

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA

### BY-LAW 2026 - 17

**Being a By-law to establish holiday operating hours and require all retail business establishments in the Township of Essa be closed on New Year's Day, January 1st and December 25th.**

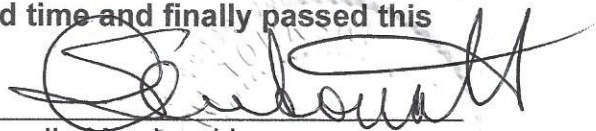
Whereas Section 148(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, provides that the council of a municipality may by by-law require that retail business establishments be closed to the public at any time; and

Whereas the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Essa has determined that all retail business establishments are required to be closed on the holidays of New Year's Day, January 1st and Christmas Day, December 25th;

Now Therefore Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby enacts as follows:

1. In this By-law,
  - a. "exemptions" means "retail business establishment" means the premises where a retail business is carried on.
    - i. goods or services in the form of or in connection with prepared meals or living accommodation;
    - ii. liquor under the authority of a licence or permit issued under the Liquor Licence Act;
    - iii. any other prescribed goods or services; and
  - b. "retail business establishment" means the premises where goods or services are sold or offered for sale by retail.
2. That all retail business establishments in the Township of Essa shall be permitted to remain open between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on all holidays as defined in Section 1 of the Holiday Business Act, with the exception of New Year's Day, January 1st and Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> where all retail business establishments shall be closed to the public.
3. This by-law does not apply to the sale or offering for sale by retail of the exemptions.
4. That this By-Law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon the approval of Township Council.

By-law Number 2026-17 read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.



Sandie Macdonald  
Mayor



Krista Pascoe, Clerk/Manager of  
Legislative Services