

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
December 6th, 2023
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (Z14-23)
(Affecting all areas in the Township of Essa)**

MINUTES

A Public meeting was held in person on Wednesday, December 6th, 2023 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

Regrets: Councillor Liana Maltby

Staff in attendance: C. Healey-Dowdall, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Dollmaier, Manager of Finance
C. Rankin, Manager of Parks and Recreation
L. Lehr, Clerk
S. Corbett, Deputy Clerk

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. She stated that the purpose of this Public Meeting is to review an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment relating to all lands in the Township of Essa in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act. A description and presentation of the proposal was then read by the Manager of Planning, Samuel Haniff as outlined below.

THE PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT would affect those lands described as listed below, being 1) and 2):

- 1) **5901 County Road 56**
Currently zoned 'Agricultural (A)'. The proposed amendment would change the zoning to 'Agricultural (A-1)' to restrict future residential development on the retained lands of a recent Consent.
- 2) **List of proposed changes to Zoning By-law (2003-50) listed in the table below.**

Item Description	Proposed Changes
SECTION 6.3 – ZONE REGULATIONS	Add a footnote to the Zoning Table in Section 6.3 stating: "The maximum building height of a primary residence in an Agricultural (A) zone shall be the same as a primary residence in a R1 Zone" mentioned in Section 17 of this By-law.

SECTION 3 - DEFINITIONS	Add "Rowhouse" to the definition of "Townhouse" (i.e., "Rowhouse/Townhouse"). Add the definition: "Multi-Unit Dwelling".
SECTION 14 – PERMITTED USES FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL ZONES	Several changes to the permitted uses for all Residential zones.
SECTION 12 – RESIDENTIAL, MEDIUM DENSITY, GROUP HOMES (R4) ZONE	To change the name of the R4 zone from "Residential, Medium Density, Group Homes (R4) Zone" to "Residential, Medium Density, Multi-Unit (R4) Zone"
SECTION 11.4 – SPECIAL PROVISIONS	The purpose is to change the Special Provisions number for special provision R2-11 and R2-12 which were assigned existing Special Provisions numbers as a result of a clerical error. The previously named R2-11 and R2-12 will be changed to R2-12 and R2-14 respectively.
Section 4.36.3	To remove the Section entirely.

Mayor Macdonald then welcomed comments and questions from the public, stating that speakers must state their name and address so that proper records may be kept and notice of future decisions be sent to those persons involved in the review process.

No comments were received.

Mayor Macdonald thanked all in attendance for their participation. She added that the Essa Township Planning office will prepare a report and by-law to be presented to Council concerning this matter.

The Public meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Sandie Macdonald, Mayor

Lisa Lehr, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk