

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY 2007**

A Regular Council meeting was held following Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, 17 January 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
Heather Rutherford, Chief Building Official

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Guergis called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: C1-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

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 Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings held on the Twentieth day of December, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. PRESENTING, REFERRING OR PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution No: C2-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Payment Voucher #12A dated December 14 to 31, 2006 in the amount of \$1,172,358.24 be approved; and

That Visa Accounts dated May 16 to November 15, 2006 in the amount of \$38,388.72 be approved; and

*That Payment Voucher #1 dated January 1 to 10, 2007 in the amount of \$81,185.84 be approved; and
That Payroll for the month of December 2006 in the amount of \$196,262.44 be approved.*

Carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE – Information Items (Available in the Clerk’s office)**

- a. **Letter from the Ontario Provincial Police**
Re: Staff Sergeant Detachment Manager Position
- b. **Letter from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority**
Re: 2007 NVCA Budget and Municipal Levy Requirements
- c. **Letter from North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network**
Re: North Simcoe Muskoka’s Integrated Health Service Plan for 2007-2010
- d. **Newsletter from The Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal**
Re: PIR Net News
- e. **Notice of Proposal from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
Re: *Planning and Conservation Land Statute Law Amendment Act, 2006*
- f. **Media Releases from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
Re: New Year brings most energy-efficient building standards in Canada
Amendments to *Municipal Act, 2001* Proclaimed
- g. **Media Release from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care**
Re: 10 Year Strategic Plan
- h. **Letter from Human Resources and Social Development Canada**
Re: 2007 Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award
- i. **Media Release from the Ontario Municipal Benchmarking Initiative**
Re: Municipalities identified for energy and cost saving practices
- j. **Media Release from Infrastructure Ontario**
Re: Province expands loan program to municipalities and universities

With respect to item b, Planner Colleen Healey confirmed that the rates only apply to properties in the Nottawasaga River watershed, however most of Essa Township is in this drainage area.

Resolution No: C3-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that Information Items 5(a) to (j) be received.

Carried

6. CORRESPONDENCE - Action Items

- a. **Resolution from the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio**

Resolution No: C4-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that the Resolution from the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio regarding Stevenson

Memorial Hospital be received; and that motion of support be deferred pending the results of a public meeting wherein this matter will be discussed.

Carried

b. Letter from the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee

Resolution No: C5-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that the letter from the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee (SMH) requesting financial support in 2007 be received; and that this matter be deferred to 2007 budget deliberations.

Carried

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Essa Public Library Board

Resolution No: C6-2007 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Essa Public Library Board dated November 27, 2006 be received.

Carried

8. PETITIONS

9. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a. Accessibility Committee Membership

Resolution No: C7-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Essa approved the appointment of individuals to various Boards, Committees and Subcommittees of Council for the 2007 – 2010 term at their meeting on 20 December 2006; and

WHEREAS some late applications were received for committees which did not have a full compliment of members at the time the appointments were made;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ron Edgar and Marilyn Gilpin be appointed to sit on the Essa Accessibility Advisory Committee; and that Bonnie Kerr be appointed as an alternate member of that committee.

Carried

b. Ridgehill Security Reduction

Resolution No: C8-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Henderson

WHEREAS the Township holds securities in the amount of \$658,183.38 for Phase I (Stage 1) of the Ridgehill Estates subdivision; and

WHEREAS the Developer's Engineer has requested a reduction in the Letter of Credit for the Ridgehill Phase 1 (Stage 1) subdivision;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Essa reduce securities held by a Letter of Credit for Ridgehill Estates by \$289,438.99, conditional upon receipt of securities for the pre-servicing agreement of Ridgehill Phase 1, Stage II, such that the Township would retain \$368,744.39.

Carried

c. Release of Securities

Resolution No: C9-2007 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Newlove

WHEREAS the Township holds securities in the amount of \$5,000 for the Ontario Vipassana Meditation Centre located at 6486 County Road 56; and

WHEREAS the Fire Chief has conducted a final inspection and is satisfied that all conditions related to fire protection have been satisfied;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Essa release securities in the amount of \$5,000. to the Ontario Vipassana Meditation Centre.

Carried

d. Thornton Meadows Phase I Water Service

Resolution No: C10-2007 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald

WHEREAS the Developer of Thornton Meadows Phase I Subdivision (Plan 51M-639) is required to provide municipal water including a metric water meter with remote readout for all residential lots within this subdivision to the satisfaction of the Township; and

WHEREAS no such municipal water service was installed by the Developer at Lot 36, Plan 51M-639;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a) *The Developer be given written notice that the residence at 4 Meadowland Boulevard is to be connected to the municipal water system complete with a six digit metric water meter with remote readout, at their expense, no later than May 15, 2007;*
- b) *Should the Developer not complete the required works by the deadline date of May 15, 2007, then the municipality shall arrange for the said installation to be completed with the costs being paid for out of the securities posted with the municipality;*
- c) *The current owners of the subject lot be credited for any water service flat charges they have paid to date and that they not be charged this water service rate until such time as the water service has been installed and the installation work has been accepted and inspected by the municipality.*

Carried

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. BY-LAWS

a. By-law 2007 – 1

Resolution No: C11-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2007-1, being a by-law to authorize the submission of an application to the Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation (“OIPC”) for funding from the Rural Infrastructure Investment Initiative for new eligible capital projects of the Corporation of The Township of Essa, and to approve the expenditure of funds on said eligible capital projects; 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 2007 – 2

Resolution No: C12-2007 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2007-2, 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

c. By-law 2007 – 3

Resolution No: C13-2007 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2007 - 3, being a by-law authorizing the

Clerk to enter into a Product License Agreement with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC); and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

d. By-law 2007 – 4

Resolution No: C14-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2007-4, 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

12. QUESTIONS

13. IN CAMERA

Resolution No: C15-2007 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Council proceed In Camera at 8:07 p.m. in order to address matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or local board employees; and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Municipality or local board.

Carried

a. Aramis Developments Road Layout

Following a discussion of several options, staff were directed to notify the developer that the Township requires a 20m wide strip to be used for a walkway, to be fenced. The property owners in the area who previously expressed concern about the area should also be notified of this decision.

Resolution No: C16-2007 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Report P07-02 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further

That Aramis Holdings be required to convey a 20 metre wide strip of land (road allowance) to the municipality for future extension of Michael Street, from the existing cul-de-sac westerly to the proposed Greenwood Drive, and that the Developer be required to construct a pedestrian walkway complete with chain link fences on both sides of this walkway on this future road extension, to the satisfaction of the municipality..

Carried

b. 5585 County Road 90

Planner Colleen Healey advised Council that a letter had been received requesting an extension to September 12 on the order to clean the property. She added that an application for rezoning has also been submitted for this property. Council denied the request for an extension.

Resolution No: C17-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report P07-04 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further

That RSI Equipment be granted an extension to remove all items from their property at 5585 County Road 90 by February 12, 2007 at which time continued non-compliance with the Township Zoning By-law would give cause for the Township lawyer to seek an injunction to have the courts order the property be cleared, at no expense to the Municipality; and

That the owner be advised that his Salvage Yard license will be revoked if the work is not done to the satisfaction of the Township, and within the time frame provided herein.

Carried

c. Replacement of Economic Development Administrative Assistant

Planner Colleen Healey advised that this applicant was interviewed and tested along with a number of others and ranked the highest. She also has a good understanding of the community and the hours of operation fit into her schedule.

Resolution No: C18-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report P07-05 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further

That the individual recommended by the Manager of Planning and Development be offered part-time employment as Economic Development Administrative Assistant with remuneration equivalent to the Township's standard part-time wage for clerical workers.

Carried

e. Request to Purchase Municipal Property

Council discussed the potential issues with this property, namely that a zoning by-law amendment and Official Plan amendment would be required, and that the NVCA would likely require a study to support a zoning change.

Resolution No: C19-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that the Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the municipally owned property in Thornton be received.

Carried

14. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

By-law 2007 - 5

Resolution No: C20-2007 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2007 - 5, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this Seventeenth Day of January 2007; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

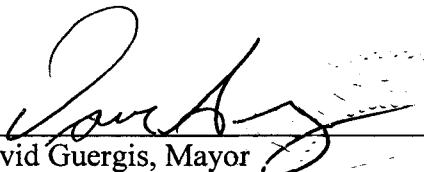
Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

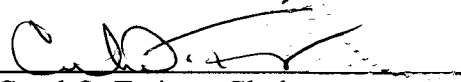
Resolution No: C21-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that this meeting of the Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 9:00 p.m. to meet again on the Seventh day of February 2007 following Committee of the Whole.

Carried



David Guergis, Mayor



Carol O. Trainor, Clerk