



# Council Meeting Highlights: April 17, 2024

Next Council Meeting: May 1, 2024

For the official Record, please refer to the minutes which are posted after the adoption at the next Council Meeting.

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## Award of Tender

Essa Council has approved the tender for the 2024 Granular Gravel Supply.

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## Council Requests Relief from Planning Act (ARU Parking Requirements)

Essa Council directed Staff to send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting relief of Section 35.1(1.1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 relating to the requirement of parking spaces for additional residential units (ARU) in urban areas. This request is specific to smaller municipalities with limited public transit and active transportation options, such as Essa.

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## Community Events

- Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign
    - April 28-May 5
  - McHappy Day – McDonalds Angus
    - Wed. May 8
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## Essa Council Makes Housing Pledge

Essa Council affirmed their commitment to achieving their 2031 Housing Target and has directed Staff to send a letter advising this to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Further, Staff will report back to Council on a semi-annual basis on the progress towards the Municipal Housing Pledge.

This pledge is in response to Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 as introduced October 25, 2022 recognizing the housing crisis facing Ontarians.

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## Emergency Road Closure Status Update

Essa Council was provided an update on the Emergency Closure of a portion of road on 5th Line between Willoughby Road and 25th Sideroad, as it was closed on April 18, 2024, due to rapidly deteriorating road conditions caused by excessive rain. The portion of road will remain closed until approximately the end of May.

[Emergency Road Closure Notice](#)

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