

Essa Township Newsletter

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Administration Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm



A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

Essa Council would like to thank all staff who have been working tirelessly on the front lines in the fight against COVID-19. Thank you to Essa residents for doing your part in keeping Essa safe and for being a thoughtful neighbour, especially to our seniors and shut ins, it has made a big difference in their lives. We have to continue the course! Social distance, wear a mask, wash hands, cough into arms, and look out for one another, we are stronger together.

Our new Traffic Advisory Committee has been busy preparing for the launch of the “Slow Down, Save a Life” campaign passed by Council in March 2020. This campaign will run alongside the OPP’s back to school campaign in September. Keep an eye out for our signs and stay tuned for updates and pictures of our Flag Raising Ceremony!

We wish all of our young ones returning back to school along with teachers and staff a safe return and a safe environment filled with the excitement of learning. Essa Council continues to work diligently on your behalf.

Take care, stay healthy and safe.
Sandie, Mike, Keith, Henry and Ron

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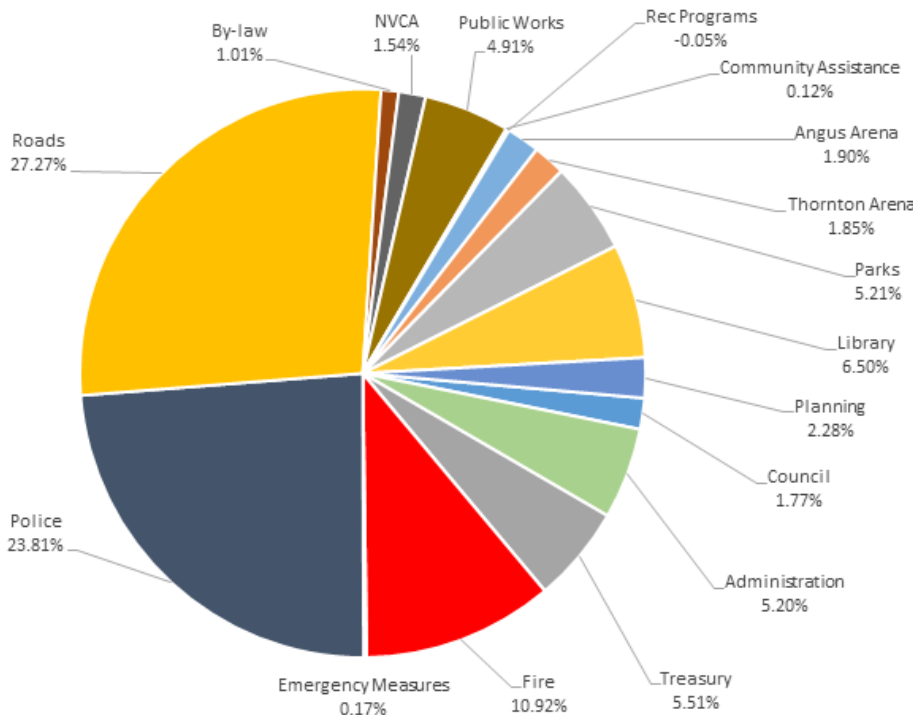
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Wonder where your Tax Dollars go?

2020 Tax Levy of \$7,711,650 by Department



Upcoming Due Dates:

Taxes:

September 25, 2020
November 25, 2020

Water and Sewer:

October 31, 2020
January 31, 2021

All payments can be made in person at the Administration Centre with Debit, Cash or Cheque, as well as at most financial institutions, or by tele-payment and online banking.

Pre-Authorized Payments can also be arranged. All Payments must be received by the due date in order to avoid penalties.

Property Assessments

Every 4 years, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) sends out a Property Assessment Notice to all Ontario property owners. Due to the Pandemic, municipalities will use your 2020 assessment to calculate your 2021 property taxes. For more information please visit www.mpac.ca

New in Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Department has been busy developing a commemorative bench program. The purpose of this program is to allow community members to purchase a park bench to commemorate a loved one or exceptional member of the community. Visit our website or Administrative Centre for more information.

The Parks and Recreation Department is also excited to announce the addition of a brand new inclusive play structure at Bob Geddes Ball Park on Centre St in Angus. The structure features a “Quiet Grove” for children who find themselves over stimulated.

Official Plan Update

The Official Plan Review is underway and its success depends on the Plan’s ability to address the needs and wants of our residents – that means you! Staff will be commencing public consultation sessions on the Official Plan Review this Fall. Updates will be available on the Township of Essa’s website. If you would like to be directly informed on this project’s progress, please let the Planning and Development Department know by letter or send an email to the attention of: Aimee Powell, Manager of Planning and Development at apowell@essatownship.on.ca

Ongoing Initiative to Close Open Building Permits

If your property has an outstanding Building Permit that requires re-inspection of defective or incomplete work, please contact ext. 128 to schedule an appointment for our Inspectors to come out and inspect the remaining work and move forward with closing the Permit. Notices will be sent out by the end of September of this year, so keep an eye-out on the mail and book your inspection as soon as possible, once in receipt of your notice. Property owners who do not book a final inspection for outstanding work, will be charged an additional \$100.00 on their 2021 tax bills. This charge will be compounded and continuously applied to your tax bill on a yearly basis, until the Building Permit is closed.

What’s Happening at the Library this Fall?

The Essa Public Library is open! We are offering a variety of virtual and in-person programs including Storytime for children and Trivia Nights for adults. Please visit www.essa.library.on.ca for a full schedule of activities. Plus... try our NEW program for all ages by joining - BEANSTACK! Use Beanstack to track your reading, engage in activities, and earn prizes! Find out more at www.essa.beanstack.com

Burn Permits

Recreational burning is 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 \$40.00 and are valid until the end of each calendar year. Permits are available at the Administration Centre, or online.

Reminders to Residents for the Fall and Winter Months

Parks Use Council passed Parks Use By-law 2020-52 to govern uses in our parks and along trails.

Littering Council also passed Littering By-law 2020-51 to help keep Essa beautiful. Fines for littering have increased.

NEW! Online Purchases We are now offering online purchases for Dog Tags and Garbage Tags. For more information please visit the registration page on our website: www.essatownship.on.ca

Parking On-street parking is prohibited between 2:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. from November 1st to May 1st each year. Parking on, or over a sidewalk is prohibited at all times throughout the year.

Clearing Snow Depositing of snow/ice on a municipal roadway or sidewalk (including pushing or blowing snow or ice across the roadway to the opposite side of the street) is prohibited.

Dogs Running at Large We would like to remind residents that dogs are not permitted to run at large. By-law 2006-18 regulates the control of dogs and is strictly enforced. Owners of dogs found running at large are subject to fines.

Check Your Batteries! Schedule battery replacement for your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors when your clocks go back this Fall.

The above noted by-laws can be found on our website at www.essatownship.on.ca