THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2022

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of Council was held in-person on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 following the Committee of the Whole in the Council Chambers of the Administration Centre, Township of Essa.

In attendance:

Mayor Sandie Macdonald

Deputy Mayor, Michael Smith Councillor Pieter Kiezebrink Councillor Henry Sander Councillor Ron Henderson

Staff in attendance:

M. Mikael, Manager of Public Works

J. Coleman, Manager of Parks and Recreation

L. Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR135-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Kiezebrink

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 15th day of June, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

----Carried-----

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: CR136-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated June 29, 2022 be received for information; and

That Staff be directed to register and pay for a Double-Gold Sponsor for Item A-1.

----Carried-----

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. PETITIONS

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

 a. Fierté Simcoe Pride – July 25 – August 7, 2022 (Flag raising on July 26, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.)

Resolution No: CR137-2022 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Kiezebrink

WHEREAS 2022 marks the eleventh annual Fierté Simcoe Pride, and its purpose is to create a safe and inclusive Simcoe County that supports gender and sexual diversity through services, activities and events; and

WHEREAS the Rainbow Pride Flag is raised to honour gender and sexual diversity in Simcoe County and is a symbol of the Pride movement and the advancement of human rights for sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics; and

WHEREAS the colour red signifies life, orange symbolizes healing, yellow symbolizes sunlight, green symbolizes nature, blue symbolizes serenity, peace and harmony; and finally, purple symbolizes spirit; and

WHEREAS the mission of Fierté Simcoe Pride is "to create and offer inclusive events, services, and educational opportunities that rise above heterosexism, heteronormativity and homo/bi/transphobia, promoting safe communities within Simcoe County"; and WHEREAS Fierté Simcoe Pride is filled with numerous events and activities that focus on education, awareness, community development, creative expression and fun for the whole family.

NOW THEREFORE Council hereby proclaims July 25 to August 7, 2022 as a time to support Fierté Simcoe Pride and the activities of FSP 2022.

----Carried-----

b. International Overdose Awareness Day

Resolution No: CR138-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

WHEREAS Council of the Township of Essa acknowledges the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose and recognizes the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as a day to remember loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths; and

WHEREAS Council of the Township of Essa resolves to play a part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which claimed the lives of 169 (confirmed and probable) residents in Simcoe Muskoka in 2021, which was 25% higher than the 135 in 2020, with fortunately, none of these deaths occurring in the Township of Essa, with countless more lives affected forever; and

WHEREAS Council of the Township of Essa affirms that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and deserving of our love, compassion and support;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims August 31st, 2022 as Overdose Awareness Day in Essa Township.

----Carried-----

c. Canada Day – Municipally Significant Event

Resolution No: CR139-2022 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Sander

WHEREAS July 1, 1867, marked the passage of the British North America Act (later known as the Constitution Act) thereby establishing the Dominion of Canada as a self-governing entity within the British Empire; and

WHEREAS in 1879, a federal law made July 1st a statutory holiday, marking the day as the "Anniversary of Confederation", which was later referred to as "Dominion Day" and became known officially as "Canada Day" on October 27, 1982, a day for celebrations across the country where Canadians have shown pride in the history, culture and achievements of Canada since 1868; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Essa has partnered with the Angus Lions Club and other organizations on an annual basis to provide Canada Day festivities to its residents, with the festivities historically being held at Community Park in Angus;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby declares and endorses Canada Day festivities on July 1st, 2022 at Community Park to be a municipally significant event, and encourages residents of the municipality to join together in celebrating Canada's Birthday.

----Carried-----

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. BY-LAWS

a. By-law 2022-38 Paying of Accounts During Summer Recess

Resolution No: CR140-2022 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2022-38, that being a By-law to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to approve and authorize payment of expenditures during Council's summer recess in each calendar year; 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 2022-39 Appointment By-law

Resolution No: CR141-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2022-39, that being a By-law to appoint a Building Inspector - ARU Official; 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

12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

By-law 2022-40

Resolution No: CR142-2022 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2022-40, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this 7th day of September, 2022; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

---Carried-----

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Extend salutations to staff - Have safe & healthy summer

13. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: CR143-2022 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of the Township of Essa adjourn at 7:34 p.m. to meet again on the 7th day of September, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Sandie Macdonald, Mayor

Lisa Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services