



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4, 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, Special Council and Public meetings as presented:

- **January 14, 2026 Special Council Meeting Minutes – 2026 Budget**
- **January 14, 2026 Public Meeting Minutes**
- **January 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
- **January 14, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated February 4, 2026, be received for information.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee be received as presented:

- **January 13, 2026**

6. PETITIONS

No items.

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- a) **Proclamation - Designate the Month of February as "Black History Month"**

****Item Added Tuesday February 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**

Recommendation:

***WHEREAS** the celebration of Black History Month originates from the U.S. Professor Carter G. Woodson's 1926 declaration of Negro History Week, a week in February*

which marked the birthdates of civil rights activists Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, and

WHEREAS *in 1976, the Toronto City Council declared February as Black History Month. National recognition occurred on December 14, 1995, when the House of Commons unanimously agreed to a motion presented by the Honourable Jean Augustine to recognize February as Black History Month; and*

WHEREAS *Black History Month sought to level the imbalance in historical perspective and has become an important part of multicultural and antiracism programs; an*

WHEREAS *Black History Month in Canada is essential since it educates Canadians. Few Canadians know that slavery once existed in Canada, or that many of the British Loyalists who came here after the American Revolution were Black. Black History Month recognizes the important sacrifices and contributions of Black people to the development of Canada and the world. Racial discrimination and intolerance is on the rise, it is time for good people to help raise awareness and show their support of the fight against racial discrimination;*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT *Council of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims the month of February as "Black History Month" in our community, and encourages all citizens to participate in educational activities related to and honour the significant role that Black people, both past and present, have played in shaping the Township of Essa and its values.*

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items.

9. BY-LAWS

- a) **By-law 2026-03 – Borrowing By-law**
- b) **By-law 2026-04 – Tax Levy and Collection of Interim Tax By-law**
- c) **By-law 2026-05 – Interim Control By-law**

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That By-laws 2026-03, 2026-04 and 2026-05 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 Staff Report from the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Litigation – HRTO

- Personal Matters About an Identifiable Individual (s. 239(2)(b))
- Litigation or Potential Litigation (s. 239(2)(e))

b) Confidential Verbal Report from the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Staff Matter

****Item Added Tuesday February 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**

- 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 February 4, 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 2026-06, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session and Council meetings held on this 4th day of February, 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.