

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2007  
6:00 p.m.**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, 7 February 2007 in the Council Chambers of the Administration Centre, Township of Essa.

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

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 called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**a. Alset Development Plans to Develop in Angus**

Mayor Guergis advised that he and Colleen Healey met with the Ministry of Natural Resources, the NVCA, the County, and the developer to discuss environmental flood proofing of downtown Angus which would allow this property to be listed as outside of the floodplain. Ms. Healey advised that another meeting is set up next week at the County of Simcoe with the same parties. An open invitation has been extended to members of Council who wish to attend.

Resolution No: CW13-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report P07-10 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received for information purposes; and further*

*That a copy of this Report be provided to Alset Development in order that they may act appropriately to provide the Township with the proper information required in seeking their objective, a special policy.*

Carried

**b. Fishing Access Passes**

Ms. Healey advised that no fee increase is being proposed for the fishing passes.

Resolution No: CW14-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that Report P07-11 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received for information purposes; and further*

*That the current fees associated with fishing be added to the Township's Fee Schedule as soon as possible, in order that the collection of fees pertaining to fishing become enforceable.*

Carried

**c. Parkland Dedication, Guergis Estates, Baxter**

Council agreed that the requirement that this property remain in the ownership of the Township "for all time" was too restrictive and amended the recommendation to remove this statement.

Resolution No: CW15-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that Report P07-12 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further*

*That Council accept a donation of land (as depicted by a draft Reference Plan prepared by Strongman dated December 19, 2006) for parkland purposes within the Guergis Estates Subdivision, subject to an easement in favour of the NVCA to ensure protection and use of the lands for conservation and/or parkland purposes.*

Carried as Amended

**d. Provincial Settlement Areas and Built Boundaries**

In response to questions from Council, Ms. Healey advised that Thornton is not a good candidate to be a Provincial Settlement Area and cannot meet provincial targets. If Thornton is delisted, it would still be allowed to grow but would aim for different targets than a true settlement area which is on full services. We have not received the mapping yet, and discussion still open. Staff will provide a more complete report to the next meeting.

Resolution No: CW16-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

*Be it resolved that Report P07-13 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received and deferred pending further consultation.*

Carried

**e. Rezoning of 24 Brentwood Road**

The motion was amended to change the connection deadline from May to July 15, 2007.

Resolution No: CW17-2007 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report P07-14 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further*

*That the rezoning of 24 Brentwood Road be presented to Council through a bylaw once the applicant either connects to municipal services or signs an undertaking to connect by July 15, 2007.*

Carried as Amended

**f. Essa Developments Request for Zoning By-law Amendment**

Resolution No: CW18-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report P07-15 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further*

*That the draft plan which was recently revised to reflect a modification to the parkland, to suit the Township, be accepted; and further*

*That the requests of Devonleigh Homes be granted with the exception of the exterior side yard setback, and as well, the lot coverage until such time that site plans, indicating there will be adequate parking on the new lots to be created, have been provided and accepted by the Municipality.*

Carried

**g. Request for Traffic Lights and a Traffic Study**

Resolution No: CW19-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that Report P07-16 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further*

*That Council establish cost sharing for the anticipated cost of traffic lights plus a traffic study, focusing on Centre Street amongst all future developers whose plans would contribute to traffic volume on Centre Street.*

Carried

**h. Continuing Education for Planning Staff**

Resolution No: CW20-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that Report P07-17 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further*

*That the Manager of Planning and Development be authorized to enroll in a seminar to be held on Monday, February 19, 2007, in Toronto, concerning the new Planning Act (Bill 51) at a cost of \$495.00 plus GST; and further*

*That the Planning Technician be authorized to enroll in a seminar to be held on Monday, February 26, 2007, in Utopia, concerning Planning Reform, at a cost of \$132.50.*

Carried

**i. Refund for Committee of Adjustment Application**

Resolution No: CW21-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report P07-18 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further*

*That a complete refund be granted for an application to the Committee of Adjustment made in 2005 but where no work has been initiated.*

Carried

**j. Aramis Developments Sewage Allocation**

The recommendation was amended to add a stipulation factoring in potential approval for additional capacity by the Province.

Resolution No: CW22-2007 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report P07-19 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further*

*That the existing commitment of 70 units of sewage allocation to Aramis Developments be maintained at this point in time, so long as the Municipality is held to the current capacity rating and calculation formula for determining capacity at the Angus Sewage Treatment Plant by the Province. However, at such time that more allocation becomes available at the plant via written permission from the Province, the Municipality would agree to increasing allocation to Aramis Developments by 25 units, to a maximum of 95 units in total, bearing in mind that a commitment of sewage allocation does not equate to a commitment in terms of draft plan approval particularly concerning the layout of a plan.*

Carried as Amended

**5. PARKS AND RECREATION / COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**a. Parks and Recreation Ontario Annual Educational Forum**

Resolution No: CW23-2007 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report PR-2007-01 from the Recreation Coordinator/Programmer be received; and further*

*That Diane Straus be authorized to attend the Parks and Recreation Ontario (PRO) Educational Forum on March 27 – 29, 2007 in Huntsville at a cost of \$329.00 plus accommodation expenses*

Carried

**b. Preliminary Angus Branch Building Project**

Resolution No: CW24-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report EPL-2007-1 from the CEO, Essa Public Library Board be received; and that the Library Board Motions 2007-15 and 2007-16 be approved and acted upon.*

Carried

**c. Essa Public Library Board Executive and Committees**

Resolution No: CW25-2007 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report EPL-2007-2 from the CEO, Essa Public Library Board be received.*

Carried

**d. Thornton Branch Accessible Door**

The recommendation was amended to remove the reference to Thornton Hydro funds.

Resolution No: CW26-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report EPL-2007-2 from the CEO, Essa Public Library Board be received; and that the quotation from Cherokee Construction in the amount of \$1,290 for a 36" steel door be accepted; and that the Treasurer include this expenditure in the 2007 Township Capital Library budget.*

Carried as Amended

**6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**7. PUBLIC WORKS**

**a. Proposed Sale of Surplus Uncrushed Stone**

Resolution No: CW27-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

*Be it resolved that Report PW-07-03 from the CAO/Public Works Manager be received; and further*

*That the proposal submitted by the Sarjeant Co. Ltd. to purchase surplus uncrushed stone at the Township's gravel pit located at the 8<sup>th</sup> Line and County Road 90 be accepted.*

Carried

**b. Removal of All Way Stop Controls at Centre and Vernon Streets**

Councillor Macdonald advised that numerous residents in the area of Vernon and Centre Streets have expressed concern about the removal of the stop sign at this intersection and would like some kind of traffic attenuation implemented. She requested that staff send letters to the area residents to advise that a traffic study is being done in conjunction with the completion of the Aramis development. Mr. Murphy advised that traffic lights, if installed, would be at an intersection a considerable distance from this area of Centre Street, and may not satisfy this resident's concerns.

Resolution No: CW28-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report PW-07-05 from the CAO/Public Works Manager be received; and further*

*THAT "All-way Stop" controls not be implemented at the intersection of Centre and Vernon Streets unless the guidelines and warrants are met, as outlined in the Ontario Traffic Manual.*

Carried

**c. Request to Waive Water Connection and Service Fees**

Resolution No: CW29-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that Report PW-07-06 from the CAO/Public Works Manager be received and deferred pending inspection and a report by the Chief Building Official on the condition of the structure.*

Carried

**8. FINANCE**

**a. Property Tax Workshop**

Resolution No: CW30-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

*Be it resolved that Report No. TR-2007-03 from the Treasurer be received; and*

*THAT the Treasurer and the Senior Tax Clerk be approved to register for a workshop relating to property taxation offered by Municipal Tax Equity Consultants; and  
THAT the Treasurer be authorized to submit the registration fee of \$275.00 per person.*

Carried

**b. Hiring Request: Accounting Student**

Resolution No: CW31-2007 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report # TR-2007-04 from the Treasurer be received; and  
THAT a job posting be placed at Georgian College for a Student Accounting Clerk for the period  
May – August, 2007 and; THAT the job rate be set at \$11.00 per hour.*

Carried

**9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**a. Monthly Canine Control Report**

Resolution No: CW32-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that the Canine Control Report for the month of December 2006 from Canine  
Control Officer Whiston be received.*

Carried

**b. Computer Purchases**

Resolution No: CW33-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report C01-2007 from the Clerk be received; and that Council approves the  
purchase of two desk top computers with monitors in advance of budget deliberations to replace  
outdated and ineffective computers currently in place.*

Carried

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Technical Studies Grant Awarded**

CAO Greg Murphy advised that the Township was successful in their application for a Technical Studies Grant from the Ministry of the Environment for the Brownley Well site in the amount of \$68,000. Further details will follow.

**High Speed Internet Connectivity**

Council members discussed the number of residents who enquire about high speed internet access in Utopia and Baxter. The Clerk was requested to contact Bell Canada to enquire about

this capability, and the possibility of having a representative speak to council about it.

### **Bell Mobility Tower**

Councillor Newlove enquired where the Bell Mobility Tower is proposed to be placed along County Road 27. Ms. Healey advised that it would be on the east side of 27 in Innisfil.

### **Pesticide Use**

An e-mail enquiry was received asking if Council had considered a ban on pesticides. The Clerk was requested to advise the resident that letters were sent to the Health Unit and the Ministry of Health in May 2006 requesting that province wide legislation on pesticide use be implemented to ensure consistency and standardization.

### **New OPP Detachment Announced**

A press release was received about a new detachment for the Nottawasaga OPP being proposed for Beeton. Essa Council feels that Beeton is not a good location for the new detachment, and that it should be located in a more centralized location for the three municipalities being served.

### **Green Organics Collection**

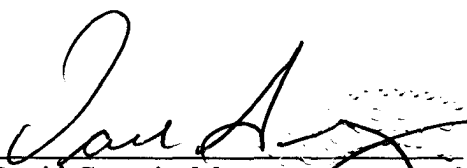
Mayor Guergis requested that a letter of be sent to the County of Simcoe, Waste Management division, indicating that Essa Township supports the implementation of green bin organics collection.

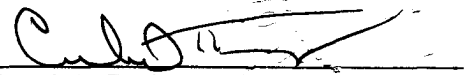
## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No: CW34-2007 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of The Township of Essa adjourn at 7:00 p.m. to meet again on 21 February 2007 at 6:00 p.m.*

Carried

  
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David Guergis, Mayor

  
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Carol O. Trainor, Clerk