

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
BUDGET MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010
4:00 p.m.**

A Special Council meeting was held to discuss the 2010 Budget on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Administration Centre, Township of Essa.

In attendance: Mayor David Guergis
Deputy Mayor Terry Dowdall
Councillor Ron Henderson
Councillor Sandie Macdonald
Councillor Rick Newlove

Staff in attendance: G. Murphy, J. Barrett, C. Healey, P. Macdonald, M. Galloway

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:23 pm.

2. MAYOR'S OPENING COMMENTS

3. TENDER RESULTS

a. Banquet Hall/Viewing Area Addition and Renovations to Angus Recreation Centre, 8529 County Road 10, Angus, Ontario

Resolution No: SP09-2010 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

*Be it resolved that the tender for the Banquet Hall/Viewing Area Addition and Renovations to Angus Recreation Centre, 8529 County Road 10, Angus, Ontario from Deciantis Construction at a total cost of \$1,249,000.00 plus applicable taxes, be accepted as per Township specifications; and
That the Township Engineering firm be authorized to arrange for the necessary work to be done.*

Carried

AECOM provided a report outlining their review of the seven tender submissions. The bid submitted by the Maram Building Corporation was considered informal and/or incomplete as they did not sign and include the addendums with their submission and they failed to list two unit rates in the bid form, as required by the tender documents. The bid submitted by Cherokee Contracting was considered informal as they did not acknowledge receipt of all three addendums and they did not sign and include any addendums with their submission, as required by the tender documents. Given the results of AECOM's review and the fact that information required of the tender documents was not included in the submissions by these two companies, the CAO indicated that neither of these two bids should be accepted as it did not appear that they complied

with the Township's Procurement and Acquisition policy, which was approved by Council on March 16, 2005.

b. Barrier Free Lift Renovation to the Thornton Banquet Hall, 246 Barrie Street, Thornton, Ontario

*Be it resolved that the tender for the Barrier Free Lift Renovation to the Thornton Banquet Hall, 246 Barrie Street, Thornton, Ontario from _____ at a total cost of \$ _____ plus applicable taxes, be accepted as per Township specifications; and
That the Township Engineering firm be authorized to arrange for the necessary work to be done.*

This item will be brought back to the March 3rd meeting for further discussion.

4. PROPOSAL RESULTS

**a. Phase One Angus Flood Study
Proposals from Aecom and C.C. Tatham and Associates**

Resolution No: SP10-2010 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that the proposal for Phase One Angus Flood Study from AECOM at a total cost of \$85,000.00 plus applicable taxes, be accepted as per Township specifications; and
That the CAO/Manager of Public Works be authorized to arrange for the necessary work to be done.*

Carried

b. Sale of Storage Building at 8529 County Road 10, Angus, Ontario

Be it resolved that the proposal the 2010 Proposal for the Purchase and Disassembly of the Storage Building including Canteen, Pavillion and Washrooms as submitted by 1549078 Ontario Ltd. in the amount of \$5,000, plus applicable taxes, be accepted as per Township specifications and the CAO/Manager of Public Works be authorized to arrange for the necessary work to be done.

This item is to be brought back to the March 3rd meeting.

c. Sale of Youth Group/Food Bank Building at 8529 County Road 10, Angus, Ontario – no proposals received

*Be it resolved that the proposal for the purchase of the Youth Group/Food Bank Building at 8529 County Road 10, Angus, Ontario from _____ for total proceeds of \$ _____ plus applicable taxes, be accepted as per Township specifications; and
That the CAO/Manager of Public Works be authorized to arrange final sale of this property.*

This item is to be brought back to the March 3rd meeting.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Report from Treasurer - 2010 Budget Deliberations

Resolution No: SP11-2010 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that Report No. TR-2010-02 from the Treasurer be received: and
That item #12, 14, & 15 noted in this report equal to \$54,000 be removed from the 2010 proposed budget: and
That \$51,000 be transferred from the police reserve; and further
That a levy of \$3,779,702 and the final 2010 budget be presented to Council for their consideration at the March 3, 2010 meeting.*

Carried

Councillor Newlove expressed concern with the recommended 2.69% tax increase being proposed. Mayor Guergis agreed with Councillor Newlove. Councillor Macdonald noted she wants to make sure future tax increases are not affected by a low increase this year. Mayor Guergis asked what a 1% tax increase means to the overall budget and the Treasurer noted that it equates to approximately \$40,000.00.

Councillor Newlove noted that he would like to see something in the 1% range. Mayor Guergis indicated he would also like to see a tax increase in the 1% range. Councillor Henderson noted he feels we would be going backwards if the policing costs are not recouped in the tax increase and using reserves to compensate. The Treasurer noted that there is \$476,000 in the policing reserve account.

Deputy Mayor Dowdall noted he agreed with Mayor Guergis and Councillor Newlove that a 1% tax increase is suitable taking into consideration the current economic times. The Treasurer was directed to bring back a budget with a 1% tax increase to the March 3rd meeting.

b. Report from CAO/Public Works Manager

Resolution No: SP12-2010 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that the memorandum from the Chief Administrative Officer distributed at budget meeting on December 16, 2009 be received and;
That the salaries and wages for all employees be increased by 1% for 2010 excluding council wages.*

Carried

c. Revised Simcoe County Waste – Unit Fee

Resolution No: SP13-2010 Moved by: Dowdall, Seconded by: Macdonald

*Be it resolved that the County of Simcoe 2010 Waste Levy of \$1,090,986 dated February 1, 2010 be received and;
That the County Waste Charge be set at \$168.00 per unit.*

Carried

d. Email from Greg Murphy regarding Thornton Hydro Committee

Resolution No: SP14-2010 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

*Be it resolved that the information from the Thornton Hydro Committee dated January 29, 2010 be received and;
That the 2010 proposed budget be changed to fund the Township's share of the Thornton banquet hall barrier free lift from the Thornton Hydro Reserve for \$15,000 and the Reserve for Special Projects for \$27,168.*

Carried

e. Essa Economic Development Committee Resolution 2010-1

Resolution No: SP15-2010 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Henderson

*Be it resolved that the recommendation dated January 27, 2010 from the Economic Development Committee be received and;
That the quotation from Pro Tree Service to clear trees and remove debris at the property known as the Nottawasaga Fishing Park, in preparation for the construction of the pavilion, at an upset cost of \$4,223.55 plus applicable taxes be accepted as per Township specifications.*

Carried

f. Essa Economic Development Committee Resolution 2010-2

Resolution No: SP16-2010 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

Be it resolved that the recommendation dated January 27, 2010 from the Economic Development Committee be received and;

That the quotation from RKD Contracting Inc. to construct a steel pavilion at the property known as the Nottawasaga Fishing Park, at a total project cost of \$26,520 plus applicable taxes be accepted as per Township specifications.

Carried

g. Email from David Glover of Mosey & Mosey Benefit Consultants

Resolution No: SP17-2010 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Dowdall

Be it resolved that the email dated February 1, 2010 and the Extended Health Benefit renewal negotiated cost summary from Mosey & Mosey Benefit Consultants be accepted.

Carried

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- a. Correspondence from the Association of Municipality of Ontario indicating that the Township of Essa may use Gas Tax Revenue for Road Reconstruction and Paving 10th Line of Essa, between County Road 21 and the 20th Sideroad providing that we demonstrate reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.**

Resolution No: SP18-2010 Moved by: Newlove, Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that the letter from the Association of Municipality of Ontario dated February 1, 2010 be received.

Carried

Council recessed for dinner at 5:33pm and reconvened at 5:52pm.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

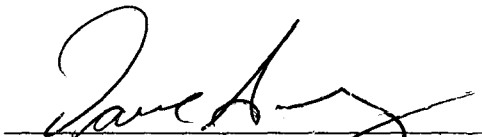
8. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: SP19-2010 Moved by: Macdonald, Seconded by: Newlove

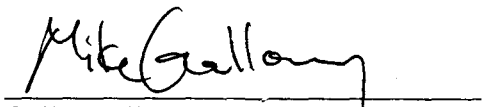
Township of Essa
Budget
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Be it resolved that this Budget meeting of Council of The Township of Essa adjourn to meet again on Wednesday March 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried



David Guergis, Mayor



Mike Galloway, Clerk