

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH 2008**

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board Highlights

Be it resolved that the highlights from the NVCA board of Directors meeting of January 8, 2008 be received.

b. Resolution from the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus (WOWC)

That the Township of Essa does support the Resolution from the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus (WOWC) that the Province of Ontario be petitioned to provide compensating revenue to Ontario municipalities that have been negatively impacted by the transition from the Farm Tax Rebate Program to the agricultural property tax rate reduction program.

c. Notice from the Town of Innisfil

Be it resolved that the notice from the Town of Innisfil regarding the upcoming move to their new building be received.

d. Resolution from the Town of Newmarket

Be it resolved that the Township of Essa does support the resolution from the Town of Newmarket requesting the Premier of Ontario to take action to eliminate the misuse of disabled parking permits and parking spaces, including but not limited to ensuring that Justices of the Peace enforce the minimum fines that apply to offenders; provide for a two point penalty on the offender's driver's license; establish penalties for the misuse of a disabled parking permit including fines and a two point penalty on the offender's driver's license; require people who hold a disabled parking permit to obtain a special photo identification card; and provide for minimum fines for those who block disabled parking spaces, such as for snow storage.

e. Resolution from the Town of Amherstburg

Be it resolved that The Township of Essa supports the resolution from the Town of Amherstburg requesting that the Province of Ontario provide the immediate necessary funding to Ontario municipalities to finance the costs of the mandated Lead Testing for Municipal Drinking Water.

f. Nottawasaga OPP Report

Be it resolved that the Provincial Offences Charges Laid by Municipality report of the OPP be received.

g. Letter from Care-A-Lot Nursery School

Be it resolved that the letter from the Care-A-Lot Nursery School requesting Council's assistance in finding an alternate affordable location be received, and that Council provide any information or suggestions they may have for a new location.

h. Letter from the Nottawasaga Police Services Board

Be it resolved that the letter from the Nottawasaga Police Services Board regarding Other Force Income be received; and that Council supports the Resolution to approve the transfer of Other Force Income to fund future Board budgets.

i. Letter from Tay Township

Be it resolved that the letter from Tay Township regarding duplication of planning and engineering services between the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and two levels of municipal government be gratefully received.

j. Resolution from the City of Woodstock

Be it resolved that the Township of Essa supports the resolution from the City of Woodstock requesting the Province of Ontario eliminate property tax capping and replace it with an equitable system based on current values assessment.

k. Letter from South Simcoe 4-H Association

Be it resolved that the letter from the South Simcoe 4-H Association regarding their Sign-up Night at the Essa Recreation Centre on Friday, April 4, 2008 be received; and that The Township of Essa does agree to waive the fee for the facility from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

l. Letter from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Be it resolved that the letter from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit regarding the sale of the property at 5 Pineridge Gate, Gravenhurst be received; and that The Township of Essa supports the sale of this building and its property to the Town of Gravenhurst.

m. Resolution from the Town of Milton

Be it resolved that the resolution from the Town of Milton requesting the Minister of Natural Resources to review the role of security deposits for pit/quarry rehabilitation; to re-instate those security deposits; and to review the role of the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association and The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation in regard to rehabilitation and security deposits; and that The Township of Essa supports this request.

n. Letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Be it resolved that the letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding 2008 Payment In Lieu of Taxes under the *Municipal Tax Assistance Act* be received.

o. Letter from Industry Canada

Be it resolved that the letter from Industry Canada regarding improvements to Essa water systems be received.

p. AMO Member Communications

Be it resolved that the AMO Member Communications regarding additional infrastructure funding for municipalities; and the Federal budget making the gas tax permanent be received.

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that the items listed on the Consent Agenda dated March 5, 2008 be approved as presented, and that action be taken as required.*