

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
WEDNESDAY, 2 APRIL 2008  
6:00 p.m.**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, 2 April 2008 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: Julie Barrett, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk  
Colleen Healey, Manager of Planning and Development  
Paul Macdonald, Fire Chief

**1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor Guergis opened the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:05 p.m.

The Mayor expressed thanks on behalf of Council to the Roads crew and the Fire Department for assisting the business owners regarding the flooding in Angus. The Mayor also expressed his appreciation to the Fire Chief for the updates provided to him of the flooding situation.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**2. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**a. Devonleigh Homes - Brownley Meadows Phase I**

Resolution No: CW85-2008 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

*Be it resolved that Report P08-31 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further*

*That Council direct staff to seek a legal opinion on the Zoning By-law Amendment as desired by Devonleigh Homes.*

Carried

**b. Stonemount Subdivision Phase IV Development Charges**

Resolution No: CW86-2008 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report P08-32 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further*

*That the clause of the subdivision agreement pertaining to Stonemount Phase IV relating to the timing of the payment of development charges be amended such that all development charges be payable at the applicable development charge rates in effect at the time of issuing building permits.*

Carried

**c. Model Homes – Brownley Meadows**

Resolution No: CW87-2008 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report P08-33 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further*

*That Morra Homes be granted permission for five single family detached model homes in the Brownley Meadows subdivision provided all standard provisions for model homes are met.*

Carried

**d. Official Plan Review**

Resolution No: CW88-2008 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report P08-34 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further*

*That the Township hire Ainley Group to review and update its Official Plan in accordance with a proposal of March 12, 2008, given that Ainley prepared the Township's existing Official Plan of 2000 and has a significant history of the Township and the matters which are important to Essa, and as well, a good handle on the new Provincial legislation and planning policy which has been put into place.*

Carried

**e. Zoning By-law Amendment Application Z1/07 - DEFERRED**

The Manager of Planning and Development requested that this report be deferred.

**f. Growth Plan for the County of Simcoe and County Official Plan**

Mayor Guergis commented that he is pleased with the results, but would request some flexibility with decisions.

Resolution No: CW89-2008 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report P08-36 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received for information purposes.*

Carried

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

**4. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**5. PUBLIC WORKS**

**a. 2007 Summary Reports for the Angus, Baxter and Thornton Water Systems**

Resolution No: CW90-2008 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

*Be it resolved that Report PW-08-23 from the CAO/Manager of Public Works be received; and further*

*That a notice be posted on the web site, the Alliston Weekender and the Innisfil Scope that the 2007 Summary Reports for the Angus, Baxter and Thornton Water Systems are available for inspection by any member of the public during normal business hours, without charge.*

Carried

**6. FINANCE**

**a. Request to Write Off/Adjust 2007 Taxes**

Resolution No: CW91-2008 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report TA-2008-03 from the Tax Collector be received; and That the Tax Collector be authorized to adjust taxes as per the attached listing for Cancellation, Reduction or Refund of Taxes and further that the write off as attached, be approved.*

Carried

**b. Request to Write Off /Adjust 2007 Taxes**

Resolution No: CW92-2008 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

*Be it resolved that Report TA-2008-04 from the Tax Collector be received; and That the Tax Collector be authorized to adjust taxes as per the attached listing for Cancellation, Reduction, or Refund of Taxes and further that the write off as attached, be approved.*

Carried

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

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Soldier Gear Paintball**

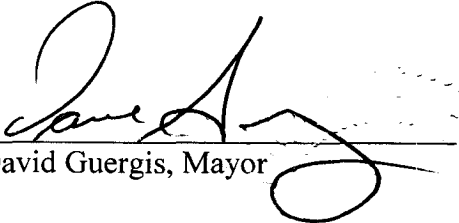
The Manager of Planning and Development advised that the applicant wishes to locate a paintball facility in another part of the Township with Commercial / Recreation zoning and that the applicant wished to inquire whether Council would indicate a general sense of working together in the future. The Mayor commented that he looks favourably at the suggested site which is currently a driving range and zoned commercial / recreation use. The applicant was allowed to make a brief comment and indicated that the golf range would not be shared with the paintball facility. Council indicated they had no objection to the location and use, but that the site plan process must be followed.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No: CW93-2008 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of The Township of Essa adjourn to meet again on 16 April 2008 at 6:00 p.m.*

Carried

  
David Guergis, Mayor

  
Julie Barrett, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk