

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
VIRTUAL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022**

**MINUTES**

The Regular meeting of Council was held virtually on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 following Committee of the Whole, and was livestreamed to the public on the Township of Essa's YouTube Channel.

In attendance: Mayor Sandie Macdonald  
Deputy Mayor, Michael Smith  
Councillor Pieter Kiezebrink  
Councillor Henry Sander  
Councillor Ron Henderson

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

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

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Deputy Mayor Smith declared an indirect interest on Closed Session Item 11(a). The general nature of the conflict is due to familial relations.

Amended – See  
minutes of May  
4, 2022

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

**Resolution No: CR068-2022 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 Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 be adopted as circulated.*

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

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution No: CR069-2022 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Sander**

*Be it resolved that the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated April 20, 2022 be received for information, and that the necessary actions be taken.*

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

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Parks and Recreation Committee**

**Resolution No: CR070-2022 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Smith**

*Be it resolved that the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee from their meeting of March 30, 2022 be received.*

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

**b. Healthy Community Committee**

**i. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**Resolution No: CR071-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith**

*Be it resolved that minutes of the Health Community Committee from their meeting of March 24, 2022 be received.*

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

**ii. "No Mow May" Month**

**Resolution No: CR072-2022 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Kiezebrink**

*Be it resolved that Council supports the recommendation of the Healthy Community Committee in regards to "No Mow May" Month.*

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

**c. Traffic Advisory Committee**

**Resolution No: CR073-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith**

*Be it resolved that the correspondence dated April 11, 2022 from the Traffic Advisory Committee to the Angus BIA be received; and  
That Council support the initiative of the Traffic Advisory Committee for a Bike Stand Project.*

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

**6. PETITIONS**

**7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**a. Proclamation - Longest Day of Smiles**

**Resolution No: CR074-2022 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Kiezebrink**

*WHEREAS Operation Smile Canada is a global medical charity providing free, life-changing surgeries and medical care to children born with cleft conditions around the world; and*

*WHEREAS every 3 minutes, a child is born with a cleft condition, and lack of access to safe, effective surgery means that easily treatable conditions like cleft lip and cleft palate*

*can become fatal. Operation Smile Canada believes every child born with a cleft condition deserves exceptional surgical care; and  
WHEREAS the Longest Day of Smiles will unite Canadians from coast to coast as they raise awareness and funds to support this important cause. To learn more visit [www.longestdayofsmiles.ca](http://www.longestdayofsmiles.ca); and  
WHEREAS on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the community within the Township of Essa is encouraged to celebrate the Longest Day of SMILES by sharing #longestdayofsmiles on social media; and  
THEREFORE be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims June 9, 2022, as the Longest Day of SMILES and commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.*

----Carried----

**b. Proclamation - Children's Mental Health Week May 2-8, 2022**

**Resolution No: CR075-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Kiezebrink**

*WHEREAS the ongoing pandemic has had a negative impact on many children and youth in our communities. If left untreated, mental health challenges can lead to serious long-term consequences for children or youth and their families; and  
WHEREAS early intervention and treatment for child and youth mental health challenges is critical. All children, youth and their families in need of mental health supports should be able to access services when and where they need them; and  
WHEREAS The pandemic has increased the need for mental health care; and  
WHEREAS raising awareness about the importance of child and youth mental health ensures that families know about the availability of services and how to access them and reduces the stigma associated with seeking support; and  
WHEREAS the colour green is used to celebrate child and youth mental health as it represents hope, growth, and transformation;  
THEREFORE be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims May 2-8, 2022, as Children's Mental Health Week.*

----Carried----

**c. Proclamation – Physical Activity Month - May**

**Resolution No: CR076-2022 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson**

*WHEREAS physical activity is necessary to support normal growth in children and is essential to the continuing health and well-being of youth and adults; and  
WHEREAS physical activity reduces risk, at all ages, of heart disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes; and  
WHEREAS teaching children about physical activity education and sports not only ensures that they are physically active during the school day, but also educates them on how to be physically active for a lifetime; and  
WHEREAS Health Canada recommends that children and youth get at least 60 minutes a day of moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity;  
THEREFORE be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims May as Physical Activity Month and encourages all residents to increase their physical activity.*

----Carried----

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
9. BY-LAWS
10. QUESTIONS
11. CLOSED SESSION

**Resolution No: CR077-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Kiezebrink**

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

- *Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations [Municipal Act, s.239(2)(d)]*
- *Litigation or Potential Litigation [Municipal Act, s.239(2)(e)]*
- *Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual [Municipal Act, s.239(2)(b)]*

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

**Deputy Mayor Smith left the meeting.**

**Note: Livestream does not run during Closed Session Deliberations.**

Council proceeded into Closed Session Deliberations at 6:35 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Smith declared an interest on Closed Session Item 11(a). He recused himself from Closed Session Deliberations for this Item and did not participate or vote on the matter.

**Motion to Rise and Report from Closed Session Meeting of April 20 2022.**

**Resolution No: CR078-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Kiezebrink**

*Be it resolved that Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at 7:55 p.m.*

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

- a. **LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS [s.239(2)(d)]**  
**Confidential Staff Report CAO014-22 submitted by the Chief**  
**Administrative Officer, re: Staffing.**

**Resolution No: CR079-2022 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Kiezebrink**

*Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report CAO014-22 be received; and  
That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to proceed with Option No. 5 as  
contained within this Report.*

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

- b. PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL [s.239(2)(b)]  
LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION [s.239(2)(e)]  
Verbal Report from the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Statement of  
Claim.**

**Resolution No: CR080-2022 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Kiezebrink**

*Be it resolved that the Verbal Report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the  
Statement of Claim be received.*

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

**12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**By-law 2022-23**

**Resolution No: CR081-2022 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Sander**

*Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2022-23, that being a By-law to  
confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a  
second and third time and finally passed.*

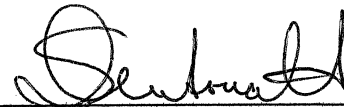
**----Carried-----**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No: CR082-2022 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Smith**

*Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of the Township of Essa  
adjourn at 7:57 p.m. to meet again on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.*

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



Sandie Macdonald, Mayor



Lisa Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services