

**PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 2, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, FOR
COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION AT THE MARCH 16TH COUNCIL MEETING:**

Moved by Councillor Bjorkman

Seconded by

That the Council of the Town of Essex discuss ways to appropriate funds through, but not limited to the sale of existing properties including part of the Colchester School House property and other developable properties in Colchester; and

Whereas the Town of Essex wishes to have a Tourist Information Centre in the south end of the Town, preferably on County Road 50; and

Whereas the businesses, wineries, restaurants, artists, gift shops, outfitters, golf courses, B & B's, breweries, On Farm retailers, flower shops, orchards, bike rentals, tour operators, etc. will benefit from the added exposure; and

Whereas the preferred location being the Old School House in Colchester Village is years and hundreds of thousands of dollars away from the use as a Tourist Information Centre; and

Whereas this Council understands that residential and commercial development in the south end of the Town is accelerating;

Therefore the Council of the Town of Essex resolves to donate \$100,000.00 to the John R. Park Homestead Education Centre in return for a designated Tourist Information Centre named for the Town of Essex.