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TOWNSHIP OF ESSA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm
5786 County Road 21
Utopia, ON L0M 1T0
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Phone Extensions by Department

Building Ext. 128
CAO's Office Ext. 105
Clerk's Ext. 117
Municipal Law Enforcement Ext. 122
Parks & Recreation Ext. 125
Public Works Ext. 105
Utilities Ext. 127
Taxation Ext. 106 / 202
Zoning Ext. 111

After Hours Canine Control (705) 623-3223

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm
Phone: 705-424-5828
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EMERGENCY NUMBER 9-1-1

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

located in the Angus Recreation Centre
8529 County Road 10, Angus
Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
10am - 3pm
Phone: 705-424-4054

ESSA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Angus Location: 705-424-6531
Thornton Location: 705-458-2549

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE

OPP-Nottawasaga Detachment Office: 705-434-1939
OPP 1-888-310-1122
EMERGENCY NUMBER 9-1-1

MUNICIPAL WATER & SANITARY SEWER EMERGENCY SERVICES:

OCWA Business Hours 1-866-775-7712
OCWA After Hours 1-888-363-9311

COUNCIL

Terry Dowdall, Mayor – 705-623-3104
Sandie Macdonald, Deputy Mayor – 705-424-6844
Keith White, Councillor Ward 1 – 705-424-2727
Michael Smith, Councillor Ward 2 – 705-794-3230
Ron Henderson, Councillor Ward 3 – 705-999-7182

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. Agendas and minutes are posted on the Township's website.

ESSA TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

FALL 2016

MAYOR DOWDALL'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents,

We have experienced a very successful year so far in Essa and I wish to share some of the highlights with you. We have been able to celebrate the construction of a new manufacturing plant in Utopia and the announcement of plans for a further expansion. Congratulations to both Phoenix Truss and DeCast respectively! We look forward to doing business with you.

As well, Council and I were honoured to participate in Borden's 100th anniversary celebrations. We are proud to support our troops in our community and thank them for what they give back to us through involvement here in Essa.

Essa is now working on enhancing our parks for use by adults. Watch for adult fitness equipment to be installed starting in the Angus Community Park. This same park is also undergoing a facelift out front, for safety purposes.

Finally, speaking of safety, please take care on the roads, respecting pedestrians and cyclists. As always, please feel free to voice your concerns and comments to Council and staff, referring to our website for contact information.

Your Mayor,
Terry Dowdall

ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND PAVING PROJECTS

The Township receives an annual Federal Gas Tax Refund, as part of the New Building Canada Plan, to provide predictable and long-term funding for sustainable municipal infrastructure. This year's funding will be used to help subsidize the reconstruction and paving project on the 25th Sideroad from County Rd. 27 west to the 11th Line. This project includes a large culvert extension and road paving. This project commenced in August and is tentatively scheduled for completion in October, 2016. In addition, Spencer Avenue in Thornton has been resurfaced. As well, the Huron- King Streets Urbanization took place this summer bringing a range of improvements to Huron Street at the Huron Street Park including installation of sidewalks, paving of the road including dedicated parking spaces and new streetlights.

PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

The Township of Essa was successful in obtaining funding through the New Horizons for Seniors Program which has allowed for the installation of outdoor exercise equipment at Community Park in Angus. As well, the Township of Essa was approved through the IESO's SaveON Energy Retrofit Program for the installation of new LED lighting over the ice surfaces at the Thornton and Angus Arenas. This lighting will assist the municipality with saving on energy costs.

14th ANNUAL ESSA SALMON DERBY

Essa will be hosting its 14th annual Salmon Derby this fall on September 17th and 18th. Closing ceremonies will be held on September 18th at the Nottawasaga Fishing Park where prizes will be awarded. Contact the Economic Development Office at 705-424-4054 for more details or visit our website at www.essasalmonfestivalderby.com. We hope to see you there!

ANGUS-BORDEN-BARRIE TRANSIT: WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

The Angus-Borden-Barrie Transit has been in service now for approximately three years and in order to make this service the best it can be, we need your feedback. Contact our office at 705-424-9770 ext. 105 or email llinton@essatownship.on.ca and tell us how we can improve the service.

OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE UNDERWAY

What is an Official Plan? An Official Plan describes Council's policies on how land should be used. It is prepared with input from you and others in the community and helps to ensure that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of Essa.

An Official Plan deals mainly with issues such as:

- Where new housing, industry, offices and shops will be located;
- What services like roads, water mains, sewers and parks will be needed;
- When, and in what order, parts of the Township will grow; and
- Community improvement initiatives.

If you have comments on our Official Plan, please let the Planning Department know by letter or by emailing chealey@essatownship.on.ca.

SIDEWALK SNOWCLEARING - Public sidewalks in Angus are maintained during the winter by the Township Roads Department staff using two sidewalk snowplows with salt/sand spreaders. Public sidewalks are plowed during daylight hours after a significant snowfall and it takes approximately 6 hours using both snowplows to plow all public sidewalks in Angus. Please be patient and allow our staff sufficient time to plow all of the public sidewalks in Angus. Sidewalks in Baxter and Thornton are plowed by a Contractor hired by the Township for this purpose.

ADOPT-A-ROAD - The Adopt-A-Road Program is a township-wide program that encourages community involvement in the maintenance of Township roadsides and is open to community groups and individuals who want to take an active role in enhancing the quality of life in our community. If you are interested in becoming an Adopt-A-Road partner with the municipality, please contact Dan Perreault, Manager of Public Works, at dperreault@essatownship.on.ca, or by phone at 705-424-9770 ext. 135, or drop by the Administration Centre at 5786 County Rd. #21 to speak with him in person.

RABIES CLINICS – The Township will be hosting three low-cost Rabies Clinics at the Roads Garage (5654 County Road 21). The clinics will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on September 24th, October 1st and October 22nd. The cost will be \$20.00 per vaccination, per animal. Dog tags will be available at a cost of \$25.00 each.

DOG TAGS – The Township of Essa requires that all dogs be licensed with the Township in accordance with the Canine Control By-law 2006-18. 2017 dog tags will be available for \$25.00 and will be valid from January to December. Proof of rabies vaccination is required for purchase of tag. The tags are available at the Township Administration Centre and the Angus and Thornton Library Branches.

TAX AND WATER/SEWER PAYMENT INFORMATION

INTERIM TAX DUE DATES

First Installment: September 27, 2016
 Second Installment: November 25, 2016

WATER & SEWER INVOICE DUE DATES

Third Quarter: October 31, 2016
 Fourth Quarter: January 31, 2017

Payments for taxes and water/sewer bills may be made by mail, at some financial institutions, by tele-payment, or in person at the Township's Administration Centre Monday-Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm. Cash, cheques and debit transactions are accepted. Preauthorized payments directly withdrawn from your bank account can be arranged for tax and water/sewer payments. If you are going on an extended vacation, this is the best payment method to avoid missing a due date. An after-hours drop box is also available at the lower level entrance. Please note that all payments must be received at the Township Office by the due date in order to avoid penalty and interest charges. Contact the Tax Department and/or the Utility Department to set up your preauthorized payment today. Some restrictions apply.

2016-17 FALL / WINTER PROGRAM GUIDE – Watch for the 2016-17 Fall / Winter Program Guide and sign up early for programs to avoid disappointment. To view a copy of the guide online, please visit our website at www.essatownship.on.ca.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION - Take advantage of our on-line registration when registering for recreation programs hosted by the Township. Visit our website at www.essatownship.on.ca to register, or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 705-424-9770 ext. 125 for more details.

FACILITY RENTALS: Planning a party or meeting? Rent our Banquet Room at the Angus Arena, or one of our other numerous rooms. Call 705-424-9770 ext. 125 for rental rates and availability. Facilities are accessible to all!

BURN PERMITS - are required for burning. Recreational burning is now permitted as per by-law 2015-92 (Please refer to the by-law for guidelines pertaining to lot sizes and clearances for type of burn permit required). **Burn permits are \$25.00 and are valid until the end of each calendar year.** Permits are available at the Administration Centre (upper level), the Economic Development Office or online.

SMOKE ALARMS – The Ontario Fire Code requires that every home has working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home and near sleeping areas. Avoid placing alarms near bathrooms, heating appliances, windows or close to ceiling fans. Check your smoke alarm at least once a year. If your alarm is ten years old, it requires replacing. Consider practicing your home fire escape plan regularly.

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS – CO detectors are now mandatory. Detectors should be placed on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas. For more information, go to the following website: <http://www.oafc.on.ca/carbon-monoxide>. Carbon Monoxide is a colourless, odourless, tasteless, toxic gas that enters the body through the lungs during the normal breathing process. It replaces oxygen in the blood and prevents the flow of oxygen to the heart, brain and other vital organs.

SUPERIOR TANKER SHUTTLE ACCREDITATION – For information regarding the Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation visit the Township's website, contact the Essa Fire Department at 705-424-5828 or email firesecretary@essatownship.on.ca.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The Township of Essa is currently seeking committed volunteers to assist with flooding of the outdoor pads. If you are interested and would like to express your commitment, please contact Diane Straus, Recreation Coordinator/Programmer at 705-424-9770 ext. 126, or email dstrauss@essatownship.on.ca.

STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE

Please report the location of all malfunctioning streetlights to the Public Works Department at 705-424-9770 ext 105.

WINTER PARKING

Parking is prohibited on all Township roads between 2:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. from November 1st to May 1st every year. This allows for the accommodation of snow removal operations

DEPOSITING OF SNOW

Please be advised that the depositing of snow or ice on a municipal roadway or sidewalk (including pushing or blowing the snow or ice across the roadway to the opposite side of the roadway) is prohibited.

WINTER ROAD AND SIDEWALK SAFETY

Winter is one of the most exciting seasons of the year - but it can also be the most dangerous. Please take precautions to ensure that children are playing at a safe distance from the roads and sidewalks, as Snowplow Operators cannot see children hidden in snow banks.

MUNICIPAL ADDRESSING

All properties in Essa Township shall have municipal address numbers affixed to a dwelling or building whether it be commercial, industrial or residential. In rural areas a green 9-1-1 sign **must be posted** at the roadside and in residential areas all municipal address numbers shall be placed in a location that is clearly visible from the street, easily identified day or night. Property owners shall ensure that the numbering is kept clearly visible at all times and remains unobstructed by trees, shrubs, grass, snow or other visible obstructions and that no number, other than the number assigned by the municipality is affixed to any building, structure or property.

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