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### TOWNSHIP OF ESSA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm  
5786 County Road 21  
Utopia, ON L0M 1T0  
Phone: 705-424-9770  
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#### Phone Extensions by Department

Building Ext. 128  
CAO's Office Ext. 105  
Clerk's Ext. 116  
Municipal Law Enforcement Ext. 122  
Parks and Recreation Ext. 121  
Public Works Ext. 105  
Utilities Ext. 127  
Taxation Ext. 106 / 202  
Zoning Ext. 111

### ESSA PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE

705-424-9303  
8529 County Road 10, Angus

After Hours Canine Control 1-905-729-0915

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm  
Phone: 705-424-5828  
Fax: 705-424-4185

EMERGENCY NUMBER 9-1-1

### ESSA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Angus Location: 705-424-6531  
Thornton Location: 705-458-2549  
www.essa.library.on.ca

### 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

Sandie Macdonald, Mayor – 705-424-6844  
smacdonald@essatownship.on.ca  
Michael Smith, Deputy Mayor – 705-305-8446  
msmith@essatownship.on.ca  
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kwhite@essatownship.on.ca  
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hsander@essatownship.on.ca  
Ron Henderson, Councillor Ward 3 – 705-424-2850  
rhenderson@essatownship.on.ca

### 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

## SPRING 2019

### MAYOR MACDONALD'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents,

Your new Council is excited to work with you over the next four years. Our municipality is fortunate to benefit from the dedication and initiative of our staff. Council wishes to extend thanks to all of our Volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year. As well, welcome to all our new residents who now call Essa home. Your Council will continue to be transparent, fiscally responsible, and work hard to keep your taxes affordable.

The arrival of Spring brings road repairs and projects, clean-up of our Parks and floral beautification in our Community. Our two farmers markets in Thornton and Angus will also be gearing up for their new season. We look forward to seeing you at Community Events!

Yours truly,

Mayor Macdonald

**PARKING** - Residents are reminded that parking restrictions are currently in place. In accordance with the Township's Parking By-law 2005-96, parking on roads is prohibited from November 1 to May 15 between the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Additionally, at no time are vehicles permitted to park over any sidewalk or on boulevards in the Township of Essa.

**ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM** - 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](mailto:dperreault@essatownship.on.ca), or by phone at 705-424-9970 ext. 135, or drop by the Administration Centre at 5786 County Rd. 21 to speak with him in person. More information regarding this program can be found on our website at [www.essatownship.on.ca](http://www.essatownship.on.ca).

**BULKY ITEM COLLECTION** - Call 1-800-263-3199 to schedule your bulky item collection, available June through to September. Refer to your Simcoe County Waste Management Calendar for more information.

**LANDFILL LOCATIONS:** Site No. 13 – 6815 Concession Road 4, Adjala-Tosorontio  
Site No. 10 – 5715 County Road 64, Stayner  
Site No. 16 – 2960 Line 12, Bradford-West Gwillimbury

**NO SMOKING BY-LAWS** - Please be advised that By-laws 2011-62 and 2018-93 are in force and effect to prohibit the smoking or vaping of tobacco and/or cannabis on municipally owned properties. This includes all municipal parks, facilities, sidewalks, and parking lots. For more information please visit the By-laws page on the Township's website.

**OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE STILL 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 email at [chealey@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:chealey@essatownship.on.ca). Please note that the Province has announced a new process for undertaking a municipal comprehensive review. The County of Simcoe will undertake a County-wide municipal comprehensive review. This process will commence shortly and is expected to take at least a couple of years, given the number of supporting studies that have to be completed.

### LIBRARY PROGRAMS





- Adult Date Night Movie is offered on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month starting at 6:00pm located at the Angus Branch. The cost is \$2 which includes Pizza and a Pop
- March Break is Tween Week (ages 9-12) with something going on every day. Check out our website [www.essatownship.on.ca](http://www.essatownship.on.ca) for more details and to register.
- Stay, Play, Learn is offered each Friday from 10:00-11:00am at the Thornton Branch.

**TAX AND WATER/SEWER PAYMENT INFORMATION**

INTERIM TAX DUE DATES	WATER & SEWER INVOICE DUE DATES
First Installment: March 26, 2019	First Quarter: April 30, 2019
Second Installment: June 25, 2019	Second Quarter: July 31, 2019

Payments for taxes and water/sewer bills may be made by mail, at most financial institutions, by telepayment, on-line banking, 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.

**WASTE PER QUARTER @ 60 PSI WATER PRESSURE**

Diameter of Stream	Cubic Meters
1/4" 	4,475
3/16" 	2,521
1/8" 	1,115
1/16" 	280

Did you know.... a continuous leak from a hole the above listed size would, over a three month period, waste water in the amounts shown above? Be sure to check your utilities on a regular basis.

**2019 SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDE** – Watch for the 2019 Spring/Summer Program Guide and sign up early for programs to avoid disappointment.

**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](http://www.essatownship.on.ca) to register, or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 705-424-9770 ext. 121 for more details.

**FACILITY RENTALS** – Allow us to assist you with all of your party or meeting requirements! We have many ways that we can accommodate a group, with plenty of chairs and tables. Check out our facilities and book today! Please contact 705-424-9770 ext. 121 for more information.

**ADOPT-A-PARK** – This is a voluntary agreement between the Township and an organization, business or individual(s) to assist with and/or enhance the continual clean and safe use of a particular park or trail. If you are interested in adopting a park please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 705-424-9770 ext. 121

**VANDALISM IN OUR PARKS** – If you notice that our parks have been vandalized or require maintenance, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 705-424-9770 ext. 121

**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, Angus Recreation Centre, 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>. Hundreds of Canadians are hospitalized every year from carbon monoxide poisoning, many of whom are permanently disabled. 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 [fire@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:fire@essatownship.on.ca)

**FIRE HYDRANTS** – Help keep fire hydrants around your home or business clear of snow and ice. Clear a path to fire hydrants from the road and remove snow from all sides so it is visible from the road, and easily accessible to connect a fire hose to it.

**DOG TAGS**

Friendly reminder to dog owners that the Township of Essa requires all dogs be licensed with the Township in accordance with the Canine Control By-law 2006-18. Annual Dog Tags are available for \$25.00 and are valid from January to December each calendar year. Tags can be purchased at the Administration Centre, and the Angus and Thornton Library branches. Proof of rabies vaccination is required at the time of sale.

**STREET SWEEPING**

The municipality contracts for street sweeping services. Such operations usually commence sometime around mid-April and continue through to mid-May. It is requested that vehicles not be parked on the streets during the period from mid-April to mid-May. If it becomes necessary to park a vehicle on a street and the owner/driver notices a street sweeper working in that area, it would be appreciated if the vehicle can be removed immediately so that the street can be swept properly at that time.

**STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE**

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

**WATERING RESTRICTIONS**

Watering restrictions for lawns, gardens and car washing are in effect from May 15<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> each calendar year. Even numbered properties are permitted to water on even calendar numbered days ONLY between the hours of 7:00pm to 11:00pm. Odd numbered properties are permitted to water on odd numbered calendar days ONLY between the hours of 7:00pm and 11:00pm. These measures are necessary to ensure there is an adequate water supply for domestic use, fire protection and emergency services.

**MUNICIPAL ADDRESSING**

All properties in Essa Township are required to 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.