

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

**MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of Council was held in person on Wednesday November 15, 2023, following the Committee of the Whole in the Council Chambers of the Administration Centre, Township of Essa.

In attendance: Mayor Sandie Macdonald  
Deputy Mayor Michael Smith  
Councillor Pieter Kiezebrink  
Councillor Henry Sander  
Councillor Liana Maltby

Staff in attendance: C. Healey-Dowdall, CAO  
M. Mikael, Manager of Public Works  
S. Haniff, Manager of Planning  
C. Rankin, Manager of Parks and Recreation  
S. Haniff, Manager of Planning  
S. Corbett, Deputy Clerk  
L. Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services

**1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

**3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS**

**Resolution No: CR220-2023 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby**

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motions duly passed and approved at the Special and Committee of the Whole meeting of this date be approved; and **THAT** the minutes of the Special and Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2023 be adopted as circulated.*

----Carried----

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution No: CR221-2023 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith**

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated November 15, 2023 be received for information and that the necessary actions be taken; and **THAT** item A7 be referred to section B of the Consent Agenda for a letter of support to the Town of Aurora regarding Motion No. 10.1 "Cannabis Retail Applications for the Town of Aurora".*

----Carried-----

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Essa Public Library Board

Resolution No: CR222-2023 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Smith

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Essa Public Library Board from their meeting of September 25, 2023, be received.*

----Carried-----

6. PETITIONS

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR223-2023 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Smith

*WHEREAS, violence continues to be the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals; and*

*WHEREAS, November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month; and*

*WHEREAS, gender-based violence is a human right issue which our community must work together to address, prevent and address through public awareness and education; and*

*WHEREAS, 1 in 3 women will experience gender-based violence in their lifetime and these numbers increase exponentially for black, indigenous and woman of colour; and*

*WHEREAS, last year in Ontario, every 13 days a woman or child was killed by a man known to them, with the majority being their current or former intimate partner; and*

*WHEREAS, this month and throughout the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, we acknowledge our community's support of the Wrapped in Courage campaign and commitment to ending gender-based violence; and*

*WHEREAS, on November 25th, The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, a Wrapped in Courage 2023 Campaign flag will be raised in recognition that the courage of a woman alone is not enough, it takes an entire community to end gender-based violence;*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims and declares that November 25<sup>th</sup> shall be known as "The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women", and urges all citizens to recognize this day by taking action to support survivors of gender-based violence and becoming part of Ontario-wide efforts to end gender-based violence.*

----Carried-----

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. BY-LAWS

10. QUESTIONS

**11. CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolution No: CR224-2023 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Kiezebrink**

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed to a Closed Session in order to address matters pertaining to:***

- a) Confidential Staff Report CAO032-23 – Potential Purchase of Land
  - *Acquisition or disposition of land [s.239(2)(c)]*

**----Carried-----**

Council proceeded into Closed Session Deliberations at 6:18 p.m.

**Motion to Rise and Report from Closed Session Meeting of November 15, 2023.**

**Resolution No: CR225-2023 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby**

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at 6:35 p.m.***

**----Carried-----**

- a. **IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL [s.239(2)(b)]**  
**Confidential Staff Report CAO032-23 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Potential Purchase of Land.**

**Resolution No: CR226-2023 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby**

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report CAO32-23 be received; and THAT Council consider directing staff in accordance with Option 4 as contained within this report.***

**----Carried-----**

**12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

- a. **By-law 2023-70**

**Resolution No: CR227-2023 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Kiezebrink**

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-law 2023-70, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special, Committee of the Whole and Council meetings held on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.***

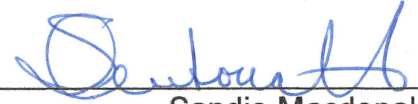
**----Carried-----**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No: CR2028-2023 Moved by: Smith      Seconded by: Sander**

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 6:37 p.m. to meet again on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.***

**----Carried----**



Sandie Macdonald  
Mayor



Lisa Lehr  
Manager of Legislative Services