

REMINDERS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST



UPCOMING EVENTS:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH – *Recreation Committee hosts a Children's Halloween Party.*
Sign-up for this event at the Township Office, Foote's General Store, Young's South Shore Centre or the Post Office.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH – *Open House/Town Hall Meeting.*
Open House begins at 6:30 pm at the Southshore Education Centre, 60 Beatty Street, Nipissing.
Topics of discussion are proposed speed limit changes and fire department concerns regarding private road maintenance.

TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS

There are a few different options to consider when paying taxes.

1. **ONLINE BANKING** - the Township has agreements in place with most banking institutions and credit unions.
When using online banking, please use your complete ROLL NUMBER as your account number. It is also very important to enter each roll number for each property separately when paying online. If a bulk payment is received under one roll number, it may be applied to only one account leaving other accounts unpaid.
2. **DEBIT** – Payment by debit available.
3. **CHEQUES and CASH** - The office continues to accept cheques and cash. A drop box is available at the office for after-hours drop offs. Please do not mail cash or place cash in the drop off slot.
4. **POST-DATED CHEQUES** – The office accepts post-dated cheques.

Please contact the office for further information.

TAX BILLING AND DUE DATES

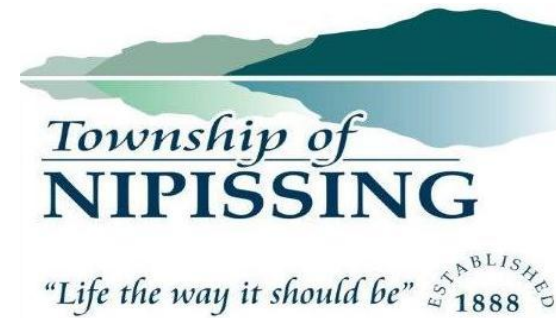
Interim Tax Bills are mailed out during the month of January and are due March 31st.

Interim bills are calculated on 50% of the previous year's total tax amount. Final Tax Bills are mailed out in June and are due September 30th.

Please note that payment must be received by our office no later than the due date to avoid incurring interest on your account.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED

Volunteers are always needed for the events hosted by the Nipissing Township Museum and/or Recreation Committee. Please contact the Township Office for more information. 705-724-2144



2013 FALL NEWSLETTER



Mayor's message:

One of the most important criteria for success in any organization is a strong understanding of the roles each member must play. Our responsibility as Mayor and Council is to create policy and make decisions on behalf of our constituents. Each of our Township employees has their own job description that outlines their individual responsibilities. Cooperation, communication and accountability are essential aspects of effective municipal government.

It is our desire to ensure that the Township of Nipissing is governed and operated as effectively as possible. To help accomplish this over the past three years, we have had a number of public meetings to discuss a variety of topics. Thank you to those who attended these gatherings and performed your role in providing input to help us move ahead. Our public meeting on November 19th is another opportunity for you to receive background information and provide helpful feedback. We appreciate your role in helping with effective governance. - Pat



Council Meeting Dates 2013

November 12th and 26th:

December 17th

Council meetings are held at 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing

Start time: 6:30 pm

All meetings are open , everyone is welcome to attend.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE

45 Beatty Street
Nipissing ON P0H 1W0
Telephone: 705-724-2144
Fax Number: 705-724-5385
Website:
www.nipissingtownship.com
Email:
admin@nipissingtownship.com

Municipal Garage
Telephone: 705-724-2194

Animal Control – Sandy Briggs
Telephone: 705-724-2676

Office Hours
Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 12:00 pm
12:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Township Office and Landfill Sites are closed statutory holidays and Remembrance Day.

THANK YOU!

To all of the Volunteers who helped make the 125th Anniversary a success!

We also wish to thank all Residents and Visitors who helped us celebrate this special milestone!

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

LANDFILL UPDATE 2013



WASTE DIVERSION COMPARISONS
 **Total bags of household waste deposited at the Landfill
 Sites as per estimated counts used for all reporting requirements.

	<u>Household Waste Bag Counts</u>	
	2012 Counts	2013 Counts
May	5065	1892
June	6870	2470
July	7060	3199
August	7407	3450
September	4535	2402

	<u>Recycling Bin Collection Counts</u>	
	2012 Counts	2013 Counts
May	10	11
June	8	11
July	11	22
August	12	18
September	8	13

The Township of Nipissing enrolled in Stewardship Ontario's Blue Box reporting system starting in 2011 and as a result has received a total of \$4,613.06 from the Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for the 2013 Program Year. The funding amounts are based on the amount of recycled materials diverted from our landfills. These payments are based on the 2011 figures.

ONTARIO ELECTRONIC STEWARDSHIP

The Township of Nipissing has been working in partnership with the OES since 2012 to help keep harmful electronic components out of our Landfills.

OES has collected a total of 4 bins from the Township since the installation of the program, resulting in a total of \$1,771.50 revenue for the Landfills with no additional costs to our Residents.

Please continue to bring used televisions, cell phones, computer components, digital cameras, speakers and more to the OES collection bins located at each Landfill site.

For more information on what is collected and how to participate, please refer to our website: www.nipissingtownship.com



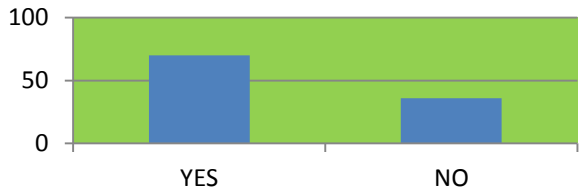
REMINDER:

EMPTY PROPANE CONTAINERS AND COMPACT FLORESCENT BULBS ARE HAZARDOUS WASTE – THESE ITEMS MUST BE TAKEN TO THE HAZARDOUS WASTE DEPOT.

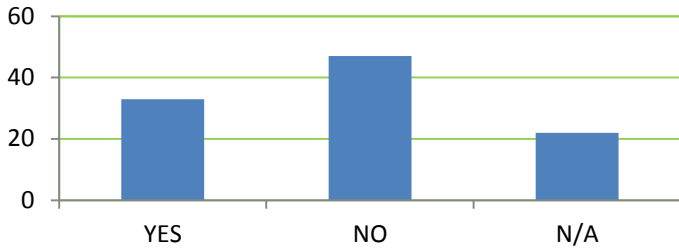


CELL PHONE AND INTERNET SURVEY RESULTS

Do you currently have access to internet coverage?



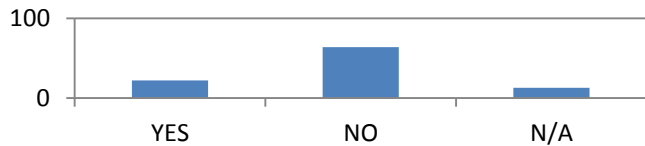
Are you satisfied with this service? (Internet Service)



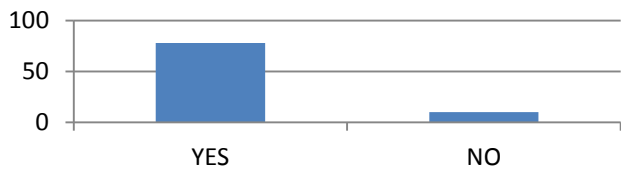
Do you currently have cell phone coverage?



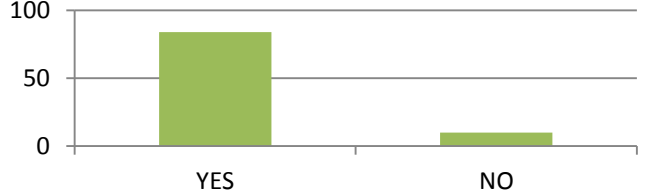
Are you satisfied with this service? (Cell Phone Service)



Would you subscribe to internet service if available?

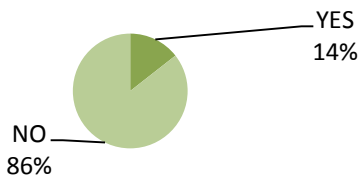


Would you subscribe to cell phone service if available?



Council would like to thank everyone who responded to this survey. The information gathered can now be used to approach internet and cell phone providers and demonstrate the need for these services that exists in the Township of Nipissing. We look forward to updating you on our progress as we move forward.

Would you object to a tower erected close to your home?



RECREATION AND FITNESS

FITNESS CENTRE UPDATE:

The Township of Nipissing Fitness Centre, located at the Community Centre, 2381 Highway 654, has recently completed renovations to include a washroom/shower facility in the Fitness Centre area with support from the Government of Canada under the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

MEMBERSHIP RATES:

Swipe Card Deposit (Refundable upon return)	\$ 10.00
Individual Membership - 1 year	\$175.00
6 months	\$ 90.00
3 months	\$ 50.00
1 month	\$ 20.00
1 week (7 days)	\$ 10.00
1 day	\$ 5.00
Senior Membership (60+ years of age) 1 Year	\$150.00
Student Membership 1 Year	\$150.00
Family Membership (2 family members) 1 Year	\$325.00

For more information on the Fitness Centre or a tour of the facility, please contact the Township Office.



Zumba Fitness
Suitable for all ages and fitness levels
Costs: \$80/10 classes or \$10 drop in.
First Class Free!
Location: Nipissing Community Centre
Time: Mondays 7pm – 8 pm
For more information contact
Laurie 705-729-2030
***Fitness Membership is NOT required to attend Zumba classes.**



HERITAGE RINK SCHEDULE 2013-2014

Please check the Township website for updates on rink opening dates and ice conditions.

- WEEKDAYS:** Free Skate – Monday, Wednesday & Friday 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Hockey – Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WEEKENDS: Free Skate – Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Hockey – Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

To reserve the rink for a private occasion, please contact the Township Office for availability and rates.

OPEN HOUSE/TOWN HALL MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2013
LOCATION: SOUTH SHORE EDUCATION CENTRE, GYMNASIUM
60 BEATTY STREET, NIPISSING
TIME: OPEN HOUSE 6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM
TOWN HALL MEETING 7:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

Residents and Land Owners are invited to join Council and Staff for an Open House and Town Hall Meeting.

Topics to be discussed are:

- **Proposed changes to Speed Limits**
- **Fire Department requirements and concerns regarding Private Roads and Entranceways**

Information on these topics will be available at the Open House session beginning at 6:30 pm. Council and Staff will be available to discuss concerns, questions and provide background on these items.

A Town Hall Meeting will follow beginning at 7:30 pm to allow Residents an opportunity to hear Council’s reasoning for proposed changes and begin a discussion to address concerns and questions.



Many municipalities in Ontario use Design Criteria issued by the Ministry of Transportation, Directive – 16, on October 30, 1985 for road maintenance. Road improvements had to meet these standards to be eligible for subsidies from the Ministry. The funding program no longer exists.

Meeting the subject specifications is a difficult level to achieve when existing roadways in many instances are “forced roads” constructed according to existing topography and without design by an engineer.

Most members of the public assume that the statutory speed limit in rural areas is 80 km/hr.

Allowing the greater speed limit on roads without proper engineering studies could expose the municipality to increased liability.

For safety reasons, Council may have to lower the speed limit on certain roads to shift some of the liability from the municipality to the driver.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



Winter Storms

Winter storms can be treacherous and damaging if you are unprepared. They can disrupt power supply, transportation routes, and create personal safety issues. Bitter cold and winter storms kill more people than the number of Canadians killed by tornadoes, thunderstorms, lightning, floods and hurricanes combined. When building your family emergency plan, review and discuss these safety tips with your entire household to make sure everyone understands what to do.

General Tips

- Listen to the radio and/or television for weather reports and emergency information. Stay indoors. If you must go outside, dress for the weather to avoid serious cold-related injuries.
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. If you must shovel snow, ensure you take frequent breaks so as not to over stress your body.
- Dress in several layers of lightweight clothing. Wear mittens and a hat (preferably one that covers your ears).
- Wear waterproof, insulated boots to keep your feet warm and dry and to maintain your footing in ice and snow.
- Regularly check for frostbite. Indicators include numbness or white areas on your face and extremities (ear, nose, cheeks, hands and feet in particular).

Prepare Now

- Review/discuss safety tips with your entire household to make sure everyone understands what to do during a severe winter storm.
- Add additional items to your emergency survival kit such as; extra warm clothes or blankets.
- Winterize your home to retain heat by insulating walls and attics, caulking or weather stripping doors and windows, and covering windows with plastic.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected once a year.
- *Hydro One Power Outages & Emergency Line: 1-800-434-1235 (24hours/7days/week)

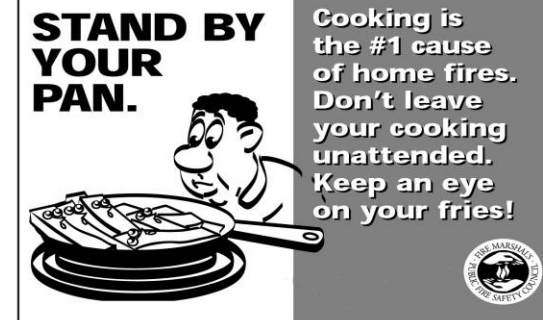
Lastly: When preparing your family emergency plan, do not forget to include the needs of your pets. For more information on this, visit www.emergencymanagementontario.ca

Additional Assistance/Vulnerable Persons

If you are a resident that would require additional assistance in the event of an emergency, please contact the Township office to leave your personal contact information. Your contact information can be used by emergency services personnel in the event of a crisis situation. The retention, as well as any other use or disclosure, of the information will be dictated by the requirements under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.56

In the Event of an Emergency...

In the event of a declared emergency, a Registration Centre will be opened at an appropriate, safe location (I.E. Township Office or Community Centre). This will allow officials to confirm your safety prior to you leaving the area. Please register at these centres before you leave the area so that we can pass along your information to friends/family inquiring about your well-being.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION NEWS

Nipissing Fire Department Urges Residents to Prevent Kitchen Fires

The best way to prevent kitchen fires is to never leave cooking unattended, says Rob Serson, Fire Chief. The Chief's advice comes as part of Fire Prevention Week that was October 6-12 and the theme this year is "Prevent Kitchen Fires". Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires and injuries in the province.

"Often when we're called to a fire that started in the kitchen, the residents tell us that they only left the kitchen for a few minutes." said Rob Serson. "Sadly, that's all it takes for a dangerous fire to start. Help keep our community safe by taking responsibility to prevent fires from starting in the first place."

Important steps to prevent kitchen fires include:

- Pay attention when cooking – especially if you are using oil or high temperatures. If you must leave for any reason, turn off the stove.
- Wear tight-fitting or rolled up sleeves when using the stove. Loose, dangling clothing can easily catch fire.
- Keep a proper fitting lid near the stove. If a pot catches fire, slide the lid over the pot and turn off the stove.
- Never attempt to move a burning pot.
- Keep a close eye on anyone in your household who is drinking and attempts to cook.

The Nipissing Fire Department will be raising public awareness about fire safety and the importance of preventing kitchen fires.

For more information contact 705-752-2772 or visit www.nipissingtownship.com.

PRIVATE ROADS AND ENTRANCEWAYS

In order for the Fire Department to respond to you when you call, we have to be able to get to you! Private roadways and entrances must be free of brush and obstacles and must be passable for the Fire Department vehicles. ***Please join us at the Open House/Town Hall meeting on November 19th to learn more and discuss your concerns with us.***

FIRE PERMITS

Please remember that Fire Permits are required throughout the year. Daytime burning restrictions are in effect from April 1 to October 31. Fire Permits are available at no cost and are issued for 7 days. For a current listing of Fire Wardens or for more information on Open Air Burning, please refer to the website or contact the Township Office at 705-724-2144 or by email at admin@nipissingtownship.com.

