



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA WEDNESDAY MAY 6, 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, Closed Session meeting as presented:

- **April 15, 2026 Public Meeting Minutes – Building Department Fees**
- **April 15, 2026 Public Meeting Minutes – Official Plan Amendment**
- **April 15, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
- **April 15, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated May 6, 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:

- **March 23, 2026**

6. PETITIONS

No items.

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a) Proclamation – Apraxia Awareness Day

Recommendation:

Whereas May 14, 2026, marks Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day during which awareness will be raised throughout Essa Township, about childhood apraxia of speech, an extremely challenging speech disorder that affects 1-in-1,000 children; and

Whereas childhood apraxia of speech (GAS) causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in children; and

Whereas the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia require early, appropriate, and intensive speech therapy, often for many years to learn to speak; and

Whereas without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia will have diminished communication skills, but are also placed at high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling, and other school-related skills; and

Whereas that such primary and secondary impacts diminish future independence and employment opportunities and challenge the ability to become productive, contributing citizens if not resolved or improved; and

Whereas public awareness about childhood apraxia of speech in the Township of Essa is essential for families of children with this neurological disorder and the professionals who support them to achieve the needed services for those learning to use their own voice; and

Whereas our highest respect goes to these children, as well as their families, for their effort, determination, and resilience in the face of such obstacles.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Essa, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2026, as Apraxia Awareness Day. We encourage the citizens of Essa Township to work together to increase awareness and understanding of childhood apraxia of speech.

b) Proclamation – MS Awareness Month

Recommendation:

Whereas multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease affecting approximately 1 in 400 Canadians and over 90,000 across the country; and

Whereas multiple sclerosis symptoms vary widely, and the disease may cause symptoms such as fatigue, lack of coordination, weakness, tingling, impaired sensation, vision problems, bladder and bowel problems, and cognitive and mood changes; and

Whereas MS is thought to be caused by a combination of genetic, environmental, and lifestyle risk factors; and

Whereas MS Canada is the only national organization in Canada that supports both MS research and services for people affected by MS; and

Whereas annual fundraising events such as the MS Walk, MS Bike, and A&W Canada's Burgers to Beat MS campaign support programs to enhance the lives of people affected by multiple sclerosis and help support MS research in Canada; and

Whereas since 1948, MS Canada has provided over \$224 million for MS research; and is grateful for the dedication and commitment of supporters and volunteers that have made this possible; and

Whereas together we will find ways to connect and empower the MS community to create positive change and see a world free of multiple sclerosis,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Essa do hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 to be MS Awareness Month for MS Canada.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items.

9. BY-LAWS

- a) **By-law 2026-17 – Establish Holiday Operating Hours and Closures By-law**
- b) **By-law 2026-18 – Retail Business Act Opt-Out By-law**
- c) **By-law 2026-19 – Regulate the Feeding of Wildlife By-law**
- d) **By-law 2026-20 – Underground Works - SanDiego Homes (Phase 1) By-law**
- e) **By-law 2026-21 – Aboveground Works - SanDiego Homes (Phase 1) By-law**

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That By-laws 2026-17, 2026-18, 2026-19, 2026-20 and 2026-21 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 from the Manager of Planning, re: Proposed Development – 68 Gold Park Gate – OLT Update**
 - Litigation or Potential Litigation – s.239(2)(e)
 - Plans and Instructions for Negotiation – s.239(2)(k)

Motion to Rise and Report from the Closed Session Meeting of May 6, 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 2026-22, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session and Council meetings held on this 6th day of May, 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.