



## **Council Meeting Highlights June 4th, 2025**

Next Council Meeting: June 18th, 2025

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

### **Hope Air Day Proclaimed**

Council recognized June 6, 2025, as Hope Air Day in appreciation of Hope Air's efforts to provide free medical travel for individuals in rural and remote communities, ensuring access to essential healthcare.

For Details, Visit: [Proclamation - Hope Air Day 2025 - Essa Township](#)

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### **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclaimed**

Council proclaimed June 15, 2025, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, encouraging residents to recognize and protect the rights of older adults while raising awareness of elder abuse prevention.

For Details, Visit: [Proclamation - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – June 15, 2025 - Essa Township](#)

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### **Council Submits Comments on Bill 17 – Planning Act Amendments**

Council received Staff Report PD011-25 and approved the submission of comments to the Environmental Registry of Ontario regarding Bill 17 – Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025. Council also requested the addition of the following statement to page 2 of the draft letter: "This proposed Planning Act amendment/new section seems to favour School Boards over municipalities and residents. And while a reduced timeframe for the development of schools is important, the potential downstream effects (namely traffic congestion/safety, illegal parking, and enforcement issues) fall entirely with neighboring residents and the approving municipality." For Details, Visit: [2025-06-04-cw-agenda public.pdf](#)

### **2025 Asset Management Plan Endorsed**

Council endorsed the 2025 Asset Management Plan in accordance with Ontario Regulation 588/17. The Plan will guide infrastructure investment and decision-making to ensure sustainability and accountability. Staff have been directed to implement the Plan's strategies and recommendations, with updates and improvements to follow best practices and provincial requirements—subject to annual budget review.

For Details, Visit: [Asset Management Plan](#)

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