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Building Ext. 128  
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Municipal Law Enforcement Ext. 122  
Public Works Ext. 105  
Utilities Ext. 127  
Taxation Ext. 106 / 202  
Zoning Ext. 111

**ESSA PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE  
705-424-9303**

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**ESSA PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

Angus Location: 705-424-6531  
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**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:**

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**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 2017

### MAYOR DOWDALL'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents,

Council has been listening and working diligently to move Essa in the right direction and I do believe that progress has been made. Our goal is to build on the strong community that we call home by focusing on building a healthy and safe community for all to enjoy.

Council continues to strive to keep taxes low while still offering residents reliable services, good and safe roadways, and a variety of programs and recreational opportunities. Some of this year's budget expenditures are: continued road maintenance and care undertaken by municipal staff, improvements to the roofs at both the Angus and Thornton Arenas, new accessible doors to the entrance of the Thornton Arena, a new ice resurfer for the Angus Arena, skateboard equipment in Angus, adult exercise equipment at Stonemount park, and upgraded infields at both the Baxter and Thornton ball fields. We aim to work cooperatively as a team as well with other organizations and community groups through partnerships that will benefit all. And last but not least, a huge thank you should go out to all of our community volunteers who make this the great place that it is. On behalf of Council, I wish everyone all the best.

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 projects on the 25<sup>th</sup> Sideroad from the 11<sup>th</sup> Line west to the 10<sup>th</sup> Line and 30<sup>th</sup> Sideroad from County Rd. 56 to the 6<sup>th</sup> Line. These projects include culvert replacement and road paving. Completion of these projects is scheduled for the end of October, 2017. As well, the King Street Urbanization took place this summer bringing a range of improvements to King Street from Huron Street to Auburn Street including installation of sidewalks, curbs, storm sewers and a new paved road surface.

**PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS** - The Township of Essa Parks and Recreation Department recently went through some changes and relocated to the Angus Arena located at 8529 County Road 10. We had a very successful Spring and Summer with new programs being introduced. More to come this Fall and Winter. Please watch for our new guide.

**15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ESSA SALMON DERBY** - Essa will be hosting its 15<sup>th</sup> annual Salmon Derby this fall on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Closing ceremonies will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Nottawasaga Fishing Park where prizes will be awarded. Contact the Economic Development Office at 705-424-9917 ext. 108 for more details or visit our Township website at [www.essatownship.on.ca](http://www.essatownship.on.ca). 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 four 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](mailto:llinton@essatownship.on.ca) and tell us how we can improve the service.

**NEW AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MAPPING** - The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) has developed an Agricultural System across the Greater Golden Horseshoe to support the viability of Ontario's agri-food sector and protect farmland. As well, development of a Natural Heritage System (NHS) was recommended by the coordinated review advisory panel for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, based on overwhelming public and stakeholder interest in a provincially-led NHS for the Growth Plan in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) was identified as the lead to draft criteria, methods and develop mapping for the NHS for the Greater Golden Horseshoe beyond the Greenbelt Plan. As a result OMAFRA and MNRF have posted the proposed Agricultural System and the proposed criteria, methods and mapping for the Natural Heritage System for public comment on the Environmental Registry for the Province of Ontario. For further information on the consultations, please visit: <http://www.omafra.gov.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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>. 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. 2018 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 26, 2017
Second Installment:	November 27, 2017

##### WATER & SEWER INVOICE DUE DATES

Third Quarter:	October 31, 2017
Fourth Quarter:	January 31, 2018

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.

**2017-18 FALL / WINTER PROGRAM GUIDE** – Watch for the 2017-18 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](http://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](http://www.essatownship.on.ca) to register, or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 705-424-9303 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 705-424-9303 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 Angus Arena 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](mailto: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 Shawnette Crouse, Parks & Recreation Manager at 705-424-9303 ext. 221, or email [scrouse@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:scrouse@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 By-Law 2005-96

Parking is prohibited on all Township roads between 2:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. from November 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> every year. This allows for the accommodation of snow removal operations. **Parking on or over a sidewalk is prohibited at all times of the year.**

#### 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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