

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
VIRTUAL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021**

MINUTES

A Meeting of Council was held virtually on Wednesday, June 2, 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)

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR105-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

*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 19th day of May, 2021 be adopted as circulated.*

----Carried----

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: CR106-2021 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated June 2, 2021 be received for information, and that the necessary actions be taken.

----Carried----

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. PETITIONS

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a. Seniors Month – June 1 – 30, 2021

Resolution No: CR107-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

*WHEREAS Seniors' Month is an annual province-wide celebration; and
WHEREAS Seniors have contributed to and continue to contribute immensely to the life and vibrancy of this community; and
WHEREAS Seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and important and active members of the community; and
WHEREAS contributions from seniors past and present warrant appreciation and recognition, and their stories deserve to be told; and
WHEREAS the health and well-being of seniors is in the interest of all, and further adds to the health and well-being of the community; and
WHEREAS the knowledge and experience seniors pass on to others continues to benefit us all;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims June 1st to 30th, 2021, as "Seniors Month" and encourages all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.*

----Carried----

b. Deaf-Blind Awareness Month – June 1 – 30, 2021

Resolution No: CR108-2021 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Smith

*WHEREAS Deaf-blindness is a unique disability that incorporates the loss of both sight and hearing; and
WHEREAS Individuals who are deaf-blind can live full, meaningful lives as independently as possible with the right supports in place, such as intervenor services; and
WHEREAS on December 21, 2000, the Ontario Legislature officially proclaimed the month of June in each year as Deaf-Blind Awareness Month, to recognize that "Deaf-blindness is a unique disability that incorporates the sensory loss of both sight and hearing", and was created to help recognize that increased public awareness of this disability is crucial to increase opportunities for those who live with it; and
WHEREAS the Canadian Senate passed a motion on May 28, 2015 also recognizing June as Deaf-blind Awareness Month across Canada; and
WHEREAS June is also the birth month of Helen Keller, an internationally recognized person who was deaf-blind;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims June 1 to 30, 2021 as "National Deaf-Blind Awareness Month" and encourages all citizens to attend a virtual awareness event in June to recognize and celebrate the contributions that individuals who are deaf-blind make in their communities with the support of intervenors who serve as a bridge to communications for individuals who are deafblind.*

----Carried----

c. National Accessibility Week – May 30 to June 5, 2021

Resolution No: CR109-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

WHEREAS the Accessible Canada Act came into force July 2019, making National Accessibility Week legislated to take place every year beginning on the last Sunday in May; and

WHEREAS National Accessibility Week brings together all Canadians in recognizing the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities and strengthening the collaborative effort needed to create a country that is fully accessible and inclusive; and WHEREAS each year, we look at the gains we have made in removing barriers and improving access for all who live, work and play in the Township of Essa, and look forward to the work that still needs to be done;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims the week of May 30 to June 5, 2021 as “National Accessibility Week” and encourages all residents to support equality of access and opportunity for persons with disabilities.

----Carried-----

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. BY-LAWS

a. By-law 2021-19

Resolution No: CR110-2021 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2021-19, that being a By-law to provide for the adoption of a Tax Rate for the Business Improvement Area in Angus for 2021; 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 2021-20

Resolution No: CR111-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2021-20, that being a By-law to appoint a Deputy Chief Building Official, Plumbing Inspector, Property Standards Officer and Zoning Administrator; 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: CR112-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Henderson

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

- *Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual [Municipal Act 2001, s.239(2)(b)]*
- *Litigation or Potential Litigation [Municipal Act 2001, s.239(2)(e)]*

----Carried----

Council proceeded into Closed Session Deliberations at 7:37 p.m.

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

Motion to Rise and Report from Closed Session Meeting of June 2, 2021.

Resolution No: CR113-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at 8:10 p.m.

----Carried----

- a. **LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION [s. 239(2)(e)]**
Confidential Staff Report CAO021-21 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Thornton Union Cemetery.

Resolution No: CR114-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report CAO021-21 be received; and That Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to proceed with Option No. 1 and 2 as outlined in this Confidential Report.

----Carried----

- b. **PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL [s. 239(2)(b)]**
Confidential Staff Report CAO024-21 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Staffing Matters.

Resolution No: CR115-2021 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report CAO024-21 be received; and That Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to proceed with Option No. 1 as outlined in this Confidential Report.

----Carried----

12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

By-law 2021-21

Resolution No: CR116-2021 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2021-21, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this 2nd 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.

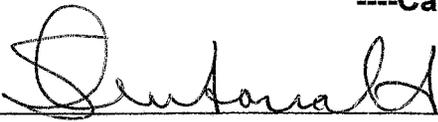
----Carried----

13. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: CR117-2021 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of the Township of Essa adjourn at 8:11 p.m. to meet again on the 16th day of June, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

----Carried----



Sandie Macdonald, Mayor



Lisa Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services