

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

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, 7 March 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

Regrets: 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 6:00 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Guergis declared a conflict with item 9 a. as he owns property in the area.

3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS

STAFF REPORTS

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

a. Planning Act Conference, February 2007

Resolution No: CW52-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that Report P07-26 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received for information purposes.

Carried

b. Stonemount Developments Phase I and III Extensions and Allocation

Resolution No: CW53-2007 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report P07-27 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further

That draft plan approval for Phase III of Stonemount Developments (185 single and semi-detached units) be extended by two years to expire May 28th, 2009; and further

That servicing allocation for Stonemount Developments Phase III be extended to match the draft plan approval (to expire May 28th, 2009); and further

That Stonemount Developments be assured that they still have allocation for Phase I wherein a plan of subdivision has been registered along with a subdivision agreement, and a medium density block remains vacant, and that the Township intends to continue to reserve allocation for 40 units at this location.

Carried

c. Contribution to Traffic Study and Improvements on Centre Street, Angus

Councillor Newlove questioned whether Sec. 59 of the Development Charges Act was appropriate in this situation. Ms. Healey advised that this contribution will be included in the subdivision agreement which the developer will be signing but she will confirm with Hemson.

Resolution No: CW54-2007 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that Report P07-28 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further

That the developers of Angus, as listed within this Report, each contribute approximately \$200.00 to a Traffic Study and improvements to affect Centre Street at the time of building permit issuance; and further

That Aramis Developments be reimbursed the cost of the Traffic Study already carried out, once sufficient monies have been collected (the Township to collect all monies to be placed in a reserve until construction which the Township will oversee).

Carried

d. Status of Subdivisions

Resolution No: CW55-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that Report P07-29 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received for information purposes.

Carried

e. Riverview (Brookvalley Homes) Extensions to Draft Plan Approval & Servicing

Resolution No: CW56-2007 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report P07-30 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further
That draft plan approval and servicing allocation for Brookvalley Homes be extended by one year to expire July 15th, 2008.*

Carried

f. Essa Developments Phase I, Zoning By-law Amendment

Resolution No: CW57-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that Report P07-31 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further
That Council hold a public meeting concerning the proposed changes to the Zoning By-law as desired by Essa Developments Phase I.*

Carried

g. Ridgehill Estates Ph II Accessibility, Tree Preservation and Streetscape Plans

Planner Colleen Healey advised that the Township Engineer has provided notice that they are satisfied with the plans.

Resolution No: CW58-2007 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report P07-32 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further
That the Accessibility, Tree Preservation, and Streetscape Plan as presented by Alliance Homes be approved, provided the plans are supported by the Township Engineer.*

Carried

5. PARKS AND RECREATION / COMMUNITY SERVICES

6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

a. 911 Central Emergency Reporting Bureau (CERB)

Resolution No: CW59-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Dowdall

*Be it resolved that Report F05-2007 from the Fire Chief be received; and
That the Township of Essa does agree to continue as a signatory to the County of Simcoe 911
Central Emergency Reporting Bureau (CERB) Service for a term commencing March 14, 2007
and continuing until March 13, 2010 at the County of Simcoe CERB per capita rate; and
That a By-law to enter into said agreement be presented to Council.*

Carried

7. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Registration for the AMO Conference

Resolution No: CW60-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Dowdall

*Be it resolved that Report PW-07-16 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received; and
further
That the registration for the AMO Conference be completed and forwarded along with the
registration fee prior to April 25, 2007, for those members of Council/staff who are planning to
attend this conference in Ottawa, from August 19 to 22, 2007.*

Carried

b. Angus Water Connection Agreement

Mr. Murphy explained that this connection will allow for a physical connection to access the water line for our pumping system and groundwater supply should an emergency arise in Angus. Water can be produced cheaper in Angus than it can be bought from this source, but not in Baxter due to poor quality groundwater.

Resolution No: CW61-2007 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report PW-07-17 from the CAO/Public Works Manager be received; and
further
That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Water Connection Agreement for a
watermain connection at the Collingwood to Alliston Water Transmission Line, at "Dead End"
Mill Street at County Road 10.*

Carried

8. FINANCE

a. Employee Group Benefits Renewal effective March 1, 2007

Resolution No: CW62-2007 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report TR-2007-05, dated March 7, 2007, from the Treasurer be received;
and*

THAT the Employee Group Benefit Renewal, insured by Maritime Group and Co-operators, be approved effective March 1, 2007.

Carried

b. Property and Liability Insurance Renewal effective March 8, 2007

Mr. Murphy advised that the County of Simcoe is seeking interest from local municipalities if they wish to enter into a group plan. Their renewal date is July, and it should be explored due to potential savings, if the start date can be accommodated.

Resolution No: CW63-2007 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report No. TR-2007-06 from the Treasurer be received; and THAT a Municipal Property and Liability Insurance Proposal be accepted from Frank Cowan Company Limited as presented by Dusome Insurance Group, at an annual cost of \$222,486.00 plus \$15,105.36 (8% tax) for a total of \$237,591.36 effective March 8, 2007.

Carried

9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Guergis declared a conflict with this item. Deputy Mayor Dowdall took the Chair.

a. Expansion of the Angus BIA Boundaries

Resolution No: CW64-2007 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report C04-2007 from the Clerk be received; and that staff proceed with the expansion to the boundaries of the Angus Business Improvement Area to include the north and south sides of Mill Street to the extent of municipally serviced properties to take effect for the 2008 taxation year; and THAT the BIA boundaries continue to expand as municipal services are increased to serve the business community in Angus; and THAT an amended by-law to expand the boundaries of the Angus BIA be prepared.

Carried as amended

Mayor Guergis resumed the Chair.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Breeding Operation Discovered

The Clerk advised that another breeding operation of dogs, birds and other animals has been located in the south end of the Township, and that the home owner plans to apply

for a kennel license. It was noted that the condition of the dwelling and the property is not of an acceptable standard, and that a number of the animals will have to be removed. The By-law officer has been working with the SPCA to remove some animals and to improve the condition of those that remain.

b. Snow Plow Truck

Mr. Murphy advised that one of the plow trucks, a 2003 model, requires an engine rebuild at an approximate cost of \$16,000. Given the age and low mileage of this vehicle, a letter will be sent to the dealer expressing our disappointment and requesting compensation.

c. Hydro Pole Replacement

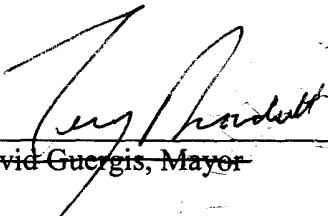
Mr. Murphy noted that 52 hydro poles were replaced within the Township on County Road 10, north of Hwy. 89 following the severe storm last week. Many residents were affected but all services are back to normal now.

11. ADJOURNMENT


Resolution No: CW65-2007 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of The Township of Essa adjourn at 6:45 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried



David Guergis, Mayor



Carol O. Trainor, Clerk