

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
VIRTUAL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

**MINUTES**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 and was livestreamed to the public on the Township of Essa's YouTube Channel.

In attendance: Mayor Sandie Macdonald  
Deputy Mayor, Michael Smith  
Councillor Pieter Kiezebrink  
Councillor Henry Sander  
Councillor Ron Henderson

Staff in attendance: C. Healey-Dowdall, Chief Administrative Officer  
C. Traynor, Manager of Finance  
R. Rosilius, Deputy Treasurer  
A. Powell, Manager of Planning and Development  
D. Burgin, Fire Chief  
M. Mikael, Manager of Public Works  
J. Coleman, Manager of Parks and Recreation  
K. Pascoe, Deputy Clerk  
L. Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services

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

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

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

**Resolution No: CR017-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Henderson**

*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 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022 be adopted as circulate; and  
That the Committee of the Whole minutes from the meeting of December 1, 2021 be approved as amended.*

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

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution No: CR018-2022 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Sander**

*Be it resolved that the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated February 2, 2022 be received for information, and that the necessary actions be taken.*

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

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Essa Public Library Board**

**Resolution No: CR019-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Henderson**

*Be it resolved that the minutes of the Essa Public Library Board from their meeting of December 13, 2021 be received.*

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

**b. Healthy Community Committee**

**Resolution No: CR020-2022 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Henderson**

*Be it resolved that the minutes of the Healthy Community Committee from their meeting of January 20, 2022 be received.*

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

**6. PETITIONS**

**7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**a. Support of AMO Resolution - Joint and Several Liability**

**Resolution No: CR021-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Kiezebrink**

*Whereas municipal governments provide essential services to the residents and businesses in their communities; and*

*Whereas the ability to provide those services is negatively impacted by exponentially rising insurance costs; and*

*Whereas one driver of rising insurance costs is the legal principle of "joint and several liability" which assigns disproportionate liability to municipalities for an incident relative to their responsibility for it; and*

*Whereas, the Government of Ontario has the authority and responsibility for the legal framework of "joint and several liability;" and*

*Whereas the Premier of Ontario committed to review the issue in 2018 with a view to helping municipal governments manage their risks and costs; and*

*Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario on behalf of municipal governments has provided recommendations as attached to align municipal liability with the proportionate responsibility for incidents and capping awards;*

*Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Township of Essa does hereby support AMO's recommendations; and*

*Further be it resolved that the Township of Essa does hereby call on the Attorney General of Ontario to work with municipal governments to put forward a plan of action to address "joint and several liability" before the end of the government's current term so that municipalities can continue to offer high quality services to their communities.*

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

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9. **BY-LAWS**

a. **By-law 2022-08**

**Resolution No: CR022-2022 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson**

*Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2022-08, that being a By-law to authorize municipal borrowing for current expenditures; 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 2022-09**

**Resolution No: CR023-2022 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Kiezebrink**

*Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2022-09, that being a By-law to authorize the levy and collection of an interim tax on all properties and property classes, and to establish the date(s) for payment of taxes, and to provide for penalty and interest; 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**

12. **CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

**By-law 2022-10**

**Resolution No: CR024-2022 Moved by: Henderson Seconded by: Smith**

*Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2022-10, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2022; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.*

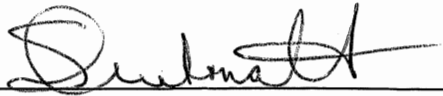
----Carried----


13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No: CR025-2022 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Henderson**

*Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of the Township of Essa adjourn at 6:32 p.m. to meet again on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.*

----Carried----

  
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Sandie Macdonald, Mayor

  
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Lisa Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services