

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024
(To follow Committee of the Whole)**

MINUTES

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held in person on Wednesday September 4, 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, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Rankin, Manager of Parks and Recreation
S. Haniff, Manager of Planning
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 6:22 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR133-2024 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Sander

***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, Closed and Regular Council meetings held on the 3rd day of July, 2024 be adopted as circulated.*

---Carried---

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: CR134-2024 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated September 4, 2024, be received for information.*

---Carried---

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. PETITIONS

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a. **Proclamation – Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day –
September 9, 2024**

Resolution No: CR135-2024 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby

WHEREAS, there is no safe amount, no safe time, or no safe kind of alcohol that a pregnant individual can drink during pregnancy; and
WHEREAS, the term “Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder” (FASD) describes the range of exceptionalities that may affect in an individual who was exposed to alcohol in utero/during pregnancy; and
WHEREAS, prenatal alcohol exposure is the leading preventable cause of birth defects, such as physical, mental, behavioural and/or learning challenges; and
WHEREAS, the exact number of people who have FASD is unknown, but in Canada it is estimated that 4 per cent of the population are born with effects of prenatal alcohol exposure annually; and
WHEREAS, the estimated social and economic cost of FASD in Canada is \$1.8 billion per year; and
WHEREAS, more than 50 per cent of all pregnancies are unplanned when drinking may occur before the pregnancy is confirmed; and
WHEREAS, people around the world began observing International FASD Awareness Day on September 9 each year beginning in 1999, in order that on the ninth day of the ninth month of the year, the world will remember that during the nine months of pregnancy it is important to abstain from alcohol; and
WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the people of Essa are enhanced by the support of a national effort to educate about and prevent FASD through the Simcoe County FASD Prevention Committee, part of the Simcoe County FASD Initiative.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims September 9, 2024 as “Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day” in Essa to promote awareness of the effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol, to increase acceptance and support for those individuals so affected, to minimize further effects, and to ensure healthier communities in the future.

---Carried---

b. **Proclamation – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
(Flag Raising Ceremony – September 4 @ 5:45 p.m.)**

Resolution No: CR136-2024 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

WHEREAS, the month of September is recognized nationally as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; and
WHEREAS, the most recent data shows that cancer remains the leading cause of non-accidental death in Canadian children; and
WHEREAS, an estimated two-thirds of childhood cancer survivors experience at least one chronic or long-term side effect from their treatment; and

***WHEREAS**, the awareness we create for childhood cancer will help fund further research to improve diagnosis and treatment in children and continue to decrease the death rate;*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims September 2024 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in the Township of Essa.*

---Carried---

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. BY-LAWS

- a. **By-law 2024-39** – A By-law to authorize the issuance of the Certificate of Maintenance and Final Acceptance (Underground Works) - 400 Centre Street.
- b. **By-law 2024-40** - A By-law to authorize the issuance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion (Aboveground Works) - 400 Centre Street.

Resolution No: CR137-2024 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Smith

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-laws 2024-39, and 2024-40 be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.*

---Carried---

10. QUESTIONS

11. CLOSED SESSION

Council did not proceed into Closed Session for deliberations.

- a. **Staff Report CAO022-24 submitted by Chief Administrative Officer, re: Legal Matters Update.**

Resolution No: CR138-2024 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Confidential Staff Report CAO022-24 be received.*

---Carried---

- b. **Staff Report CAO023-24 submitted by Chief Administrative Officer re: Litigation (10th Line).**

Resolution No: CR139-2024 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Staff Report CAO023-24 be received; and **THAT** Council direct Staff in accordance with Option 1 as contained within this report.*

---Carried---

12. **CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**
By-law 2024-41

Resolution No: CR140-2024 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** leave be granted to introduce By-law 2024-41, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole, Closed and Council meetings held on this 4th day of September, 2024; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.*

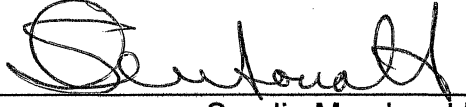
---Carried---

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

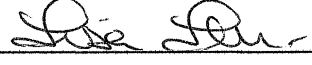
Resolution No: CR141-2024 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Maltby

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting of Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 6:32 p.m. to meet again on the 18th day of September, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.*

---Carried---



Sandie Macdonald
Mayor



Lisa Lehr
Manager of Legislative Services