

Essa Township Newsletter

Fall 2022

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



A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

We have had a busy summer with staff getting projects started and completed. Public Works Dept has been super busy with Road projects, as well as undertaking preliminary investigation to surface treat the remaining gravel roads. Staff is working on an infrastructure master plan, transportation and trails masterplan and Water and Sewer system upgrades in Thornton and Angus. We continue to look at new Township traffic calming measures.

Parks and Rec has completed the Accessible Boat Launch at Community Park. Some Essa parks had upgrades. We have added more in-house grass cutting. Added safety measures at our fishing parks. Our new digital sign is now in operation at the Township building to better communicate closures and events with our residents.

Welcome to all our new residents that now call Essa home. Congratulations to all of our new businesses who have recently opened. Thank you to all our volunteers and organizations who make our Communities and Township a special place to live.

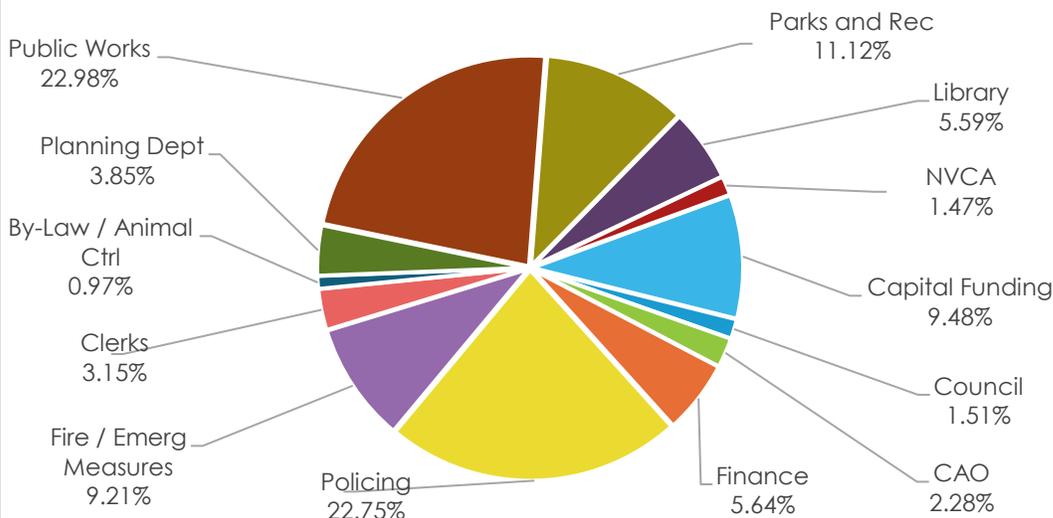
Please all drivers behind the wheel, it is your responsibility to keep everyone safe, especially our children who are busy playing and returning back to school. All it takes is to please do the posted speed limits and stop at the stop signs. Residents, thank you in advance for helping us with this #1 complaint.

If you have any questions regarding Essa Township, please call a member of Council or Staff who will give you the up-to-date information.

Warmest regards, Sandie, Mike, Pieter, Henry and Ron

Wonder where your tax dollars go?

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



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Upcoming Due Dates:

Taxes:

September 27, 2022

November 28, 2022

Water and Sewer:

October 31, 2022

January 31, 2023

Payments can be made in person at the Administration Centre with Debit, Cash or Cheque, as well as at most financial institutions, tele-banking and online banking by adding Essa as a payee.

Pre-Authorized payments can also be arranged. To sign up for pre-authorized payment and e-billing visit

www.essatownship.on.ca

All payments must be received by the due date to avoid penalties.

Paperless E-Billing Option for Property Taxes and Utility Bills

The Township of Essa has launched a new paperless e-billing option for property and tax and utility bills. Now bills can be sent electronically to your email. For more information or to sign up, visit our website or email

ebilling@essatownship.on.ca

What's New in Our Parks?

The Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce a few new upgrades to our facilities and parklands. The Angus Arena gymnasium has been upgraded with protective wall matting, a theatre stage curtain, improved acoustic sound panels, and a sound system to allow for improved game play and programming options. We are gearing up to bring programs back to facilities this fall; keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for further details as they become available. The Parks and Recreation Department is always looking for new and creative initiatives to serve the community. If you would like to share your ideas on what you would like to see in our parks, contact the Parks Administrator at (705) 424-9917 x 107 or by email at bwhite@essatownship.on.ca

Traffic Calming

The Public Works Department has been hard at work installing traffic calming measures across the Township. Essa uses several devices such as speed bumps and other obstructions to slow down the flow of traffic to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. 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.

What's Happening at the Library this Fall?

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. 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.

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, as well as the 3rd day of Diwali each year. Please visit our website to review By-law 2020-59.

Updated Property Assessment Delayed Again

The Province has announced a further delay in updating property assessments for 2022 and 2023. Province-wide re-assessments are expected in 2024. Assessments for the 2022 property tax year will remain the same as 2021. The only changes that may occur are a result in physical property changes. For more information, please visit www.mpac.ca

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.

Available in Alternate Format, upon Request

Reminders to Residents for the Fall and Winter Months

2022 Municipal and School Board Elections

The 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections are set to take place on October 24, 2022. Please ensure your name is on the Voters List!

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

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Recreational burning is permitted in Essa with a Burn Permit. (Please refer to By-law 2015-92 for guidelines pertaining to lot sizes and clearances for type of burn permit required).

Burn permits cost \$40.00 and are valid for the calendar year. Permits are available at the Administration Centre, or online at

www.essatownship.on.ca

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.