

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2007**

AGENDA

- 1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR**
- 2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
- 3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS**

Recommendation: 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 Seventeenth day of January 2007 be adopted as circulated.

- 4. PRESENTING, REFERRING OR PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

Recommendation: Be it resolved that Payment Voucher #12B dated December 31, 2006 in the amount of \$301,003.01 be approved; and That Payment Voucher #2 dated January 11 to 31, 2007 in the amount of \$77,663.51 be approved; and That Payroll for the month of January 2007 in the amount of \$69,606.11 be approved.

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

- a. Letter from the Minister Responsible for Seniors****
Re: Consultations on regulating care in the Retirement Home industry
- b. Letter from TransCanada Pipelines**
Re: Public Awareness Program
- c. Letter from Landscape Ontario**
Re: Pesticide Reduction Education
- d. Letters from NVCA Watershed Municipalities**
Re: 2007 NVCA Budget
- e. Letter from Valerie Toole**
Re: Proposal to ban hunting in Simcoe County Forests
- f. Letter from residents of Roth Street, Angus**
Re: Notice of Application for a Plan of Subdivision
- g. Statistics from Essa Public Library Board**
Re: December 2006
- h. Media Release from Royal Victoria Hospital**
Re: RVH brings care closer to home for area breast cancer patients

- i. Ontario Provincial Police Media Releases**
Re: Traffic Safety
- j. AMO Member Communication Items**
Re: AMO responds to “heavy-handed” Bill 140

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

6. CORRESPONDENCE - Action Items

a. Resolution from the Town of New Tecumseth

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that the Resolution from the Town of New Tecumseth regarding the Ontario Historical Society sale of the Banting Homestead be received; and that The Township of Essa does/not support the resolution requesting support for the designation of the northerly 70 acres of this property, pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, 2005.*

b. Resolution from the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that the Resolution from the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio regarding Stevenson Memorial Hospital be received; and that The Township of Essa does/not endorse the Resolution requesting the Province to conduct an internal audit on the hospital’s finances, operations and governances.*

c. Resolution from the Town of Minto

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that the Resolution from the Town of Minto regarding COMRIF application requirements be received; and that The Township of Essa does/not endorse the resolution to petition the Federal Minister responsible for infrastructure and COMRIF, and the Provincial Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, to reimburse the engineering fees to those municipalities that were unsuccessful in all three COMRIF Intakes.*

d. Resolution from the Town of Minto

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that the Resolution from the Town of Minto regarding the financial crisis of the Royal Canadian Legion be received; and that The Township of Essa does/not endorse the resolution requesting the Government of Ontario to take immediate action to declare the Royal Canadian Legion exempt from the Education portion of municipal taxes.*

e. Resolution from the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that the Resolution from the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie regarding Exempting undertakings related to ‘energy’ from the Planning Act be received; and that The Township of Essa does/not support the resolution to petition the Province of Ontario regarding wind turbines and energy systems.*

f. Letter from a Pine River Student

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that this correspondence be forwarded to Parks and Recreation staff for a written response.*

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Essa Public Library Board

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that the minutes of the Essa Public Library Board dated December 18, 2006 be received.*

b. Thornton-Cookstown Trans Canada Trail Committee

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that the minutes of the Thornton Cookstown Trail Committee dated January 9, 2007 be received.*

8. PETITIONS

9. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a. Lottery License Fees

WHEREAS the Essa Salmon Derby will be running its fifth annual event in 2007; and

WHEREAS The Township does not provide any funding for this event, but does wish to provide support where possible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the lottery license fees associated with the Salmon Derby Draw Tickets and Salmon Derby Entry Tickets be waived.

b. Thornton Hills Letter of Credit

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$627,123.43 being retained for Thornton Hill Subdivision Phase I be reduced by \$176,403.82 such that the municipality will retain \$450,719.61, as recommended by TSH Associates.

c. Alzheimer Society Tag Days

WHEREAS the Alzheimer Society has held successful tags days in Essa Township in the past; and

WHEREAS the Township of Essa recognizes and appreciates the fund raising efforts of non-profit organizations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Essa does approve of the Alzheimer Society setting up tagging locations in Angus on Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2, 2007, upon written consent of the property owners; and

THAT the tagging activities will not disrupt the flow of traffic.

d. Hours of Service

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has approved Regulation 555/06 with respect to Hours of Service under the Highway Traffic Act, effective January 1, 2007, which will have an impact both financially and operationally on the Township's road maintenance program; and

WHEREAS this regulation requires drivers operating under the municipal Commercial Vehicle Ontario Registration (CVOR) to take a minimum 10 hours off each 24 hour period including the requirement to take 24 consecutive hours off-duty in every 15-day period;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Roads Supervisor and/or his designate be authorized to implement a rotating shift for Roads Department staff with starting times outside the regular assigned hours during the winter season (generally from mid-November through to mid-April annually), or at any other time that it is necessary to comply with the off-duty requirements of Regulation 555/06, or other applicable legislation which governs the Hours of Work for employees.

e. Defibrillators in Essa Township Arenas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO/Public Works Manager be authorized to sign the Letter of Understanding with the County of Simcoe for the placement of public access defibrillators in the Angus and Thornton Arenas.

f. Chief Building Official Workshop

WHEREAS the Ontario Building Officials Association is presenting a seminar on Clandestine Labs on February 26, 2007 at a cost of \$159.00; and

WHEREAS new legislation requires the Chief Building Official to officiate over such properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Chief Building Official be permitted to attend the seminar.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. BY-LAWS

a. By-law 2007 – 6

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2007 - 6, being a by-law to amend the Township's Zoning By-law, By-Law No. 2003-50, with respect to Part Lot 12, Plan 1412, (Lot 1, Concession 20, formerly Sunnidale) at 24 Brentwood Road, Township of Essa; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.*

12. QUESTIONS

13. IN CAMERA

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that Council proceed In Camera in order to address matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or local board employees; and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Municipality or local board.*

14. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

By-law 2007 -

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2007 - , being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this Day of 2007; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.*

15. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation: *Be it resolved that this meeting of the Council of the Township of Essa adjourn to meet again on the Twenty First day of February 2007 following Committee of the Whole.*