

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of Council was held in person on Wednesday February 7, 2024, 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 Liana Maltby

Staff in attendance: M. Mikael, Interim CAO/Manager of Public Works
S. Haniff, Manager of Planning
C. Rankin, Manager of Parks and Recreation
D. Dollmaier, Manager of Finance
S. Corbett, Deputy Clerk
L. Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR013-2024 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Smith

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 Special, Committee of the Whole, Public and Regular Council meetings held on the 17th day of January, 2024 be adopted as amended.

----Carried-----

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: CR014-2024 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Sander

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated February 1st, 2024, be received for information; and THAT a motion be prepared for Council's consideration to support Item A2 and A3; and THAT item A8 be referred to section B for staff to prepare a letter of support to declare February 19, 2024 as "Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario" Day.

----Carried-----

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Minutes of the Essa Healthy, Accessible Community and Parks Committee
Resolution No: CR015-2024 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Essa Healthy, Accessible, Community and Parks Committee from their meeting of December 18, 2023, be received.

----Carried-----

- b. Minutes of the Essa Public Library Board

Resolution No: CR016-2024 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Essa Public Library Board from their meeting of December 13, 2023, be received.

----Carried-----

- c. Minutes of the Nottawasaga Police Services Board

Resolution No: CR017-2024 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Nottawasaga Police Services Board from their meeting of November 20, 2023 be received.

----Carried-----

6. PETITIONS

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- a. Proclamation - Designate the Month of February, 2024 as "Black History Month"

Resolution No: CR018-2024 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Kiezebrink

WHEREAS the celebration of Black History Month originates from the U.S. Professor Carter G. Woodson's 1926 declaration of Negro History Week, a week in February which marked the birthdates of civil rights activists Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, and

WHEREAS in 1976, the Toronto City Council declared February as Black History Month. National recognition occurred on December 14, 1995, when the House of Commons unanimously agreed to a motion presented by the Honourable Jean Augustine to recognize February as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS Black History Month sought to level the imbalance in historical perspective and has become an important part of multicultural and antiracism programs; and WHEREAS Black History Month in Canada is essential since it educates Canadians. Few Canadians know that slavery once existed in Canada, or that many of the British Loyalists who came here after the (4merican Revolution were Black. Black History Month recognizes the important Sqrifices and contributions of Black people to the development of Canada and the world. Racial discrimination and intolerance is on the rise, it is time for good people to help raise awareness and show their support of the fight against racial discrimination;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims the month of February, 2024, as "Black History Month" in our community, and encourages all citizens to participate in educational activities related to and honour the significant role that Black people, both past and present, have played in shaping the Township of Essa and its values.

----Carried-----

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. BY-LAWS

a. By-law 2024-08 Repeal Schedule 9 of Essa's Business Licensing By-law

Resolution No: CR019-2024 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Maltby

BE IT RESOLVED that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2024-08, that being a By-law to repeal Schedule 9 of Essa's Business Licensing By-law 2011-20; 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 2024-09 Levy and Interim Tax Collection

Resolution No: CR020-2024 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby

BE IT RESOLVED that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2024-09, that being a By-law to authorize the municipal tax levy and the collection of interim tax levy; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken a_s read a second and third time and finally passed.

----Carried-----

c. By-law 2024-10 2024 Municipal Borrowing

Resolution No: CR21-2024 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

BE IT RESOLVED that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2024-10, that being a By-law to authorize 2024 municipal borrowing; 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: CR22-2024 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed to a Closed Session in order to address matters pertaining to:

- a) Confidential Staff Report CAO002-24 - Staffing
 - Personal matters about an identifiable individual [s.239(2)(b)J
 - Labour Relations or Employee Neaotiations [s.239(2)(d)J

Motion to Rise and Report from Closed Session Meeting of February 7, 2024.

Resolution No: CR023-2024 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby

BE IT RESOLVED that Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at 7:22 p.m.

----Carried-----

- a. **PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL [s.239(2){b}]
LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS [s.239(2){d}]
Confidential Staff Report CAO002-24 submitted by the Interim CAO, re: Staff
Matter**

Resolution No: CR024-2024 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Smith

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Confidential Staff Report CAO002-24 regarding personal matters about identifiable individuals be received: and
THAT Council direct staff in accordance with Option 1 as contained wi(hin the body of the Report; and
THAT Council direct staff in accordance with Option 2 as contained within the body of the Report.*

----Carried-----

12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

- a. **By-law 2024-11**

Resolution No: CR025-2024 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-law 2024-11, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole} Closed and Council meetings held on this 7th day of February, 2024; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

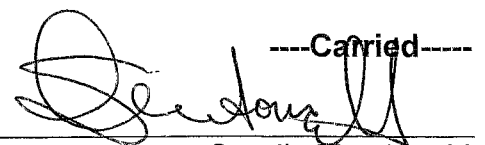
----Carried-----

13. ADJOURNMENT


Resolution No: CR2026-2024 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 7:24 p.m. to meet again on the 21st day of February, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

----Carried-----



Sandie Macdonald
Mayor



Lisa Lehr
Manager of Legislative Services