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**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE**

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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 Office Ext. 116  
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  
8529 County Road 10, Angus

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

**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  
[tdowdall@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:tdowdall@essatownship.on.ca)  
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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 2018

### MAYOR DOWDALL'S MESSAGE

Dear Essa Residents,

Thank you for a rewarding 18 years on Council for the Township of Essa. During my tenure, Essa has grown to include a high school, walk-in medical clinic, public transit system, new roads, bridges, sidewalks, sand trails, and many new park facilities; and yet we have the best tax rate around. In fact, a Canadian real estate website has just recently reported that we have the "lowest average property taxes" out of 33 GTA and Simcoe municipalities (refer to Chris Simon's story in the Barrie Advance dated July 17, 2018). As well, while continuing to keep taxes the lowest in the area, we have been designated by Money Sense magazine as one of the most desirable communities to live in south Simcoe (2017). Adding to the good news, Essa Council is proud to Welcome Alliance Agriturf to its new home in Baxter, and Phoenix Truss to its new home in Utopia.

Thank you to all of our community volunteers, and those who live and work in Essa, who have helped to make this happen!

Your Mayor,  
Terry Dowdall

### 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Make sure you exercise your right to vote on October 22, 2018. If you can't make it out on Election Day, Advance Voting Dates have been scheduled for; Saturday, October 13, 2018, at the Angus Arena from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., as well as Wednesday October 17, 2018, at the Administration Centre from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Be sure to watch for your Voter Notification Cards coming to you in the mail. These cards will advise you as to where your voting location is. Please contact the Clerk's office at 705-424-9770 ext. 116 if you have any questions about the upcoming election.

### ARE YOU ON THE VOTERS LIST?

Visit [www.voterlookup.ca](http://www.voterlookup.ca) or call 1-866-296-6722 to find out if you are on the voters list. This easy to use website will allow you to find out if you are an eligible elector for the upcoming election and will allow you to update or change your electoral information in a few easy steps. You may also contact the Clerk's office to confirm your information. Ensuring that you are on the voters list will expedite your voting experience in the 2018 Municipal Election.

**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ESSA SALMON DERBY** - Essa will be hosting its 16<sup>th</sup> annual Salmon Derby this fall on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Closing ceremonies will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Nottawasaga Fishing Park where prizes will be awarded. Contact the Economic Development Office at 705-424-9770 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 five 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.

**REMINDER TO RESIDENTS AND OWNERS OR OPERATORS OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND SNOWMOBILES** - Off-road vehicles and all-terrain vehicles are not permitted to be driven on any municipal roads/streets, including sidewalks in the Township of Essa pursuant to the Highway Traffic Act and By-law 2005-24. Snowmobiles are **ONLY** permitted on the road to directly access a snow mobile trail in the Township of Essa pursuant to the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act and By-law 2005-23. Additionally, such vehicles are not permitted to be driven on any municipal property such as parks, parklands, open space blocks, wetlands or other property owned, operated, or leased by the Township for Recreational purposes, except with written permission of the Township.

**RABIES CLINICS** - The Township will be hosting two 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 October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</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. 2019 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 also available at the Township Administration Centre and the Angus and Thornton Library Branches.

**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 Road 21 to speak with him in person.

**ESSA PUBLIC LIBRARIES- HEADS UP FOR HEALTHIER BRAINS** will run again on Monday mornings in November from 10am-Noon, in our Angus Branch. This 4 week workshop teaches strategies and exercises to be proactive with our brain health. Spaces are limited and registration is required. We also offer several **BOOK CLUBS** at both branches. Call your local branch to participate. **MOVIE DATE NIGHTS** happen every 4th Tuesday of each month at our Angus Branch from 6-8 pm. Sign up for our e-blasts to keep updated with this month's feature film. This program is for adults. **HOP** (Hands on Play) happens on the first Wednesday of every month at our Thornton Branch from 4-5 pm. Visit our website [www.essa.library.on.ca](http://www.essa.library.on.ca) for many more Children's Programs at both branches.

**TAX AND WATER/SEWER PAYMENT INFORMATION**

| FINAL TAX DUE DATES |                    | WATER & SEWER INVOICE DUE DATES |                  |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| First Installment:  | September 25, 2018 | Third Quarter:                  | October 31, 2018 |
| Second Installment: | November 27, 2018  | Fourth Quarter:                 | January 31, 2019 |

Payments for taxes and water/sewer bills may be made by mail, at some financial institutions, online or EDI, 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.

**2018-19 FALL / WINTER PROGRAM GUIDE** – Watch for the 2018-19 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 ext. 223 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 ext. 223 for rental rates and availability. Facilities are accessible to all!

**BURN PERMITS** - are required **PRIOR** to 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). Burning of Waste is not permitted at any time. **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 or boulevard is prohibited at all times throughout 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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