

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024**

MINUTES

A Regular Council meeting was held in person on Wednesday October 16, 2024, in the Council Chambers at the Administration Centre located at 5786 County Road 21, Utopia.

In attendance: Mayor Sandie Macdonald
Deputy Mayor Michael Smith
Councillor Pieter Kiezebrink
Councillor Henry Sander
Councillor Liana Maltby

Staff in attendance: M. Mikael, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Rankin, Manager of Parks and Recreation
D. Burgin, Fire Chief
G. McNamara, Deputy Fire Chief
J. Kolb, Manager of Public Work
P. Granes, Chief Building Official
S. Corbett, Deputy Clerk
L. Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR158-2024 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 2nd day of October, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

---Carried---

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: CR159-2024 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Maltby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated October 16, 2024, be received for information; and THAT Items 4, 9 and 10 be referred to Staff for action.

---Carried---

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. PETITIONS
7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a. Proclamation – Local Government Week - October 20-26, 2024

Resolution No: CR160-2024 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Maltby

WHEREAS October 20 to 26, 2024 is Local Government Week in Ontario, an opportunity to reflect on the vital services delivered by municipal governments; and *WHEREAS* municipal governments play a vital role in helping to define the character, priorities, physical make up, and quality of life of communities across Ontario; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby joins with partners such as the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) in acknowledging and celebrating the work of local municipalities by proclaiming October 20 to 26, 2024 as 'Local Government Week' in the Township of Essa.

---Carried---

b. Proclamation – International Day of Rural Women – October 15, 2024

Resolution No: CR161-2024 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Smith

WHEREAS rural women around the world play a crucial role in the well-being of their families, communities, and economies, serving as farmers, laborers, business owners, caregivers, and leaders; and *WHEREAS* the United Nations has designated October 15th as International Day of Rural Women to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of rural women to agricultural development, food security, and rural prosperity; and *WHEREAS* rural women are key to improving rural livelihoods, yet they often face challenges including limited access to resources, education, healthcare, and economic opportunities; and *WHEREAS* promoting the rights, welfare, and empowerment of rural women is essential to achieving sustainable development and addressing global challenges such as hunger, poverty, and climate change; and *WHEREAS* we stand in solidarity with rural women, honoring their resilience, leadership, and dedication to fostering thriving rural communities, while reaffirming our commitment to creating equitable opportunities for their advancement; and *WHEREAS* through increased support, investment, and policy initiatives that prioritize rural women's rights, we can build more inclusive and sustainable societies for future generations; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa Council hereby proclaims October 15th, 2024 as "International Day of Rural Women" in Essa Township and urge all citizens to acknowledge the significant contributions of rural women and to work together in creating a future of equality, justice, and opportunity for all.

---Carried---

c. Notice of Motion – County of Simcoe - Recycling Program

Resolution No: CR162-2024 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby

WHEREAS the current Ontario Regulation 391/21 defines the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) sector as 'ineligible sources' (with the exception of schools and not-for-profit homes for the aged) for the purposes of producer responsibility for recycling, and as such the producers are not responsible for collecting recycling from these locations including businesses, municipal buildings, places of worship and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS the County of Simcoe has collected recycling from IC&I properties as part of its residential recycling collection program to date; and

WHEREAS County Council made the decision to cease curbside recycling collection from IC&I properties effective as of January 1, 2026, and instead allow continued drop-off of recycling at the County's waste management facilities; and

WHEREAS this decision was taken despite County Council's strong desire to continue to facilitate the greatest amount of recycling possible, expressly because of the consequences arising from provincial regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa calls upon the Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and our local MPP Brian Saunderson, to amend Ontario Regulation 391/21 to include small IC&I locations (those generating similar quantities of waste as a residential unit) as eligible sources to ensure Producer Responsibility Organizations are required to service these locations as part of their residential collection contract.

---Carried---

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. BY-LAWS

a. By-law 2024-49 – A By-law to appoint a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.

Resolution No: CR163-2024 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2024-49 be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

---Carried---

10. QUESTIONS

11. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No: CR164-2024 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Maltby

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

a. Staff Report PD014-24, re: Potential Litigation – Proposed Development.

- *Litigation or Potential Litigation – s.239(2)(e)*
- *Plans and Instructions for Negotiation – s. 239(2)(k)*

---Carried---

Council proceeded into Closed Session Deliberations at 7:26 p.m.

Motion to Rise and Report from Closed Session Meeting of October 16, 2024.

Resolution No: CR165-2024 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Maltby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at 7:38 p.m.

---Carried---

The following items were passed by Council:

a. Confidential Staff Report PD014-24 submitted by the Manager of Planning, re: Potential Litigation – Proposed Developments.

Resolution No: CR166-2024 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Confidential Staff Report PD014-24 be received.

---Carried---

12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

By-law 2024-50

Resolution No: CR156-2024 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Sander

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-law 2024-50, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole, Closed and Council meetings held on this 16th day of October, 2024; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

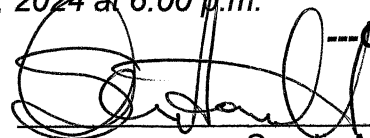
---Carried---

13. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: CR157-2024 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Sander

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 7:39 p.m. to meet again on the 6th day of November, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

---Carried---



Sandie Macdonald

Mayor



Lisa Lehr

Manager of Legislative Services