



## Business Excellence Awards



The Essex Centre BIA and the Essex Rotary Club will host the Essex Centre Business Excellence Awards at Essex United Church on March 25.

All Essex Centre businesses are invited to attend. Nominations for awards are open until March 20.

Log onto <http://www.essexbia.com/events/essex-centre-business-excellence-awards/> for more info!

## Retail cannabis store


At the January 14 regular meeting, Essex Council ‘opted in’ to having a retail cannabis store. The AGCO, which will regulate such stores, will be notified of this decision.

Before the meeting, the Town asked community members to take the “Cannabis Retail Stores Survey.” Over 1100 survey submissions were received, with 80 percent of the respondents noting they wanted Essex to “opt in.” The Town is now hosting open houses to gather public feedback to development a Municipal Cannabis Retail Policy Statement.




# Christmas-time Fun




The Essex Centre BIA was pleased to be a part of two great Christmas themed events leading up to the holiday season! 

On Friday, November 23, the Essex Centre BIA teamed up with the Essex Salvation Army to host the annual Tree Lighting event, which took place on the front lawn of the Essex Municipal Building. Attendees were pleased to join in carols by the tree as the Essex Public School Band and The Salvation Army South Windsor Band performed.



The Essex Salvation Army used this event to kick off its annual Christmas Kettle Campaign. The church also offered free hotdogs and hot chocolate to the eventgoers. It was probably the best turnout we have ever had. Some of the students at Holy Name Catholic Elementary School decorated the tree with ornaments they made. 

On the evening of Saturday, December 8, the Essex Centre BIA sponsored the annual Essex Centre Santa Claus Parade. This year's event featured nine marching bands 



Before the parade kicked off, the Essex Centre BIA hosted a meet and greet with Santa and Mrs. Claus, with extra special help from volunteers at Essex United Church. Characters from Enchanted Adventure Parties stopped by to make the event really magical!



# New to town

**Decoy Haven** is located at 316 Talbot Street North-Unit 4, and provides hunting, ice fishing, and walleye fishing gear for sale.



A ground-breaking ceremony was held with Council on Jan. 14. for the 10,000 square foot **SouthPoint Equipment** facility at 330 South Talbot Road North. It will specialize in products for the turf, farm, residential, commercial turf and snow, and construction sector.

**The Grand Central** is now open at 64 Talbot Street North. A grand opening with Essex Council was hosted on Jan. 24.



**Accurate Creations** has opened at 41 Talbot Street North. This business will take over the portion of the Miller's Essex Source for Sports business that concentrated on team uniforms, trophies, and skate sharpening.

# Changes to the downtown

- Crafty Candles has moved from its former unit, inside the No Frills Plaza, to 54 Talbot Street North.
- The Essex County Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic (ECNPLC) has moved from its former location inside the Victoria Wellness Plaza to take over the entire second floor of the Essex Medical Centre, 186 Talbot Street South.
- Miller's Essex Source for Sports has closed after nearly five decades of operation so its owners, Wayne and Scott Miller, can retire. In preparation of retirement, the 25 Talbot Street North facility was sold last year.
- The Organic Juicery is back! It is now located at 32 Arthur Avenue, Essex (across from No Frills).



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## EC BIA Board

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**Terri Grondin-Sweet**

Libro Credit Union

Secretary:

**Liz Semperger**

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Director:

**Pauline Gemmell**

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**Katie McGuire Blais**

Brenko's House of Pizza

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## Join us at an ECBIA meeting

The Essex Centre BIA Board of Management typically meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m., inside the Barnett Board Room at the Essex Centre Sports Complex.

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2019 ECBIA Board meeting schedule:

**January 8**

**February 12**

**March 19 (due to March Break)**

**April 9 (and AGM)**

**May 14**

**June 11**

**July 9**

**August 13**

**September 10**

**October 8**

**November 12**

**December 10**

\*Meeting time/place/location could be subject to change or cancellation\*

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