this is satisfactory for your requirements, should you have any questions please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

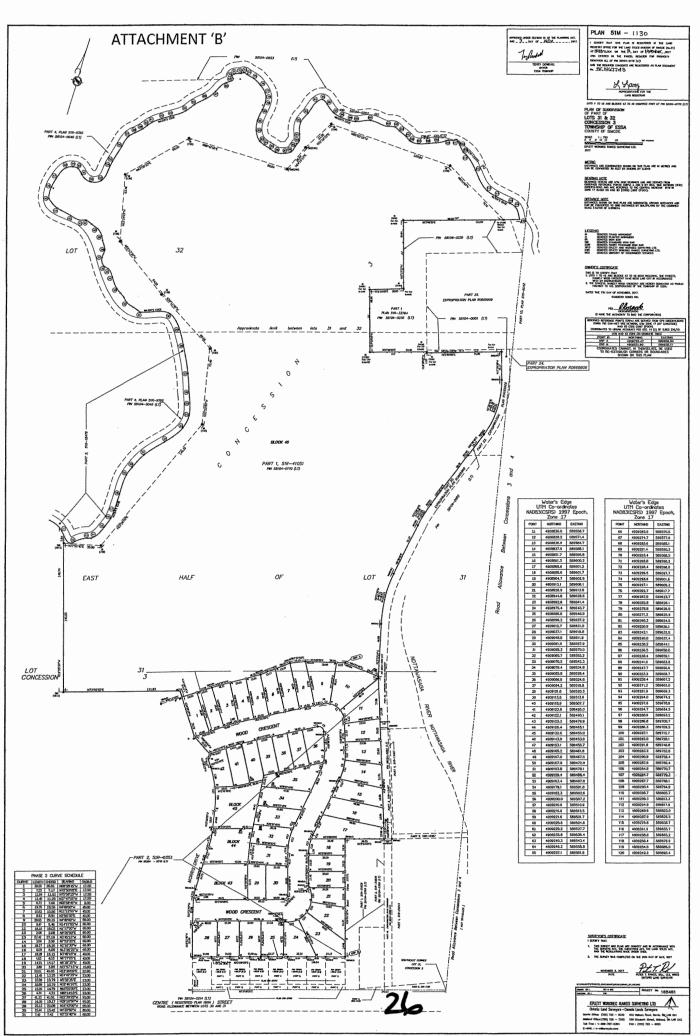
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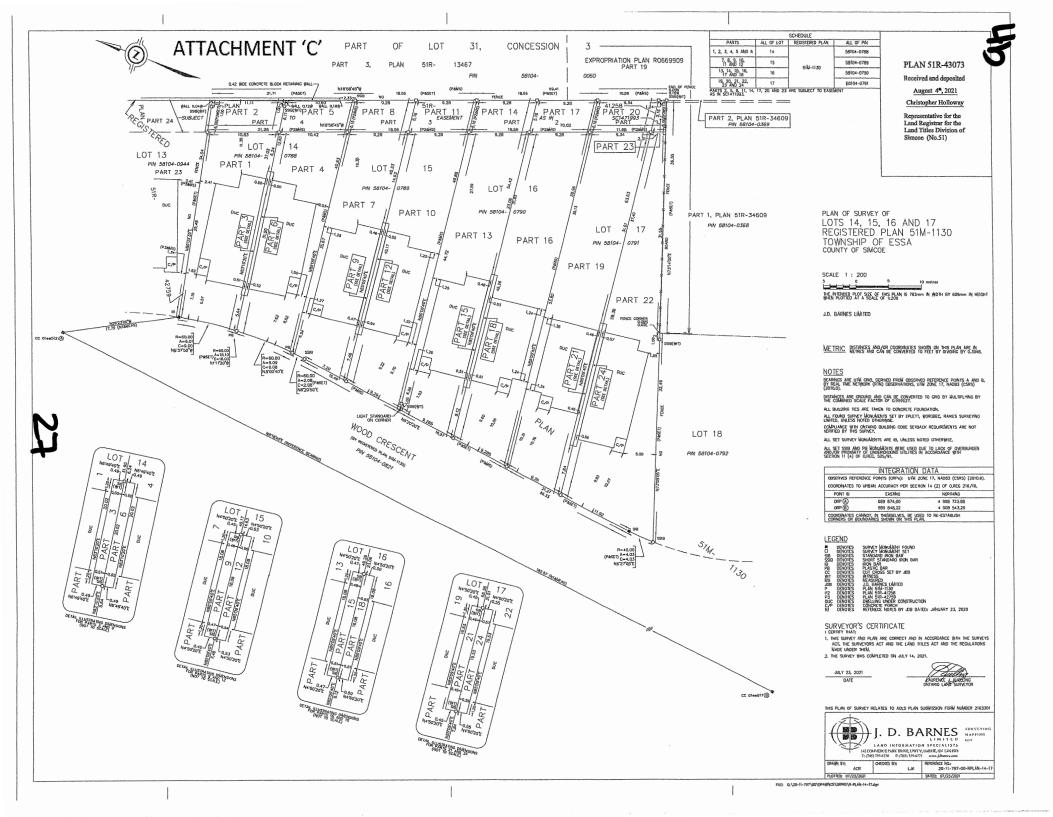
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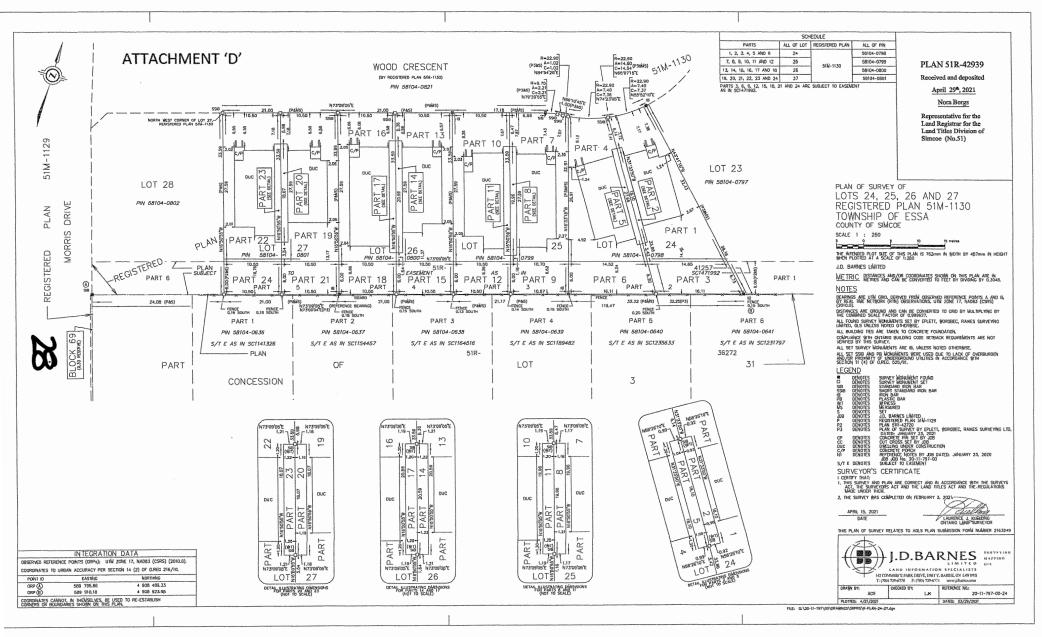
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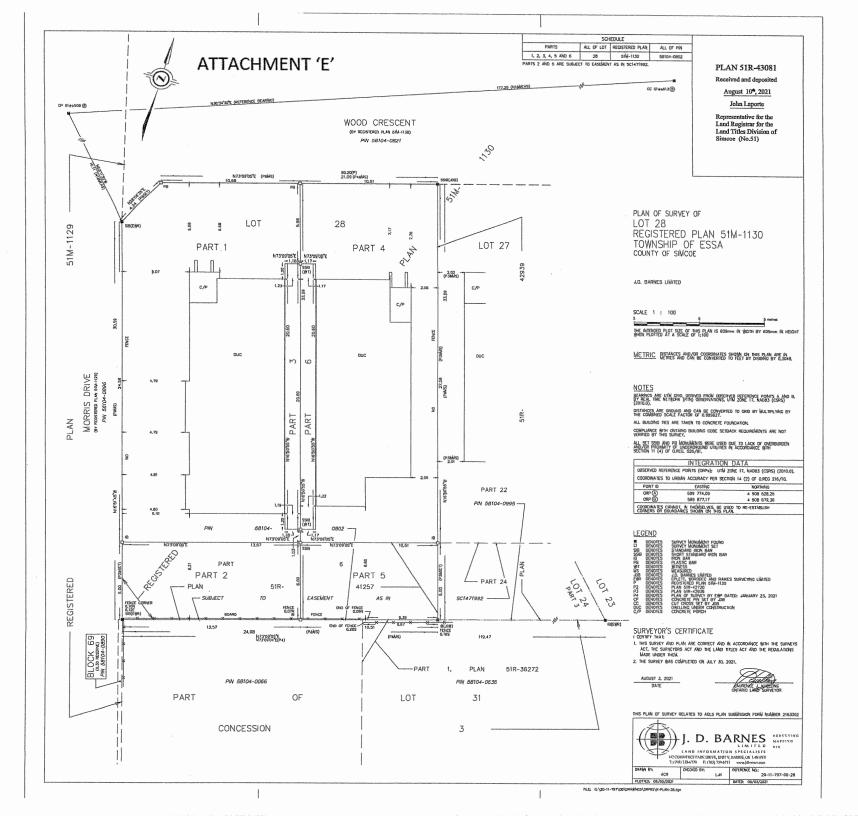
c. Alan Zheng, Lancaster Homes David Ribeiro, Lancaster Homes











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ATTACHMENT F

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA

BY-LAW NO. 2021 -

A By-law of The Corporation of the Township of Essa to remove Lots 14-17 and 24-28 Plan 51M-1130 from the Part Lot Control Provisions of the Planning Act.

WHEREAS Subsection 50(7) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 provides that the Council of a local municipality may by by-law provide that Subsection 50(5) does not apply to land that is within such Plan or Plans of Subdivision or part or parts thereof as is or are designated in the by-law, and where the by-law is approved by the County of Simcoe, Subsection 50(5) ceases to apply to such lands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of The Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby enacts as follows:

1. Subsection 50(5) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 does not apply to the following lands in the Township or Essa.

Lots 14-17 and 18, and Lots 24-28 of Plan 51M-1130

- 2. This By-law shall come into force and effect after the requirements of Subsection 50(7) have been complied with.
- 3. This By-law shall be registered on title in the Land Registry Office for the County of Simcoe.

READ A FIRST TIME AND TAKEN AS READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

Sandie Macdonald, Mayor
Lisa Lehr, Clerk
LISA LETTI, CICTA



TOWNSHIP OF ESSA STAFF REPORT

STAFF REPORT NO.:

PW024-21

DATE:

September 15, 2021

TO:

Committee of the Whole

FROM:

Michael Mikael., Manager of Public Works

SUBJECT:

Winter Sand Tender Results

RECOMMENDATION

That Staff Report PW024-21 be received; and

That the tender received from **DARPAK INC**. for the purchase, mixing and stacking of winter sand in the amount of \$ 164,840.00 plus H.S.T be accepted as per the Township specifications.

BACKGROUND

The Tender document was posted on the $\,$ Biddingo website on August 16 th , 2021 and closed on September 3 rd , 2021

COMMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

There was a total of 3 bids received. The 3 bids are summarized below.

	Bidder	Total Tende
1.	JOHN EEK & SON LTD.	\$170,950.00
2.	DUIVENVOORDEN HAULAGE LTD.	\$169,000.00
3	DARPAK INC.	\$164.840.00

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

Council approved **\$205,000.00** in the 2021 Roads Maintenance Operating Budget. There is **\$165,819.08** remaining in this account.

Manager of Finance

SUMMARY / OPTIONS

Council may

- 1. Take no action
- 2. Award the tender to **DARPAK INC**. in the amount of **164,840.00** plus H.S.T
- 3. Do not award the tender to **DARPAK INC**. and select another bidder to complete the work based on reasons to be specified by Council

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that option 2 be approved. Given that this is the low bid, and the Township has not had any previous problems with this supplier.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Michael Mikael, P.Eng Manager of Public Works Colleen Healey-Dowdall
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments:

1. Summary of Bidders





2021 WINTER SAND SCREENING/TRUCKING/MIXING Opening Results – September 3rd ,2021

2021 Budget: \$205,000.00

BIDDER	TENDER DEPOSIT	TOTAL TENDER (not including HST)
JOHN EEK & SON LTD.	\$10,000.00	\$170,950.00
DUIVENVOORDEN HAULAGE LTD.	\$10,000.00	\$169,000.00
DARPAK INC.	\$10,000.00	\$164,840.00

Attended by: Michael Mikael, Manager of Public Works Debbie Dollmaier, Public Works Co-Ordinator



TOWNSHIP OF ESSA STAFF REPORT

STAFF REPORT NO.:

C022-21

DATE:

September 15, 2021

TO:

Committee of the Whole

FROM:

Lisa Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services

SUBJECT:

By-law Enforcement Activity Summary (May 1-August 31,

2021)

RECOMMENDATION

That Staff Report C022-21 be received for information.

BACKGROUND

As Council is aware, the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers (MLEO) receive various calls, emails and visits from residents, external agencies, department managers and members of Council in respect of inquiries and/or concerns regarding municipal by-laws and/or alleged infractions, whereby the MLEO commences an investigation to determine:

- a) validity of complaint; and,
- b) necessary steps to be taken to achieve compliance, once the infraction has been validated (ie: the issuance of Notices, Orders, Fines and/or Charges to address the validated infractions).

COMMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

This report has been generated to provide Council with a quarterly summary in respect of By-law Enforcement activity.

Between May 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021, there were 269 phonecalls and/or emails to Municipal Law Enforcement Officers which resulted in a breakdown of 157 complaints being filed with Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, 68 inquiries (ie: about specific Bylaws or infraction notices), and 44 callers being referred to other departments or agencies.

The following is the breakdown of the concerns/inquiries received during this timeframe:

Category	Complaints Received	Inquiries
ATVs / Dirtbikes	3	1
Firearms	3	3
Burning	2	
Other (Wildlife, chickens, cats,	12	28
drones, boulevard maintenance		
etc.)		
Untidy	29	8

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Noise	20	1	
Canine Control (Barking,	34 4		
Licensing, Dog Bite, RAL, etc.)			
Fireworks	11	19	
Parking	38	4	
Illegal Dumping	5		
Referred to Public Works	11		
Department			
Referred to Zoning Department	15		
Referred to Building Department	12		
Referred to External Agency (OPP,	6		
Health Unit)			

[It should be noted that some of the calls/emails/concerns reported during the specified timeframe are from repeat callers, and in some cases contain multiple complaints of infractions (ie: one caller may lodge multiple complaints about different by-law infractions, ie: barking, noise, untidy, canine control, etc.). Additionally, this report does not contain status/follow-up numbers for items that are ongoing and were lodged in the previous reporting period; this is a listing of NEW complaints/concerns only].

Breakdown of Cases Whereby Complaint was Validated which resulted in Notice/Order being Issued These cases were logged into the MOAR Tracking System to Monitor Progress & Ensure Compliance			
Canine (RAL, Dog Bites, Licensing, Barking, etc.)	23		
Noise	7		
Boulevard Maintenance	5		
Burning	2		
Untidy (weeds, long grass, miscellaneous debris, derelict vehicles)	31		
Parking	8		
Dumping	1		
Nuisance	6		
Littering	2		
Referred to other department or agency	36		
Total No. MOAR Cases opened and attached to households b/w	58 MOAR cases		
May 1 to August 31, 2021 (one MOAR case may be opened that	attached to		
contains more than one by-law infraction (ie: canine infraction and untidy infraction), but may be reported as 1 MOAR case)	households		
Average Number of Days to Gain Compliance Following First Notice/Order	17.1 days		

NOTE: This report does not contain the number of patrols conducted by MLEO nor does it contain the number of education pieces circulated to residents during this timeframe. Additionally, it does not contain statistics regarding business licensing (ie: kennels, taxis, etc.) or sign permits, and the required inspections, or the number of inspections conducted as a result of validated infractions.

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In respect of COVID-19 rules and Provincial Orders, the following is a breakdown of numbers reported to the Province during the timeframe between May 1 to August 31, 2021:

Provincial EMCPA Reporting May 1 to August 31, 2021				
Complaints / Calls	7			
Education to Individuals / Businesses	53			
Inspections Conducted (municipal parks/facilities/parking lots of private businesses/businesses upon request of health unit/etc.)	460			

[Please Note: the Province issued a Stay-At-Home Order as of April 7, 2021. SMDHU region entered into Stage 2 on July 2, 2021, and Stage 3 on July 16, 2021. Stages 2 and 3 resulted in the easing of restrictions by the Province thereby resulting in a reduced need for enforcement of COVID regulations.]

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None. This Report was provided for Council's information only.

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SUMMARY/OPTIONS

Council may:

- 1. Do nothing.
- 2. Receive the report for information.

CONCLUSION

This Report was intended to be received for information only.

Respectfully submitted:

Lisa Lehr
Clerk

Reviewed by:

Colleen Healey-Dowdall
Chief Administrative Officer

TOWNSHIP OF ESSA STAFF REPORT

STAFF REPORT NO.:

C023-21

DATE:

September 15, 2021

TO:

Committee of the Whole

FROM:

Lisa Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services

SUBJECT:

Municipal Modernization Program Funding – Purchase of New

Website

RECOMMENDATION

That Staff Report C023-21 be received; and

That Council accept the quote as received from eSolutionsGroup in the amount of \$20,000.00 (plus HST), and authorize staff to engage the services of eSolutionsGroup for the development of a new website.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of March 3, 2021, Council received the IT and Digital Strategic Plan ("ITDS Plan") as prepared by Perry Group Consultants. The following motion was passed.

Staff Report C007-21 submitted by the Manager of Legislative Services, re: Information Technology and Digital Strategic Plan.

Resolution No: CW017-2021 Moved by: White

Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that Staff Report C007-21 be received; and

That Council approve the Information Technology and Digital Strategy, in principle; and That Council support an application being submitted for funding through the Implementation Stream of the Municipal Modernization Funding Program, to assist with initial business solution costs associated with modernization and upgrading Essa's IT systems; and

That future operating and capital budget considerations be presented to Council for consideration in forthcoming Budget Deliberations.

----Carried-----

On June 30, 2021, staff received a letter from the province (Attachment No. 1) advising that the Township's application for funding the project "C001-2021 Modernization of IT and Digital Services" was approved in the amount of \$162,500.00. As part of the application, a high-level work plan identifying high priority items was required.

COMMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

This report is being written in an effort to obtain Council approval for the purchase of a new website, at a cost of \$20,000.00 plus HST.

When the Perry Group prepared and presented the ITDS Plan to Council, they described the Township's website as lacking in terms of effective two-way communication with visitors and digital service aids. The consultant strongly recommended the municipality consider modernizing the website to allow for new customer-facing and internal-facing business solutions. This would close the current gap between resident's expectations and current website offerings. The Perry Group as well as the IT Steering Committee identified a new website as a high priority in Phase 1 of the application funding.

As the Township of Essa is a participant in the Local Authority Services (LAS) Competitive Purchasing Program, the Manager of Legislative Services contacted LAS to inquire about their cooperative procurement program for IT solutions. Through conversation it was revealed that LAS already has an agreement with eSolutionsGroup that allows member municipalities to purchase their accessible website builder at a discounted price. The representative also advised that LAS went through a competitive bidding process three years ago which ultimately awarded website procurement to eSolutionsGroup. Due to the competitive bidding process completed by LAS, the Township of Essa does not need to repeat this process, as long as our own Procurement Process allows it. (A copy of the LAS Cooperative Procurement Guide has been provided as Attachment No. 2).

As a result of the above, the Manager of Legislative Services contacted eSolutionsGroup to obtain a quote for a new website using a standardized website template. eSolutonsGroup quoted \$20,000.00 (the confidential breakdown of costs for services provided is included in Attachment No. 3) which falls in line with that awarded to all participating municipalities.

With regards to the municipality's Procurement and Acquisition Policy A17-01, section 18.1 states the following in respect of Cooperative or Joint Purchasing:

The Township of Essa may participate in Cooperative or Joint Purchasing with other public sector organizations such as municipalities, school boards, hospitals, etc., where it is in the best interest of the Township to do so, and where the purposes, goals and objectives of this Policy are complied with by such organizations.

The author of this report strongly believes that it is in the Township's best interests to utilize Cooperative Purchasing, such as the Agreement that is offered through LAS, for the purchase of a new website. The quote received is substantially less than that which would be received through a competitive bidding process of the Township itself. Cooperative purchasing groups and programs are more successful at obtaining real savings through purchasing power.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

\$25,000.00 was approved in the 2021 Budget to assist with implementation of priority items identified by Perry Group in the ITDS Plan. These funds are currently available in G/L 02-03-030-142-6087, and will be utilized in 2021 to assist with further implement of projects that were approved in the Township's funding application (additional details will be forthcoming in respect of customer-facing programs and internal-facing business solutions; specifically, E-billing, Online Parking Ticket Payments, Online Building Permits, to start).

\$162,500.00 was received from the province for the application which was approved through the Municipal Modernization Funding Program.



Of the funds received, the municipality is required to contribute 35%. As such, the breakdown for funds to purchase a new website through eSolutionsGroup is as follows:

Quote for New Website – \$20,000.00 (plus HST) Essa's required contribution (35%) - \$7,000.00 (one-time cost) Contribution utilizing Grant Funding (65%) - \$13,000.00

Ongoing subscription costs once the site is live would be approximately \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 per year, which will be included in future budgets.

Manager of Finance Approval:

SUMMARY/OPTIONS

Council may:

- 1. Take no further action.
- 2. Accept the quote as received from eSolutionsGroup in the amount of \$20,000.00 (plus HST); and authorize staff to engage the services of eSolutionsGroup for the development of a new website.
- Direct staff as Council deems appropriate.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that Council approve Option No. 2.

Respectfully submitted by:

lisa Lehr

Manager of Legislative Services

Reviewed by:

Colleen Healey-Dowdall

Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments:

- 1 Letter of Approval dated June 30, 2021 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- 2 LAS Cooperative Purchasing Guide
- 3 Confidential Attachment Breakdown of Costs for Services Provided from eSolutionsGroup.

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234-2021-3044

June 30, 2021

Your Worship Mayor Sandie Macdonald Township of Essa

Dear Mayor Macdonald,

Thank you for your application to the second intake of the **Municipal Modernization Program** and for your commitment to delivering modern, efficient services that are financially sustainable.

Under the implementation stream, I am pleased to inform you that the Ford government will provide funding of up to \$162,500 towards:

Township of Essa Information Technology Modernization and Service Digitization

The provincial funding is for up to 65% of total eligible costs to implement the project and complete a final report that forecasts annual savings and other efficiency outcomes by September 30, 2022.

In 2019, the Ford government launched the MMP to help small and rural municipalities modernize service delivery and identify new ways to be more efficient and effective. The impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak have made this work more important than ever. The projects selected for funding under the second intake of the Municipal Modernization Program will further support municipalities' efforts to implement efficiencies, with a focus on digital modernization, service integration, streamlining development approvals and alternative service delivery.

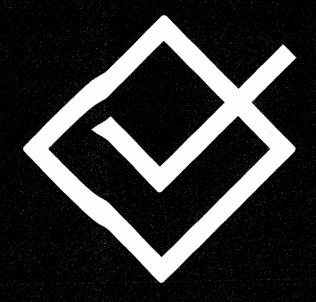
I understand how important this work will be to your community. To help you get started, an interim payment will be issued following execution of a transfer payment agreement. Ministry staff will forward instructions and a transfer payment agreement for each approved project in the coming days and will work with you to have it finalized. If you have questions, please contact your municipal advisor, or email municipal.programs@ontario.ca.

I would like to offer my congratulations on this funding approval and extend my best wishes as you work to improve service delivery and administrative efficiency in your municipality.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark Minister

c. Colleen Healey-Dowdall, CAO, Township of Essa Carol Mohr, Manager of Finance, Township of Essa Lisa Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services, Township of Essa



COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT GUIDE





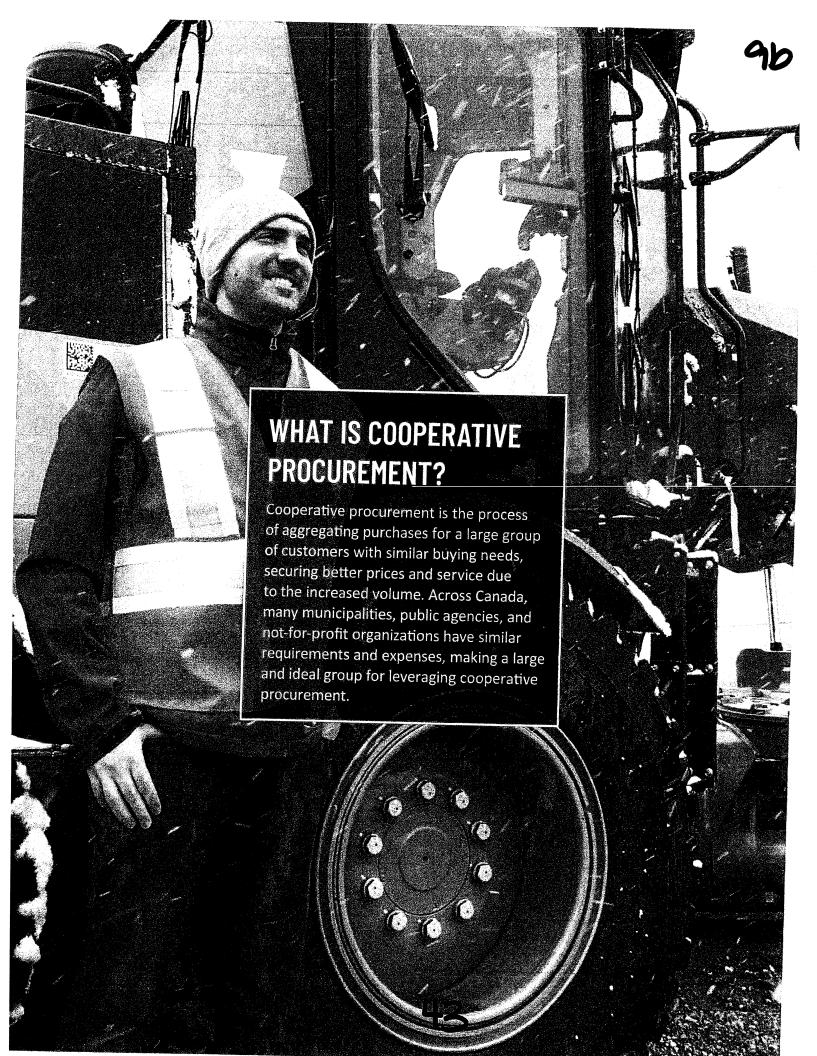


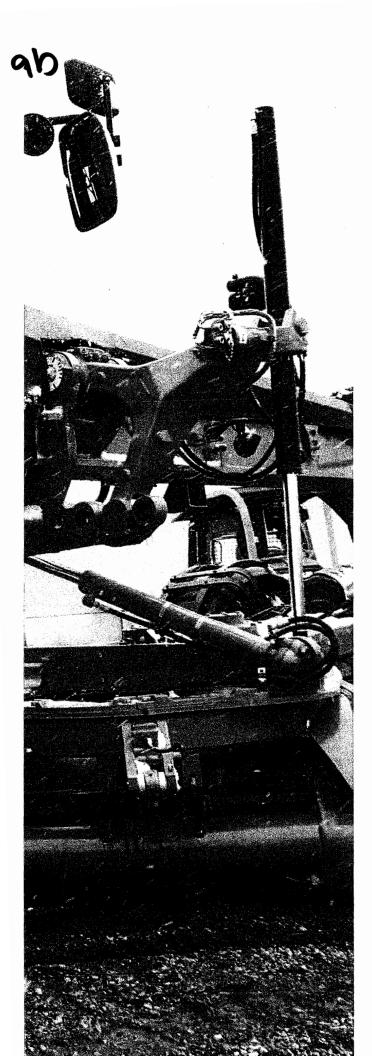














Compliant

- Open RFP process using approved tendering processes
- Satisfies CFTA and other trade legislative requirements for all members



Cooperative

- Like-minded municipal associations across the country
- Securing best value by leveraging over 5,000 member organizations in Canada



Credible

- Facilitating public sector cooperative procurement since 1936
- Not-for-profit group representing municipalities across Canada and committed to creating mutually beneficial relationships for both members and suppliers

WHAT LEGISLATION IS INVOLVED IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT?

The Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) provides legislative direction across all provinces and territories of Canada. In addition, there are three regional trade agreements that may impact procurement laws depending on your jurisdiction:

- The Atlantic Procurement Agreement (APA) for Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick
- The Ontario-Quebec Trade and Cooperation Agreement (OQTCA) for Ontario and Quebec
- The New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA) for Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia



Trade agreements (along with government directives and policies) generally require municipal purchasers to conduct open, competitive procurement processes. This requirement arises if the estimated value of the goods or services to be purchased exceeds certain value thresholds.

This means that once the value threshold is exceeded, the municipal purchaser must purchase from a contractor who is successful in a competitive process (e.g. a request for proposals, request for quotation) that is open to the entire marketplace. That competitive process must meet the requirements of applicable trade treaties, which usually involves posting notices, disclosing relevant information, running a fair evaluation process, etc.

WHAT IS A BUYING GROUP?

A 'buying group' is generally understood as a group of two or more members that combines the purchasing requirements and activities of the members of the group into one joint procurement process.

For municipal purchasers, using a buying group can have advantages that include:

- Reduced procurement process costs since group members share in the costs of running procurement processes, rather than each group member bearing the full cost;
- Access to greater resources and expertise since group members can pool procurement resources, and can centralize procurement experience; and
- Potentially better pricing since the group can leverage its combined buying power, offering suppliers greater purchase volumes.

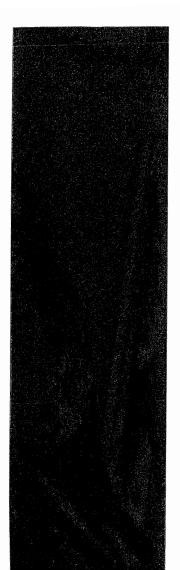
WHO IS INVOLVED IN THIS BUYING GROUP?

We are a group of municipal associations from nearly every province across the country – representing the vast majority of cities, towns, villages, counties, and other types of municipalities – creating one of the largest and most influential public sector buying groups in Canada! Due to the governmental and not-for-profit nature of the group, other public sector entities and not-for-profit groups may also be eligible to join.

We have been operating since 1936 and manage tendering, vendor relations, legal considerations, accounting, and communications on behalf of members across Canada.

As we exist to support our member municipalities, we are not-for-profit, working instead to connect members and suppliers in mutually-beneficial relationships.







HOW DO I COMPLY WITH THE LEGISLATION?

We are keenly aware of the trade agreement obligations that apply to our members. In order to ensure compliance for ourselves and our membership, we:

- actively review our policies, practices, and process documents to continually improve them based on feedback. We have also engaged external experts to review our process documents to support trade agreement compliance.
- only run open, competitive procurement processes we do not engage in invitation-only or non-competitive contract awards (we leave that to our members to decide).
- are transparent about who our members are. Each municipal association involved is able to provide a list of relevant members so that the marketplace is aware of who may purchase through awarded contracts.
- ensure our processes account for distributor networks. A network of regional
 distributors can collectively bid on opportunities, with member organizations
 entering into contracts with the applicable distributor for their region. Suppliers
 are not permitted to charge higher pricing than was proposed to us, and must
 honour the terms of the agreement.

HOW CAN I BECOME A MEMBER?

In order to join, your organization must be a municipality, public sector entity, or registered not-for-profit group. Membership gives your organization access to all cooperative procurement programs, ranging from office supplies to capital purchases, fuel to employee benefit packages, and much more!

Membership for municipalities is generally handled through your territory or province's municipal association. To join, contact the municipal association representative for your province from the contact page in this guide.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO ONCE I JOIN?

In order to make sure your organization is compliant with governing legislation, you should:

- 1. Review and update your organization's procurement policy to enable participation in group programs (if applicable).
- 2. Post an annual notice of intention of membership to your designated tendering website and link to the appropriate municipal association.
- 3. If you are a new member and intend to contract with a supplier under the cooperative procurement process, issue an Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) on your designated tendering site. For more details, including example verbiage for the above compliance pieces, contact one of our Client Relations Managers through your territory or province's municipal association. For a list of relevant contacts, see the Contact Us page at the back of this guide.



HOW DO I MAKE A PURCHASE?

Once your organization has an active account and the steps noted previously are taken, you can make a purchase through one of our programs by contacting the approved supplier of your choice and placing your order. Usually, you will need to let the supplier know that you would like to use the cooperative procurement program through your municipal association. Indicate that you are purchasing through the buying group on all correspondence and purchase orders.

For information about approved suppliers or assistance with any program, you can contact your local association's Client Relations Manager listed in the back of this guide.



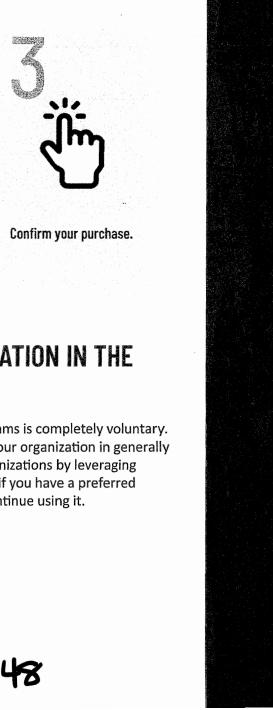
Contact the supplier online or via phone with your order.



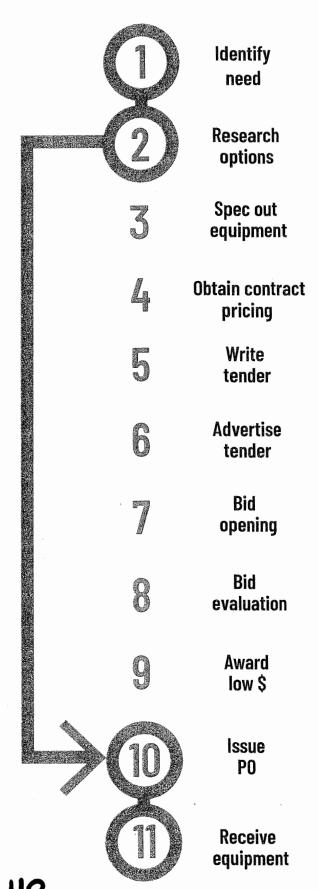
Let them know you want to use the program.

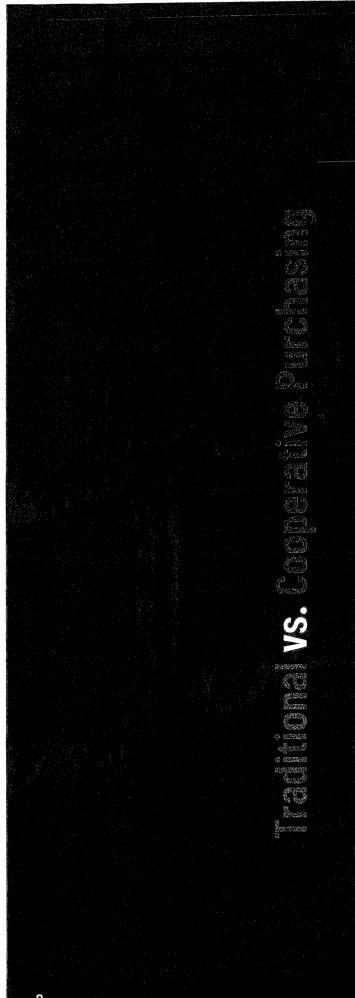
ONCE I'M A MEMBER, IS PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMS MANDATORY?

No, participation in all cooperative procurement programs is completely voluntary. You can think of the programs as tools that can assist your organization in generally securing better prices and services than individual organizations by leveraging the buying power of the entire membership. However, if you have a preferred purchasing method already in place, you are free to continue using it.



We save time and money for our suppliers and members.







WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER?



Preferred pricing

Cooperative procurement provides discounted pricing and preferred service to members due to the large volume of aggregated purchases.



Trade-compliant

All cooperative procurement processes are tendered nationally using legislated purchasing methods, meaning any buying done through the programs is compliant with the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) and regional trade agreements.



Simplified process and reduced administration

Because all programs are tendered in compliance with Canadian trade law, members using the programs are not required to go through the tendering process again on their own, reducing administration time and cost.

DO I NEED TO POST AN RFP OR GO TO TENDER?

As the RFP process is done in advance on behalf of the entire membership, you do not need to post the RFP again. Depending on the program and your local laws, however, you may need to ensure that you have posted notice of your intention to procure using a cooperative buying group on province's approved tendering system.

If you have questions, please reach out to your province's municipal association and we will help you through the process.

HOW DO YOU SELECT SUPPLIERS?

Approved suppliers are selected based on a successful proposal to an open tendering process for the entire membership. Approved suppliers have demonstrated that they are able to provide financial benefit and value to municipalities, public entities, and not-for-profit groups.

Representing over 5,000 members including rural and urban municipalities, school districts, rural electrification associations, and water irrigation districts, cooperative procurement suppliers get their products and services in front of an enormous market that would otherwise be challenging for many businesses to navigate. Regulatory compliance for the programs is handled by the municipal associations on behalf of the membership, providing streamlined administration for members and suppliers alike.



OUR REACH







Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities













This guide provides information regarding procurement practices only and in no way constitutes legal advice. It should not be used as a substitute for independent legal consultation.

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TOWNSHIP OF ESSA STAFF REPORT

STAFF REPORT NO.:

CAO039-21

DATE:

September 15, 2021

TO:

Committee of the Whole

FROM:

Colleen Healey-Dowdall, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT:

Rainbow Campground, 62 Brentwood Road

RECOMMENDATION

That Staff Report CAO039-21 be received, and further,

That Council send a letter to the County of Simcoe to recommend that they accept the road widening which they requested August 5, 2016, fronting 62 Brentwood Road, in conjunction with their approval of the 2016 site plan pertaining to the former "campground" lands.

BACKGROUND

The Rainbow Campground received site plan approval in 2016 for 57 modular homes with year-round occupancy, following up on years of work to move forward with this property. For new Council Members' benefit, the Campground was Ordered by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) to install municipal services to the property some years ago now (approximately 2010).

The owner of the "campground" had engineers provide a Functional Servicing Report and site plan. Unfortunately, after Township approval (and County and NVCA), the owner did not proceed to register a 10 metre road widening with the County and the site plan sat at the Township <u>unregistered</u> and so the owner may not move forward.

Skip forward 5 years and the owner is wishing to re-start his project/development. The County is not sure that the road widening should be accepted/approval should be given and so the owner is requesting a Council Resolution to prompt the County to acting (such as the recent Council Resolution to request the County to reduce the speed limit at the south end of Thornton). (Owner letter of request attached).



COMMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

It is in the best interest for Council to continue with their support towards site plan approval and proper (good and safe) development of this property. The installment of 57 modular homes will assist with providing for affordable housing.

The site plan laid out roads which would have access by fire vehicles and the neighbourhood would reflect that of several in Wasaga Beach. Original approval for 57 sites was provided by former Sunnidale Township.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Additional municipal taxes will be able to be collected from the addition of new homes; additional services are also to be provided however.

Manager of Finance Approval:

SUMMARY/OPTIONS

Council may:

- 1. Take no further action leave the owner to seek County approval on his own.
- 2. Provide a Council Resolution to assist with the registration of the 2016 approved site plan.
- 3. Deny the request of the owner and require all fresh/new supporting materials and to satisfy (possibly) new requirements.
- 4. Direct in another course of action.

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CONCLUSION

Option #2 is recommended.

Respectfully submitted:

Colleen Healey-Dowdall

CAO

Attachments:

Letter from owner's Solicitor



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August 10, 2021

BY EMAIL

Colleen Healey Chief Administrative Officer Township of Essa 5786 County Road 21 Utopia, ON LOM 1T0

Dear Ms. Healey:

RE: 62 Brentwood Rd, Township of Essa

It was a pleasure meeting with you, Mayor Macdonald and others this morning. I am writing to provide a brief summary of what was discussed and agreed to during today's meeting.

My client, Nestor Tombu, expressed concern with the fact that the 2016 Site Plan Control Agreement has not yet been registered. Mayor Macdonald advised that she would be making a report to counsel to request that steps be taken to have the Site Plan Control Agreement registered.

My client also expressed concern that while he had received approval for 57 modular homes with 12-month occupancy, there was a lack of clarity as to what he was actually allowed to do with those homes. You indicated that the Township would be providing a zoning letter clarifying the permitted uses.

There was also discussion about incorporating the property into the Angus development area. Mayor Macdonald indicated that this would ultimately require approval from the county and confirmed that the Township would support my client's application to have the subject property incorporated into the said development area.

Finally, my client expressed concern about being asked by the planning staff to attend a preconsultation meeting. It was clarified by the Mayor that there would be no requirement to attend pre-consultation meetings and pay the associated fees in respect of anything that has already been approved (such as the Site Plan Control Agreement). The pre-consultation requirement



would only apply to future zoning applications dealing with issues that have not been previously addressed.

I trust that this reflects our mutual understanding of the aforesaid matters.

Yours very truly,

Arkadi Bouchelev

AB/hr





TOWNSHIP OF ESSA STAFF REPORT

STAFF REPORT NO.:

CAO041-21

DATE:

September 15, 2021

TO:

Committee of the Whole

FROM:

Colleen Healey-Dowdall, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT:

Xplornet Communications Request for a

Statement of Concurrence for 6004 Scotch Line

RECOMMENDATION

That Staff Report CAO041-21 be received; and further,

That Xplornet Communications seek an alternate location other than that presented to Council at their September 1st meeting since neighbours oppose the site at 6004 Scotch Line and it is typically preferred by the municipality if a compromise solution can be sought out, and in order to enhance land use compatibility.

BACKGROUND

Xplornet would like to improve and expand on its customer base, and therefore provide an option for those currently using their "congested" service or a major telecommunications competitor. As such, they wish to construct a new 45 m tall, self-supporting tower at 6004 Scotch Line (as per their June 3rd letter/delegation to Council Sept 1st). 6004 Scotch Line is a 6 acre site which shares a lane with 6002 Scotch Line. These and other nearby neighbours oppose the location of the new tower for various reasons, including a loss of privacy during construction and maintenance, a loss of sense of security while at home, wear on the lane and Scotch Line by heavy vehicles associated with the tower, additional traffic on the Scotch Line competing with speeding commuters along this rural road, health concerns, and a loss of farmland.

COMMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Council supported requests concerning various large-scale proposals to expand on providing internet to rural areas during the fed/prov government's intake period for funding/applications this past spring (the ICON program looked for broad-based solutions to provide broadband at a 5G capacity). The request at hand is, alternatively, a request for an individual tower such as what Council has entertained on a piecemeal basis in the past. That is, a request for a Statement of Concurrence is requested in accordance with the long-standing protocols of Industry Canada, which staff and Council are now



somewhat familiar with (see Essa Township Map of Towers attached) – as opposed to the newer call-out for comprehensive and innovative approaches to tackling the availability of internet on a larger-scale.

At previous Council meetings, Council has asked staff to inquire about consolidating equipment onto 1 tower in neighbourhoods as opposed to the erection of further towers across the landscape, to provide for a sharing of services (regardless of the provider). Staff is not sure of the location of all nearby towers relative to the Scotch Line proposal as this corner of the municipality borders the Town of New Tecumseth and as well the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio (staff is not aware of tower locations outside of its borders). In the past, Council has also asked Xplornet to seek out alternate locations which may be nearby but not offend neighbours – a compromise solution to still meet with the needs of Xplornet. Neighbours to the current proposal put forward that Xplornet has not done this. As well, Xplornet has not done this with their current proposal in Ivy, according to neighbouring landowners.

Everyone, including Council, wants the best internet available but it may take time in the rural areas to achieve this. In the meantime, those around West Essa, and Ivy, and others who live in Essa, and have chosen to live in our agricultural or rural areas, are not completely without internet. Council should, of course, maintain its goal of helping to promote better internet to its rural areas so that everyone can work from home or do their schoolwork online, but in the case at hand, this particular proposed, stand-alone tower should be considered to move, as it can, to find a compromise that suits immediate neighbours. By seriously considering other nearby locations, the Township can be assured of better land use compatibility, health and safety, and security, for its residents while still enabling for better connectivity, and another nearby site may still achieve the needs of Xplornet or any other telecommunications provider.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Manager of Finance Approval: _



Council may:

- 1. Do nothing.
- 2. Deny the Xplornet request for a Letter of Concurrence at 6004 Scotch Line.
- 3. Approve the Xplornet request for a Letter of Concurrence 6004 Scotch Line.
- Deny the current request but maintain the file as open to consider an alternate location to be proposed by Xplornet as a compromise that suits immediate neighbours.



CONCLUSION

Option #4 is recommended.

Respectfully submitted:

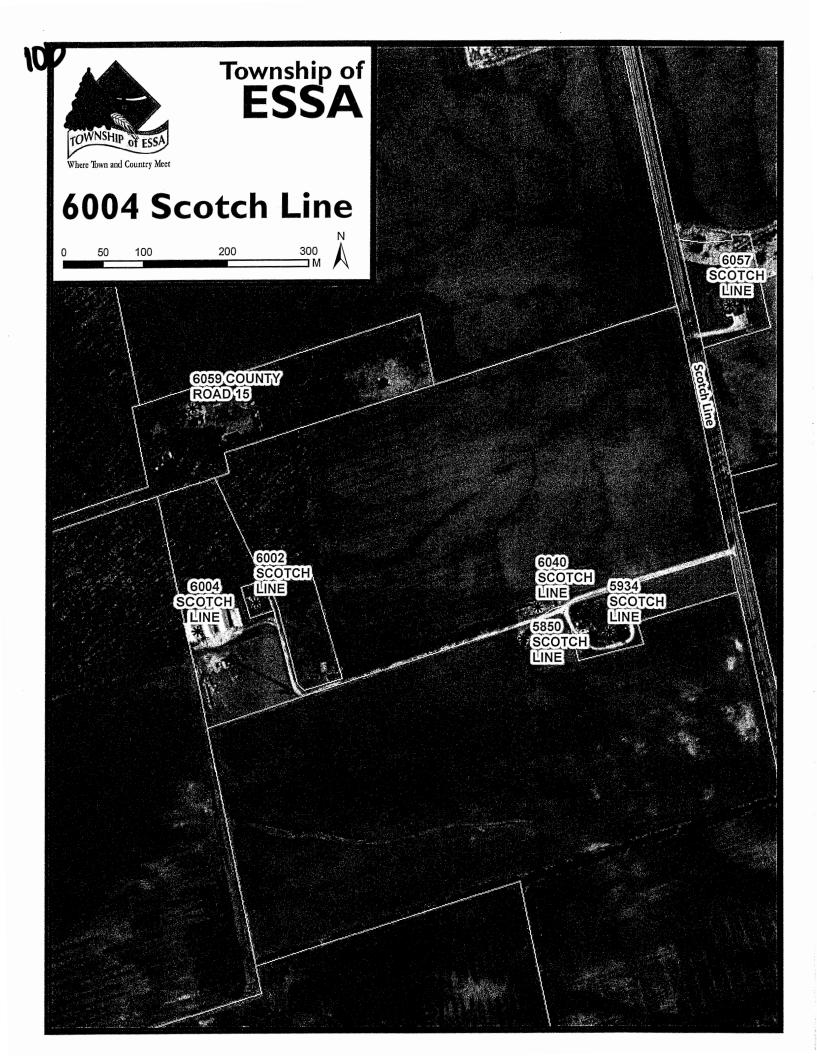
Colleen Healey-Dowdall

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Attachments:

Maps, 6004 SL and West Essa Chart of Communications by Xplornet

Map of Towers in Essa



West Essa





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Comment Date	Name	Comment	Response Date	Response Information
Mar-10 (Via phone)	6009 County Rd 15	- Called to confirm the tower location and setback from property line - Indicated he would speak to the subject property owner to confirm there was no issue with the tower/farm equipment	Mar-10 (Phone)	- Discussed the tower location and setback from lot line
Mar-11 (Via phone)	6136 Scotch Line	Object to the location, health concerns Own properties to the north, might build houses there in the future Are other locations possible	Mar-11 (Phone)	 General discussion about how tower locations are determined Health Canada's safety code 6 Follow up with further details specific to this location
Mar-22 (Via email)	6136 Scotch Line	- Health concerns - Airport concerns - Property size/access concerns - Alternate location preferred	Mar-22-24 (Via email)	 Information about how the tower location is a function of the coverage requirement The subject property owner's other parcels are not better suited for a tower site Safety Code 6 details Aeronautical safety of towers and Transport Canada's assessment of this site Correction about nearby residence provided
Mar-24 (Via email)	6002 Scotch Line	 Proximity of tower to her residence (90m / 300 ft.) Increased traffic on shared driveway Health concerns, radio waves Aeronautical safety concerns Property owner has other parcels for a tower 	Mar-24 (Via email)	 No increased traffic once the tower is built, crews only need access to the property to build the tower, access is not impeded Health/Safety Code 6 information provided Aeronautical safety info provided and Transport Canada's assessment of the site Information about the location selection
Mar-24 (Via email)	6059 County Road 15	 Proximity of tower to his residence (265m / 870 ft.) Property size/shared access Health concerns, radio waves Aeronautical safety concerns Property owner has other parcels for a tower 	Apr-08 (Mailed)	 Clarification on tower proximity to his property Provided information on Safety Code 6 Aeronautical safety info provided and Transport Canada's assessment of the site Information provided on shared access driveway Information about alternate locations proposed
Mar-24 (Via email)	5934 Scotch Line	 Proximity of tower to her residence (470m / 1,500 ft.) Property size/shared access Health concerns, radio waves Aeronautical safety concerns Property owner has other parcels for a tower 	Apr-08 (Mailed)	 Clarification on tower proximity to her property Provided information on Safety Code 6 Aeronautical safety info provided and Transport Canada's assessment of the site Information provided on shared access driveway Information about alternate locations proposed

Mar-25 (Via email)	County Road 15 6136 Scotch Line	 Proximity of tower to his residence (750m / 2,460 ft.) / notification requirements Aeronautical safety concerns Health concerns, radio waves Alternate locations further from residences 	Mar-25 (Via email) Mar-29	 Clarification of notification requirements Provided information on Safety Code 6 Aeronautical safety info provided and Transport Canada's assessment of the site Information about alternate locations proposed Clarification of in-person site visits
(Via email)		 Location (proximity to residences, shared driveway, shared hydro) Alternate location preferred (north or west) 	(Via email)	 Clarification of closest residence location Clarification of tower location objectives Information on setbacks to abutting properties Further information on alternate locations suggested
Mar-30 (Via email)	County Road 15	 Requested notification dates Requested clarification of airport zoning regulations Concerned that Safety Code 6 is outdated / not adequate Comments included a chart comparing alternate parcels to the subject property 	Mar-30 (Via email)	 Newspaper notices dates provided Airport zoning information/clarification provided Further information on Safety Code 6 provided Clarified several incorrect statements in the location comparison (distances, number of residences etc.)
Apr-06 (Via email)	County Road 15	 Requested copies of the newspaper notices Requested further clarification of Airport Zoning regulations Provided further concern that he does not believe Safety Code 6 is adequate Requested RF calculations Updated the previous comparison chart with additional information 	Apr-07 (Via email)	 Newspaper notices provided Airport zoning further clarified Xplornet's Safety Code 6 report and calculations (along with an explanation) provided Provided clarification of my notes on his comparison chart and measurements Confirmed the alternate locations suggested were not better suited for the proposed tower site
Apr-07 (Via email)	6136 Scotch Line	 Additional comments about the closest residence Restated previous concerns (health, property size, shared driveway, aeronautical concern) Concerns about the site being "land-locked" and "shared" hydro Prefer another candidate, two suggestions for properties further north 	Apr-07 (Via email)	 Clarified the setback distance to the closest residence (90m / 300ft) Additional Safety Code 6 information provided and provided Safety Code 6 report/calculations Additional information on Airport Zoning regulations Additional information on the shared driveway and owners ROW, parcel size etc. Confirmed the alternate locations suggested are not more suitable for the proposed tower
Apr-10 (Via email)	6002 Scotch Line	 Continued objection to the location Concerned about RF emissions and health Prefers alternate location away from residences 	Apr-21 (Via email)	 Provided additional information on Safety Code 6 including Safety Code 6 report for this site Provided further information on how this location provides beneficial broadband coverage to residents who may not have other internet options



Apr-13 (Via email)	6136 Scotch Line	 Tower does not suit the surrounding area Prefer a tower location at 6517 Scotch Line (same property owner ~2.7km north) 	Apr-14 (Via email)	 Confirmed that 6004 Scotch Line (proposed location) was selected as it best achieves the network objectives 6517 Scotch Line (alternate suggestion) is not better as it is too close to existing Xplornet sites to the north and further from connection points to the south 6517 similarly has residences abutting the property (4 within 500m)
Apr-24 (Via email)	County Road 15	 Reiteration of objection to the location and preferred locations north 		-



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Note that every attempt has been made to try to capture all Telecom Towers in Essa, however, some may not be shown