

Nipissing Township Museum Board

The Nipissing Township Museum Board invites expression of interest letters for one (1) vacant position on the Board.

Board members are to attend monthly meetings, held in the evening during the week. Board members provide leadership to the Museum Curator, help plan and organize all Museum events and provide input into the operation of the Museum and the annual budget process. This position is a volunteer position and is not funded.

If you are interested in this position please submit an expression of interest letter outlining any experience or training relevant to this volunteer position by:

Wednesday, May 6th, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

By Mail: Township of Nipissing
45 Beatty Street
Nipissing, ON P0H 1W0

Email: admin@nipissingtownship.com

Fax: 705-724-5385

Please mark all submissions clearly:
"Museum Board Letter of Interest"

For more information please contact the Township Office at 705-724-2144 prior to Wednesday, May 6th, 2015.

2014 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2014 Audited Financial Statements, Notes to the Financial Statements, Auditor's Report and Tax Rate Information for current and previous year as contained in the financial review are available upon request.

Copies will be made available at no cost to any Ratepayer or Resident of the Township of Nipissing. A copy is also posted on the Township website www.nipissingtownship.com. For more information, please contact the Township Office 705-724-2144.

2015 DOG TAG REMINDER

The 2015 Dog Tags were due March 31, 2015. If you require a dog tag, please contact the Township Office.
Costs: 1st dog \$10.00
2nd dog \$20.00
3rd dog and more \$30.00 per dog
Animal Control Officer, Sandy Briggs, will be going door-to-door throughout the Township to follow up on un-renewed tags. If you no longer own a dog previously licenced, please contact the Office to update information.
REMINDER: By-Law 831 prohibits dogs from running at large. Please see www.nipissingtownship.com for a copy of the by-law.

THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THREE (3) CEMETERY/PARK/ROAD LABOURER – SUMMER STUDENTS

FOR THE 2015 SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.
WRITTEN RESUMES WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL
3:00 P.M. FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015.
APPLICANTS MUST HAVE VALID DRIVER'S LICENCE.

PLEASE FORWARD APPLICATIONS TO:
TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING
45 BEATTY STREET
NIPISSING, ON P0H 1W0

***We thank all applicants for their interest however,
only those selected to be interviewed will be contacted.***

NIPISSING TOWNSHIP MUSEUM BOARD

INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR MUSEUM ASSISTANTS

TWO (2) POSITIONS AVAILABLE
FOR THE
2015 SUMMER STUDENT
EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.

STUDENTS ONLY PLEASE.
RESUMES WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL

3:00 P.M. FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015.

PLEASE FORWARD APPLICATIONS TO:
NIPISSING TOWNSHIP MUSEUM BOARD
C/O TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING
45 BEATTY STREET
NIPISSING, ON P0H 1W0

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TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING SPRING NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2015

Mayor's Message

Every year municipalities are faced with new challenges. They could be based on changes to provincial legislation, local needs that have become more evident over the years or unexpected circumstances that have suddenly arisen. Each of these needs require careful, thoughtful and reasonable approaches to deal with the new reality they have created. Our staff and your council are very dedicated to meeting those needs while continuing to maintain a well-managed municipality. As 2015 unfolds we will be asking for your input concerning a variety of items including the review and update of our Official Plan. Please check our website for information about various aspects of our municipality. If you have any thoughts or questions, do not hesitate to email or call the Township Office. Your personal knowledge about Nipissing Township is a key factor in ensuring that "Life the way it should be" is part of your reality. -Pat



Councillor Tom Butler

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you that have been taking the time to separate the recyclables from their regular garbage. This has increased the estimated lives of our landfills by a significant amount. Landfills are very expensive to close so you are saving tax dollars now and in the future." - Tom

Councillor Dougal Culham

"As all of you are aware, this has been a long, cold winter. I would like to congratulate the Road Crew on keeping the roads safe this winter. Council and Office Staff continue to work together well. This year the budget will be the main challenge." - Dougal



Councillor Tom Piper

"Glad to welcome the spring season! For the first year since being elected, I took a hiatus from the island for the winter. Like many, I went south; in my case, all the way to Powassan. Now that I am back, I anticipate seeing many of you at our Official Plan meetings and Museum special events. There are also a number of initiatives I look forward to in the summer so I hope to get your input. Finally, if all else fails, please join us for our Canada Day celebrations on June 27th." - Tom

Councillor Liz Smith

"It has been a long, cold winter and spring is finally here! Many of us have had an increase in our hydro and heating bills over the last several months. The good news is that budget time is here and our team of Mayor, Councillors and staff continue to work together and keep our taxes to some of the lowest in the area. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone out to our Canada Day celebrations as well as special event days at the Museum. Happy Spring!" - Liz



The Chief Building Official position is a shared service with the Municipality of Callander. Jeff Peppin is available to Nipissing residents at the Township Office on Tuesday and Thursday.

Typically, The Chief Building Official remains in the office in the morning, and schedules inspections for the afternoons.

Chief Building Official: Jeff Peppin

Phone: 705-724-2144 Fax: 705-724-5385 Email: cbo@nipissingtownship.com

Role of the Chief Building Official

The Chief Building Official is here to ensure Building Code Compliance, while managing Liability. The Chief Building Official does not get involved in project design, consulting, or managing work sites/projects.

How to apply for a building permit

To apply for a permit, please provide the following;

1. A completed application, (Application can be printed by clicking link above)
2. A site plan
3. Two (2) sets of Construction drawings with sufficient detail.

How long does it take to get my permit?

A permit can usually be issued in a few days, provided the application is complete and the drawings are adequate.

*More complex projects may take more time. In some instances, approvals are necessary from the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority, which can lead to undetermined wait times.

How do I know when I need a permit?

A quick call to the CBO at 705-724-2144 will get you a definite answer.

*Typically, if it deals with structure, safety items including interior or exterior railings/guards, insulation, masonry or plumbing or foundation repairs, you need a permit. Decks under 24 inches from grade (measured from walking surface to the adjacent ground) that don't have or require a railings/guards, re-shingling a roof, replacing deck boards, replacing siding (unless it involves masonry), replacing doors and windows (unless you are enlarging the opening) all do not require a permit. But please call for clarification.

For more information on building topics, including links to outside resources, please refer to the Township website, www.nipissingtownship.com – Building Department or contact the Office.

RECREATION ACTIVITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

The Recreation Committee hosts a number of community events throughout the year, including:

Family Skate – the event is scheduled on the Sunday before Family Day each February and takes place at the Heritage Park outdoor rink.

Easter Party, Halloween Party and Christmas Party (held by the Nipissing Township Firefighters Association with assistance from the Recreation Committee) – these events are held at the Nipissing Community Centre, 2381 Highway 654, sign up lists will be available at local businesses, please watch for information on our website.

Canada Day Celebrations – held at Heritage Park on the Saturday before Canada Day, live entertainment, cake and fireworks are the highlight of this family themed evening.

The Recreation Committee is always looking for new members, volunteers and ideas for new activities. Please contact Committee Chairperson, Liz Smith at 705-724-6943 or smith@nipissingtownship.com for more information.

Students: Our events are excellent opportunities to count toward volunteer hours!

Nipissing Fitness Centre – located on the lower level of the Community Centre at 2381 Hwy 654. Take a virtual tour on our website, www.nipissingtownship.com or call the Township Office, 705-724-2144, for more information on this amazing facility. Low rates, excellent state of the art equipment and open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily!

Nipissing Township Museum Activities

The Nipissing Township Museum will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. The theme this year will be “Homecoming”. We invite all previous Councillors, Staff, Curators and those who have lived or worked in the Township to come and celebrate with us.

We invite you to share your favourite memories, stories or thoughts about the Museum. We will be focusing on the ‘70’s for this season. If you have any 1970’s games, clothing or items of interest such as lava lamps, you are welcome to bring them in to display.

The children’s activities will also have a 70’s theme. These activities will run on a drop-in basis, for the week and will begin on Fridays (Fun Fridays).

Please watch the Township website for more information on our events!

The Museum **opening day** will be Tuesday, June 9th.

Strawberry Social takes place **Sunday, July 5th**.

Annual Yard Sale takes place **Friday, July 17th** and **Saturday, July 18th**.

The Museum is looking for donations to this worthy event. For more information please contact the Township Office at 705-724-2144 before June 9th or the Museum at 705-724-2938 as of June 9th.

Heritage Day will take place **Sunday, August 16th**.

NIPISSING HAS TALENT – will be taking place at the **Heritage Day event**. Please contact Liz Smith to register 705-724-6943.

Volunteers are always welcome for events. Please contact Tracy Butler, Museum Curator for more information.

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE
OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing is updating their Official Plan pursuant to Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended. The Township will be holding a Public Open House as required by Section 17(16) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended, to allow the public to review and ask questions regarding draft Official Plan policies and related information and materials that have been prepared as part of the Five Year Official Plan Review.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE:

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2015
Time: 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and,
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township of Nipissing Community Centre
2381 Highway 654
Nipissing, Ontario

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE: The Township of Nipissing Official Plan was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board on May 28, 2010. In accordance with the Planning Act, the Township is required to review the Official Plan every five years to determine if the Official Plan needs to be updated to reflect current issues and legislation. The Township's planning consultant, MHBC Planning Ltd., will have a prepared draft Official Plan policy updates for public review and comment. The Open House will include an informal walkabout of exhibits and opportunity for the public to ask Official Plan related questions of the Township and MHBC Staff.

Comments received from the Public Open House will be considered by Council in the development of the Township's update to the Official Plan.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND COMMENTS: Additional information will be available between 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on regular weekdays at the Township Office, 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing, Ontario and available on the Township website, www.nipissingtownship.com, as of May 8, 2015.

The Official Plan update is applicable to all land within the corporate boundaries of the Township of Nipissing. Please direct inquiries and comments to the Township's Planning Department by phone at (705) 724-2144 or by fax at (705) 724-5385.

Dated at the Township of Nipissing this 21st day of April, 2015.

Charles Barton
CAO-Clerk, Township of Nipissing

ROAD INFORMATION

Spring Road Maintenance - As spring arrives, please remember not to grade gravel driveways out on to the roads. If you see a road issue such as a wash-out, large pot hole or sink hole, please contact the Township Office 705-724-2144 or Township Garage 705-724-2194 to report it. Thank you for your assistance.

Please ensure that your 911 sign is clearly marked and free of brush. Emergency vehicles need to be able to easily identify civic addresses.

If you plan on making a new entrance or modifying an existing one, please visit the Township office to pick up an entrance permit application form and discuss the requirements with Staff.

LANDFILL INFORMATION

The 2015 Landfill Entry Permits were mailed out in the Interim Tax Bills to all property owners. This year the cards are orange. If you have not received your card, please contact the Township Office to verify your mailing address and clarify any errors that may have occurred.

For your convenience, the Landfill Hours are printed on the front of each card. We ask that all residents fill in the name and property information sections. Please bring this card with you each time you use a Landfill site.

To control unauthorized use of the Landfill Sites, only one card is issued per property.

If you have a tenant residing in your property, please provide your Landfill Card to the tenant. Landfill cards are issued to the owner of the property only.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Thank you to all residents for the diligence you have shown with the Recycling Program. As a result of this program, we have been able to extend the lifespan of our Landfills, saving money for years to come.

Please visit our webpage and click on Recycling Guide in pdf format near the top of the landfill page for more information on our list of acceptable recycling items.

Also, please remember that **no household waste can be placed in recycling bins**. Food scraps, diapers and other non-recycling items placed in our recycling bins increase sorting fees in which we all have to absorb.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Township of Nipissing has an agreement with the City of North Bay to have all Household Hazardous Waste accepted at their depot.

Residents can take Hazardous waste, **free of charge**, to the Hazardous Waste Depot located at 112 Patton Street in North Bay. Their hours of operation are year round, Wednesday - Saturday from 8:00am to 6:00 pm. For a list of accepted items, please visit our webpage at www.nipissingtownship.com

If you have any further questions, please contact their WASTELINE 705-474-0400 Ext. 2333

Peace of Mind for your Piece of Heaven

Wherever You Vacation, Keep Your Family Safe from Fire & Carbon Monoxide

From cottage retreats in Ontario's north to RVs and cabin cruisers traveling the province's pristine waterways – fire does not discriminate.

In Ontario, permanent homes, RVs, trailers, cottages and boats with living, cooking or sleeping quarters are all treated the same way. They ALL require a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas.

“Fire safety is not just for homes. It's for cottages, cabins, seasonal hunt camps, RVs, trailers and mobile homes too. You may have less than one minute to escape in any one of these dwelling units,” says Rob Serson, Fire Chief. “It's the law in Ontario to have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas, in all of these spaces. “It's a myth that smoke and CO alarms last forever. Another myth is that hardwired alarms never need to be replaced, in fact, they adhere to the same replacement rules as battery-powered alarms.

“Smoke alarms must be replaced every 10 years, and likewise, any CO alarm made before 2008 should be replaced.” “Check the age and condition of smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms to ensure they are working.”



Ontario's Fire Code applies to 'dwelling unit'. This term includes seasonal homes, such as park model trailers, cabins, cottages, boats, trailer homes, 5th wheels, motor homes and other recreational models, such as pop-ups.



COTTAGE OPENING CHECKLIST

If you are heading to the cottage this season, take the time to follow simple safety procedures to help you make the most of your vacation.

- Visually inspect the power lines leading into your cottage. Report any damage to your local utility and have it repaired before activating your service.
- Inspect indoor and outdoor wiring for damage from mice and other rodents. Have a licensed electrical contractor repair any damage.
- Have propane appliances like stoves, refrigerators and heaters inspected and repaired (if necessary) by a qualified technician.
- Replace old appliances with new ones that include safety features.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and replace the batteries at the start of the season.
- Install a fully charged fire extinguisher in a visible place and make sure everybody knows how to use it.
- Dispose of old cleaning solvents and fuels at a hazardous waste distribution centre.

Open Air Burning

The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing would like to advise that daytime burning restrictions come into effect April 1, 2015.

No open air burning is permitted 2 hours after sunrise until 2 hours before sunset.

Open Air Burning Permits are required for all open air burning (excluding camp fires).

Burning permits are free of charge and are valid for 7 days.

Burning permits can be obtained from the following:

Township Office, 45 Beatty Street, 705-724-2144

Young's South Shore Centre 705-752-1480

Marc Purdon 705-724-2699

Footo's General Store 705-724-5684

Hunters Bay Marine 705-752-3666

Elizabeth Shrum (Commanda Post Office) 705-729-5711

Margaret Kelly (Hwy 522) 705-723-5360

For more information on Open Air Burning, visit our website at www.nipissingtownship.com or contact the Fire Chief at 705-724-2144.

SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL IN A DIFFERENT WAY

Would you like a challenging and rewarding volunteer activity?

We offer opportunities to assist others, while performing as a member of a highly skilled team. The Fire Department is an organization dedicated to saving lives and protecting property through public education, fire prevention and suppression. We are committed to continuous learning and superior customer service.

WHAT DO VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS DO?

Firefighting & Rescue

Participate in Training Activities

Fire Safety Inspections

Operate Specialized Vehicles & Equipment

Perform manual labour and physically challenging tasks in diverse conditions

Emergency Medical Response

Public Education

Maintenance of Trucks & Equipment

Volunteering with the Nipissing Fire Department – join one of the most well respected professions and make positive contributions to your community.

How Does it Work?

You will participate in training. – *Basic Firefighter Training is required prior to performing many duties.*

You will be expected to attend training events, meetings and respond to emergency calls (within the time that you have indicated you are available).

All of your uniforms, books and personal protective equipment are supplied at no cost to you.

For more information contact the Fire Department by phone (705)752-2772(leave a message), email nipissingfire@netspectrum.ca or in person at the Township Office, 45 Beatty Street.

SILENT BUT DEADLY

Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odourless gas that can quickly kill you. Have your furnace and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year and install a carbon monoxide alarm.

The Facts About Carbon Monoxide

CHECK YOUR CHIMNEY

Check your chimney regularly for signs of damage or corrosion. Have all chimneys cleaned and inspected every year to prevent a build-up of deadly carbon monoxide.

Click on www.ofm.gov.on.ca for more fire safety information.