



## Township of Essa Public Meeting Minutes

A Public meeting was held in person on Wednesday January 14, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the Administration Centre.

In attendance:      Mayor Macdonald  
                          Deputy Mayor Smith  
                          Councillor Kiezebrink  
                          Councillor Sander  
                          Councillor Maltby

Staff in Attendance: Michael Mikael, Chief Administrative Officer  
                          Deborah Dollmaier, Manager of Finance  
                          Pedro Granes, Chief Building Official  
                          Samuel Haniff, Manager of Planning  
                          Chris Rankin, Manager of Parks & Recreation  
                          Sarah Corbett, Deputy Clerk  
                          Krista Pascoe, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

Guests:                Luke Lynn, Property Owner – 6 Sandy Lane

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. She stated that the purpose of this Public Meeting is to review the application for a Zoning By-law Amendment relating to lands known municipally as 6 Sandy Lane, Angus in the Township of Essa in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act*.

A description of the proposal was then read by the applicant Luke Lynn. He stated that:

- The proposed group home is for adults with disabilities
- They have housed two individuals for the past two year without any complaints
- They have not changed the house and have no intentions to change the house
- They intend for 3 residents in the interim and more in the future
- The parking is adequate and contained in the property

Mayor Macdonald then welcomed comments and questions from the public, stating that speakers must state their name and address so that proper records may be kept and notice of future decisions be sent to those persons involved in the review process.

Mike Reardon, 9 Sandy Lane, Angus

- Asked if the proposed group home is more appropriate in a commercial setting

Amy Alexander, 4 Sandy Lane, Angus

- Asked if this type of use is compatible with the R1 low density housing in the area
- Asked what the future construction plans of the dwelling are

Carl Bertrand, 1 John James Dr, Angus

- Asked for clarification on the type of group home being proposed and how many people will be living there

Wayne Summers, 11 John James Drive, Angus

- Asked for clarification on the number of residents proposed.

Jerry Reardon, 9 Sandy Lane, Angus

- Asked if the owner would be living onsite
- Asked about parking concerns with further occupants

Costas Hajicostis, 11 Sandy Lane, Angus

- Asked if intended residents are permanent or short-term

The Manager of Planning, Samuel Haniff and property owner, Luke Lynn provided feedback on the questions and concerns brought forth.

Mayor Macdonald opened the floor to members of Council for clarification.

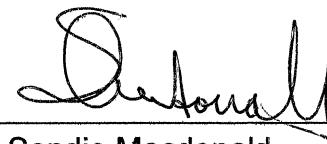
Councillor Kiezebrink asked for clarification on the use of Support Occupancy Agreements between the not-for-profit, landlord and residents, as well as the intended number of occupants and available bedrooms within the dwelling and the implication to the Ontario Building Code if any.

Mayor Macdonald asked for clarification on the dwelling's current and proposed future occupants and staffing.

The Manager of Planning, Samuel Haniff, Chief Building Official, Pedro Granes and property owner, Luke Lynn provided clarification on the items brought forward by members of Council.

Mayor Macdonald thanked all in attendance for their participation. She added that the Essa Township Planning Department will prepare a report and by-law to be presented to Council concerning this matter at a future date.

The Public meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Sandie Macdonald,  
Mayor



Krista Pascoe, Manager of Legislative  
Services/Clerk