

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, January 16, 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, Manager of Planning and Development
D. Perreault, Manager of Public Works
C. Mohr, Manager of Finance
C. Ross Tustin, Fire Chief
L. Lehr, Clerk

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS

- a. Delegation , re: Commercial Retail Cannabis Stores**
Inspector Steve Clegg - Nottawasaga OPP Detachment Commander
Brian Humber - Nottawasaga OPP Detachment, Operations Manager

Inspector Steve Clegg opened by stating that the OPP does not have a position on the matter, and that they were in attendance only to address perceived concerns over retail cannabis stores.

He stated that in relation to "opting-in", thereby allowing brick-and-mortar retail cannabis stores in Essa Township, the perspective is that storefronts would keep individuals from purchasing illegal cannabis from the black-market. The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) has a very structured and regulated application process of which the OPP has confidence in. He stated that the quality of product purchased from a licensed store is regulated through Health Canada. Additionally, the AGCO will be providing mandatory training to store owners.

Due to the phasing in process for licenses to be issued by the AGCO, 25 licenses will be granted to applicants that reside within municipalities that have a population base greater than 50,000. At this time it is not known when licenses will be granted for municipalities with population less than 50,000.

Mayor Macdonald inquired as to the downfalls in having retail cannabis stores in Essa. Inspector Clegg stated that investigations would be triggered for storefront operations that are not complying with the regulations. He stated that the Province has many checks and controls in place. Brian Humber added that there are serious repercussions to store owners that violate the licensing requirements. Additionally, retail cannabis stores are required to be

stand-alone stores; they are not permitted to be joined with any other stores.

Councillor White inquired as to the effect on policing in relation to the legalization of cannabis from users and/or the retail side. Inspector Clegg advised that there will be dedicated teams to investigate. He stated that the legalization of cannabis is a change in culture; a societal shift.

Mayor Macdonald stated that the retail cannabis landscape is continually changing and that there is a lot of unknown territory.

Council thanked Steve Clegg and Brian Humber for their attendance.

STAFF REPORT

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- a. **Staff Report PD001-19 submitted by the Manager of Planning and Development, re: Model Home Agreement, Brookfield Residential.**

Resolution No: CW001-2019 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Sander

*Be it resolved that Staff Report PD001-19 be received; and
That Council does approve entering into a Model Home Agreement with Brookfield Residential (Ontario) Limited in order to allow the construction of 3 model homes on Denney Drive on lots which will be a part of a future plan of subdivision; and
That the appropriate By-law be brought forward for Council's consideration.*

----Carried----

- b. **Staff Report PD002-19 submitted by the Manager of Planning and Development, re: Summer Student.**

Resolution No: CW002-2019 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that Staff Report PD002-19 be received; and
That Council's does defer its consideration of hiring a planning summer student to the 2019 budget deliberations.*

----Carried----

5. PARKS AND RECREATION/ COMMUNITY SERVICES

6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

7. PUBLIC WORKS

- a. **Staff Report PW0001-19 submitted by the Manager of Public Works, re: 2018 Structure Inventory and Inspection Report.**

Resolution No: CW003-2019 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that Staff Report PW001-19 be received for information.

----Carried----

8. FINANCE

9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT / IT

- a. Staff Report C001-19 submitted by the Clerk's Assistant/Accessibility Coordinator, re: Essa Public Library Board – Appointments.

Resolution No: CW004-2019 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

*Be it resolved that Staff Report C001-19 be received; and
That Council appoint the following persons to the Essa Public Library Board:*

- Derek McKeever
- Judith Hunter
- Susanna Malic
- Carol Cryer
- Andrew Morrison
- Jennett Bushey

----Carried----

- b. Staff Report C003-19 submitted by the Clerk, re: Commercial Retail Cannabis Stores – Opt-in / Opt-out.

Resolution No: CW005-2019 Moved by: White Seconded by: Smith

*Be it resolved that Staff Report C003-19 be received; and
That Council does not opt-out of hosting cannabis retail stores in the Township of Essa;
and
That Staff be directed to communicate this decision to the Alcohol and Gaming
Commission of Ontario (AGCO) prior to the January 22, 2019 cut-off date.*

----Carried----

VOTE

For (to Opt-In)

Deputy Mayor Smith
Councillor Henderson
Councillor White

Against (to Opt-Out)

Mayor Macdonald
Councillor Sander

10. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (C.A.O.)

- a. Staff Report CAO001-19 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Planned Maintenance Agreement for Tower Clock and Controller, Electronic Carillon Equipment at 18 King Street, Angus.

Resolution No: CW006-2019 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: White

*Be it resolved that Staff Report CAO001-19 be received; and
That Council does authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the 2019 Planned
Maintenance Agreement with the Verdin Company for Tower Clock and Controller,
Electronic Carillon Equipment at 18 King Street, Angus.*

----Carried----

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Request for Procedural By-law Amendment

Council supported the request of the Manager of Finance to amend the Procedural By-law, to strike Item no. 4 "Presenting, Referring or Passing of Accounts" of section 11.3. They requested that the Clerk bring forward the necessary amending By-law.

Main Street Revitalization Funding

The Manager of Public Works advised that the contractor had completed the works in Angus (Mill Street). Council requested that any additional funds be applied to switch the lighting in Thornton.

Consideration of Requests by Council – Waiving of Fees for Facility Rentals

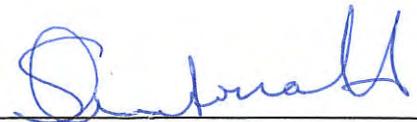
Mayor Macdonald requested reaffirmation from current Council members that regard for waiving rental fees of facilities be considered only for non-profit and/or charitable organizations or functions. A resolution will be brought forward at the regular meeting of Council under "Unfinished Business".

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: CW008-2019 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of the Township of Essa adjourn at 6:53 p.m. to meet again on the 6th day of February, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

----Carried----



Sandie Macdonald, Mayor



Lisa Lehr, Clerk