



## **Council Meeting Highlights July 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2025**

**Next Council Meeting: September 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2025**

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

### **International Overdose Awareness Day Proclaimed**

Essa Township Council has proclaimed August 31, 2025, as Overdose Awareness Day. This day is recognized as a time to reflect on the lives lost to overdose and to support efforts in reducing the stigma surrounding substance use. In 2022, 136 individuals in Simcoe Muskoka—including four from Essa—tragically lost their lives due to overdose. The Township remains committed to fostering compassion, raising awareness, and standing in support of individuals, families, and communities affected by substance use.

For Details, Visit: [Proclamation - Overdose Awareness Day - August 31, 2025 - Essa Township](#)

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### **Official Plan Review**

The Township of Essa is currently developing a new Official Plan, to update the policies in our current Official Plan and bring the document into conformity with the latest provincial policies and community interests. The Official Plan poll is designed to gather your input on the key policy directions for our new Official Plan.

For Details, Visit: [Poll #2: Directions Forward in Shaping the Future of Essa Survey](#)

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### **Fierté Simcoe Pride Proclaimed**

Essa Township Council has proclaimed August 4 to 15, 2025, in support of Fierté Simcoe Pride. This celebration promotes inclusion, education, and awareness of gender and sexual diversity across Simcoe County. A flag raising ceremony will be held (date TBD) to honor the values of unity, acceptance, and community pride.

For Details, Visit: [2025-07-02-council-agenda.pdf](#)

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