



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2026

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE MAYOR

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That Council of the Township of Essa hereby approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole, Council, and Closed Session meeting as presented:

- **September 2, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
- **September 2, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated October 7, 2026, be received for information.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That the minutes of the Essa Public Library Board be received as presented:

- **June 22, 2026**

6. PETITIONS

No items.

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a) Proclamation – Royal Canadian Air Force Month – October 2026

Recommendation:

Whereas the Royal Canadian Air Force, a distinct military element is celebrating its 102nd anniversary this year; and

Whereas the dedication and courage of Canada's men and women in uniform is recognized as being among the very finest; and

Whereas the Township of Essa proudly supports the Royal Canadian Air Force for their willingness to defend our democracy and uphold the values of honour and integrity;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims October, 2026 as “Royal Canadian Air Force Month”, in the Township of Essa.

b) Proclamation – Local Government Week – October 18 to 24, 2026

Recommendation:

Whereas October 18 to 24, 2026 is Local Government Week in Ontario, an opportunity to reflect on the vital services delivered by municipal governments; and

Whereas municipal governments play a vital role in helping to define the character, priorities, physical make up, and quality of life of communities across Ontario;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby do hereby join with partners such as the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) in acknowledging and celebrating the work of local municipalities by proclaiming October 18 to 24, 2026 as ‘Local Government Week’ in the Township of Essa.

c) Proclamation – International Day of Rural Woman – October 15, 2026

Recommendation:

Whereas rural women around the world play a crucial role in the well-being of their families, communities, and economies, serving as farmers, laborers, business owners, caregivers, and leaders; and

Whereas the United Nations has designated October 15th as International Day of Rural Women to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of rural women to agricultural development, food security, and rural prosperity; and

Whereas rural women are key to improving rural livelihoods, yet they often face challenges including limited access to resources, education, healthcare, and economic opportunities; and

Whereas promoting the rights, welfare, and empowerment of rural women is essential to achieving sustainable development and addressing global challenges such as hunger, poverty, and climate change; and

Whereas we stand in solidarity with rural women, honoring their resilience, leadership, and dedication to fostering thriving rural communities, while reaffirming our commitment to creating equitable opportunities for their advancement; and

Whereas through increased support, investment, and policy initiatives that prioritize rural women’s rights, we can build more inclusive and sustainable societies for future generations;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims October 15th, 2026, as International Day of Rural Women in the Township of Essa and urge all citizens to acknowledge the significant contributions of

rural women and to work together in creating a future of equality, justice, and opportunity for all.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items.

9. BY-LAWS

a) By-law 2026-35 – MLEO Appointment (A. Rankin)

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That By-law 2026-35 be read a first, and taken a second and third time and finally passed.

10. QUESTIONS

11. CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That Council proceed to a Closed Session in order to address matters pertaining to:

- a) Confidential Staff Report PD020-26 from the Manager of Planning, re: Property Use Matter**
 - Litigation or Potential Litigation (s.239(2)(e))
 - Plans and instructions for Negotiations (s.239(2)(k))
- b) Confidential Staff Report CAO018-26 from the Chief Administrative Officer, re: South Simcoe Priority Project – DRCP Funding**
 - Information Supplied in Confidence by Another Level of Government (s.239(2)(h))

Motion to Rise and Report from the Closed Session Meeting of October 7, 2026.

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at __ p.m.

12. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That leave be granted to introduce By-law 2026-36, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session and Council meetings held on this 7th day of October, 2026; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That this meeting of Council of the Township of Essa Adjourn at _____
p.m.