

Township of Nipissing

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Newsletter

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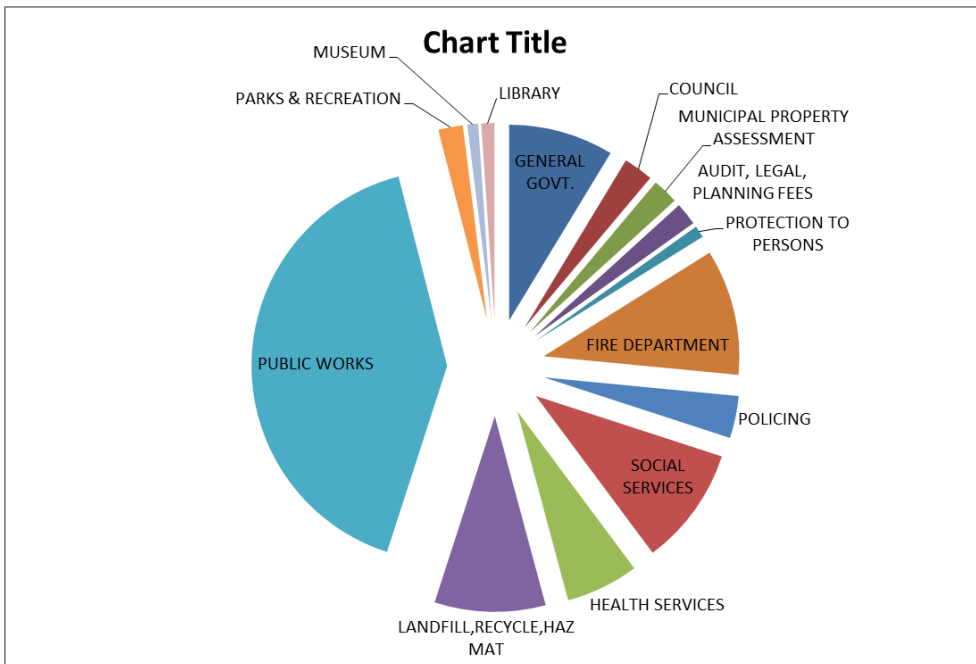
Where do your tax dollars go?

The Township of Nipissing is now preparing for the 2014 Budget process.

This process is open to the public and residents are welcome to attend all Council and Budget meetings.

The first scheduled Budget Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 25th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Office, 45 Beatty Street.

This chart illustrates where the 2013 Budget amounts were allocated.



For a detailed explanation of the apportionment of the tax levy for all budget categories, please visit our website at www.nipissingtownship.com.

Perspective



An average family spends \$2,314 annually on entertainment.

Cell phones \$924

Internet \$648

Satellite Television \$742

TOTAL \$2,314

**based on CRTC average data*

In 2013, a home assessed at \$200,000 paid:

\$424 to School Board

\$1,342 Municipal Tax Levy

TOTAL \$1,766

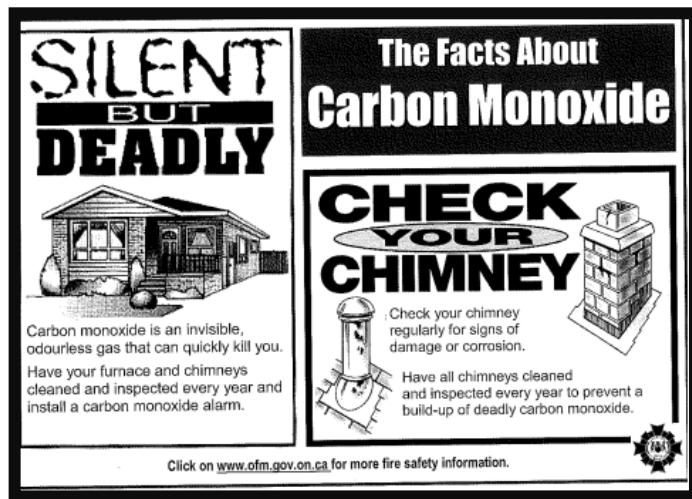
That amount supports:

- Public Works
- Fire Department
- Policing (OPP)
- Landfills
- Ambulance (EMS)
- Social Services
- Health Unit
- Township Administration
- Building Department
- By-Law Enforcement
- Animal Control
- Emergency Management
- Eastholme
- Cemeteries
- Community Centre
- Fitness Centre
- Museum
- Library
- Recreation Programs

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING FIRE DEPARTMENT

There may be an intruder lurking in your home from which no burglar alarm can protect you. **Carbon monoxide** is invisible and odourless and it can kill you.

The fire service recommends that you have your chimney, furnace and gas-fired appliances checked annually by professional technicians. Remember, only a carbon monoxide alarm can alert you to the presence of this deadly gas.



Facts to Remember:

- ❖ Carbon Monoxide (CO) is produced when fuels such as propane, gasoline, natural gas, heating oil or wood have insufficient air to burn completely. This can occur in any appliance or device that burns these fuels such as furnaces, fireplaces, hot water heaters or stoves.
- ❖ Other common causes of CO are cars left running in attached garages; barbecues operated inside; kerosene heaters that are improperly vented; or chimneys or vents that are dirty or plugged.
- ❖ Prevent CO build-up by having furnaces and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year.
- ❖ Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea and dizziness, as well as confusion, drowsiness, loss of consciousness and death.
- ❖ Installing a CO alarm in the home will alert occupants to the presence of this deadly gas. If only one alarm is being installed, locate it near sleeping areas. Additional alarms should be located in or adjacent to rooms with fuel-burning appliances.
- ❖ If someone in the household is experiencing symptoms of CO poisoning, get everyone out of the home immediately. Call 911 from outside the home.

For more information, please contact the Fire Department 705-724-2772 or visit www.nipissingtownship.com.



WINTER EMERGENCY PLANNING

Having a storm readiness plan in place saves valuable time if severe weather strikes. It is also important to maintain an emergency pack with a battery-powered flashlight, a radio, tools for emergency repair, ready-to-eat food, a first aid kit, blankets, and extra clothing. Keep your car gas tank full in case gas stations close down after a storm, and have some cash on hand in case bank machines and electronic payment methods are down.

When a warning is issued, stay calm and follow your plan. In winter, be sure to stock up on heating fuel. A great way to be aware of potential impending winter storms and be prepared, is

to take advantage of Environment Canada's Weather radio service. www.weather.gc.ca

For more information on how to prepare yourself and your family for an emergency situation, visit the Government of Canada's 72 Hour Campaign website. www.getprepared.gc.ca

For more information on Emergency Management Planning please visit our website at www.nipissingtownship.com and click on Emergency Preparedness under the Emergency Planning section.

Trans Canada Trail

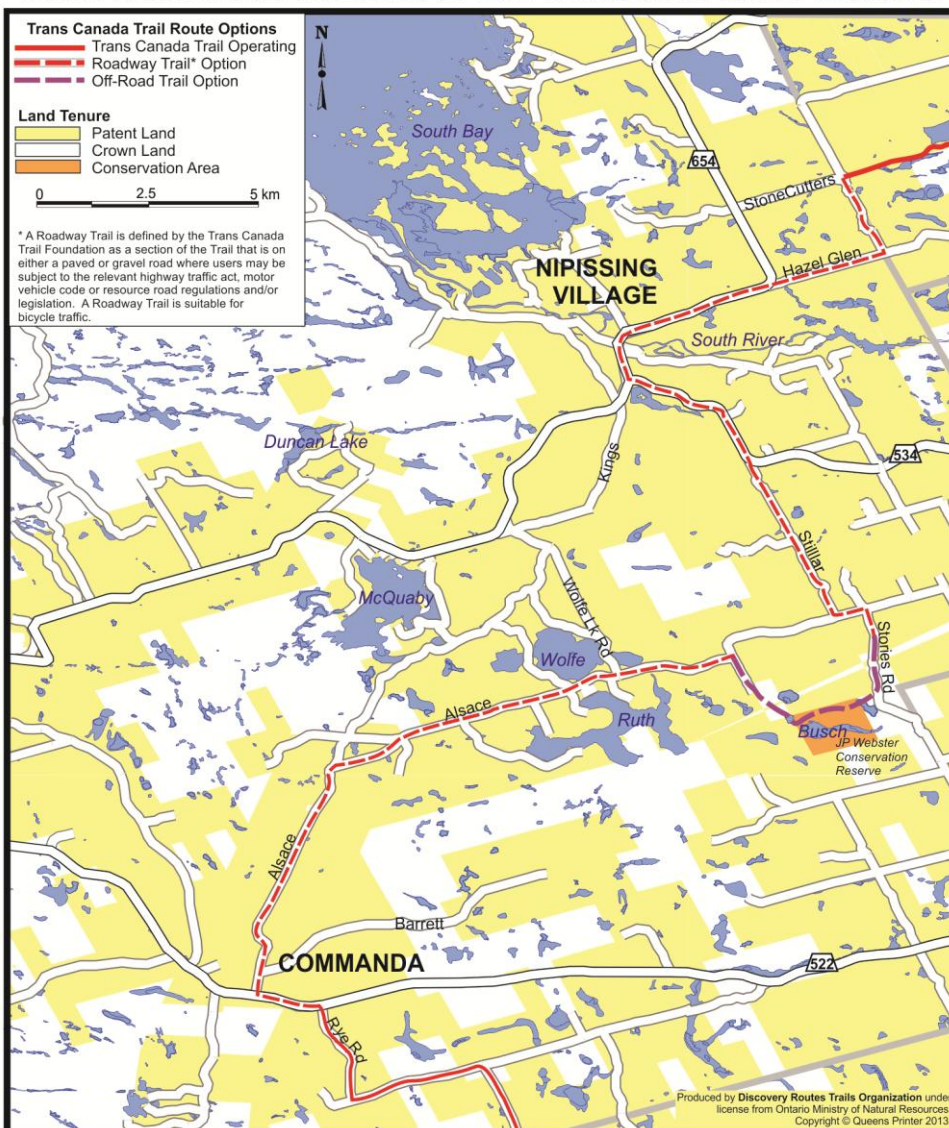
The Trans Canada Trail Foundation is motivated to complete a national trail system by the year 2017 in conjunction with Canada's 150th Anniversary. This objective has helped make funds become available for trail building projects.

Changes have occurred to the Trans Canada Trail Foundation's core principles since the last attempt to create the link through the Township of Nipissing. The Foundation now allows roads suitable for bicycles to be designated as Trans Canada Trail. Directional signage is the only element required for "Roadway Trails".

The Nipissing Eco-Committee has been working with Discovery Routes on trail planning. Upon completion of a trail plan, trail development funds may be available from the Foundation. Discovery Routes Trails organisation can then work with the Township to raise any matching funds required to complete the trail system through the Township of Nipissing.

At this time, the Council of the Township of Nipissing would like feedback from Nipissing residents regarding a proposal to complete the connection of the Trans Canada through the Township of Nipissing as seen on the map below.

TRANS CANADA TRAIL ROUTING OPTION THROUGH NIPISSING TOWNSHIP



Map: Please note that this map is only conceptual. The final route of the Trans Canada Trail has not been approved by Nipissing Township Council and/or Trans Canada Trail Foundation.

For more information or to provide feedback, please email edo@nipissingtownship.com or contact the Township Office at (705)724-2144.

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

The Recreation Committee will be hosting the annual **Family Day Skate** on Monday, February 17th from 1p.m. to 3p.m. at Heritage Park Rink, 14 Blake Street. This is a FREE family event. Hot Chocolate will be served.



2014 DOG TAGS

2014 Dog Tags are now available at the Township Office.

1st Dog - \$10.00

2nd Dog - \$20.00

3rd and more - \$30.00 each dog

Tags are due by March 31. Please contact the Township Office for more information.

ATTENTION: FITNESS CENTRE USERS

On January 31, 2014 the current keyfob system will be discontinued. To gain access to the Fitness Centre, please visit the Township Office or contact John Chellew prior to the cut-off date above to receive your new keyfob.

You are not required to pay an additional \$10 deposit to receive a new keyfob. Please return your old keyfob to the Fitness Centre or the Township Office after the cut-off date.

OLD DISCONTINUED KEYFOB NEW KEYFOB



SPEED LIMIT CHANGES – REMINDER

The speed limit on Township of Nipissing municipal roads has changed to 60 km/h unless otherwise posted.

Council passed By-Law Number 2013-39 on December 17, 2013 after public consultation was held on November 19, 2013.

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Please remember that plowing or shoveling snow onto or across municipal roads is prohibited under the Ontario Traffic Act. By doing this, ditches are filled in and are unable to function properly leading to washouts in the spring and icy roads in the winter



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Please continue to take empty propane cylinders (all sizes) and compact fluorescent bulbs to the Household Hazardous Waste facility in North Bay. These items CANNOT BE PLACED IN THE LANDFILL.

CLEAR GARBAGE BAGS

Please remember that only clear bags are permitted at the Landfills. Black garbage bags will be refused.

2014 LANDFILL ENTRY PERMITS

The 2014 Landfill Entry Permits are included in the Interim Tax Bill. Please have this permit each time you visit the landfill.

