

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
VIRTUAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022**

MINUTES

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 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 (arrived at 6:23 p.m.)

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 6:01 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Based on advice received from the Township's Integrity Commissioner, Councillor Kiezebrink declared a direct interest on item 4(a). The general nature of the conflict is due to property that he owns in Essa Township that currently has a built-in ARU that is not presently occupied at this time.

3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS

STAFF REPORTS

Councillor Kiezebrink declared an interest on Item 4(a). He was removed from this portion of the virtual meeting. He did not participate in any discussion or vote on the Item.

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- a. Staff Report PD013-22 submitted by MHBC Planning, re: Zoning By-law Amendment – Additional Residential Units.**

Resolution No: CW057-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

*Be it resolved that Staff Report PD013-22 be received: and
That Council adopt a Zoning By-law Amendment for Additional Residential Units in*

accordance with the draft By-law attached to Staff Report No. PD013-22; and That Council adopt a Registry By-law for Additional Residential Units in accordance with the draft By-law attached to Staff Report No. PD013-22.

----Carried----

Councillor Kiezebrink was re-admitted to the virtual meeting for the remainder of the meeting.

5. PARKS AND RECREATION / COMMUNITY SERVICES

- a. Staff Report PR009-22 submitted by The Manager of Parks and Recreation, re: Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC).**

Resolution No: CW058-2022 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that Staff Report PR009-22 be received; and That Council consider snow removal and sanding of the parking lot located at Mike Hart Park in the 2023 Budget Deliberations.

----Carried----

6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

7. PUBLIC WORKS

8. FINANCE

- a. Staff Report TR005-22 submitted by the Manager of Finance, re: 2022 Development Charges Background Study.**

MOTION AS AMENDED:

Resolution No: CW059-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that Staff Report TR005-22 be received; and That Council consider authorizing the Manager of Finance to arrange for Hemson Consulting Ltd. to deliver the Development Charges Background Study and draft By-law; and That a steering committee consisting of all Department Heads be formed to provide information and work with this consulting firm in order to provide interim reports back to Council.

----Carried----

- b. Reduction of Securities – Birchwood Estates Subdivision.**

Resolution No: CW060-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that Council approve a reduction in securities relating to Birchwood Estates Subdivision, as recommended by AECOM as follows:

<i>Current Securities Held by Township of Essa:</i>	<i>\$1,161,820.04</i>
<i>Security to be Released as recommended by AECOM:</i>	<i>\$588,560.62</i>
<i>Securities to be Retained by Township of Essa:</i>	<i>\$573,259.42</i>

And,

That this approval is conditional upon the Developer providing the municipality with a Statutory Declaration indicating that all accounts have been paid in full, including all of the Township's legal and engineering costs.

----Carried----

9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT / IT

a. Staff Report C009-22 submitted by the Deputy Clerk, re: Fireworks – Diwali.

MOTION AS AMENDED:

Resolution No: CW061-2022 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Kiezebrink

*Be it resolved that Staff Report C009-22 be received; and
 That Council approve the request to permit the discharge of fireworks during the Diwali Celebration only on the third day of the Diwali Celebration of Lights; and
 That Council direct staff to bring forward the appropriate amending By-law.*

----Carried----

10. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (C.A.O.)

a. Staff Report CAO016- 22 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Update on Affordable Housing and Homelessness.

Resolution No: CW062-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

*That Staff Report CAO16-22 be received for information; and
 That a letter be drafted and sent to the County of Simcoe and Province to request that they specifically consider their lands in Angus for affordable or other types of needed housing as discussed in the framework of the Province's More Homes for Everyone Plan and the County's initiatives on housing, with a portion of the same lands to include community eco-tourism and an eco-debt component, and to keep some historical features on the properties, with Council supporting this ask of the residents that have been spearheading this initiative; and*

That staff be directed to draft policies for Essa's new Official Plan which would:

- promote mixed uses of housing,*
- instill housing "as a right" on institutional or commercial lands,*
- require a range of housing types, and*
- consider development charge incentives and new type of development charges to be collected to provide for future housing.*

----Carried----

- b. **Staff Report CAO017- 22 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer,
re: Zoning By-law Amendment, Housekeeping.**

Resolution No: CW063-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

*That Staff Report CAO17-22 be received for information; and
That Council authorize staff to commence the rezoning of certain properties to
incorporate for some housekeeping measures and to advertise for a public meeting in
accordance with the Planning Act.*

----Carried----

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **World Clean-up Day – Peacekeepers Park (Angus) - May 7, 2022 (8:00 a.m.)**

Mayor Macdonald reminded those in attendance to meet at Peacekeepers' Park (Angus) at 8:00 a.m. on May 7th to participate in a clean-up of Mill Street (Angus). She advised that gloves, masks and garbage bags will be provided.

- b. **Council to Resume In-Person Meetings Effective May 18, 2022**

Mayor Macdonald notified staff and members of the public that tonight's meeting would be the last virtual meeting, as Council will be returning to in-person meetings on May 18, 2022. In accordance with the Township's Procedural By-law, the in-person Council meetings will be held in the Council Chambers located at the Administration Centre (5786 County Road 21, Utopia) with a start time of 6:00 p.m.

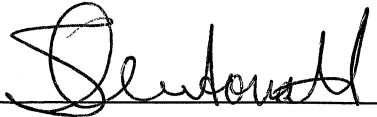
Council thanked staff for the efforts put towards assisting with virtual meetings during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

12. ADJOURNMENT


Resolution No: CW063-2022 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Kiezebrink

Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of the Township of Essa adjourn at 6:25 p.m. to meet again on the 18th day of May, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

----Carried----



Sandie Macdonald, Mayor



Lisa Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services