

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

MINUTES

A Regular Council meeting was held in person on Wednesday February 5, 2025, in the Council Chambers at the Administration Centre located at 5786 County Road 21, Utopia.

In attendance: Mayor Sandie Macdonald
Deputy Mayor Michael Smith
Councillor Pieter Kiezebrink
Councillor Henry Sander
Councillor Liana Maltby

Staff in attendance: M. Mikael, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Dollmaier, Manager of Finance
S. Haniff, Manager of Planning
J. Kolb, Manager of Public Works
L. Lehr, Manager of Legislative Services

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 7:19 pm.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR007-2025 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Sander

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motions duly passed and approved at the Committee of the Whole meeting of this date be approved; and
THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings held on the 15th day of January, 2025 be adopted as circulated.*

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: CR008-2025 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Sander

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated February 5th 2025, be received for information.*

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Minutes of the Essa Public Library Board

Resolution No: CR009-2025 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Smith
***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Essa Public Library Board from their meeting of December 16, 2024, be received.*

6. PETITIONS

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- a. Proclamation - Designate the Month of February, 2025 as "Black History Month"

Resolution No: CR010-2025 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Kiezebrink

***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; and*

***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, 2025, 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

9. BY-LAWS

- a. By-law 2025-05 – A By-law to appoint a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.
- b. By-law 2025-06 – A By-law to appoint an additional Deputy Clerk and a Director of Infrastructure.
- c. By-law 2025-07 – A By-law to amend By-law 2005-23, that being a By-law to regulate the operation of Motorized Snow Vehicles.

Resolution No: CR011-2025 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Smith

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-laws 2025-05, 2025-06, and 2025-07 be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.*

10. **QUESTIONS**

11. **CLOSED SESSION**

12. **CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

By-law 2025-08

Resolution No: CR012-2025 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Kiezebrink

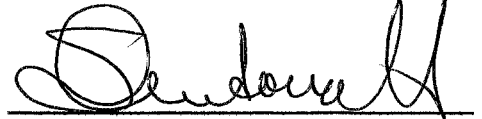
***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** leave be granted to introduce By-law 2025-08, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole, and Council meetings held on this 5th day of February, 2025; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.*

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No: CR013-2025 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Maltby

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting of Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 7:24 p.m. to meet again on the 19th day of February, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.*

---Carried---



Sandie Macdonald
Mayor



Lisa Lehr
Manager of Legislative Services