

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023**

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of Council was held in person on Wednesday October 18, 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
D. Dollmaier, Treasurer
C. Rankin, Manager of Parks and Recreation
S. Corbett, Deputy Clerk
L. Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR200-2023 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Kiezebrink

***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 Committee of the Whole, Closed Session and Regular Council meetings held on the 4th day of October, 2023 be adopted as circulated.*

----Carried-----

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: CR201-2023 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Maltby

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated October 18, 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. Provincial and Federal Supports for Drinking Water Plant Expansion

Resolution No: CR202-2023 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Smith

WHEREAS the provincial government has a goal of building 1.5 million new homes by 2031, and the federal government has intention to address housing;

AND WHEREAS the Great Lakes are a resource for all of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS existing water infrastructure includes a large capacity intake pipe from Georgian Bay, and a 60km pipeline from the water treatment plant in Collingwood southerly to New Tecumseth, with outtakes in Clearview and Essa Townships in Simcoe County; and there is existing infrastructure to The Town of the Blue Mountains in Grey County;

AND WHEREAS the Environmental Assessment of the Collingwood-located Water Treatment Plant incorporated long-term needs with two phases, the current Phase 1 which provide substantial capacity increases in 2028 including over 9,000 units for Collingwood, which upon agreement could be shared with The Town of the Blue Mountains, and about 14,500 units for New Tecumseth, and enables further stepped capacity increases to meet municipal water needs for almost 36,000 additional housing units and/or industrial uses and incorporates Clearview and potentially others that would otherwise have constrained access to water;

AND WHEREAS this area is growing at one of the quickest rates in Canada and has the approved and in flight development applications and industry to support the delivery of housing, industrial growth and the proposed new regional hospital in Collingwood;

AND WHEREAS the total project cost increased from \$50M to \$120M and is now in the range of \$270M with the bid prices, and it is not affordable for the current developers, ratepayers and taxpayers to fully fund this project;

AND WHEREAS the project is shovel-ready, with bids valid until November 10th, 2023 and likely to increase if they expire;

AND WHEREAS the remaining capacity in the plant is about 2,000 units plus any interim capacity, and a non-award will stymie growth and last into 2029 and potentially beyond;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the asks from Collingwood and New Tecumseth to the provincial Ministers of MMAH and Infrastructure and the federal government that they help enable the water treatment plant expansion to proceed, including that the province appoint the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator to co-develop a solution;

AND THAT Council support a Council or staff representative of the municipality sitting on a short-term task force with the Development Community seeking to enable this expansion to proceed;

AND THAT Council's Resolution be communicated to MPP Saunderson, MP Dowdall, the Town of Collingwood, the Town of New Tecumseth, The Town of the Blue Mountains, and the Township of Clearview.

----Carried ----

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. **BY-LAWS**

a. **By-law 2023-63 Alliston & District Humane Society Agreement**

Resolution No: CR203-2023 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

BE IT RESOLVED that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2023-63, that being a By-law to enter into an agreement with the Alliston & District Humane Society for Poundkeeping Services; 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: CR204-2023 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith

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

- a) Confidential Staff Report CAO025-23 – Identifiable Individual
 - *Personal matters about an identifiable individual [s.239(2)(b)]*
 - *Litigation or Potential Litigation – s.239(2)(e)]*
- b) Confidential Staff Report CAO026-23 – Staffing
 - *Personal matters about an identifiable individual [s.239(2)(b)]*
- c) Confidential Staff Report CAO027-23 – Request for Exemption to the Zoning By-law for Chickens
 - *Personal matters about an identifiable individual [s.239(2)(b)]*
- d) Confidential Staff Report C023-23 - Recruitment for Municipal Law Enforcement Officer
 - *Personal matters about an identifiable individual [s.239(2)(b)]*
 - *Labour Relations and Employee Negotiation s.239(2)(d)]*

----Carried-----

Council proceeded into Closed Session Deliberations at 6:42 p.m.

Motion to Rise and Report from Closed Session Meeting of October 18, 2023.

Resolution No: CR205-2023 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at 7:22 p.m.

----Carried-----

- a) **IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL [s.239(2)(b)]
LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION – s.239(2)(e)]
Confidential Staff Report CAO025-23 submitted by the Chief
Administrative Officer, re: Identifiable Individual.**

Resolution No: CR206-2023 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report CAO025-23 be received; and
THAT Council direct Staff to proceed with Option No. 2 as amended.***

----Carried-----

- b) **IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL [s.239(2)(b)]
Confidential Staff Report CAO026-23 submitted by the Chief
Administrative Officer, re: Staffing.**

Resolution No: CR207-2023 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Kiezebrink

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report CAO026-23 be received; and
THAT Council direct Staff to proceed with Option No. 2 as outlined in this Report.***

----Carried-----

- c) **IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL [s.239(2)(b)]
Confidential Staff Report CAO027-23 submitted by the Chief
Administrative Officer, re: Request for Exemption to the Zoning By-law for
Chickens**

Resolution No: CR208-2023 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report CAO027-23 be received.

----Carried-----

- d) **IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL [s.239(2)(b)]
Confidential Staff Report C023-23 submitted by the Manager of Legislative
Services, re: Recruitment for Municipal Law Enforcement Officer**

Resolution No: CR209-2023 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Maltby

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report C023-23 be received;
That Council authorize Staff to proceed with Option No. 2 as identified in this
Confidential Report.***

----Carried-----

12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

a. By-law 2023-64

Resolution No: CR210-2023 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Kiezebrink

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-law 2023-64 that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on this 18th day of October, 2023; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

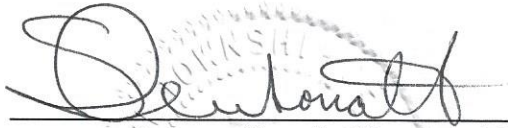
----Carried-----

13. ADJOURNMENT


Resolution No: CR2011-2023 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Maltby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 7:25 p.m. to meet again on the 1st day of November, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

----Carried-----



Sandie Macdonald
Mayor



Lisa Lehr
Manager of Legislative Services