

From the Office of the Mayor

June 2021 Council Meeting Highlights, I have put comments below on each item for brief clarity of what the topic was being discussed.

Deputations

Deputation by Stephen Carano Comment: To permit Mr. Carano to use the fees from a previously denied application. The new application meets the Township standards. The below two resolutions were approved by Council:

Resolved that the deputation by Stephen Carano be moved to New Business for discussion. RESULT: CARRIED.

Resolved that Staff work with the resident to provide residual deposits back to the resident and work with him on a possible new application moving forward at Staff's discretion. RESULT: CARRIED.

Deputation by Brian Goodchild Comment : This is with regards to his complaint about an illegal sized structure build outside the property line letter dated May 19, 2021

Resolved that the deputation by Brian Goodchild be moved to New Business for discussion. RESULT: CARRIED.

Resolved that Staff be directed to work on this complaint letter dated May 19, 2021 from Mr. Goodchild. RESULT: CARRIED.

Public Meeting

The below public meeting was held for water and wastewater rates increases and various planning applications.

Municipal Water Rates By-Law - Public Meeting

• Comments were received from Kathleen and Ann Stephenson - 5669 Concession Road 6, Tosorontio in support of the by-law.

- Comments were received from Gordon Miller & Kathy Stephenson of 4016 Concession Road 6, Tosorontio in support of the by-law.
- Comments were received from Jennifer Harbridge 5 Grohal Drive, Everett against the by-law.

• Comments were received from FarSight Homes (Bob Schickedanz) of 117 Ringwood Drive, Unit 18 Stouffville, ON against the by-law.

Municipal Wastewater Rates & Control of Discharges By-Law - Public Meeting

• Comments were received from Gordon Miller & Kathy Stephenson of 4016 Concession Road 6 Tosorontio in support of the by-law.

• Comments were received from Far Sight Homes (Bob Schickedanz) of 117 Ringwood Rive, Unit 18 Stouffville, ON against the by-law.

Based on the comments received for water and wastewater the following resolution was passed Resolved that Staff Report I&D 2021-18 "Proposed Amendments to the Water Rate By-Law & Wastewater Rate By-Law" dated June 9th, 2021 be received for information, and further That amendments to municipal water rates and municipal wastewater rate By-laws be considered.

Zoning By-law Amendment - 5097 Concession Road 2 - Public Meeting 5097 Concession Road 2 - Public Meeting :

Resolved that the Planning Report 2021-21 dated June 9, 2021 regarding file Z/04/21 be received; and further,

That staff be directed to consider all public and agency input, as well as Council comments, in a further planning analysis to be set out in a planning report and recommendation to be brought to Council at a future date. RESULT: CARRIED

Comment : This application was with regards to a farm consolidation request. Public comments were received and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Zoning By-law Amendment - 7538 5th Sideroad, Adjala - Public Meeting

 Comments were received from Ludomir & Mary Piatkowski - 7910 5th Sideroad Adjala in opposition of the application

Resolved that the Planning Report 2021-22 dated June 9, 2021 regarding file Z/02/19 be received; and further,

That staff be directed to consider all public and agency input, as well as Council comments, in a further planning analysis to be set out in a planning report and recommendation to be brought to Council at a future date. RESULT : CARRIED

Comment : This application was with regards to an existing structure constructed on the property. Public comments were received and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Public Comments were received during the public input

• Comments were received from Anne Ferguson - 7518 Keenansville Road, in opposition to Item 10.11 I&D 2021-16 Earthworks Agreement

• Comments were received from Joan Bergin - 7583 Keenansville Road, Tottenham in opposition to Item 10.11 I&D 2021-16 Earthworks Agreement

• Comments were received from Graham Huntley - 7583 Keenansville Road, in opposition to Item 10.11 I&D 2021-16 Earthworks Agreement

• Comments were received from Lisa Narowski - 2635 Concession Road 7 in opposition to Item 10.11 I&D 2021-16 Earthworks Agreement

• Comments were received from Kim Narowski - 2635 Concession Road 7 in opposition to Item 10.11 I&D 2021-16 Earthworks Agreement

• Comments were received from Tribute Communities (Susan Zucchero) - 1815 Ironstone Manor, Unit 1, Pickering in opposition to Item 10.13 I&D 2021-18 Proposed Amendments to the Water Rate By-law & Wastewater Rate By-law

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- Township Staff is pleased to report that Concession Road 5, just north of 25 Sideroad Adjala is now reopened after extensive construction. The project involved road reconstruction and replacement of two bridge structures. I would like to thank the Staff who were successful in securing almost \$2 million dollars of competitive grant funding through the Investing in Canada Program to enable the Township to carry out these much-needed upgrades.
- 2. Public Works has been busy and the contractors at the Everett Baseball Diamond are replacing the roofs on the dug outs. The chain link mesh and posts have been repaired and also the new gates will be installed.
- 3. We started the capital improvements on Concession 4, which includes new ditches with many repairs being completed.
- 4. Public Works continues to treat the Township roads with maintenance calcium while grading at the same time.
- 5. Enbridge Gas expansion to Lisle, Hockley and Glencairn did not qualify for funding for hook up, will be reviewed again in future.
- 6. Public Gardens are underway in Lisle and Glencairn and Loretto. Council commends those involved in projects Photos to be posted on website.
- 7. Village of Everett-Sat., June12-Community Wide Garage Sale10:00am-5:00pm- COVID protocols will be followed.
- 8. On May 12, 2021 Ontario Sheep Farmer, Shelagh Finn and her LAMB LADY FARM (Purebred Rideau Arcott) FLOCK, was named Top Prolific Flock in Ontario by GenOvis Canada.
- 9. June 5 2021 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day to heighten awareness of Elder abuse and neglect.

Reports and Correspondence

6385 County Road 13 Decision

Resolved that the Planning Report 2021-23 dated June 9, 2021 regarding the proposed amendment to the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio's Zoning By-law 03-57 be received as information; and further, That Council considers the planning analysis submitted in Planning Report 2021-23, as well as the information received from the public, internal departments, external agencies, and the material submitted by the applicant's agent, with respect to Council's decision for the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. RESULT: CARRIED

Comment : This report was discussed at the previous council meeting for an oversized structure in front of the house. The resident worked with the Township to meet the Township standards and reduced the size. Council permitted the structure in front as there was no place behind the house.

9100 25th Sideroad Decision

Resolved that the Planning Report 2021-24 dated June 9, 2021 regarding the proposed amendment to the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio's Zoning By-law 03-57 be received as information; and further, That Council considers the planning analysis submitted in Planning Report 2021-24, as well as the information received from the public, internal departments, external agencies, and the material submitted by the applicant's agent, with respect to Council's decision for the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. RESULT: CARRIED.

Comment : This report was discussed at the previous Council meeting for a second dwelling on the property. Council permitted it as it met all requirements.

7406 Concession Road 2 Decision

Resolved that the Planning Report 2021-25 dated June 9, 2021 regarding the proposed amendment to the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio's Zoning By-law 03-57 be received as information; and further, That Council considers the planning analysis submitted in Planning Report 2021-25, as well as the information received from the public, internal departments, external agencies, and the material submitted by the applicant's agent, with respect to Council's decision for the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. RESULT : DEFEATED

Comment : As there were concerns with this application that could not be addressed to the satisfaction of the Township standards, therefore, the application was denied.

Ontario Parks Agreement

Resolved that the Building Report 2021-05 dated June 9, 2021 regarding Ontario Parks Agreement be received; and further,

That Council authorize staff to have the agreement signed with Ontario Parks and the Township and that the accompanying amended Bylaw be implemented.

Resolved that By-law 2021-33 being a by-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers - Park Warden, Park Superintendent, Assistant Park Superintendent employed by Earl Rowe Provincial Park, Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, Simcoe County

Forks of the Credit Provincial Park, Town of Caledon, Region of Peel

Mono Cliffs Provincial Park – Town of Mono – Dufferin County be enact. RESULT: CARRIED.

Comment : This will enable our township to start collecting fines for illegal parking at various provincial parks.

I&D 2021-14 - Area Specific Wastewater Connection Charges

Resolved that I&D 2021-14 entitled "Area Specific Wastewater Connection Charges" dated June 9th, 2021 be received as information, and further,

That Area Specific Wastewater Connection Charges be approved and adopted for the two (2) areas within the Township that will be serviced by Municipal Communal Wastewater Collection and Treatment Systems as currently forecasted Development proceeds - those areas being: 1- the Area centered around the Everett Community, and 2- the Area centered around the Colgan Community Regular Council June 9, 2021. RESULT: CARRIED.

Comment : This was to increase the connection charges for developers in the Township.

I&D 2021-16 Earthworks Agreement - Tribute, Colgan 1 & 2 Subdivisions

Mayor Pinto declared a pecuniary interest and did not participate in the discussion or voting. Deputy Mayor Meadows declared a pecuniary interest and did not participate in the discussion or voting. RESULT: CARRIED.

Resolved that Councillor Anderson be appointed as Chair for this portion of the meeting.

Resolved that Staff Report I&D 2021-116 entitled "Earthworks Agreement - Tribute, Colgan 1 & 2 Subdivisions" dated June 9th, 2021, be received for information; and further, That Council approve of execution of the following Earthworks Agreements: Earthworks Agreement -Colgan 1 (see Appendices)

Earthworks Agreement - Colgan 2 (see Appendices) RESULT : CARRIED

Comment : Deputy Mayor Bob Meadows and myself declared a conflict of interest as we did not want to vote on a matter. We later contacted the Ministry and the Integrity Commissioner and were informed that if we felt uncomfortable with these reports and were questioning these reports, we could abstain from voting, rather than declare a conflict of interest.

I&D 2021-17 Rondax Development Cost Recovery Agreement

Resolved that I&D Report #2021-17 entitled "Rondax Development Cost Recovery Agreement" be received as information; and further,

That Council approve of entering into the Cost Recovery Agreement as signed by Rondax Developments. **RESULT: CARRIED.**

Comment : This was an agreement for a development on 5th Concession Adjala, to ensure that the Township has the ability to collect the costs for work done for the developer.

I&D 2021-18 Proposed Amendments to the Water Rate By-Law & Wastewater Rate By-Law RES 202-2021

Comment : This bylaw was to amend the water and wastewater rates charged to the residents using the system. Please note that only residents on the new horizon system will be charged the wastewater rates.

<u>Water and Wastewater :</u> The Township has 6 water systems servicing 1013 residential properties and one wastewater plant (New Horizon) servicing 100 homes in Everett. To ensure that full operating and annual capital upgrades costs are covered by the users, a financial plan was prepared by Watson and Associates (Township Economist) and adopted by Council on June 1, 2009 as part of a Financial Strategic Plan. The plan, with annual rate increases, was followed until 2014. Around mid-2014 Council of the day made the decision to freeze the water and wastewater rates and they have remained the same to this date, while costs have increased annually.

Since 2014, revenue collected for water and wastewater has not covered the operating and capital expenses of the services. This excess cost (deficit) has been paid by a temporary Loan from the general tax levy resulting in a very large internal debt owed to the Township Working Fund Reserve. Current water debt is \$3.5M+ and wastewater \$805,700.

The Municipal Act provides municipalities the power to recover costs for special services through user fees, by subsidizing rates. 2021 water costs (capital and operating) are \$321,150, of this \$43,450 will be taken from reserves, bringing the reserves to zero.

The By-Law that froze the water rates expired at the end of 2020. A new report, as required by law, was received from Watson and Associates that provided Council with a financial plan to keep the system sustainable. As per the 2009 financial plan, water rates in 2019 were supposed to be \$7.72 per cubic meter, and wastewater \$2594 per year to keep up with annual repairs. Council voted as follows, to keep water rates per cubic meter the same as the 2014 rate (\$4.54) and added \$274.14 as a capital levy for 2021 to pay for the annual capital expenses. Keep wastewater rates the same as the 2014 rate (\$1313) and added \$296 as a capital Levy for 2021 to pay for annual capital expenses. This fee to pay for annual costs should keep the systems sustainable for 2021. This could affect the Township's ability to take on other capital projects Township wide. The current rates were not raised since 2014 while costs have all gone up since 2014.

The water and wastewater capital levy was put in place to pay for the upgrades and maintenance of the water and wastewater systems in the Township. These upgrades and maintenance are required as per the provincial Safe Drinking Water Act or the Township could face fines. These requirements for continuous upgrades came into effect after the Walkerton incident.

Current Council during budget deliberations found that the entire reserves for water and wastewater were depleted and that water and wastewater was dependent on these subsidies which we cannot afford, council had a new study done as required by the Provincial government and we had the option to raise the basic cubic meter rate for water, or just charge the residents for the maintenance and upgrades and keep the rates the same as 2014 rates. Council chose to just charge the levy for the upgrades and maintenance rather than raise the basic per cubic meter rate from \$4.54. Basically, the cost of maintenance and upgrades was divided by the number of users and that came up to the amount each user is charged.

We have to remember that costs have gone up from 2014 and we could not maintain a water and wastewater system on 2014 rates. I would also like to clarify that as this levy is only for paying for the current upgrades and maintenance.

As per the latest Watson economists report to council based on the current debt that water and wastewater have incurred on the Township general reserves even with the proposed new subdivisions it will take the Township until 2034 to recover the debt incurred.

As I have stated earlier, the Provincial government puts various mandates on municipalities without any funding source and then municipalities have only one way of funding it through taxes for general maintenance of the township and levies for user-based services. I have put more detailed information on the water and wastewater rates on the township website under Mayors update at <u>https://www.adjtos.ca/en/our-government/mayors-updates.aspx</u>

I&D 2021-19 Award of Contract No. 2021-002T (Surface Treatment of Various Roads)

Moved by Councillor Hall-Chancey Seconded by Councillor Pita

Resolved that Infrastructure and Development Report # 2021-19 dated Wednesday, June 9, 2021 entitled "Award of Contract No. 2021-002T (Surface Treatment of Various Roads)" be received; and further,

That Council authorize Staff to award Contract No. 2021-002T (Surface Treatment of Various Roads) including provisional items to the low bidder, Duncor Enterprises Inc. RESULT: CARRIED.

Comment : This was the tender to award the contract for surface treatment of various gravel roads.

I&D 2021-20 Award of Contract No. 2021-003T (Supply and Apply Granular 'A' Gravel)

Resolved that Infrastructure and Development Report # 2021-19 dated Wednesday, June 9, 2021 entitled "Award of Contract No. 2021-003T (Supply and Apply Granular 'A' Gravel)" be received; and further,

That Council authorize Staff to award Contract No. 2021-003T (Surface Treatment of Various Roads) to the low bidder, Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd. RESULT: CARRIED.

Comment: Regarding supply and application of gravel on various roads in the Township and awarding the contract.

I&D 2021-21 Award of Contract No. 2021-004T (Bundled Rehabilitations - 4 Structures)

Resolved that Infrastructure and Development Report # 2021-21 dated Wednesday, June 9, 2021 entitled "Award of Contract No. 2021-004T (Bundled Rehabilitations - 4 Structures)" be received; and further,

That Council authorize Staff to award Contract No. 2021-004T (Bundled Rehabilitations - 4 Structures), including provisional items, to the low bidder, Jarlian Construction Inc.; and further,

That Council authorize Staff to transfer approved 2021 Capital Budgets funds in the amount of \$70 K from Justification #1 to Justification Sheet #4. RESULT: CARRIED.

Comment : This was to award the contract to fix 4 structures in the Township, the four structures were bundled together to get better prices

CAO-2021-02 Fraud and Wrongdoing Policy

Resolved that CAO-2021-02 Fraud and Wrongdoing Policy, dated June 9, 2021, be received as information; and further, That the proposed Fraud and Wrongdoing Policy, be approved. RESULT: CARRIED.

Comment : This was a whistle blower policy to enable any staff to come up with concerns without the fear of reprisals.

By-laws for above item discussed

By-law 2021-29 Zoning By-law Amendment - 6385 County Road 13 Resolved that By-law 2021-29 being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law 03-57, as amended, of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio - Part of Lot 13, Concession 5, geographic Township of Tosorontio, 6385 County Road 13, Tosorontio (4301-020-003-14240) be enacted. RESULT: CARRIED.

By-law 2021-30 Zoning By-law - 9100 25th Sideroad Adjala

Resolved that By-law 2021-30 being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law 03-57, as amended, of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio - Part of Lot 26,Concession 1, geographic Township of Adjala, 9100 25th Sideroad, Adjala (4301-010-006-01100) be enacted. RESULT : CARRIED

By-law 2021-31 Zoning By-law 7406 Concession Road 2, Adjala

That By-law 2021-31 being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law 03-57, as amended, of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio - Part of Lot 21, Concession 1, geographic Township of Adjala, 7406 Concession Road 2, Tosorontio (4301-020-004-00800) be enacted. RESULT: DEFEATED.

By-law 2021-32 Amendment to Site Plan Control By-law

Resolved that By-law 2021-32 being a By-Law To Amend By-Law Number 20-09, Being A By-Law To Establish Site Plan Control Areas Within The Limits Of The Township Of Adjala- Tosorontio be enacted. RESULT: CARRIED.

By-law 2021-33 Ontario Parks Agreement By-law

Resolved that By-law 2021-33 being a by-law to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers - Park Warden, Park Superintendent, Assistant Park Superintendent employed by Earl Rowe Provincial Park, Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, Simcoe County Forks of the Credit Provincial Park, Town of Caledon, Region of Peel Mono Cliffs Provincial Park – Town of Mono – Dufferin County be enacted. RESULT: CARRIED.

By-law 2021-34 Municipal Water Rates By-law

Resolved that By-law 2021-34 being a by-law to establish and fix the rates or charges for supplying water to users from the Municipal Water Works Systems and to establish procedures for the collection of water accounts be enacted.

AYES: Mayor Pinto, Councillor Anderson, Councillor Bays, and Councillor O'Leary NAYS: Deputy Mayor Meadows, Councillor Hall-Chancey, and Councillor Pita RESULT: CARRIED.

By-law 2021 - 35 Municipal Wastewater Rates and Control of Discharges By- law

Resolved that By-law 2021-35 being a By-law to impose wastewater rates and to prescribe the amount of such rates and to control discharges to Municipal Wastewaters (Municipal Wastewater Rates & Control of Discharges By-law) be enacted.

AYES: Mayor Pinto, Councillor Anderson, Councillor Bays, and Councillor O'Leary NAYS: Deputy Mayor Meadows, Councillor Hall-Chancey, and Councillor Pita RESULT: CARRIED.

By-law 2021-37 Marriage By-law

Resolved that By-law 2021-37 being a By-Law to Appoint the Clerk a Person Authorized To Issue Marriage Licences be enacted. RESULT: CARRIED.