

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
VIRTUAL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021  
MINUTES**

A Meeting of Council was held virtually on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 following Committee of the Whole and was livestreamed for viewing to the public on the Township of Essa's YouTube Channel.

In attendance: Mayor Sandie Macdonald (electronic)  
Deputy Mayor, Michael Smith (electronic)  
Councillor Henry Sander (electronic)  
Councillor Ron Henderson (electronic)

Staff in attendance: C. Healey-Dowdall, Chief Administrative Officer (electronic)  
C. Traynor, Manager of Finance (electronic)  
M. Mikael, Manager of Public Works (electronic)  
A. Powell, Manager of Planning and Development (electronic)  
J. Coleman, Manager of Parks and Recreation (electronic)  
K. Pascoe, Deputy Clerk (electronic)  
L. Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services (electronic)

Deputy Mayor Smith chaired this portion of the meeting.

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

Deputy Mayor Smith opened meeting at 7:26 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Amended – See minutes from July 7, 2021. Deputy Mayor Smith declared a pecuniary interest on Item 11(b) as his son is an employee of the Township.

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

**Resolution No: CR118-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Henderson**

*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 Public, Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2021 be adopted as circulated.*

----Carried-----

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution No: CR119-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Henderson**

*Be it resolved that the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated June 16, 2021 be received for information, and  
That Items A3, A6 and A7(a) be moved to section B of the Consent Agenda with letters of support to be sent.*

----Carried-----

Mayor Macdonald resumed the position of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Essa Public Library Board**

**Resolution No: CR120-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Henderson**

*Be it resolved that the minutes of the Essa Public Library Board from their meeting of April 26, 2021 be received.*

----Carried-----

**6. PETITIONS**

**7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**a. Virtual Special Meeting of Council – Asset Management Training Workshop.**

**Resolution No: CR121-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith**

*Be it resolved that a Virtual Special Meeting of Council be scheduled to take place on Tuesday July 20, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. for the purpose of an asset management training workshop.*

----Carried-----

**b. Special Meeting of Council July 7, 2021 – Change in Start Time**

**Resolution No: CR122-2021 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Smith**

*Be it resolved that the Special Meeting of Council scheduled to take place at the Angus Arena at 1:00 p.m. on July 7, 2021 be amended to start at 2:00 p.m. on July 7, 2021.*

----Carried-----

**c. Proclamation – World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15, 2021)**

**Resolution No: CR123-2021 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Smith**

*WHEREAS the Township of Essa's seniors are valued, contributing members of society, imparting wealth of experience and wisdom in our communities; individuals that deserve to be treated with respect and dignity; and*

*WHEREAS It is our collective responsibility to ensure that they live safely and fully engaged within the community that cares about them; and*

*WHEREAS the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed June 15 as a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as both a public health and human rights issue; and*

*WHEREAS 2021 marks the 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day; its recognition will foster a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and  
WHEREAS Elder abuse is not limited to race, gender, culture or circumstance, and regardless of whether the abuse is physical, emotional, or financial, it has a significant impact on the lives of individuals and families; and  
WHEREAS Seniors are at risk of being abused and social isolation and ageism are contributing risk factors in Ontario; and  
WHEREAS the Township of Essa recognizes the importance of taking action, to create social change that prevents elder abuse and raises awareness through education of neighbours, friends and family members about the rights of older adults; and  
WHEREAS Preventing abuse of older adults will help improve their quality of life and allow them to live independently and contribute to the vibrancy of Ontario for as long as possible; and  
WHEREAS, Where there is Respect there can be no abuse;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims June 15, 2021 as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day" and urges residents to join the global movement to "Stop Abuse and Restore Respect", and to recognize and celebrate seniors and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our province, Ontario.*

----Carried-----

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. BY-LAWS**

**a. By-law 2021-22**

**Resolution No: CR124-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Henderson**

*Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2021-22 as amended, that being a By-law to regulate the use of Fireworks within the Township of Essa and to amend By-law 2020-59; 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 2021-23**

**Resolution No: CR125-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander**

*Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2021-23, that being a By-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates for 2021; 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: CR126-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith**

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

- *Acquisition or Disposition of Land [Municipal Act 2001, s.239(2)(c)]*
- *Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations [Municipal Act 2001, s.239(2)(d)]*
- *Litigation or Potential Litigation [Municipal Act 2001, s.239(2)(e)]*

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

Council proceeded into Closed Session Deliberations at 7:39 p.m.

Council rose from Closed Session Deliberations at and passed the following in the public forum:

**Motion to Rise and Report from Closed Session Meeting of June 16, 2021.**

**Resolution No: CR127-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith**

*Be it resolved that Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at 8:11 p.m.*

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

- a. **ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND [s. 239(2)(c)]**  
**Confidential Staff Report CAO025-21 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Property Acquisition and Easement Agreement.**

**Resolution No: CR128-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander**

*Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report CAO025-21 be received; and That Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to proceed with Option Nos. 1 and 2 as outlined in this Confidential Report.*

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

- b. **LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS [s. 239(2)(d)]**  
**Confidential Staff Report CAO026-21 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Staffing.**

**Resolution No: CR129-2021 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Smith**

*Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report CAO026-21 be received; and That Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to proceed with Option No. 2 as outlined in this Confidential Report.*

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

- c. **ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF LAND [s. 239(2)(c)]**  
**Confidential Staff Report CAO027-21 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: 152 Greenwood Drive.**

This Item has been deferred to July 7, 2021.

- d. **LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION [s. 239(2)(e)]**  
**Confidential Staff Report CAO028-21 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: File No. 004CRUZ21.**

**Resolution No: CR130-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Henderson**

*Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report CAO028-21 be received.*

----Carried----

**12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**By-law 2021-24**

**Resolution No: CR131-2021 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Smith**

*Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2021-24, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.*

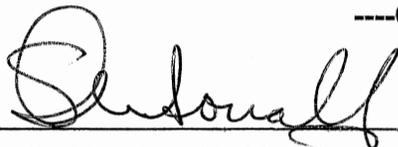
----Carried----

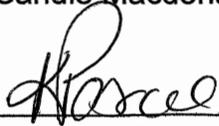
**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No: CR132-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson**

*Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of the Township of Essa adjourn at 8:14 p.m. to meet again on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.*

----Carried----

  
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Sandie Macdonald, Mayor

  
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per, Lisa Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services