

Essa Township Newsletter

Fall 2021

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



A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

We hope everyone had a healthy and happy summer. For those that joined in on Council's new "Grow a Row – Share a Row" we hope your garden yield was plenty and there was lots to share with the local food banks.

Fall is back to school with children walking, crossing roads and riding their bikes, we urge all motorists to do the posted speed limits to keep everyone safe on our roads.

Council has been busy and are gearing up for budgeting this September. Township Staff have been busy with Public Works completing road projects, Recreation working on park projects and preparing for our Fall Recreation Programs. The Clerk's Department is implementing a new IT strategic plan, and Bylaw continues to receive a high call volume. Our Fire Department continues to be busy keeping our residents safe and the Planning Department continues to work diligently on the Official Plan.

Welcome to our new Ward One Councillor, Pieter Kiezebrink who will represent the residents of Angus.

Council thanks everyone for being helpful and respectful to one another during these unprecedented times. Council continues to work on your behalf to make our Community and Township a safe and enjoyable place to live.

Warm Regards,

Sandie, Mike, Pieter, Henry and Ron

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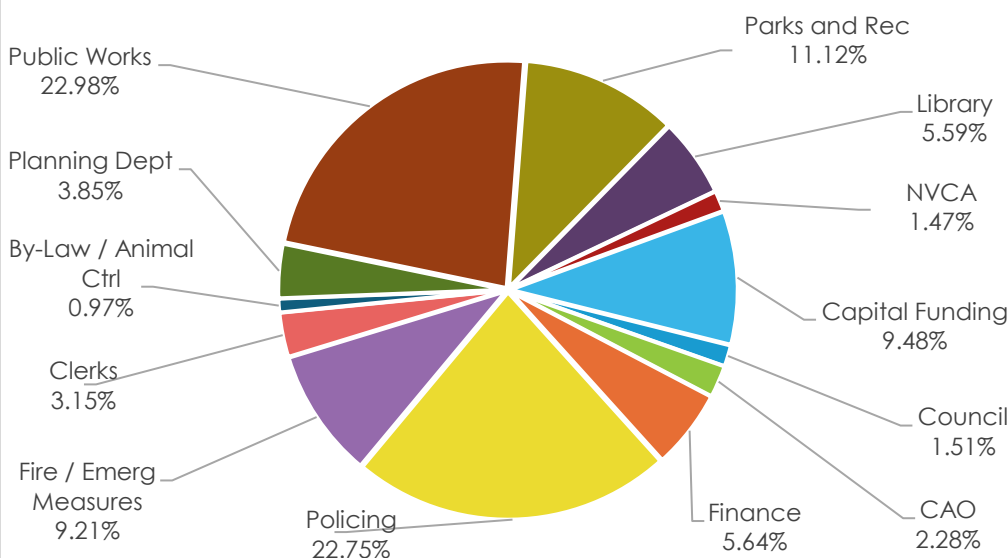
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Wonder where your tax dollars go?

2021 Tax Levy of \$8,097,650 by Dept



Upcoming Due Dates:

Taxes:

September 27, 2021

November 25, 2021

Water and Sewer:

October 31, 2021

January 31, 2022

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. On March 24, 2021 the Minister of Finance announced the Province decision to postpone the Provincewide update due to the Pandemic, municipalities will use your 2021 assessment to calculate your 2022 property taxes. For more information please visit www.mpac.ca Any inquiries regarding your property taxes please call or email propertytax@essatownship.on.ca.

What's New in Our Parks?

Essa Township is anticipating construction to be completed on the Kayak and Canoe Launch at Community Park in Angus in the coming months. Mike Hart Park paving and basketball court installation has been completed and is now open. Security cameras have been installed at major parks in the Township to increase safety and security. Grass cutting services has been taken over by the Township and the first season was successful. As the Township continues to grow, the Parks and Recreation department looks to grow and service the Community in many ways.

Official Plan

The Township of Essa is progressing the drafting of our new Official Plan. An Official Plan is a statement of goals of the Township and provides policies on growth. To find out if your property or surroundings are affected, visit the Official Plan page on the Township's website.

What's Happening at the Library this Fall?

The Essa Public Library is open. Come in and check out our books, games, puzzles, kitchen items, maker kits and more! We are offering a variety of virtual and in person programs for all ages this fall. Visit www.essa.library.on.ca for a full schedule and registration details. You don't want to miss the exciting conclusion of Simcoe Reads as we crown the winning book this September or our Author Talk with Sonya Lalli on October 21st. Plus, find our Library booth at the Angus Farmers Market each Thursday from 4-7pm in August & September.

Ban on Fireworks

Fireworks continue to be one of the top complaints received throughout the year. They are loud and frightening to children, pets and those with post-traumatic-stress-disorder. As well, they pose a fire and safety threat to homeowners immediately surrounding the area. For this reason, Essa Township has passed a By-law to ban fireworks in the municipality with the exception of Canada Day and Victoria Day and the day immediately preceding. Fireworks are prohibited at all other times in Essa Township. Please visit our website to review By-law 2020-59.

Traffic Calming

The Public Works Department has been hard at work installing Traffic Calming measures across Essa. If you have a location suggestion for traffic calming measures or notice damage to traffic calming devices please reach out to us at (705) 424-9917 ext 114.

Alertable Notification System for your Smartphone

We are excited to announce we are now using Alertable! Sign up now to receive alerts on happenings throughout the Township such as burn bans, watermain flushing, facility and road closures, emergency situations and more! For more information and to sign up for the Alertable notification system, visit our website at www.essatownship.on.ca.

Reminders to Residents for the Fall and Winter Months

ATV Use

ATV/ORV's are now permitted on all Township roads with some restrictions. Visit our website to review By-law 2021-16 and familiarize yourself with the regulations before hitting the road. Dirt Bikes remain prohibited on municipal roads.

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.

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. Only clean dry seasoned wood is permitted to be burned.

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