THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025 (To follow Committee of the Whole)

AGENDA

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

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

p. 1 <u>Recommendation</u>: **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the motions duly passed and approved at the Committee of the Whole meeting of this date be approved; and **THAT** the minutes of the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session and Regular Council meetings held on the 7th day of May, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

<u>Recommendation</u>: **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated May 21st 2025, be received for information.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. **PETITIONS**

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a. Proclamation – May 25 to May 31, 2025 – National AccessAbility Week Flag Raising – 5:45 p.m. on May 21, 2025.

Recommendation:

WHEREAS the Accessible Canada Act came into force July 2019, and determined that National AccessAbility Week take place every year beginning on the last Sunday in May; and

WHEREAS National AccessAbility Week brings together all Canadians in recognizing the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities and strengthening the collaborative effort needed to create a country that is fully accessible and inclusive; and **WHEREAS** each year, we look at the gains we have made in removing barriers and improving access for all who live, work and play in the Township of Essa, and look forward to the work that still needs to be done;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims the week of May 25 to May 31, 2025 as "National AccessAbility Week" and encourages all residents to support equality of access and opportunity for persons with disabilities.

b. **Proclamation – Seniors Month – June 2025.**

<u>Recommendation</u>: **WHEREAS** Seniors Month is an annual province-wide celebration; and **WHEREAS** Seniors have contributed to and continue to contribute immensely to the life and vibrancy of this municipality; and

WHEREAS Seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and important and active members of the community; and

WHEREAS contributions from seniors past and present warrant appreciation and recognition, and their stories deserve to be told; and

WHEREAS the health and well-being of seniors is in the interest of all, and further adds to the health and well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS the knowledge and experience seniors pass on to others continues to benefit us all;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims the month of June as "Seniors Month" and encourages all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. BY-LAWS

- p. 8 **a.** By-law 2025-28 A By-law to adopt the 2025 Tax Rates.
- p. 12 **b.** By-law 2025-29 A By-law to adopt the 2025 Tax Rate for the Business Improvement Area.
- p. 14 c. By-law 2025-30 A By-law to amend By-law 2023-33 (Community Safety Zones).
- p. 15 d. By-law 2025-31 A By-law to amend By-law 98-10 (Rate of Speed).

<u>Recommendation</u>: **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-law 2025-28, By-law 2025-29, By-law 2025-30 and By-law 2025-31 be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

10. QUESTIONS

11. CLOSED SESSION

12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

p. 16 By-law 2025-25

<u>Recommendation</u>: **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** leave be granted to introduce By-law 2025-32, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, and Council meetings held on this 21st day of May, 2025; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

<u>Recommendation</u>: **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting of Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at ______ p.m. to meet again on the 4th day of June, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held in person on Wednesday May 7, 2025, in the Council Chambers at the Administration Centre located at 5786 County Road 21, Utopia.

In attendance:

Mayor Sandie Macdonald Councillor Pieter Kiezebrink Councillor Henry Sander Councillor Liana Maltby

Regrets:

Deputy Mayor Michael Smith

Staff in attendance:

M. Mikael, Chief Administrative Officer

C. Rankin, Manager of Parks and Recreation

J. Kolb, Manager of Public Works

D. Dollmaier, Manager of Finance

L. Lehr, Manager of Automated Speed Enforcement

S. Corbett, Acting Manager of Legislative Services

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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

Councillor Kiezebrink declared an interest on item 5(a) as he has a business relationship with one of the proposed operators.

3. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS

a. Delegation

Darren Putnam – Street Naming Request - R. C. Putnam.

Darren Putnam provided council with a delegation requesting that a future street in Angus be named after his father, R. C. Putnam. Robert "Clive" Putnam was a long-time resident of Angus. In the 1960's he was a Constable on the local Angus OPP and was shot in the line of duty while responding to a domestic call. Mr. Putnam survived and went on to continue serving the community. He was also a volunteer Firefighter and extensively involved in Minor Hockey in the Thornton/Angus area for a number of years.

b. Presentation

Jasmine Shadd, Asset Management Advisor – PSD Citywide Inc.

Jasmine Shadd, Asset Management Advisor for PSD Citywide Inc, provided Council with a presentation on the impact of lifecycle strategies, investment timing and long-term asset sustainability within the Township.

STAFF REPORTS

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT / BUILDING

5. PARKS AND RECREATION / COMMUNITY SERVICES

Councillor Kiezebrink declared an interest on Item 5(a) He recused himself from participating in any discussion and did not vote on this Item.

a. Staff Report PR009-25 submitted by the Manager of Parks and Recreation, re: Summer Camp Programs Proposal.

Resolution No: CW037-2025 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Sander

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report PR009-25 be received; and **THAT** Council approve the operation of 2025 Summer Camp through Elevation Athletics and Side Door Yoga, to provide a variety of recreational programming for children during the summer months.

---Carried----

6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

7. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Staff Report PW009-25 submitted by the Manager of Public Works, re: Award of Tender – Aged Bridge Culverts Replacement.

Resolution No: CW038-2025 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report PW009-25 be received; and

THAT the quotation as received from **South Shore Contracting** be accepted in the amount of **\$3,562,503.60** (including 1.76% HST), to complete the replacement of the aged bridge culverts project contingent upon a WSIB Clearance Certificate and a copy of Insurance being provided to the Township to the Township's satisfaction; and **THAT** Council authorize Staff to utilize the remaining non-regulatory capital funding envelope(surplus) to complete further roads emergency repairs as contained in this report.

---Carried----

8. FINANCE

9. CLERKS / BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT / IT

a. Staff Report C007-25 submitted by the Acting Manager of Legislative Services, re: Special Occasion Permit – Lavender Valley Farm.

Resolution No: CW039-2025 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Maltby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report C007-25 be received; and

THAT That Council approve the request from Lavender Valley Farm to serve alcohol at 5505 6th Line, Essa on the following dates and times:

- July 5 (6 p.m. 8 p.m.) Picnic and Pic Event (40 people max)
- July 6 (11a.m. 2 p.m.) Paint and Sip Event (20 people max)
- July 12 (6 p.m. 8 p.m.) Picnic and Pic Event (40 people max)
- July 17 (6 p.m. 10 p.m.) Lavender Field Dinner Event (20 people max)
- July 24 (6 p.m. 8 p.m.) Wellness Event (25 people max)
- July 27 (11a.m. 2 p.m.) Paint and Sip Event (20 people max); and

THAT a copy of the certificate of insurance in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 be provided, listing the Township of Essa as additional insured.

----Carried-----

10. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (C.A.O.)

- 11. OTHER BUSINESS
- 12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: CW040-2025 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Kiezebrink

<u>Recommendation</u>: **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting of Committee of the Whole of the Township of Essa adjourn at 6:47 p.m., to meet again on the 21st day of May, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

----Carried-----

Sandie Macdonald Mayor

Sarah Corbett Acting Clerk

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

MINUTES

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In attendance:

Mayor Sandie Macdonald Councillor Pieter Kiezebrink Councillor Henry Sander Councillor Liana Maltby

Regrets:

Deputy Mayor Michael Smith

Staff in attendance:

M. Mikael, Chief Administrative Officer

C. Rankin, Manager of Parks and Recreation

J. Kolb, Manager of Public Works

D. Dollmaier, Manager of Finance

L. Lehr, Manager of Automated Speed Enforcement

S. Corbett, Acting Manager of Legislative Services

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Macdonald opened the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MOTIONS

Resolution No: CR052-2025 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Kiezebrink

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the motions duly passed and approved at the Committee of the Whole meeting of this date be approved; and **THAT** the minutes of the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session and Regular Council meetings held on the 16th day of April, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

---Carried----

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No: CR053-2025 Moved by: Kiezebrink Seconded by: Sander

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated May 7th, 2025, be received for information; and **THAT** items A2 and A4i be referred to Staff for action.

----Carried-----

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. **PETITIONS**

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Proclamation – May 14, 2025 – Apraxia Awareness Day 2025

Resolution No: CR054-2025 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Kiezebrink

WHEREAS May 14, 2025, 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 recognize May 14th, 2025 as Apraxia Awareness Day. We encourage the citizens of Essa Township to work together to increase awareness and understanding of childhood apraxia of speech.

----Carried-----

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. BY-LAWS

By-law 2025-26 – A By-law to Appoint a Building Inspector.

Resolution No: CR055-2025 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Maltby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2025-26, be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

----Carried-----

10. QUESTIONS

11. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No: CR056-2025 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Maltby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed to a Closed Session in order to address matters pertaining to:

- a. Staff Report CAO008-25 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Identifiable Individual.
 - Personal Matters About an Identifiable Individual s.239(2)(b)
 - Litigation or Potential Litigation (s.239(2)(e)
- b. Verbal update from the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Correspondence received regarding 152 Greenwood Drive.
 - Plans and Instructions for Negotiation (s. 239(2)(k))

Motion to Rise and Report from Closed Session Meeting of May 7, 2025.

Resolution No: CR057-2025 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Maltby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise and report from the Closed Session Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

a. Staff Report CAO008-25 submitted by the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Identifiable Individual.

Resolution No: CR058-2025 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Kiezebrink

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Confidential Staff Report CAO008-25 be received; and **THAT** Council direct staff in accordance with Option #2 as contained within the body of the confidential report.

----Carried-----

b. Verbal update from the Chief Administrative Officer, re: Correspondence received regarding 152 Greenwood Drive.

Resolution No: CR058-2025 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Kiezebrink

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Confidential the verbal update and correspondence as provided be received; and **THAT** Council direct staff to move forward as instructed.

12. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

By-law 2025-27

Resolution No: CR060-2025 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Maltby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-law 2025-27, 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 May, 2025; and, that said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

----Carried-----

13. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: CR061-2025 Moved by: Maltby Seconded by: Kiezebrink

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 7:22 p.m. to meet again on the 21st day of May, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

----Carried-----

Sandie Macdonald Mayor

Sarah Corbett Acting Clerk

BY-LAW 2025 – 28

Being a By-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates for 2025.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25 provides that the Council of the local Municipality shall in each year prepare and adopt estimates of all sums required during the year on all rateable property in the local municipality; and

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25 provides that the Council of the local Municipality shall in each year pass a by-law levying a separate tax rate, as specified in the by-law, on the assessment in each property class in the local municipality rateable for local municipality purposes; and

WHEREAS The *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25 Sections 308(2)(5), provides that a set of tax ratios shall be established for every municipality and that the County of Simcoe Bylaw No. 6952 passed on April 12, 2022, established these tax ratios; and

WHEREAS the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter A.31, as amended, establishes the classes of real property and methods of assessment, as well as provides for alterations to the Collector's Roll; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Essa has reviewed the estimates required for all purposes for the year 2025 and has held special meetings for budget discussions on November 20, 2024, December 10, 2024 and December 18, 2025, as advertised to the public, pursuant to section 291 of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001;

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 391 as amended, permits the imposition of fees or charges on persons for services provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality; and

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 398(1) (2) as amended, permits that fees or charges constitute a debt of the person to the municipality and that such amount owing can be added to the Tax Roll and collected in same manner as municipal taxes; and

WHEREAS County of Simcoe By-law No. 7121-25 passed on March 26, 2025, established tax rates for County purposes for the year 2025; and

WHEREAS Section 257.12.1(b) of the *Education Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.2 as amended, provides for the Minister of Finance to make regulations prescribing tax rates for school purposes, as established in Ontario Regulations;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa enacts as follows:

- 1. The 2025 levy for Township purposes, levy is hereby set at **\$13,045,370.00**
- 2. The 2025 estimate for Simcoe County purposes, including Simcoe County Waste Management costs, is hereby set at \$11,444,084.00

- 3. The 2025 estimate for Education purposes is hereby set at **\$8,771,534.00**
- 4. The following tax rates expressed as a percentage are hereby adopted to be applied against the whole of the assessment for real property for municipal purposes:

TAX CLASS	TAX RATE
Residential	0.353783%
Multi-Residential	0.353783%
Commercial - occupied	0.432429%
- vacant	0.432429%
Small Scale On-Farm	0.108107%
Pipelines	0.458715%
Farm	0.088446%
Managed Forests	0.088446%
Industrial - occupied	0.421886%
- vacant	0.421886%
Aggregate Extraction	0.389161%

5. The following tax rates expressed as a percentage are hereby adopted to be applied against the whole of the assessment for real property for Simcoe County purposes, including Simcoe County Waste Management:

TAX CLASS	TAX RATE
Residential Multi-Residential	0.310357% 0.310357%
Commercial - occupied	0.379349%
- vacant	0.379349%
Small Scale On-Farm	0.092525%
Pipelines	0.402409%
Farm	0.077589%
Managed Forests	0.077589%
Industrial - occupied	0.370101%
- vacant	0.370101%
Aggregate Extraction	0.341393%

6. The following tax rates expressed as a percentage are hereby adopted to be applied against the whole of the assessment for real property for School purposes:

TAX CLASS

TAX RATE

Residential	0.153000%
Multi-Residential	0.153000%
Commercial - occupied	0.880000%
- vacant	0.880000%
- Fed PIL	0.980000%
Small Scale On-Farm	0.220000%
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Pipelines		0.880000%
Farm		0.038250%
Managed Forests		0.038250%
Industrial	 occupied 	0.880000%
	- vacant	0.880000%
	- Fed PIL	0.980000%
Small Scale On-Farm		0.220000%
Aggregate Extraction		0.511000%

- 7. The taxes on railway rights of way (ROW) for 2025 is due to the Township in accordance with the prescribed rates as established by the Minister of Finance pursuant to section 315 of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, as amended, and the ROW taxes due shall be based on the assessment roll and the tax rates for the year.
- 8. The collector shall mail or cause the same to be mailed, not later than 21 days prior to the date the first instalment is due, to the residence or place of business of such person indicated on the last revised assessment roll, a written or printed notice specifying the amount of taxes payable, the date by which it is to be paid and the penalty charge imposed for late payment.
- 9. The date(s) for payment of taxes levied under the authority of this By-law shall be as follows:

Due date of First Final Instalment Three banking days before the last banking day of September

Due date of Second Final Instalment Three banking days before the last banking day of November

- 10. That the taxes shall be payable to the Corporation on or before the due date and shall be payable at the Municipal Office, or at the Banks of Nova Scotia in Angus and Alliston, or at the Royal Bank of Canada in Cookstown, or at the Toronto-Dominion Bank in Alliston. Payments made at the above Bank branches shall be deemed to be paid to the Corporation on the date the Township receives the payment. The resident (or presenter of the bill) will be responsible to pay any applicable service charge to the financial institution accepting the payment. Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) are available through a Pre-Authorized Payment Plan with the Township and Telephone EFT with various Financial Institutions. In addition, payment can be left after hours at the Municipal Office drop box on the lower level, side entrance.
- 11. That the Treasurer of the Corporation shall add to the amount of all taxes due and unpaid and levied under the authority of this By-law, a penalty charge equal to one and one-quarter **(1.25%)** per cent of such amount on the first day of the calendar month following the due date, and on the first day of each calendar month thereafter in which default continues. After the end of the year in which the taxes are levied and are unpaid, statutory interest of one and one-quarter **(1.25%)** per cent per month will apply.
- 12. That the Treasurer and/or designate, are hereby authorized to accept part payment from time to time on account of any such taxes that are due and to give a receipt for such part payment, provided that acceptance of any such part payment shall not affect the collection of any penalty charges imposed and collectable in respect of non-payment of the taxes or any installment thereof, and that such part-payment is applied first against

the principal taxes owing.

- 13. That there be imposed a handling fee of **\$40.00** for any returned cheques.
- 14. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date it is finally passed.

READ A FIRST, AND TAKEN AS READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED on this the 21st day of May, 2025.

Sandie Macdonald, Mayor

Sarah Corbett, Acting Manager of Legislative Services

BY-LAW 2025 – 29

Being a By-law to provide for the adoption of a Tax Rate for the Business Improvement Area in Angus for 2025.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25 provides that the Council of the local Municipality shall in each year prepare and adopt estimates of all sums required during the year on all rateable property in the local municipality; and

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25 provides that the Council of the local Municipality shall in each year pass a by-law levying a separate tax rate, as specified in the by-law, on the assessment in each property class in the local municipality rateable for local municipality purposes; and

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25 Sections 308(2)(5), provides that a set of tax ratios shall be established for every municipality and that the County of Simcoe By-law No. 7121-25 passed on March 26, 2025, established these tax ratios; and

WHEREAS the *Assessment Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter A.31, as amended, establishes the classes of real property and methods of assessment, as well as provides for alterations to the Collector's Roll;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa enacts as follows:

- 1. The 2025 budget for the Angus Business Improvement Area is hereby set at \$43,920.
- 2. The following tax rates expressed as a percentage are hereby adopted to be applied against the whole of the assessment for real property for the Angus Business Improvement Area purpose to levy \$43,920 in 2025.

TAX CLASS		TAX RATE
Commercial	- occupied	0.061270%
Shopping	 occupied 	0.061270%
New Construction Commercial	 occupied 	0.061270%

- 3. The collector shall mail or cause the same to be mailed, not later than 21 days prior to the date the first instalment is due, to the residence or place of business of such person indicated on the last revised assessment roll, a written or printed notice specifying the amount of taxes payable, the date by which it is to be paid and the penalty charge imposed for late payment.
- 4. The date(s) for payment of taxes levied under the authority of this By-law shall be as follows:

Due date of First Final Instalment <u>Three banking days before the last banking day of September</u>

Due date of Second Final Instalment <u>Three banking days before the last banking day of November</u>

- 5. That the taxes shall be payable to the Corporation on or before the due date and shall be payable at the Municipal Office (online or in-person), or at any financial institution that accepts payments. Payments shall be deemed to be paid to the Corporation on the date the Corporation receives payment. The resident (or presenter of the bill) will be responsible to pay any applicable service charge to the financial institution accepting the payment. Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) are available through a Pre-Authorized Payment Plan with the Township and Telephone EFT with various Financial Institutions. In addition, payment can be left after hours at the Municipal Office drop box on the upper or lower levels, side entrance.
- 6. That the Treasurer of the Corporation shall add to the amount of all taxes due and unpaid and levied under the authority of this By-law, a penalty charge equal to one and one-quarter (1.25%) per cent of such amount on the first day of the calendar month following the due date, and on the first day of each calendar month thereafter in which default continues. After the end of the year in which the taxes are levied and are unpaid, statutory interest of one and one-quarter (1.25%) per cent per month will apply.
- 7. That the Treasurer and/or designate, are hereby authorized to accept part payment from time to time on account of any such taxes that are due and to give a receipt for such part payment, provided that acceptance of any such part payment shall not affect the collection of any penalty charges imposed and collectable in respect of non-payment of the taxes or any installment thereof, and that such part-payment is applied first against the principal taxes owing.
- 8. That there be imposed a handling fee of \$40.00 for any returned cheques.
- 9. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date it is finally passed.

READ A FIRST, AND TAKEN AS READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED on this the 21st day of May, 2025.

Sandie Macdonald, Mayor

Sarah Corbett, Acting Manager of Legislative Services

BY-LAW NO. 2025 – 30

A By-law to Amend By-law 2023-33, being a By-law to designate "Community Safety Zones".

WHEREAS Section 214.1(1) of the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter H.8, as amended by Bill 26, Chapter 6, Statutes of Ontario 1998 provides the Council of a municipality to designate community safety zones on parts of highways under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS Council of The Corporation of the Township of Essa enacted By-law 2023-33 to establish Community Safety Zones within the Township of Essa;

NOW THEREFORE Council of The Corporation of the Township of Essa enacts as follows:

1. THAT By-law 2023-33 be and is hereby amended to include the addition of the following Community Safety Zone:

<u>Highway</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	Effective Hours
10 th Sideroad	A point 100m	A point 100m	At any time, January 1 st
	west of 4684	East of Rail	to December 31
	10th	Trail on 10 th	
	Sideroad	Sideroad	

2. THAT this By-law shall come into force and take effect from the final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, AND TAKEN AS READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED this 21st day of May, 2025.

Sandie Macdonald, Mayor

Sarah Corbett, Acting Clerk

BY-LAW 2025-31

A By-law of the Corporation of the Township of Essa to amend By-laws 98-10, being a By-law to prescribe rates of speed along portions of highways in the Township of Essa.

WHEREAS the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990 Chapter H.8 as amended, provides that the Council of a municipality may prescribe rates of speed on highways under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS By-law 98-10 was passed by Council on the 21st day of January, 1998, to prescribe the rate of speed on certain roads within the municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa deems it advisable for the safety of its inhabitants and orderly traffic flow within the Township to prescribe a certain rate of speed on the 5th Sideroad by amending By-law 98-10; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Essa hereby enacts as follows:

1. That By-law 98-10 be and is hereby amended to include the following rate of speed on the 5th Sideroad from 9th Line to County Road 56:

HighwayFromToRate of Speed5th Sideroad9th LineCounty Road 5660 km per hour

2. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect from the final day of passing.

READ A FIRST, AND TAKEN AS READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED on this the 21st day of May, 2025.

Sandie Macdonald, Mayor

Sarah Corbett, Acting Clerk

BY-LAW 2025 - 32

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on the 21st day of May, 2025.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the action of the Council at its meeting held on the 21st day of May, 2025 and, in respect of each recommendation contained in the Regular Council meeting held on the 7th day of May, 2025, and the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on the 7th day of May, 2025, and, in respect of each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by Council at the said meetings, is, except where prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board is required, hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.

THAT the Mayor and the proper officials of the Township of Essa are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said actions or to obtain approvals where required, and to execute all documents as may be necessary in that behalf and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to affix the Corporate Seal to all such documents.

READ A FIRST, AND TAKEN AS READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED on this the 21st day of May, 2025.

Sandie Macdonald, Mayor

Sarah Corbett, Acting Clerk