

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 6 JUNE 2007**

A Regular Council meeting was held following Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, 6 June 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
Jim Hosick, Acting Manager of Planning and Development
Julie Barrett, Treasurer

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Guergis opened the Regular meeting of Council at 7:50 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: C183-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

*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 Sixteenth day of May, 2007 be adopted as circulated.*

Carried

4. PRESENTING, REFERRING OR PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution No: C184-2007 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Payment Voucher #6 dated May 10 to May 25, 2007 in the amount of \$263,842.09 be approved; and
That Visa Accounts dated March 16 to April 13, 2007 in the amount of \$13,079.91 be approved;
and
That Payroll for the month of May 2007 in the amount of \$135,286.30 be approved.*

Carried

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

- a. **Letter from Graham Wilson & Green**
Re: Issues of Municipal Interest
- b. **Letter from the Ontario Good Roads Association**
Re: Municipal DataWorks
- c. **Letter from the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture**
Re: Farm Crisis Funding
- d. **Letter from the County of Simcoe**
Re: Notice of Decision
- e. **Letter from Enbridge**
Re: 2008 Rates Notice of Application
- f. **Letter from Simcoe Community Services**
Re: 54th Annual General Meeting
- g. **Letter from Ontario Heritage Trust**
Re: 2007 Heritage Community Recognition Program
- h. **Letter from the Literacy Council of South Simcoe**
Re: Thank you for Donation
- i. **Statistics from Essa Public Library Board**
Re: April 2007
- j. **AMO Member Communication Items**
Re: Draft Final Reports on Blue Box Best Practices Assessment Project
Closed Meeting Investigators and Adoption of Policies under the
Municipal Act

With respect to item c., Mayor Guergis advised that he has spoken to the President of the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture and has agreed to meet with their Board, should they request it.

Resolution No: C185-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

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

Carried

6. CORRESPONDENCE - Action Items

- a. **Letter from Simcoe County Road Supervisors Association**

Resolution No: C186-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that the letter from the Simcoe County Road Supervisors Association regarding the Simcoe County Truck Rodeo competition be received; and that The Township of Essa does endorse this event and support the on-going training and development of its roads/public works staff.

Carried

b. Resolution from the City of Kawartha Lakes

Resolution No: C187-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that the Resolution from the City of Kawartha Lakes regarding the Canada Goose problem be received.

Carried

c. Letter from the Wolf's Den Archers Inc.

Resolution No: C188-2007 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that the letter from the Wolf's Den Archers Inc regarding the 15th Annual Canadian 3D Archery National Championships be received; and that Township staff be requested to meet with the Wolf's Den owner to discuss traffic, parking, building code compliance and emergency services, as was done in the planning of the Minesing Unplugged Festival to ensure proper crowd control.

Carried

d. Resolution from the County of Simcoe

Resolution No: C189-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that the Resolution from the County of Simcoe Performance Management Committee regarding Community Access Program funding be received; and that The Township of Essa does support the resolution to request and petition the Federal Government to continue the Community Access Program to ensure that rural and remote communities in Canada continue to have public access to the internet, and be provided with the training and skills to use it wisely.

Carried

e. Resolution from the Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield

Resolution No: C190-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that the Resolution from the Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield regarding provincial control of cosmetic pesticides be received.

Carried

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Essa Public Library Board

Resolution No: C191-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Essa Public Library Board of April 23, 2007, and the report of the Chief Executive Officer, be approved as circulated.

Carried

b. Nottawasaga Police Services Board

Resolution No: C192-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Nottawasaga Police Services Board dated April 25, 2007 be received.

Carried

c. Essa Parks & Recreation Committee

Resolution No: C193-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that the recommendations made at the Essa Parks and Recreation Committee meeting of May 29, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Res No: PR-2007-05

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the memo from the Manager of Planning and Development regarding the proposed Queensgate parkland, accompanied by the CAO's noted recommendations, be received; and further
That the Developer fence in parkland area plus donate dollars for play equipment.*

Res No: PR-2007-06

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the e-mail concerning the Town of Innisfil's Terms of Reference be received; and further
That any changes that may be suggested or made must first be approved by both the Trail Committee and Essa Township for parts of the trail in Essa Township.*

Res No: PR-2007-07

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the letter from the Baxter Central Public School and the memo from the CAO/Manager of Public Works regarding the grading of the yard track at Baxter Central Public School be received; and further
That the Parks and Recreation Committee does agree with the CAO's recommendation.*

Res No: PR-2007-09

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence from Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Simcoe requesting free advertising at the Thornton Arena be received; and further that the Parks and Recreation Committee support such.

Carried

d. Economic Development Committee

Resolution No: C194-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Economic Development Committee dated May 23, 2007 be approved.

Carried

8. PETITIONS

9. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a. Request for Water Connection Exemption

Resolution No: C195-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Henderson

WHEREAS Section 2 of Township of Essa By-law 96-58, being a By-law to require owners of buildings to connect such buildings to water works, provides that every owner of a building shall connect the building to the water works; and

WHEREAS Section 6 of By-law 96-58 provides that the owners of a building affected by this By-law may be exempted from the provisions of Section 2 upon request having been received by the Clerk, and the owner requesting exemption shall be billed a flat charge equal to 100% of the minimum residential water rate service rate in lieu of user rates;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council agrees to provide an exemption from the mandatory water hook-up requirement for the owners of 33 Robert Street, Thornton, until September 2009 as outlined in Township of Essa By-law 96-58, for the reasons provided in the application provided.

Carried

b. Peacekeepers Memorial Monument at Peacekeeper's Park

Council noted that the attachment shows where the monument will be located but not what it will look like, and requested that this be provided.

Resolution No: C196-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that the request of the Royal Canadian Legion, Angus Branch to place a Peacekeepers Memorial Monument at Peacekeepers Park in Angus, as shown on the attached sketch, be approved.

Carried

c. Projects funded from Reserves

Resolution No: C197-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

WHEREAS Council approved, in principle, the construction of a skateboard park in Angus in the amount of \$90,000; and

WHEREAS Council approved, in principle, the expenditure of \$5,588 for the reinvigoration of the public gardens at the Angus Clock Tower and \$5,000 toward the construction of a pavilion on the original site of the old pavilion at Community Park, with the work to be completed by the Angus Lions Club; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT funds for these three projects be provided from Reserves for Special Projects; and

THAT staff be given approval to proceed with the construction of the skateboard park, which includes removal of trees on the arena property.

Carried

d. Appointment to the Trail Committee

Resolution No: C198-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

WHEREAS a vacancy has occurred on the Thornton-Cookstown Trans Canada Trail Committee; and

WHEREAS applications were submitted by members of the community interested in serving on committees of Council in December 2006, and one individual has expressed an interest in serving on this committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bernice Gauley be appointed to the Thornton-Cookstown Trans Canada Trail Committee to represent the interests of The Township of Essa.

Carried

e. Fire Department Administrative Assistant

Resolution No: C199-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Henderson

WHEREAS approval was granted for the Fire Department to recruit and hire a part time Administrative Assistant; and

WHEREAS candidates were selected, interviewed, and the most qualified candidate has been chosen in accordance with the Township's Hiring Policy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the position of Part Time Permanent Fire Department Administrative Assistant be offered to the individual named at the salary and hours as discussed.

Carried

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

11. BY-LAWS

a. By-law 2007 – 33

Resolution No: C200-2007 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2007-33, being a by-law to amend Township of Essa By-law 2003-50, as amended, for Part of Lots 28 & 29, Concession 4, Township of Essa (Brownley Meadows Subdivision); 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

14. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

By-law 2007 - 34

Resolution No: C201-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2007-34, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this Sixth Day of June 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: C202-2007 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that this meeting of the Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 8:20 p.m. to meet again on the Twentieth day of June 2007 following Committee of the Whole.

Carried



David Guergis, Mayor



Carol O. Trainor, Clerk