

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023**

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of Council was held in person on Wednesday April 19, 2023, 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: C. Healey-Dowdall, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Mikael, Manager of Public Works
J. Coleman, Manager of Parks and Recreation
B. Gauley, Deputy Treasurer
L. Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR068-2023 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 Closed Session, Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings held on the 5th day of April, 2023 be adopted as circulated.*

----Carried-----

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: CR069-2023 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Kiezebrink

Be it resolved that the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated April 19, 2023 be received for information, and that the necessary actions be taken.

----Carried-----

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. PETITIONS

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a. New Fee Proposed by Enbridge Gas

Resolution No: CR070-2023 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Maltby

WHEREAS Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200.00 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required; and

WHEREAS third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities; and

WHEREAS these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utility companies to use municipal right-of-ways at no charge to the utility companies; and

WHEREAS the announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened; and

WHEREAS if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedent is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utility companies; and

THAT the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utility companies themselves; and

THAT this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Simcoe-Grey Brian Saunderson, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

----Carried-----

b. Angus Farmers' Market – Municipally Significant Event

Resolution No: CR071-2023 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Kiezebrink

WHEREAS the Angus Farmers' Market Committee was formed in 2016 as a branch under the umbrella of the Edible Essa Committee established by the Essa Public Library; and

WHEREAS the Angus Farmers' Market Committee has successfully organized the Angus Farmers' Market events which have grown substantially in numbers since 2016; and

WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa recognizes that the Angus Farmers' Market itself is a benefit to the community as a whole, deeming it to be a municipally significant event; and

WHEREAS Staff have confirmed that the Angus Farmers' Market is covered under the umbrella of the municipality's liability insurance as a municipally sponsored event;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT due to the significance of the Angus Farmers' Market and the impact that the events have on the residents and communities within Essa Township, Council hereby supports the 8 events scheduled to run from July 6th to August 24th, 2023 between the hours of 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, at 8505 County Road 10, and authorize the temporary partial road closure on the north portion of the service road between the arena and the Stop Sign on County Road 10 in Angus to allow for the weekly event(s) to take place.

----Carried-----

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. BY-LAWS

a. By-law 2023-20 BIA Tax Rating By-law

Resolution No: CR072-2023 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2023-20, that being a By-law to provide for the adoption of a tax rate for the Angus Business Improvement Area for 2023; 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 2023-21 Zoning By-law Amendment

Resolution No: CR073-2023 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2023-21, that being a By-law to amend Essa's Zoning By-law 2003-50 to rezone lands known municipally as 59 Centre Street from Residential Low Density Detached (R1-24) to Residential Low Density Semi-Detached (R2-11); 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 2023-22

Resolution No: CR074-2023 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2023-22, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this 19th day of April, 2023; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

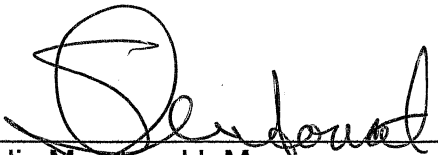
----Carried-----

13. **ADJOURNMENT**


Resolution No: CR075-2023 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Maltby

*Be it resolved that this meeting of Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 6:48 p.m.
to meet again on the 3rd day of May, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.*

----Carried-----



Sandie Macdonald, Mayor



Lisa Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services