



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE MAYOR

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That Council of the Township of Essa hereby approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole, Council, Closed Session meeting as presented:

- **June 29, 2026 Public Meeting Minutes**
- **June 29, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
- **June 29, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated September 2, 2026, be received for information.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No items.

6. PETITIONS

No items.

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a) Proclamation – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month – September 2026

Recommendation:

Whereas the month of September is recognized nationally as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; and

Whereas the most recent data shows that cancer remains the leading cause of non-accidental death in Canadian children; and

Whereas an estimated two-thirds of childhood cancer survivors experience at least one chronic or long-term side effect from their treatment; and

Whereas the awareness we create for childhood cancer will help fund further research to improve diagnosis and treatment in children and continue to decrease the death rate;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims September, 2026 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

b) Proclamation – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Recommendation:

Whereas in June of 2021, the federal government passed a new legislation making September 30 a national statutory holiday to commemorate the tragic legacy of residential schools in Canada; and

Whereas the establishment of a national holiday is in response to the 80th call to action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action; and

Whereas the date coincides with Orange Shirt Day, which began in 2013 and has become a symbol of remembrance to honour Indigenous children forced to leave their families to attend residential schools; and

Whereas the orange shirt symbol originated in the experience of Phyllis (Jack) Webstad of the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, who shared her story of how her new orange shirt was taken away from her on her first day at St. Joseph Mission Residential School, leaving her with feelings of worthlessness and insignificance; and

Whereas this day will provide a way for our community to publicly commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools and the resilience of residential school survivors, commemoration being a vital component of the reconciliation process; and

Whereas, the Township of Essa is a community that encourages and celebrates its cultural diversity;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims September 30, 2026 as a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

c) Proclamation – National Breastfeeding Week – October 1 to 7, 2026

Recommendation:

Whereas Exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life, and continued breastfeeding for two years and beyond, provides unique nutritional and non-nutritional long-term benefits for an infant's growth, development, and lifelong health; and

Whereas The World Health Organization's Global Strategy on Infant and Young Child Feeding calls on governments worldwide to create environments that enable mothers, families, and other caregivers to make informed choices about feeding practices for infants and young children; and

Whereas Breastfeeding is a human right, and the Ontario Human Rights Code protects a woman's right to breastfeed in a public area without discrimination; and

Whereas October 1st to October 7th is recognized as National Breastfeeding Week—an initiative to raise awareness of the numerous benefits of breastfeeding, to strengthen individual, family, and community support for breastfeeding, and to further strategies that promote breastfeeding practices; and

Whereas The global campaign focus for 2026, “Breastfeeding for a Sustainable Start in Life: Strengthen What Works”, shifts the conversation toward accountability by tracking local progress, implementing data-driven policies that protect infant nutrition, securing family food systems, and reducing systemic poverty; and

Whereas Breastmilk is a low-cost, locally available source of equity that delivers vital economic returns to families and nations, requiring a synchronized “Warm Chain of Support” across health systems, workplaces, and communities to protect, promote, and anchor these critical practices;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims October 1-7, 2026, as National Breastfeeding Week in the Township of Essa.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items.

9. BY-LAWS

- a) **By-law 2026-31 – Establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee**
- b) **By-law 2026-32 – By-law to amend Zoning By-law 2003-50 (8800 and 8866 Smith Road)**
- c) **By-law 2026-33 –Deeming By-law (5002 25th Sideroad)**

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That By-laws 2026-31, 2026-32 and 2026-33 be read a first, and taken a second and third time and finally passed.

10. QUESTIONS

11. CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That Council proceed to a Closed Session in order to address matters pertaining to:

- a) **Confidential Verbal Update by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP) Grant**
 - Information Supplied in Confidence by Another Level of Government (s.239(2)(h))
- b) **Confidential Verbal Update by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Staffing Matter**
 - Personal Matters About an Identifiable Individual (s.239(2)(b))
 - Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations (s.239(2)(d))

Motion to Rise and Report from the Closed Session Meeting of September 2, 2026.

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at __ p.m.

12. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That leave be granted to introduce By-law 2026-34, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session and Council meetings held on this 2nd day of September, 2026; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That this meeting of Council of the Township of Essa Adjourn at _____ p.m.