



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Members of the public wishing to attend can do so by attending in person to the Council Chambers in the Administration Centre located at 5786 County Road 21, Utopia.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE MAYOR

The Township of Essa acknowledges that we are situated on land within the area of Treaty 18, also known as the Lake Simcoe-Nottawasaga Treaty, signed on October 17, 1818, between the Government of Upper Canada and the Anishinaabe Indigenous peoples. The Annishinaabe include the Ojibwe, Odawa and Pottawatomi Nations collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture and committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect with all First Nation, Metis and Inuit People.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC MEETINGS

a) Presentation Argo Transit

Presented by: Jenna Bendayan, Head of Business Operations

b) Public Meeting – Zoning By-law Amendment - Housekeeping

Presented by: Samuel Haniff, Manager of Planning

STAFF REPORTS

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

a) Staff Report PD001-26 submitted by the Manager of Planning, re: New Official Plan – Next Steps and Timing Update

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That Staff Report PD001-26 be received for information.

5. PARKS & RECREATION

No Items.

6. FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

No items.

7. PUBLIC WORKS

No Items.

8. FINANCE

No Items.

9. AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT (ASE)

- a) **Staff Report A001-26 submitted by the Manager of Automated Speed Enforcement, re: Red Light Camera Program**

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Essa hereby receive report A001-26; and

That Council authorize staff to further proceed with the implementation of a Red Light Camera (RLC) Program within the Township of Essa utilizing Global Traffic Group Ltd. as the vendor; and

That Council direct staff to negotiate and prepare a draft agreement with Global Traffic Group Ltd., including scope, financial terms, and operational requirements, for presentation to Council for consideration and approval at a future meeting.

That Council authorize staff to proceed with a Smart Intersection Pilot project at one (1) signalized intersection, at no cost to the Township of Essa, for a time-limited evaluation period.

10. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT / IT

- a) **Staff Report C003-26 submitted by the Manager of Legislative Services, re: After Hours Canine Control**

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Essa hereby receive Staff Report C003-26; and

That Council approve entering into an After-Hours Canine Control Agreement with Ontario Animal Control, effective April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2029, with an automatic renew for an additional 3 years.

11. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- a) **Staff Report CAO001-26 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Review of the Mileage Rate**

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Essa hereby receive report CAO001-26; and

That Council approve increasing the mileage rate for staff using their personal vehicles to conduct Township business from the current \$0.72 per km to \$0.73 per km due to the increase in expenses associated with operating such vehicles and in accordance with the Department of Finance Canada.

b) OTHER BUSINESS

c) ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation:

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