

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
July 5th, 2023
A BY-LAW TO AMEND TOWNSHIP OF ESSA COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW
NO. 2003-50, AS AMENDED**

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A Public meeting was held in person on Wednesday, July 5th, 2023 in the Council Chambers of the Administration Centre, Township of Essa.

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

Staff in attendance: C. Healey-Dowdall, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Mikael, Manager of Public Works
D. Dollmaier, Manager of Finance.
S. Haniff, Manager of Planning
S. Corbett, Deputy Clerk
L. Lehr, Clerk

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 6:09 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 Essa Township in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act.

A presentation of the proposal was then made by the Manager of Planning, Samuel Haniff, as outlined below.

The purpose of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is to introduce a definition for "Short-Term Accommodation" and to amend the existing definition of "Boarding or Rooming House" or "Bed and Breakfast" to the Zoning By-law 2003-50 in an effort to better regulate Short-Term Accommodations in the Township of Essa for life safety purposes.

Staff is proposing to introduce a definition for 'Short-Term Accommodation' as follows:
'means a place of temporary residence, lodging or occupancy by way of concession, permit, lease, licence, rental agreement or similar commercial arrangement for any period equal to or less than thirty (30) consecutive calendar days. This includes "Boarding or Rooming House" and "Bed and Breakfast" but excludes hotels, motels and accommodations where there is no exchange for remuneration.'

Staff is also proposing to amend the definition for 'Boarding or Rooming House' or 'Bed and Breakfast' in include the following line:

'The Boarding or Rooming House or Bed and Breakfast shall be owned and operated by one or more persons residing on the premises during operation as a Boarding or Rooming House or Bed and Breakfast.'

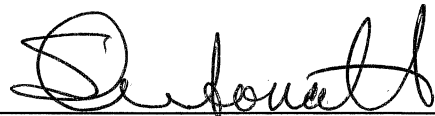
The Manager of Planning advised that there were no comments were received by Agencies or Neighbours at the time of the Public Meeting.

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.

Braun Hause, resident of 35 Parkside Crescent, Angus, spoke to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. He was directly affected by a fire at an AirBnB that was never permitted by the Township. He stated that he strongly opposes permitting any short-term accommodations in Essa Township.

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 **6:32pm**.



Sandie Macdonald, Mayor



Lisa Lehr, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk