## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA PUBLIC MEETING MAY 15, 2024 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ESSA BY-LAW 2013-01 (FEES AND CHARGES)

## MINUTES

A Public meeting was held in person on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 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:

M. Mikael, CAO

C. Rankin, Manager of Parks and Recreation

D. Dollmaier, Manager of Finance

C. Burgin, Fire Chief

J. Kolb, Manager of Public Works

S. Corbett, Deputy Clerk

L. Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services

Mayor Macdonald opened the Public Meeting at 6:01 p.m. She stated that the purpose of this Public Meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to comment on proposed amendments to the Township of Essa's Fees and Charges By-law specifically in relation to the prosed increases in addition to newly proposed fees as recommended in Staff Report C005-24, of which was presented to Council for consideration at their meeting of May 1, 2024.

The Clerk informed all in attendance that authority was granted to a municipality under section 391 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, to impose fees or charges on persons,

(a) for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it;

(b) for costs payable by it for services or activities provided; and

(c) for the use of its property including property under its control".

Additionally, she added that subsection 391(3) of the Act further permits that a fee or charge may include costs related to:

- administration,
- enforcement, and
- the establishment, acquisition and replacement of capital assets.

The Clerk then proceeded to provide an overview of the proposed amendments to Essa's existing Fee Schedule. She explained that the proposed amendments were in relation to an increase to some existing fees, as well as the addition newly created administrative fees, all of which were brought forward for Council's consideration through the presentation of Staff Report C005-24 in the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on May 1, 2024.

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 can be sent to those persons involved in the review process.

There were no comments or questions brought forward from members of the public.

Mayor Macdonald then opened the floor to Council for any further comments, questions or points of clarification on the proposed amendments.

There were no comments, questions or requests for points of clarification from Council.

Mayor Macdonald thanked all in attendance for their participation. She advised that the Clerk's Department will be preparing a By-law to be presented to Council for passage on this matter at the Regular Meeting scheduled on June 5, 2024.

The Public Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Sandie Macdonald, Mayor

Lisa Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk