



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held in person on Wednesday May 6, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the Administration Centre.

In attendance: Mayor Macdonald
Deputy Mayor Smith
Councillor Kiezebrink
Councillor Sander
Councillor Maltby

Staff in Attendance: Michael Mikael, Chief Administrative Officer
Chris Rankin, Manager of Parks and Recreation
John Kolb, Manager of Public Works
Lisa Lehr, Manager of Automated Speed Enforcement
Pedro Granes, Chief Building Official
Rachele Brown, Deputy Chief Building Official
Samuel Haniff, Manager of Planning
Sarah Corbett, Deputy Clerk
Krista Pascoe, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting by reading the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC MEETINGS

a) Presentation – Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School Senior Boys Basketball Team

Council presented the Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School Senior Boys Basketball Team with a certificate of congratulations on winning the Silver Medal at the 2026 AA OFSAA Championships.

b) Presentation – Happy Firefighters Day

Mayor Macdonald wished all Fire Fighters a Happy Firefighters Day and thanked them for all they do.

STAFF REPORTS

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

No items.

5. PARKS & RECREATION

No items.

6. FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

No items.

7. PUBLIC WORKS

- a) Staff Report PW008-26 submitted by the Manager of Public Works, re: Winter Maintenance Season Review**

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Kiezebrink, Seconded by Councillor Maltby

Be It Resolved that Staff Report PW008-26 be received for information. Motion Carried.

8. FINANCE

- a) Correspondence for Township Engineer AECOM, re: Reduction in Securities – Mill Street Ventures Site Plan – Phase 1.**

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, Seconded by Councillor Kiezebrink

Be It Resolved that Council approve a reduction in securities relating to Mill Street Ventures Site Plan – Phase I, as recommended by AECOM as follows:

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| Current Securities Held by the Township of Essa: | \$642,054.12 |
| Reduction as Recommended by AECOM | \$546,988.01 |
| Securities to be Retained by the Township of Essa | \$95,066.11; and |

That this approval is conditional upon the Developer providing the municipality with a Statutory Declaration indicating that all accounts have been paid in full, including all of the Township's legal and engineering costs. Motion Deferred.

9. AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT (ASE)

No items.

10. CLERKS/BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT/IT

- a) Staff Report C016-26 submitted by the Manager of Legislative Services/ Clerk, re: Provincial Policy Changes Permitting Alcohol Consumption in Municipal Public Spaces**

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Sander, Seconded by Councillor Maltby

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Essa hereby receive Staff Report C016-26 regarding provincial policy changes permitting alcohol consumption in municipal public spaces; and

That Council direct staff to prohibit "Bring Your Own Alcohol" (BYO) in all Township of Essa parks and public outdoor municipal spaces; and

That alcohol continue to be permitted only through licensed and municipally approved events, in accordance with applicable policies; and

That signage at municipal parks be updated to ensure that "no alcohol, no vaping, no smoking" are included. Motion Carried as amended.

11. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- a) **Staff Report CAO006-26 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: FCM – Tree Planting Grant Funding**

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Sander, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Be It Resolved that Staff Report CAO006-26 be received; and

That Council acknowledge that the Township has been selected as a recipient of a tree planting grant through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; and

That Council authorize Staff to proceed with the implementation of tree planting initiatives in accordance with the grant program requirements; and

That Council approve the allocation of required municipal funding to support the Township's portion of the project costs as contained in this report. Motion Carried.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

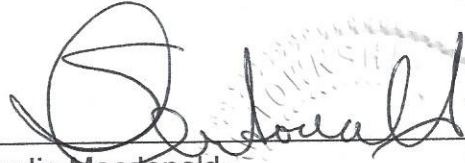
- 1) Mayor Macdonald wished all Fire Fighters a Happy Fire Fighter Day and thanked them for all they do.
- 2) Mayor Macdonald wished Council a Happy McHappy Day and thanked them for their participation.
- 3) Councillor Maltby reminded all in attendance that the South Simcoe Streams Network Community Tree plant in Angus will be held at Bob Geddes Park on Saturday May 9th beginning at 8:30 a.m. and at the Thornton Arena on May 10th at 1:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith, Seconded by Councillor Kiezebrink

Be It Resolved That this meeting of Committee of the Whole of the Township of Essa
Adjourn at 6:19 p.m. Motion Carried.



Sandie Macdonald,
Mayor



Krista Pascoe, Manager of Legislative
Services/Clerk