

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

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, 20 February 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: 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

3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS

STAFF REPORTS

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

a. County of Simcoe Tree Cutting By-law

Resolution No: CW27-2008 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that Report P08-12 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further

That staff relay to the County a comment of no objection to the request for comments on the County's revised Tree Cutting By-law.

Carried

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b. Zoning By-law Amendment Parking

Resolution No: CW28-2008 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report P08-15 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further

That staff report further concerning Devonleigh's request to further amend the Zoning By-law affecting their semi-detached units; and further

That staff proceed to amend the Township's overall Zoning By-law such that it will be a requirement to provide for a minimum of two exterior parking spaces on each and every property within the Township.

Carried

c. Camphill Angus Request for One Garden Suite

Resolution No: CW29-2008 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report P08-16 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received; and further

That Council deny the current request for a temporary garden suite at Camphill, Angus, on the basis that Camphill still has the ability to construct another two permanent dwellings under the existing Special Policy put into place by the OMB albeit the dwelling should be geared to those who are the focus of Camphill Communities.

Carried

d. Proposed Egbert Estates Identification of a Wetland

The Planners for the applicant were in attendance. They have requested a deputation on March 20 with the Consultants to discuss this matter, once they have met with the Conservation Authority and have had an opportunity to review the staff report.

Resolution No: CW30-2008 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Report P08-18 from the Manager of Planning and Development be received.

Carried

5. PARKS AND RECREATION / COMMUNITY SERVICES

a. Executive and Committees of the 2008 Library Board

Resolution No: CW31-2008 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report EPL-2007-02 from the CEO, Essa Public Library Board be received for information.

Carried

6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

a. Innisfil / Essa Fire Protection Agreement

Fire Chief Paul Macdonald noted that Innisfil have increased their Standby Fees to the other municipalities with which they have agreements so he does not anticipate any issues. We have not requested an increase since 1995.

Resolution No: CW32-2008 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that the Standby Fee for the Innisfil/Essa fire Protection Agreement be increased to \$15,400.00 for 2008 and a per annum increase of 4% for 2009 and 2010.

Carried

7. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Ontario Good Roads Sponsored Courses

Resolution No: CW33-2008 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Report PW-08-10 from the CAO/Public Works Manager be received; and that the Roads Supervisor be authorized to attend the Bridge and Culvert Management Course, one Assistant Roads Supervisor be authorized to attend the Effective Management Course and the other Assistant Roads Supervisor be authorized to attend the Municipal Health and Safety Course sponsored by the Ontario Good Roads Association at the University of Guelph, from May 4 to 7, 2008.

Carried

b. Groundwater Monitoring at Thornton Arena Property

Councillor Newlove enquired if the NVCA would be decommissioning the well once their monitoring was complete. Mr. Murphy advised that the agreement states that the owner is responsible. Council requested that the Agreement be amended so that the Authority, not the Owner, is responsible for decommissioning the well after the monitoring is completed.

Resolution No: CW34-2008 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report PW-08-11 from the CAO/Public Works Manager be received; and that the request of the NVCA to utilize an existing well at the Thornton Arena, for the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network Program be approved pending agreement from the NVCA to decommission the well; and a by-law authorizing the execution of a Landowners Agreement for such purposes be presented for consideration

Carried as Amended

c. 5th Line Bridge Replacement Project

Resolution No: CW35-2008 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that Report PW-08-12 from the CAO/Public Works Manager be received; and that the new 5th Line Bridge at Part Lot 3, over the Nottawasaga River be named the ER Whiteside bridge in recognition of Mr. Whiteside's long political service with the municipality as Councillor, Deputy Reeve, Reeve and Warden of the County of Simcoe; and further That a permanent cast aluminum or cast bronze plaque be ordered and installed on this bridge identifying its name, all members of Council, including the Engineering Consultant, Contractor, Clerk, Treasurer, Roads Supervisor and the CAO/Public Works Manager.

Carried

8. FINANCE

a. Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative Grant Application

Resolution No: CW36-2008 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report TR-2008-03 from the Treasurer be received for information.

Carried

b. Schedule 2008 Budget Deliberation meetings

Councillor Henderson advised that he is unable to attend any meetings on April 2.

Resolution No: CW37-2008 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

*Be it resolved that Report TR-2008-04 from the Treasurer be received and;
That the 2008 budget deliberation meetings be scheduled for the following dates:
Wednesday, March 5 at 1:00
Wednesday, March 19 at 1:00
Wednesday April 16 at 3:00*

Carried

c. Transfer from Reserve Funds to General Revenues for 2007

Resolution No: CW38-2008 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that Report TR-2008-05 from the Treasurer be received; and
That funds be transferred from Reserve Funds to General Revenues for Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$1,974,445.79.*

Carried

d. Statement of Treasurer – 2007 Remuneration

Resolution No: CW39-2008 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report TR-2008-06 from the Treasurer be received; and That the Treasurer's Statement of Remuneration and Expenses of Council and Members Appointed by Council for the year ending December 31, 2007 be received as circulated.

Carried

9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

a. Amendments to the Signage and Advertising Devices By-law

A letter was provided from the Hidden Treasures and Skills of Essa rural business owners group supporting the directional signage, and asking that four signs per business be permitted. Council agreed to include the additional signs into the by-law which will be brought back to the next meeting, although the signs cannot be moved closer to County Roads due to legislative restrictions. In response to enquiries, the Clerk advised that garage sale and A-frame real estate signs are exempt from the permit requirements, as are signs attached to a building, but any free-standing A-frame sign on a sidewalk or road allowance would not be permitted under the existing by-law.

Resolution No: CW40-2008 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

Be it resolved that Report C01-2008 from the Clerk be received; and that comments be collected from the rural business owners group regarding the Directional Sign Policy and its effectiveness; and That the By-law to Regulate and Control Signage and Advertising Devices be amended to include the Directional Signage policy, as amended, and other amendments recommended by staff and Council.

Carried

b. Accessibility Standards for Customer Service

Resolution No: CW41-2008 Moved by: Henderson, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that Report C02-2008 from the Clerk be received; and that the Clerk be authorized to attend the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service training session being held in Barrie on February 13, 2008.

Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Support the Essa Public Library, Angus Branch

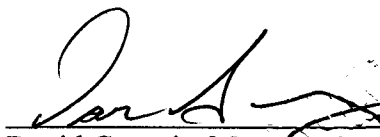
On behalf of the Essa Public Library, Councillor Newlove distributed Valentines Wishes and asked everyone present to sign the card. People are also asked to sign and send in their Library Valentines as a show of support for the proposal to build a new Library branch in Angus.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: CW42-2008 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that this meeting of Committee of the Whole of The Township of Essa adjourn at 6:20 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried



David Guergis, Mayor



Carol O. Trainor, Clerk