

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019**

MINUTES

A Regular Council meeting was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Administration Centre, Township of Essa.

In attendance: Mayor Sandie Macdonald
Deputy Mayor Michael Smith
Councillor Keith White
Councillor Henry Sander
Councillor Ron Henderson

Staff in attendance: C. Healey-Dowdall, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Traynor-Richter, Manager of Finance
C. Ross Tustin, Fire Chief
D. Perreault, Manager of Public Works
L. Lehr, Clerk

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None Declared.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR103-2019 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: White

*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 1st day of May, 2019 be adopted as circulated.*

----Carried----

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: CR104-2019 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated May 15, 2019 be approved as presented, and that the necessary action be taken.

----Carried----

Item 2b –Council supports; letter to be sent
Item 9 – Council supports; letter to be sent
Item 10 a – Council supports; letter to be sent

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Essa Public Library Board

Resolution No: CR105-2019 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that the minutes from the Essa Public Library Board from their meeting of March 25, 2019 be received.

----Carried----

b. Parks and Recreation Committee

Council requested that the Chief Administrative Officer bring a report forward at a future meeting outlining options available in relation to a pitching mound at the Baxter Baseball Diamond.

Resolution No: CR106-2019 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that the minutes from the Parks and Recreation Committee from their meeting of April 24, 2019 be received.

----Carried----

c. Accessibility Advisory Committee

Resolution No: CR107-2019 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that the minutes from the Accessibility Advisory Committee from their meeting of April 29, 2019 be received.

----Carried----

6. PETITIONS

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a. Proclamation – National Access Awareness Week (May 31 – June 6, 2019)

Resolution No: CR108-2019 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario wishes to see a fully accessible Ontario by 2025, allowing citizens of all ages the ability to enjoy full participation in their communities; and

WHEREAS many persons living with disabilities face everyday barriers in the areas of employment, information and technology, transportation, housing, education, and recreation, to name a few; and

WHEREAS one in seven Canadians currently has a disability that they were either born with, or developed as a result of life, with that number being expected to increase substantially as the population ages over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS for many among us, our future depends on the success of creating barrier-free and inclusive communities through accessibility planning and raising awareness of best practices in the area of accessibility; and

WHEREAS we believe that all citizens with disabilities should have a chance to access appropriate disability supports to help improve their opportunities in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Township of Essa Accessibility Advisory Committee is committed to increasing public awareness and breaking down barriers faced by persons with disabilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims May 31 – June 6, 2019 as National Access Awareness Week, and encourages residents and businesses alike, to recognize the importance of educating the community about the removal of barriers faced by citizens of all ages.

----Carried----

**b. Proclamation – Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day
(September 9, 2019)**

Resolution No: CR109-2019 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

WHEREAS there is no safe amount, no safe time, or no safe kind of alcohol that a pregnant individual can drink during pregnancy; and

WHEREAS the term "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder" (FASD) describes the range of disabilities that may affect an individual who was exposed to alcohol in utero/ or during pregnancy; and

WHEREAS prenatal alcohol exposure is the leading preventable cause of birth defects, such as physical and mental disability and behavioural and/or learning challenges; and

WHEREAS the exact number of people who have FASD is unknown, but it is estimated that 2 to 3 percent of the population are born with effects of prenatal alcohol exposure annually; and

WHEREAS the estimated cost of FASD in Canada is \$4 billion per year covering education, health, social services and justice costs; and

WHEREAS about half of all pregnancies are unplanned meaning developing fetuses are inadvertently exposed to alcohol; and

WHEREAS people around the world began observing International FASD Awareness Day on September 9 each year beginning in 1999, in order that on the ninth day of the ninth month of the year, the world will remember that during the nine months of pregnancy it is important to abstain from alcohol; and

WHEREAS the good health and well-being of the people of Essa are enhanced by the support of a national effort to educate about and prevent FASD through the Simcoe County FASD Prevention Committee, part of the Simcoe County FASD Initiative;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims September 9, 2019 as "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day" in Essa to promote awareness of the effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol, to increase acceptance and support for those individuals so affected, to minimize further effects, and to ensure healthier communities in the future.

----Carried----

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. BY-LAWS

a. By-law 2019-40

Resolution No: CR110-2019 Moved by: White Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2019-40, that being a By-law to provide for the erection of stop signs at intersections in the Township of Essa, and to repeal By-law 98-81; 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 2019-41

Resolution No: CR111-2019 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2019-41, that being a By-law to provide for the adoption of a Tax Rate for the Business Improvement Area in Angus for 2019; 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 2019-42

Resolution No: CR112-2019 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2019-42, that being a By-law to provide for the adoption of Tax Rates for 2019; 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 2019-43

Resolution No: CR113-2019 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2019-43, that being a By-law to amend the Township's Zoning By-law, affecting various properties, by rezoning the farmland to Agricultural (A-1) Zone in order to prohibit a dwelling; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

----Carried----

e. By-law 2019-44

Resolution No: CR114-2019 Moved by: White Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2019-44, that being a By-law to provide for a Model Home Agreement for a Plan of Subdivision for Part of East Half Lot 31, Concession 4 (Briarwood (Angus) Ltd.); and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

----Carried----

f. By-law 2019-45

Resolution No: CR115-2019 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2019-45, that being a By-law to authorize the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding between Baseload Power Corp. and 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: CR116-2019 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that Council proceed to a Closed Session in order to address matters pertaining to matters about an identifiable individual.

----Carried----

Council proceeded into Closed Session at 7:34 p.m.

Motion to Rise and Report from Closed Session Meeting of May 15, 2019.

Resolution No: CR117-2019 Moved by: White Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at 8:01 p.m.

----Carried----

a. IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL

Confidential Staff Report PW017-19 submitted by the Manager of Public Works, re: Resident's Request for a Reduction in Water/Sewer Charges due to Extenuating Circumstances.

Resolution No: CR118-2019 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report PW017-19 be received; and That the Manager of Public Works be authorized to proceed with Option No. 2 as outlined in this Confidential Report.

----Carried----

- b. **IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL**
Confidential Staff Report PW018-19 submitted by the Manager of Public Works, re: Resident's Request for a Reduction in Water/Sewer Charges due to Extenuating Circumstances.

Resolution No: CR119-2019 Moved by: White Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report PW018-19 be received; and That the Manager of Public Works be authorized to proceed with Option No. 2 as identified in this Confidential Report.

----Carried----

- c. **IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL**
Confidential Staff Report CAO019-19 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Existing Vacancies and Plans to Hire.

Resolution No: CR120-2019 Moved by: White Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report CAO019-19 be received for information.

----Carried----

12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

By-law 2019-46

Resolution No: CR121-2019 Moved by: White Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2019-46, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this 15th day of May, 2019; 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: CR122-2019 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that this meeting of the Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 8:03 p.m. to meet again on the 5th day of June, 2019 following Committee of the Whole.

----Carried----



Sandie Macdonald, Mayor



Lisa Lehr, Clerk