



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY MAY 6, 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 Anishinaabe 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 – Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School Senior Boys Basketball Team**

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**

Recommendation:

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

8. FINANCE

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

***Correspondence updated on May 5, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.**

Recommendation:

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:

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.

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**

Recommendation:

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.

11. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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

Recommendation:

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.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation:

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