

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

**MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of Council was held in person on Wednesday February 15, 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  
J. Coleman, Manager of Parks and Recreation  
S. Haniff, Manager of Planning  
M. Mikael, Manager of Public Works  
L. Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services

**1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

A Notice of Motion was provided requesting Council's support for submission of an application for funding under the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Fund.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

**3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS**

**Resolution No: CR021-2023 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby**

*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 Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023 be adopted as circulated.  
Amended-minutes of previous meeting*

**----Carried-----**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution No: CR022-2023 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith**

*Be it resolved that the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated February 15, 2023 be received for information, and that the necessary actions be taken.*

**----Carried-----**

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Healthy, Accessible Community and Parks Committee Minutes**

This Item was deferred to a later date.

**6. PETITIONS**

**7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**a. Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund**

**Resolution No: CR023-2023 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby**

*WHEREAS the Disaster Mitigation and Adaption Fund is a national, competitive, and merit-based contribution program intended to support infrastructure projects designed to mitigate current and future climate-related risks and disasters triggered by natural hazards, such as floods, wildland fires, droughts and seismic events; and*

*WHEREAS the maximum federal contribution from all sources of total eligible expenditures for a given project, if approved, is based on asset ownership; and*

*WHEREAS the Township of Essa commenced an Environmental Assessment to propose replacement of the 5<sup>th</sup> Line Bridge due to aging infrastructure, ongoing erosion and sediment deposition in the river at the bridge location resulting in ice and debris jams causing flooding; and*

*WHEREAS erosion and deposition continues in the river at the bridge location and the frequency and severity of both the erosion and flooding hazard is increasing, with heavy erosion of the riverbanks having caused sediment deposition resulting in a downstream "island" which has resulted in the narrowing of the river, reduced water depth and increased flow velocities, thus exacerbating the erosion problem; and*

*WHEREAS the Township Engineer has identified the 5<sup>th</sup> Line Bridge as municipal infrastructure approaching its end of functional life at 71 years old and requires replacement in the very near future; and*

*WHEREAS the application to be submitted under the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund has identified eligible replacement costs estimated at \$8.5 million;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby supports an application being submitted for consideration of approval for funding under the Disaster Mitigation and Adaption Fund.*

**----Carried-----**

**b. Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GIBC) Fund**

**Resolution No: CR024-2023 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Kiezebrink**

*WHEREAS the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Fund (GICB) is a five-year \$1.5 billion Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program which supports green and accessible retrofits, repairs or upgrades of existing public community buildings and the construction of new publicly-accessible community buildings that serve high-needs, underserved communities across Canada; and*

*WHEREAS the GICB Program supports the first pillar of the Strengthened Climate Plan by improving the places Canadians live and gather by cutting pollution (e.g. reducing GHG emissions, increasing energy efficiency, building resiliency to climate change and encouraging new builds to net zero standards), making life more affordable and supporting thousands of good jobs; and*

*WHEREAS the maximum federal contribution from all sources of total eligible expenditures for a given project, if approved, will only cover the design and construction contracts as eligible costs; and*

*WHEREAS the Township of Essa commenced the design and construction of a public community centre in Angus, Ontario, and attached to the proposed new firehall is 52.3% and 47.69% net floor area split respectively targeting net zero standards, increasing energy efficiency and building resiliency to climate change; and*

*WHEREAS the application to be submitted under the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) Fund has identified eligible costs for the proposed Community Center at \$5.8 million;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED THAT Council of the Corporation of Township of Essa hereby supports an application being submitted for consideration of approval for funding under the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) Fund.*

**----Carried-----**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. BY-LAWS**

**a. By-law 2023-09 Livestock Guardian and Herding Dogs**

**Resolution No: CR025-2023 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith**

*Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2023-09, that being a By-law to exempt Livestock Guardian and Herding Dogs from certain provisions of Essa's Canine Control By-law 2006-18; 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 2023-10 Zoning By-law Amendment – 8677 County Road 56**

**Resolution No: CR026-2023 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Sander**

*Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2023-10, that being a By-law to amend the Township's Zoning By-law 2003-50 as amended affecting property at Part Lot 30 Con 7, known municipally as 8677 County Road 56, in the Township of Essa, from Commercial Recreational (C4) to Rural (RL) Zone; 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: CR027-2023 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Sander**

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

- *Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations [Municipal Act, s. 239(2)(d)]*
- *Litigation or Potential Litigation [Municipal Act, s. 239(2)(e)]*
- *Advice Subject to Solicitor-Client Privilege [Municipal Act, s. 239(2)(f)]*

**----Carried-----**

Council proceeded into Closed Session Deliberations at 6:48 p.m.

**Motion to Rise and Report from Closed Session Meeting of February 15, 2023.**

**Resolution No: CR028-2023 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby**

*Be it resolved that Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at 8:43 p.m.*

**----Carried-----**

The Chief Administrative Officer informed all in attendance that the Clerk provided a written Delegation of Powers and Duties as assigned under s. 228(4) of the Municipal Act, specific to Closed Session Deliberations and the remainder of the meeting thereafter.

- a. **LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS [s.239(2)(d)]  
Confidential Staff Report CAO001-23 from the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Staff Matters and the Proposed 2023 Budget.**

Council deferred their consideration of this matter to a later date.

- b. **LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION [s.239(2)(e)]  
ADVICE SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE [s.239(2)(f)]  
Confidential Staff Report CAO003-23 from the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Litigation Matter.**

Council deferred their consideration of this matter to a later date.

12. **CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**By-law 2023-11**

**Resolution No: CR029-2023 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Maltby**

*Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2023-11, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023; 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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13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No: CR030-2023 Moved by: Smith      Seconded by: Maltby**

*Be it resolved that this meeting of Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 8:39 p.m.  
to meet again on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.*

**----Carried-----**



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Sandie Macdonald, Mayor



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Lisa Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services