

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**

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B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

None.

C – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR REVIEW AND REPORT TO COUNCIL

None.

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: August 27, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: AMO WatchFile - August 27, 2020

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August 27, 2020

In This Issue

- COVID-19 resources.
- Input into guidance on protecting drinking water sources.
- Everything you need to know about Land Use Planning.
- eSCRIBE versus typical meeting management software.
- Investments 101 Training - Coming soon!
- Lakeshore resolution concerning internet overage charges.
- Careers with Town of Mattawa and City of Toronto.

AMO Matters

AMO's COVID-19 [resource page](#) is updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. It has a section on mandatory face masks bylaws/directives for municipal governments considering similar bylaws. Send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks is seeking feedback from municipalities on draft guidance materials being developed to help protect drinking water sources that are not included in source protection plans. Interested participants should reach out directly to MECP for more details. Contact: [Michelle Zehr](#) or [Wendy Lavender](#).

Eye on Events

Back by popular demand, *Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics* is coming to you virtually. This training provides insight and tools to support your central role in implementing and managing the land use policy framework. [Registration details](#).

Join AMO's [partner](#), eSCRIBE, for a [webinar](#) on August 27 at 1 pm EDT as they discuss the benefits of implementing digital meeting management technology,

including cost and time savings.

ONE Investment

Online investment learning coming this fall (September 1 - December, 2020). To register [click here](#). This year's course will cover the Prudent Investor Standard and understanding of the existing investments under the Legal List.

Municipal Wire*

The [Town of Lakeshore resolution](#) resolves that the Government of Canada be urged to immediately work with internet connection providers to ensure that all Canadians are paying a fair and similar price for their internet connection including the elimination of data usage caps and overage fees.

Careers

[Chief Administrative Officer - Town of Mattawa](#). The Town of Mattawa is a beautifully breathtaking small urban municipality located in the District of Nipissing. Please submit your resume to Mayor Dean Backer & Council, by no later than Friday, September 4, 2020 at 5:00 pm to: Corporation of the Town of Mattawa, c/o Mayor Dean Backer and Council, 160 Water Street, Box 390, Mattawa, ON P0H 1V0. Tel: 705.744.5611; Email: francine.desormeau@mattawa.ca

[Director of Purchasing Client Services - City of Toronto](#). Reports to: Chief Procurement Officer. Division: Purchasing & Materials Management. For more information on this and other opportunities with the City of Toronto, visit us online at [Jobs at the City](#). To [apply online](#), submit your resume, quoting Job ID 10947, by September 18, 2020.

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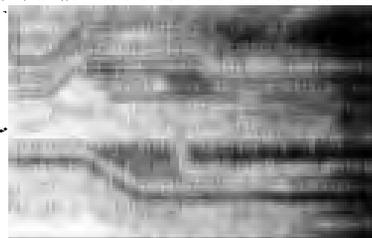
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AMO watchfile



September 3, 2020

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- COVID-19 resources.
- My time as AMO's 2020 Policy Intern.
- Energy bill assistance for charities and small business.
- Changes to *Aggregate Resources Act* regulation.
- *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2020* partially proclaimed.
- Information about FCM's Virtual Elections and AGM.
- Increasing transparency with Digital Meeting Management.
- Everything you need to know about Land Use Planning.
- SAVE THE DATE! Municipal Cyber Security 101 - October 22.
- Municipal Group Buying Program: Capital Purchasing update.
- Municipal Energy Reporting deadline is a month away.
- Career with County of Huron.

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Did you know AMO has a policy intern? Check out the [LAS blog](#) to read about her experience during a very unconventional summer.

Provincial Matters

The Government of Ontario is making \$8 million available for small business and registered charities struggling to pay their energy bills (natural gas and electricity). The COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program for Small Business provides a one time, on-bill credit to help catch up on energy bills and resume regular payments. To apply for funding, customers should contact their energy provider. For more information,

including eligibility requirements and on-bill credit amounts, visit oeb.ca/ceap.

Reg 244/97 - implementing the *Aggregate Resources Act* - has been amended. While these changes do not address concerns raised about below water table extraction and possible impacts on municipal sources of drinking water, other changes are welcomed. These include the requirement to apply for a licence where new below water table extraction is proposed and the ability to object if concerns over a new licence are not satisfied.

Sections of the act pertaining to animal transportation will come into effect on September 2, 2020 (see consultation document). Further consultation is sought on a potential Minister's Regulation at Ontario's Regulatory Registry until October 15, 2020.

Federal Matters

At FCM's request, AMO is providing a link to FCM's Virtual Elections and AGM page where you can find out more about becoming involved with the FCM Board.

Eye on Events

Join AMO's partner, eSCRIBE, and the City of Fort Saskatchewan, AB for a webinar on September 10 or September 15, and learn about the benefits of implementing technology to help manage municipal meetings more effectively.

Back by popular demand, *Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics* is coming to you virtually. This training provides insight and tools to support your central role in implementing and managing the land use policy framework. Registration details.

On October 22, join AMO and MISA-Ontario for a virtual half-day forum as we explore key aspects of cyber security that elected officials and municipal staff need to know. Stay tuned to AMO channels for further announcements on registration details, speakers, and topics of discussion.

LAS

The Municipal Group Buying Program continues to grow. Our Capital Purchasing offering now has over 120 vendors, with new categories including Firefighting Equipment & PPE, Airport Equipment, and Technology Solutions. Download the guide here, or contact us for more information.

Due to COVID-19 the province has extended the deadline for reporting your 2018 energy consumption and emissions under O.Reg. 507/18 to October 1, 2020. The popular LAS Energy Planning Tool was designed to make this process as easy as possible. Contact Tanner for more information.

Careers

Economic Development Officer - County of Huron. Position Status: Full Time. Travel is required for this role. Please note the Submission Guidelines in the job posting.

Forward your letter of application and resume by 4:30 pm on Sunday, September 13, 2020 to: humanresources@huroncounty.ca

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City of Oshawa
Mary Medeiros City Clerk
50 Centre Street South,
Oshawa, Ontario L1H 3Z7

August 28, 2020

Dear Ms. Medeiros;

Re: Copy of Resolution #512

Motion No. 512

Moved by: Ed McGugan Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council support the City of Oshawa in their request that the Federal, Provincial, and Regional Government help local municipalities assist their local social cultural, service clubs, and children/youth minor sporting organizations with clear and definitive relief funding programs directed to help sustain the afore mention groups through these trying times inflected on them by the effects of COVID-19 and FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the City of Oshawa and the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, all Ontario Municipalities, and Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Carried

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

c.c Mr. Justin Trudeau, The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Douglas Ford, The Honourable Premier of Canada, AMO, FCM and all Ontario Municipalities.



NVCA Board Meeting Highlights August 28, 2020

Next Meeting: September 25, 2020, location to be determined

For the full meeting agenda including documents and reports, visit nvca.on.ca/about/boardofdirectors

The August 28, 2020 board meeting was held electronically through WebEx, and streamed on YouTube for public viewing due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Our next scheduled board meeting will be held on September 25, 2020.

Deputation from Paul Neal from Orion Environmental Solutions

Paul Neals from Orion Environmental Solutions addressed the board on behalf of Hamount Investments regarding the fee of \$13,000.00 that was charged for Block 24 in the Stone Bridge Development in the Town of Wasaga Beach.

Hamount Investments felt that the amount charged was too high and requested a deputation in front of the NVCA Board of Directors to seek relief from the full fee.

NVCA staff will provide more details regarding this deputation in a staff report for the September 2020 Board Meeting.

2020 Second Quarter Budget Report

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NVCA suffered a \$73,000 deficit in the first six months of 2020. This is mainly due to several departments being negatively impacted by the pandemic, including Education and Lands (parking, weddings, Spring Tonic festival, other events).

NVCA was also not qualified to receive relief from any government grants, including the Federal government's 75% wage compensation grant, or the payout from the federal government.

NVCA is attempting to mitigate losses as much as possible to reduce deficit. Some actions include the emergency layoff of 15 out of 50 staff, delaying capital expenditures and shifting work originally planned to be completed by contractors to be completed by staff.

Staff anticipates a deficit of \$100,000 by the end of 2020 and will be taking funds out of reserves to cover the deficits.

Conservation Ontario is currently acting on half of all Conservation Authorities to determine if there would be relief coming from the Province of Ontario.

2020 NVCA Asset Management Plan

The Board approved NVCA's 2020 Asset Management Plan.

The development of an asset management plan was an essential part of NVCA's ongoing liability and fiscal responsibility framework, as it guides the purchase, use, maintenance, and disposal of every asset NVCA needs in order to conduct business and reduce the NVCA's liability.

Preliminary Budget Guidance

The NVCA Board of Directors approved the preliminary budget guidelines to increase municipal levy by 1.5%.

This number was developed after considering factors like the COVID-19 pandemic, provincial transfer payment from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, economic factors, and the board direction to replenish reserves to 25% - 30% of the operational budget.

Based on this approval, staff will prepare a draft budget for Board consideration for the September Board Meeting. The draft budget will be circulated to member municipalities after the September meeting for a 60-day review and consultation process. Staff will present to Municipal councils if requested during this time.

The final budget will be presented to the Board of Directors at the December meeting for approval.

2020 – 2030 Land Securement Strategy

The NVCA Board of Directors approved the 2020 – 2030 Land Securement Strategy.

This Land Securement Strategy furthers NVCA's mission and goals by securing interests in land, both through purchase and holding rights to property, thereby protecting ecological and flood hazard areas from potential future development and incompatible uses (e.g. intensive agriculture).

With the updated Land Securement Strategy NVCA can move towards an achievable goal of securing more ecologically significant lands in the watershed.

Where possible, the rehabilitation and restoration of degraded land will be implemented by NVCA and other partners. Further, working with farmers and the Ontario Farmland Trust can help bridge the preservation of both ecologically significant and prime agricultural lands.

For the full Land Securement Strategy, please visit the [NVCA website](#).

Upcoming events

There are no upcoming events.

Krista Pascoe

To: Colleen Healey
Subject: RE: Letter from the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

From: Minister Steve Clark <mah@ontario.ca>
Sent: August 28, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Colleen Healey <chealey@essatownship.on.ca>
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August 28, 2020

Mayor Sandie Macdonald

Township of Essa

Mayor Macdonald:

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On June 16, 2020, our government consulted on Proposed Amendment 1 to **A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (A Place to Grow)**. As part of the COVID-19 economic recovery efforts, the proposed changes included updates to the population and employment forecasts and related policy changes; a change to the Plan horizon year; a change to address Major Transit Station Areas within Provincially Significant Employment Zones (PSEZ); and other policy revisions that support our government's objectives to increase housing supply, create more jobs, attract business investments and better align infrastructure. Our government also consulted on a new Land

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Needs Assessment methodology concurrently. Both consultation periods closed on July 31, 2020.

As a result of our recent consultation, our government has amended **A Place to Grow** and released a new market-based Land Needs Assessment methodology. The Environmental Registry of Ontario decision notices can be found at:

- Amendment 1 to **A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe**: [019-1680](#)
- Land Needs Assessment Methodology for **A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe**: [019-1679](#)

An office consolidation version of Amendment 1 to **A Place to Grow** can be found [here](#) and the new market-based approach to Land Needs Assessment Methodology can be found [here](#).

These changes will help municipalities anticipate and plan for growth, as well as support economic recovery from the COVID-19 outbreak. The amendments work together to provide more flexibility to your municipality as you do your long-term planning to address demographic, employment, market demand, and housing affordability trends in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. As well, following feedback received from Indigenous partners, environmental and agricultural stakeholders, we are no longer moving forward on new mineral aggregate operation policies.

These changes will come into effect today, August 28, 2020. The date by which upper and single-tier municipalities must update their official plans to conform with the policies in **A Place to Grow** will remain July 1, 2022. For lower-tier municipalities, the deadline for conformity with this Plan will continue to be one year after the relevant upper-tier conformity amendment takes effect.

Should you or your staff have any questions about **A Place to Grow** or any of these changes, please feel free to contact the Ontario Growth Secretariat at growthplanning@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to strengthening the quality of life and the economic growth of your community and the province of Ontario.

Sincerely,

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Steve Clark

Minister

c: Colleen Healey

Manager of Planning & Development

Township of Essa

Greg Murphy

Chief Administrative Officer

Township of Essa

Le 28 août 2020

Mayor Sandie Macdonald:

Le 16 juin 2020, notre gouvernement a mené une consultation sur la proposition de modification n° 1 pour le plan **En plein essor : Plan de croissance de la région élargie du Golden Horseshoe (En plein essor)**. Dans le cadre des efforts de relance économique consécutifs à la COVID-19, les changements proposés incluaient une mise à jour des prévisions sur le plan démographique et de l'emploi et des modifications aux politiques connexes, une modification à l'horizon du Plan, un changement touchant les zones de grande station de transport en commun dans les zones d'emploi d'importance provinciale, ainsi que des révisions à d'autres politiques pour appuyer les objectifs de notre gouvernement d'accroître l'offre de logements, de créer plus d'emplois, d'attirer les investissements des entreprises et de mieux aligner l'infrastructure. Notre gouvernement a aussi mené une consultation en parallèle sur une nouvelle méthode d'évaluation des besoins en terrains. Les deux périodes de consultation ont pris fin le 31 juillet 2020.

Lisa Lehr

From: Debbie France
Sent: September 10, 2020 10:33 PM
To: Lisa Lehr; Sandie Macdonald; Henry Sander; Michael Smith; Keith White; Ron Henderson
Subject: Stop Illicit Cannabis Grow Ops
Attachments: Sept 7, 2020.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Hello Clerk Lehr and Mayor MacDonald,
 Kindly share the information beneath with council of the Township of Essa and lead a discussion on cannabis issues within the municipalities of Ontario affected by Cannabis.

Thank you

Debbie France

Stop Illicit Cannabis Grow Ops

This email is being sent to all municipalities in Ontario who are being unjustly impacted by the outbreak in cannabis grow operations that choose not to follow municipal bylaws and regulations.

These grow operations are surging throughout Ontario exposing residents to personal safety and health risks.

THE ASK... We are requesting municipalities to join together and place this at the top of our Provincial and Federal Governments "must urgently fix" list. All levels of government need to be involved in developing a standardized and enforceable solution.

What has caused the problem?

Loopholes in cannabis legislation

Loophole after loophole in cannabis legislation continues to be exploited. The legalization of cannabis was meant to keep cannabis from our youth and to get it off the black market. According to law enforcement, legislation has had the opposite effect. It has allowed organized crime to gain an even stronger foothold.

Why work together with other municipalities?

Residents are suffering from the unintended consequences of some of the components of cannabis legislation.

- According to police, there is a threat to community safety. Guns have been seized at raids. Profits have been known to fund other crimes such as methamphetamine labs and cannabis can be used as currency to trade for cocaine and guns coming from United States. Organized crime has found a way to be comfortably sheltered within existing cannabis laws.
- Obnoxious skunk-like odours are adversely impacting the health and well being of residents.
- Risks to drinking water supply and contamination.
- Light and noise pollution.
- Greenhouses and other facilities that could be used for more legitimate job creating purposes are often being used for illicit cannabis production.
- Residents are afraid to voice their concerns in public as they fear the criminal element.

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- Many cannabis operations are operating without the required municipal permits, required set-backs and in areas not municipally zoned for cannabis operations.
- A standardized and enforceable solution will significantly reduce many of the costs municipalities are currently facing.

Over the last few weeks, I have fielded phone calls and emails from residents of Norfolk County and across the province who live in municipalities attempting to control the outbreak. The municipalities all appear to be going to great lengths to help their impacted residents but the common response from everyone is that there isn't an immediate enforceable solution.

In developing a solution, it is important to consider the contributing factors to this problem

- It appears as though many cannabis producers are boldly going forward with their operation without regard for municipal regulations believing they can potentially hide behind the Ministry of Agriculture, Right to Farm legislation that was established to protect farmers who feed our country.
- Far too often, cannabis operations disregard compliance to local bylaws and zoning regulations. Court cases often take years.
- Many cannabis operations are difficult to monitor and are improperly regulated.
- There doesn't seem to be a cannabis tracking system in place for the vast majority of these operations. Where is the cannabis going?
- The secluded locations of these growers make it challenging for enforcement.
- Police raids have revealed that many of these operations are growing beyond their allowable plant limits.
- When the national cannabis prescription average is 2 grams per day as of March 2020 one has to question why the College of Physicians and Surgeons are not questioning or investigating prescriptions as high as 100-150 grams per day.

The purpose of the Cannabis Act was to displace the illicit market but it has actually given it a banner to flourish under a legal license.

Unfortunately, our government put us in this position. It's long overdue for our Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Health, Agriculture and Justice to place the personal safety and health of residents first.

What should a solution involve?

- Change in Federal and Provincial legislation and/or regulation is required to eliminate the loopholes that the criminal element has taken advantage of.
- Delegation of inspection authority to local municipalities would allow for fire, health and building inspections. Law enforcement would continue to have authority of plant count and the validity of operational authenticity.

There is strength and leverage in numbers. Join together with other municipalities and demand an enforceable solution from our Ministers.

Thanks kindly,
Debbie France

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TREE TALK AND TREE SEEDLING GIVEAWAY IN UTOPIA

On Saturday, September 19 (rain date September 26) from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Utopia Hall, AWARE Essa, and Friends of the Utopia Mill and Park invite you to Utopia Hall for an outdoor presentation on Trees in Essa Township.

Wildlife habitat, green infrastructure, climate change mitigation—these are just a few of the critical services trees provide. Come and find out how each of us can help increase the tree canopy in Essa Township.

Guest speakers will share expertise on choosing a tree, planting and maintaining trees and current threats to forests in our area. A Question and Answer session will follow to address your tree concerns. Take home a tree seedling at no cost, along with all the information you will need to plant and care for it.

It has been said that “The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit.” Trees are our legacy and a lifeline to future generations. It’s time to start planting.

Bring a lawn chair to this outdoor event. All recommended health precautions will be followed. Sorry, no washrooms will be available.

Date: Saturday, September 19, 2020 (Rain date: September 26)

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Utopia Hall, 8396 6th line, Utopia ON L0M 1T0

Contact: Margaret Curran, chairperson, AWARE Essa: 705-424-3066

Background:

AWARE Essa is a satellite of AWARE Simcoe, a group of residents working for transparency and accountability in government to protect water, the environment and health.

Friends of the Utopia Mill and Park are stewards of the Utopia Conservation Area, having protected and, together with the NVCA and Essa Township, preserved this naturalized greenspace and cultural heritage site for today’s and future generations.

Resources: <https://www.facebook.com/aware.awareessa.5>

<https://atreegrows.wixsite.com/treetales>

<http://aware-simcoe.ca/>

AWARE Essa: aware.essa@gmail.com

Aug-20

Current

Permits Issued	# Permits Issued	# Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued	Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Building Permit Fees	Building Permit Fees YTD
Residential	42	241	\$2,692,000.00	\$20,909,492.00	\$40,279.57	\$259,065.27
Commercial	3	15	\$253,836.00	\$713,136.00	\$947.00	\$9,861.29
Industrial	0	1	\$0.00	\$167,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,639.06
Institutional	0	3	\$0.00	\$130,000.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
Public Utilities	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Agricultural	0	4	\$0.00	\$520,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,008.11
TOTAL	45	264	\$2,945,836.00	\$ 22,439,628.00	\$41,226.57	\$271,798.73

Y.O.Y.	37	234	\$1,886,400.00	\$ 15,325,382.00	\$31,851.38	\$ 154,475.47	75.95%
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NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION

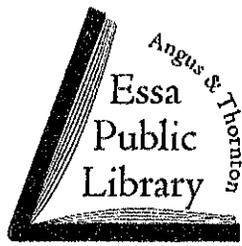
Dwelling Units Created

Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	11	79	\$1,968,000.00	\$16,538,000.00
Mult Res Bldgs	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg	0	0	\$ -	\$0.00
TOTAL	11	79	\$1,968,000.00	\$16,538,000.00

Y.O.Y.	3	27	\$ 730,230.00	\$ 8,319,430.00
	266.67%	192.59%	169.50%	98.79%

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September 2020

**New Horizons for Seniors Program
COVID Seniors Connected**

Canada

Essa Public Library has received a *New Horizons for Seniors Program* grant from the federal government in the amount of \$24,798.00.

This grant is designed to reduce social isolation generated by the COVID-19 pandemic and will be active until March 31, 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic created challenges for many in our community, and perhaps seniors were the most strongly affected by the requirement to practice Social (physical) Distancing. Those who live alone may have felt a great degree of isolation these last few months.

Funds from this grant seek to alleviate some of this isolation and re-connect seniors with community, activity, friends, and their local library. The project, designed by Glenda Newbatt, Manager of Library Services, will embrace a combination of hands-on-projects shared virtually – such as creating an individual succulent garden, or participating in a virtual “paint night” - in which the instructor will gather seniors together to share an afternoon of creative learning.

To support connectivity, seniors may request that library staff deliver project materials to their residence. The COVID Seniors Connected Grant will also finance the acquisition of some iPads to lend to seniors, and some Hub internet plans. Library staff will also facilitate any training to use these tools effectively.

We want our seniors to feel safe, supported – and very much connected to their community.

Essa Public Library Board Chair, Derek McKeever, and Essa Public Library CEO, Laura Wark, extend thanks to the federal government, EPL staff for ongoing innovative service, the Essa Public Library Board for visioning a library system that strives to serve Essa Township to the best of its ability, and Essa Council for their support and interest in making Essa Township a great place to live and work.