

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020
MINUTES**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 and was livestreamed 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, Manager of Finance (electronic)
R. Rosilius, Deputy Treasurer (electronic)
C. Ross Tustin, Fire Chief (electronic)
D. Burgin, Deputy Fire Chief (electronic)
L. Lehr, Clerk (electronic)
K. Pascoe, Deputy Clerk (electronic)

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

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

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS

**a. Delegation – John Morrison
Re: Letter of Support – Bill 229, Schedule 6**

Mr. Morrison was in attendance to review his support of proposed to Bill 229 Schedule 6. He advised that the proposed amendment would allow for the inclusion of farmers on the Board, stating as well that it appeared to address many concerns that farmers currently face (warrantless entry, crop and livestock diseases). He stated that he supports the proposal of the appeal process to an independent government body, and that he would like to see some powers transferred back to the Ministry of Natural Resources. Mr. Morrison was supportive of Conservation Authorities being utilized as commenting agencies and not as approving agencies.

Mayor Macdonald thanked Mr. Morrison for his presentation, stating that farmers are good stewards to the lands. She advised him that Council had recently passed a resolution to remove Schedule 6 from the Bill, and stated that the public and stakeholders such as himself and the Federation of Ontario Farmers should all have the opportunity to provide input to the Province prior to the Bill being passed.

**b. Fire Department
Re: 2021 Proposed Budget Presentation**

Fire Chief Tustin and Deputy Fire Chief Burgin provided Council with an overview of budgetary requests for Council's consideration in the 2021 Operating and Capital Budget for the Fire Department.

STAFF REPORTS

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

a. Staff Report PD032-20 submitted by the Manager of Planning and Development, re: Part Lot Control – Plan 51M-1129 and Plan 51M-1130 Lancaster Homes, East Part Lot 31, Concession 3.

Resolution No: CW158-2020 Moved by: White Seconded by: Smith

*Be it resolved that Staff Report PD032-20 be received; and
That Council approve adopting a Part Lot Control By-law in order for Part Lot Control to be applied to permit for the division of Lots 14-16 and 18, Blocks 62 and 64 of Plan 51M-1129, and Lots 9-13 and 29-35, Blocks 43-45 of Plan 51M-1130, into Semi-Detached and Townhouse units for Lancaster Homes at East Part Lot 31, Concession 3, Angus; and
That said By-law be brought forward for passage in the Regular meeting of this date.*

----Carried----

5. PARKS AND RECREATION/ COMMUNITY SERVICES

6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

7. PUBLIC WORKS

8. FINANCE

9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT / IT

- a. Staff Report C037-20 submitted by the Deputy Clerk, re: Essa's Traffic Advisory Committee, re: Recommendation for Installation of Red Light Cameras or Photo Radar along Mill Street, Angus.**

Resolution No: CW159-2020 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Sander

*Be it resolved that Staff Report C037-20 be received; and
That Council approve the recommendation of the Traffic Advisory Committee for the installation of Red Light Cameras or Photo Radar along Mill Street, Angus; and
That staff investigate to follow up on the matter and inform the County of Simcoe of Essa's position.*

----Carried----

- b. Staff Report C038-20 submitted by the Clerk, re: Nottawasaga Police Services Board – Appointment of Council Representative 2021-22.**

Resolution No: CW160-2020 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

*Be it resolved that Staff Report C038-20 be received; and
That Mayor Macdonald be appointed to serve on the Nottawasaga Police Services Board for the 2021-22 term.*

----Carried----

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

- a. Staff Report CAO059-20 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Essa Street.**

Resolution No: CW161-2020 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: White

*Be it resolved that Staff Report CAO059-20 be received; and
That Council approve adopting a By-law and allow the CAO to take the necessary steps to stop up and close the Essa Street road allowance and to deem Essa Street as surplus lands and proceed with the sale of lands.*

----Carried----

- b. Staff Report CAO061-20 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Baxter New Booster Pump House and Reservoirs Tender.**

Resolution No: CW162-2020 Moved by: White Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that Staff Report CAO061-20 be received; and
That Council authorize awarding a tender for Baxter New Booster Pump House and Reservoirs in the amount of \$3,422,077.00 plus H.S.T. to Western Mechanical, with the entire cost to be front-ended by Brookfield Properties in accordance with the terms of an agreement dated December 19, 2018.*

----Carried----

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Bake Sale – Utopia hall

Councillor Sander advised Council and those in virtual attendance that the Utopia Hall was holding a bake sale on December 4, 11 and 18.

b. Virtual Gazebo Lighting – Thornton Gazebo

Councillor Sander advised that the Thornton Area Action Committee will be streaming the video of the Thornton Gazebo Lighting at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday December 6, 2020. The video will be available for viewers on the Facebook page of the Thornton Area Action Committee.

c. Official Plan Review – Update

The Manager of Planning and Development provided Council with an update of the OP Review. She advised that the consultant had circulated draft discussion papers to staff as well as Committee members. Reporting comments would be provided to the consultant next week.

d. Food Bank Donations

Mayor Macdonald thanked everyone who supported the Angus and Thornton Food Banks this year and encouraged members of the public to continue donating non-perishable food items to help those in need.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: CW163-2020 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: White

Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of the Township of Essa adjourn at 6:54 p.m. to meet again on the 16th day of December, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

---Carried---



Sandie Macdonald, Mayor



Lisa Lehr, Clerk