

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023**

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of Council was held in person on Wednesday March 1, 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

Regrets: Councillor Liana Maltby

Staff in attendance: C. Healey-Dowdall, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Coleman, Manager of Parks and Recreation
K. Pascoe, Deputy Clerk

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR031-2023 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

*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 the Special Budget, Closed Session, Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings held on the 15th day of February, 2023 be adopted as circulated; and
That the minutes of the Special Budget and Closed Session meeting held on the 17th day of February, 2023 be adopted as circulated.*

----Carried-----

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: CR032-2023 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated March 1, 2023 be received for information, and that the necessary actions be taken.

----Carried-----

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
6. **PETITIONS**
7. **MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

a. **Proclamation – Save Soil**

Resolution No: CR033-2023 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Smith

WHEREAS "Save Soil" is a global movement, launched by Sadhguru, uniting world leaders, visionaries, influencers and citizens of all nations behind a common purpose – to restore and safeguard the world's soil; and
WHEREAS Save Soil aims to address the global soil crisis, recognizing that 52% of the world's agricultural soils are already degraded, and by 2050, 90% of Earth's soil could be degraded; and
WHEREAS addressing soil degradation issues would bring solutions for the loss of biodiversity, nutritional deficiencies, food security, water scarcity, climate change, and mass migration; and
WHEREAS the proposed solution is advocate for policies across all nations towards soil restoration and aim to increase organic content in agricultural soil to a minimum of 3-6%; and
WHEREAS in an effort to raise awareness and activate support from leaders and citizens alike, Sadhguru was on a 30,000 km journey as a lone motorcyclist covering 27 nations over 100 days since March 21st, 2022; and
WHEREAS this movement is supported by 81 nations globally,
NOW THEREFORE Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa does hereby proclaim March 21st as Save Soil Day in the Township of Essa as soil is vital to all life and urge all citizens to be a part of the Save Soil movement to support national policies towards soil restoration and aim to raise the organic content of soil to a minimum of 3% - 6%.
BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that I urge all citizens to participate in creating bright futures for our children and the future of our planet.

----Carried----

b. **Proclamation - #ITSTARTS Month**

Resolution No: CR034-2023 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

WHEREAS Inclusion, acceptance, and equity are important approaches to the diversity of residents living in any community, especially in our growing and changing region; and
WHEREAS March 21 is recognized as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; and
WHEREAS the Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership (SCLIP) is a community partnership focused on the development of settlement strategies for newcomers. These strategies bring together and support service delivery to newcomers in Simcoe County while promoting positive relationships, opportunity, and use of local resources effectively; and

WHEREAS this month presents an opportunity to further the resolve as we pause to celebrate the diversity of the human race rather than allow our dissimilarities to become a reason for racial separation; and

WHEREAS we encourage all to celebrate the differences in each other such as race, culture, colour, national origin, gender, age, disability and religion;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa, on behalf of Simcoe County Council, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2023, as “#ITSTARTS Month” in the County of Simcoe, and encourages everyone to take a stand and participate in and learn more about the #ITSTARTS campaign.

----Carried-----

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. BY-LAWS

a. By-law 2023-13 Borrowing for Current Expenditures for 2023

Resolution No: CR035-2023 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Kiezebrink

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2023-13, that being a By-law to authorize municipal borrowing for current expenditures for 2023; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time, and finally passed.

----Carried-----

10. QUESTIONS

11. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No: CR036-2023 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Kiezebrink

Be it resolved that Council proceed to a Closed Session in order to address matters pertaining to:

- Litigation or Potential Litigation [Municipal Act, s. 239(2)(e)]*
- Advice Subject to Solicitor-Client Privilege [Municipal Act, s. 239(2)(f)]*

----Carried-----

Motion to Rise and Report from Closed Session Meeting of March 1, 2023.

Resolution No: CR037-2023 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

Be it resolved that Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at 6:39 p.m.

----Carried-----

- a. **LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION [s.239(2)(e)]
ADVICE SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE [s.239(2)(f)]
Confidential Staff Report CAO003-23 from the Chief Administrative
Officer, re: Litigation Matter.**

Resolution No: CR038-2023 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Sander

*Be it resolved that Confidential Staff Report CAO003-23 be received; and
That Council authorize Staff to proceed with Option No. 1 as contained within this
Report.*

----Carried-----

12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

By-law 2023-14

Resolution No: CR039-2023 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Kiezebrink

*Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2023-14, that being a By-law to
confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on
this 1st day of March, 2023; and that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a
second and third time and finally passed.*

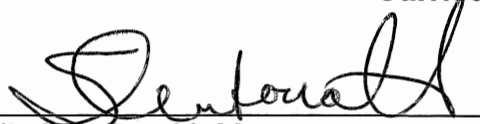
----Carried-----

13. ADJOURNMENT

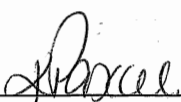
Resolution No: CR040-2023 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Kiezebrink

*Be it resolved that this meeting of Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 6:40 p.m.
to meet again on the 22nd day of March, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.*

----Carried-----



Sandie Macdonald, Mayor



Krista Pascoe, Deputy Clerk