

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2007
6:00 p.m.**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, 4 April 2007 in the Council Chambers of the Administration Centre, Township of Essa.

In attendance: Mayor David Guergis
Deputy Mayor Terry Dowdall
Councillor Rick Newlove
Councillor Ron Henderson
Councillor Sandie Macdonald

Staff in attendance: Greg Murphy, CAO/Manager of Public Works
Carol Trainor, Clerk/Deputy-Treasurer
Paul Macdonald, Fire Chief
Colleen Healey, Manager of Planning and Development
Julie Barrett, Treasurer

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Guergis opened the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:06.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS

- a. 6:00 Dr. Nigel Gripper, Board Chair, Stevenson Memorial Hospital**
Re: 2007 Update on Challenges and Opportunities

Dr. Nigel Gripper introduced himself to Council, stating that he has been with Stevenson Memorial since 1964. He provided an update on the many programs and services available at Stevenson, from the emergency room to a wide variety of day surgery and outpatient services. There has been much media attention lately regarding the loss of services, particularly the obstetrical unit, but Stevenson provides many other programs and services and patients are well looked after. The Emergency Room, which is well utilized by Essa residents, is being reconfigured to improve patient flow but is now in urgent need of expansion and renovation. There is no funding available and the continued shortage of physicians across the province enhances the problems faced by small hospitals. SMH is aggressively recruiting physicians but this is an ongoing dilemma everywhere and it is a difficult process.

The need for inpatient beds has been significantly reduced, as many programs now focus on outpatient procedures such as women's health, med/surgical, dialysis, imaging, mental health, etc. The hospital needs a CT scan but do not have the money, which goes hand in hand with

recruitment efforts as equipment fundraising ensures that physicians will have access to the equipment they need. Dr. Gripper explained the funding arrangement between hospitals and the province, noting that they do not have the ability to raise taxes or debenture for expenditures like municipalities. The budget increase for 2007/08 does not even cover the union awards. At this time they are making a request for funding for community physician recruitment efforts and have received donations from Adjala-Tosorontio, New Tecumseth and Innisfil, but not Essa. They must start planning for a new hospital soon as the existing facility is 43 years old. In closing, Dr. Gripper welcomed and encouraged Council to attend Board meetings and visit the website for more information.

Councillor Macdonald enquired about the physician retention once they are recruited. The emergency room is very hard work and requires excessive hours, so under the circumstances it is hard to retain them when working conditions are less stressful elsewhere. The LHIN are trying to focus on areas of excellence in specific locations, but people want all services available close to home.

Dr. Gripper requested that Council assist the hospital by encouraging people from this area to utilize Stevenson. Mayor Guergis indicated that the Township does support local health care, and noted that we hold a golf tournament every year for the regional cancer centre, but this Council feels that municipalities are not in the business of providing health care. The Township needs to keep roads maintained and provide many other services for our residents. Essa is a growing municipality and residents expect increased services that we have an obligation to accommodate.

Mayor Guergis thanked Dr. Gripper for his presentation, adding that the Township would be happy to provide any support we can.

STAFF REPORTS

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

a. Angus Pharmacy (Guardian Drugs) Site Plan Approval

Councillor Newlove enquired about the 6m required for parking. Planner Colleen Healey noted that a new survey would have to be completed, but the 5 parking spaces referred to in the recommendation are in excess of the parking requirements of the zoning by-law. The applicant, Ward Charbonneau, was in attendance and indicated that he is very anxious to move forward. When questioned about the garbage enclosure he indicated that the pharmacy generates very little garbage as most of their waste is bio-medical and is not disposed of through normal collection. He would not normally put more than two bags of garbage out for collection each week. The building will house the pharmacy at 6,500 sf, and space for a physician at 1,200 sf. Space allocation for an enclosed garbage enclosure is what is needed; it does not need to be a dumpster.

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Resolution No: CW76-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report P07-38 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further

That the site plan and all related drawings associated with the proposed new pharmacy for Angus (River Drive) be approved including:

(a) \$10,000 for securities for works to be constructed; and

(b) five parking spaces abutting the daylighting triangle will be 5.5 metres in length as opposed to the required 6 metres.

Carried as amended.

b. Street Names, Essa Developments Subdivision

The original recommendation was amended to include the names Cochrane and Elphick.

Resolution No: CW77-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report P07-39 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further

That the following streets in the Essa Developments Subdivision, as depicted on the attached sketch, be assigned names as follows:

Mike Hart Drive, Greenwood Drive, Quigley Street, Banting Crescent, Arnold Crescent, Hutton Crescent, Wagner Crescent, Stevenson Street, Red Cedar Lane, Cochrane Crescent and Elphick Street.

Carried as amended

c. 160 Mill Street Rezoning

Ms. Healey advised that the potential buyer of this property may wish to rebuild and has therefore requested that the condition for paving be lifted. Mayor Guergis asked if a Hold could be placed on the zoning until the conditions are met but which would enable the sale to proceed. Ms. Healey agreed and will present a bylaw to the next meeting outlining these conditions.

Resolution No: CW78-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that Report P07-41 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further

That Committee support a rezoning of 160 Mill Street from Institutional (I) Zone to Core Commercial (C2-H) Hold Zone immediately provided the purchaser of 160 Mill Street provide an acceptable Undertaking to the Township to enter into a Site Plan Control Agreement, prior to the development and/or improvements of this property.

Carried as amended

d. Planning Principles Seminar

Resolution No: CW79-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report P07-42 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further
That the current Planning Assistant be granted permission to attend a free one day seminar on Planning Principles.*

Carried

5. PARKS AND RECREATION / COMMUNITY SERVICES

a. March Break Mania Day Camp

Resolution No: CW80-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report PR-2007-5 from the Recreation Coordinator/Programmer be received.

Carried

6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

a. Alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC)

Resolution No: CW81-2007 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report F06-2007 from the Fire Chief/ CEMC be received; and
That Jeff J. Kirk be designated as Alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of Essa, and that a By-law be prepared to confirm the appointment of an Alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of Essa; and
That the Alternate CEMC be approved to attend the mandatory CEMC course held at Kingston Ontario April 24 to 27, 2007.*

Carried

7. PUBLIC WORKS

a. 2007 Street Sweeping Tender

Resolution No: CW82-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that the tender submitted by Crocker Contracting in the lump sum amount of \$10,500.00. be accepted as per Township specifications contingent upon satisfactory confirmation of liability insurance and W.S.I.B. coverage; and further
That the CAO/Manager of Public Works be authorized to arrange for the necessary work to be done.*

Carried

b. Ontario Good Roads Association Courses

Resolution No: CW83-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report PW-07-21 from the CAO/Public Works Manager be received; and further

That Tom Coulson and Bob Morrison be authorized to attend the OGRA sponsored courses offered at the University of Guelph, and the Treasurer be authorized to forward the registration fee for both employees.

Carried

c. Water Supply Agreement

CAO Greg Murphy was asked to clarify whether the Administration fee to be charged is 5% or 3%, as both amounts have been indicated.

Resolution No: CW84-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report PW-07-23 from the CAO/Public Works Manager be received; and further

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into a Water Supply Agreement with the Town of New Tecumseth for the purchase of 100 cubic metres of water from the Collingwood to Alliston pipeline to service the Baxter water system.

Carried

d. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

Resolution No: CW85-2007 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Report PW-07-24 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received for information.

Carried

8. FINANCE

a. Request to Write Off/Adjust 2005 & 2006 Taxes

Resolution No: CW86-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report TA-2007-01 from the Senior Tax Clerk be received; and that the Senior Tax Clerk be authorized to adjust taxes as per the attached listings for Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Taxes and further that the write off as attached, be approved.

Carried

b. Transfer to/from Reserves, Reserve Funds and Development Charges

Resolution No: CW87-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Report TR-2007-08 from the Treasurer, dated April 4, 2007 be received; and

That funds be transferred from General Revenues to:

<i>Reserve for Sale of Thornton Hydro</i>	<i>\$ 9,073.00</i>
<i>Reserve for Riverbank Restoration</i>	<i>\$ 6,998.58</i>
<i>Reserve for Fishing Parks</i>	<i>\$ 3,322.41</i>
<i>Reserve Fund for BIA</i>	<i>\$ 7,354.48</i>
<i>Reserve for Parks & Recreation</i>	<i>\$ 37,675.00</i>

and;

That funds be transferred from:

<i>Reserve for Sale of Thornton Hydro to General Revenues</i>	<i>\$106,609.00</i>
<i>Reserve for Parks & Recreation to General Revenues</i>	<i>\$ 68,455.00</i>
<i>Reserve for Fire Department to General Revenues</i>	<i>\$ 79,192.00</i>
<i>Reserve for Fire Dept. Training & Equipment to General Revenues</i>	<i>\$ 35,910.00</i>
<i>Reserve for Special Projects to General Revenues</i>	<i>\$159,927.00</i>
<i>Reserve for Urban Standards to General Revenues</i>	<i>\$ 3,461.88</i>
<i>Development Charge for Park Development & Facilities to General Revenues</i>	<i>\$ 54,584.00</i>
<i>Development Charge for Protection (Fire) to General Revenues</i>	<i>\$ 5,644.00</i>
<i>Development Charge for Roads & Related to General Revenues</i>	<i>\$ 27,084.00</i>
<i>General Revenues to Development Charge for Public Works & Fleet</i>	<i>\$ 6,715.20</i>
<i>Reserve Fund for Parkland to General Revenues</i>	<i>\$ 31,555.00</i>
<i>Reserve Fund for Brown's Line & Bridge to General Revenues</i>	<i>\$ 40,502.51</i>

and further;

That these transfers be dated December 31, 2006.

Carried

9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

10. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Mr. Murphy advised that Hydro One is planning to unload two pieces of a transformer

from a rail car to a transport truck in Angus at the railway crossing at Queen Street. This item was previously discussed by Council. They are planning to unload the first part on April 23, and the second part will be done two weeks later. The transformer will be carried through Base Borden to Everett. Hydro One expects that the road will be closed for a half day each time. Mr. Murphy was asked to obtain a security deposit in the event that damage results from the transport.

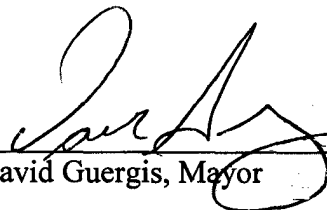
- b. South Simcoe Mayors and CAO's will be meeting to discuss growth numbers and each municipality will be asked to comment on their growth projection. Essa's existing Official Plan projects 22,000 people by 2021, but the *Places to Grow Act* goes beyond that to 2031. Ms. Healey has determined possible homes within existing settlement areas and rural areas. She estimates that the population of Essa could reach 27,525 by 2031, based on existing and potential development to take place. The Province promotes intensification within settlement area borders rather than in rural areas.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: CW88-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of The Township of Essa adjourn at 7:15 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried



David Guergis, Mayor

Carol O. Trainor, Clerk