



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA WEDNESDAY MARCH 4, 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, and Public meeting as presented:

- **February 4, 2026 Public Meeting Minutes**
- **February 4, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
- **February 4, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That the items listed in the Consent Agenda dated March 4, 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:

- **December 15, 2025**

6. PETITIONS

No items.

7. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

a) Proclamation - #ITSTARTS Month

Recommendation:

Whereas, Inclusion, acceptance, and equity are important approaches to the diversity of residents living in any community, especially in our growing and changing Township; and

Whereas, March 21st is recognized as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; and

Whereas, the Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership (SCLIP) is a community partnership focused on the development of settlement strategies for newcomers. These strategies bring together and support service delivery to newcomers in Simcoe County while promoting positive relationships, opportunity, and use of local resources effectively; and

Whereas, we encourage all to celebrate the differences in each other such as race, culture, colour, national origin, gender, age, disability and religion; and

Whereas, this month presents an opportunity to further the resolve as we pause to celebrate the diversity of the human race rather than allow our dissimilarities to become a reason for racial separation.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims the month of March as #ITSTARTS Month in our community and encourages everyone to take a stand and participate in and learn more about the #ITSTARTS campaign.

***Item Added Monday March 2, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.**

b) Proclamation – International Women’s Day – March 8, 2026

Recommendation:

Whereas, in 1977, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution calling on member states to proclaim a day for women's rights and international peace; and,

Whereas, following the United Nations' lead, Canada chose March 8th as International Women's Day; and,

Whereas, in 1979 the United Nations adopted the "Convention of the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women" (CEDAW), providing a mechanism for governments to make commitments ensuring women's equal access to equal opportunities in political and public life, as well as education, health and employment; and,

Whereas, International Women's Day is observed around the world and provides an opportunity to recognize and reflect on the progress made to advance women's equality, to celebrate the gains made by women in our society, and reflect on the challenges and barriers women continue to face; and,

Whereas, Women's Enterprise Skills Training of Windsor Inc. states its commitment towards the elimination of inequality and all forms of discrimination, and is in the forefront of efforts to establish a caring, compassionate society in which all of its members have the right to live in conditions of good health, safety, dignity, respect, and peace; and,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council of the Township of Essa hereby proclaims March 8, 2026 as International Women’s Day in the Township of Essa.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items.

9. BY-LAWS

a) By-law 2026-07 – Fees and Charges By-law

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved That By-law 2026-07 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: Funding Opportunity

- Information Supplied in Confidence by Another Level of Government – s.239(2)(h)

b) Confidential Verbal Update from the Chief Administration Officer, re: Planning and Development Matters

- Acquisition or Disposition of Land – s. 239(2)(c)
- Information Belonging to the Municipality – s. 239(2)(j)
- Plans and Instructions for Negotiation – s. 239(2)(k)

Motion to Rise and Report from the Closed Session Meeting of March 4, 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 2026-08, that being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session and Council meetings held on this 4th day of March, 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.