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TOWNSHIP OF ESSA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

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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
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
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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

Terry Dowdall, Mayor – 705-623-3104
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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

SPRING 2018

MAYOR DOWDALL'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents,

It's a pleasure to serve as your Mayor, especially over the course of the past term while we have celebrated the opening of several businesses and as Council has successfully managed to keep taxes low. 2018 should be another exciting year in Essa.

Council is pleased to announce that the former library building in Angus, the Essa Centennial Building, will be sold and repurposed into a medical clinic containing health care professionals. This complements other new doctors that we are pleased to welcome to Angus to serve our Essa residents.

Other things to watch for throughout the municipality include trail improvements, more farmers markets, new recreational programs and an innovative Ecopark.

With all this and more, it is no wonder that Essa was ranked as the highest community throughout South Simcoe in the 14th edition of MoneySense Magazine's "Canada's Best Places to Live".

Your Mayor,
Terry Dowdall

2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Recent amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act* has brought forward many changes to this year's Municipal Election. The Nomination Period for registration of candidacy runs from May 1 to July 27, 2018 (2:00 pm). During this timeframe, interested persons can submit their Nomination Form to the Clerk to register their candidacy to run for the Office of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor (Ward 1, 2 or 3) or School Board Trustee. Please visit our website www.essatownship.on.ca for more information. Mark your calendars to cast your vote in the Municipal Election on **Monday, October 22, 2018**.

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, 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.

BULKY ITEM COLLECTION

Call 1-800-263-3199 to schedule your bulky item collection, available June through to September. Refer to your 2018 Simcoe County Waste Management Calendar for more information.

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

NO SMOKING BY-LAW

Please be advised that the municipality passed By-law 2011-62, which prohibits residents from smoking on municipally owned properties. This includes all municipal parks, facilities, outdoor pads, trails, soccer fields, and baseball diamonds.

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, watermains, 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. 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.

TAX AND WATER/SEWER PAYMENT INFORMATION

INTERIM TAX DUE DATES

First Installment: March 27, 2018
 Second Installment: June 26, 2018

WATER & SEWER INVOICE DUE DATES

First Quarter: April 30, 2018
 Second Quarter: July 31, 2018

Payments for taxes and water/sewer bills may be made by mail, at most financial institutions, by tele-payment, 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.

2018 SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDE – Watch for the 2018 Spring/Summer 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 705-424-9303 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 705-424-9303 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 705-424-9303.

VANDALISM IN OUR PARKS – If you notice that our parks have been vandalized or require maintenance, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 705-424-9303.

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 are available for \$25.00 and are valid from January to December. Proof of rabies vaccination is required at the time of sale. Tags are available at the Township Administration Centre, and the Angus and Thornton Library Branches.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Adult Movie Night is offered on the 4th Tuesday of each month starting at 6:00pm located at the Angus Branch. The cost is \$2 which includes Pizza
- French Story Hour is offered every Wednesday from 10:00-11:00am, located at the Angus Branch.
- Stay, Play, Learn is offered each Friday from 10:00-11:00am at the Thornton Branch.

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, 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. 88% of all homes have something that poses a carbon monoxide threat. 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.

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.

FILL BY-LAW 2015-64

By-law 2015-64 was passed by Council at its meeting of September 16, 2015. This By-law prohibits the dumping of fill or alteration to the grade of lands. The placement of 100 cubic metres of fill (equivalent to about 10 tandem loads of fill) will still be allowed provided that there is no alteration to the volume, direction, intensity or form of storm water run-off to adjacent properties. No fill is to be hauled or placed on approved sites on weekends.

STREET SWEEPING

The municipality contracts for street sweeping services and such operations should 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 15th to September 30th 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 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.