

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING COUNCIL MESSAGES

TOM BUTLER, COUNCILLOR

“We have had a very hot and dry summer. I would like to thank everyone for respecting the two fire bans the fire department imposed. The Canada day fireworks have been postponed until next year when we will have a double dose of fireworks to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. I hope everyone enjoys what is left of the summer as we get the kids ready for another school year. “

– Tom



TOM MARCHANT, COUNCILLOR

“I wish to thank the members of Council for unanimously voting to appoint me to fill the vacancy left by Tom Piper, who had moved to ably fill the vacant Mayor’s role. Mayor Piper and the other members of Council have been doing a great job. I look forward to working with them and the dedicated Township staff that we are so fortunate to have. When asked why I applied for the position, my answer was that I felt inspired after working with former Mayor Pat Haufe and others on the Eco-committee. It was also my feeling that the Commanda area of the township could use some representation due to Pat resigning. It will be a hard role to fill, doing as well as Pat did for the residents

of this area, but I will try. Having been residents of this Township for only a few years, our family has really enjoyed life here. Great neighbours and the Commanda Community Centre have been a blessing. It is a great place to live – be proud of our Township. “ – Tom

LIZ SMITH, COUNCILLOR

“Hello to everyone and a huge welcome to our newest Councillor, Tom Marchant. I look forward to working with him. Congratulations to Tom Piper for his advancement to Mayor. He has big shoes to fill but I have the utmost confidence in him. My thoughts and prayers are with Pat and his family. I was pleased to see so many at our Canada Day celebrations as well as our Museum events. A huge thank you to our Museum Staff, Recreation Committee, Museum Board and the many volunteers that helped make these events a success.

Highway 654 construction will be finished late next year. A large portion of the highway will have paved shoulders which will enable us to share the highway with bicyclists. Looking forward to fall and I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Sincerely – Liz”



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TOM PIPER, MAYOR

“This is my first Mayoral newsletter since taking office June 7th. My plan was to continue to learn the ropes until the next election and then run for mayor when Mayor Haufe retired. You know what they say “the best laid plans?” Now I am stepping in to replace my colleague, friend and mentor. It will be a hectic time but I feel I am ready for the challenge.

Council continues to pursue joint ventures with nearby municipalities in order to provide better service without shouldering the entire expense. The joint fire committee will continue this fall as well as a new arrangement for a by-law enforcement officer. Preparations are already underway for Canada’s 150th Birthday next year. On that note, more discussion on the trans-Canada trail will be on the Council agenda. For a number of years there have been discussions with the MTO regarding the rehabilitation of Highway 654. We were pleased to see the beautiful pavement through Nipissing Village and many improvements to Highway 654 this summer. We look forward to the project completion next year. As we work through the fall, I would be remiss if I didn’t thank the volunteers from the Recreation Committee and the Museum Board for all the excellent summer activities. Despite the occasional weather interruptions, the functions were great.

On the municipal front, I welcome our new councillors, Linda Andersen and Tom Marchant. They have already proven to be excellent additions as has Todd Daley, our new Fire Chief. But in the end, it is our municipal staff that brings the cohesion to our council. They provide the service that our taxpayers depend on.

Last week I represented Nipissing at a meeting with the Minister of Energy. I added my voice to the many who are concerned with the high hydro prices and transportation costs. I questioned why the Nipissing power plant was not generating power when electricity seems to be at a premium.

As mentioned, it will be a busy fall with meetings, conferences, public meetings and paperwork. Despite my different role on council, I hope everyone has the opportunity to be heard or to ask questions: although I don’t pretend to have all the answers. But with your help and patience, I will continue to better serve the people of Nipissing. In honour of our former Mayor, let me close with his charge to Council before any vote “comments or questions?” – Tom



LINDA ANDERSEN, COUNCILLOR

“My first few of months as a councillor have been reasonably quiet allowing me the time to get acquainted with the by Laws, policies and council regulations as well as many other important items councillors need to focus on. The township staff and other council members have been very helpful and I am now attending regular meetings for our township which provide great insight to related municipal issues. I am a member of the DSABB which is the provincial advisory group for social services including homelessness. It is very interesting and useful information for our township. I am also appointed to the Nipissing Museum Board

which is a significant attraction in our community. I am just learning all the wonderful things the museum has initiated here historically and feel that it is going to be even better as we move into the future.

This summer has been very hot and dry for most of our area. The fire department has done a fantastic job of managing the conditions while only imposing a couple of fire bans as required, so a huge thank you to them for their diligence and professionalism.

Although the road construction has been ongoing throughout the summer months, we are almost at the end of it now and the road will be so much better that we will soon forget any inconvenience we may have experienced. I would like to extend a huge thank you to the road crews who are doing an exemplary job of keeping our roads safe during a long and difficult project. I look forward to the next leg of this journey as a councillor and encourage all the residents of our community to contact me if you have any concerns or ideas for our community that would be beneficial to the entire municipality.” – Linda

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING RECREATION

Canada will be celebrating 150 Years in 2017!

The Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee and Museum Boards are starting to plan events.

An Ad-Hoc Committee to help plan the Canada Day 2017 Celebration is being formed.

If you are interested in being part of this Planning and Organizing Committee, please contact the Township Office at admin@nipissingtownship.com or 705-724-2144.

Please mark your calendars to join us for Saturday, July 1, 2017 in Heritage Park.

Starting at 3:00 p.m. there will be inflatables, Nipissing's Got Talent, live entertainment, free cake, entertainment for the kids and fireworks!

We are looking for:

Food Vendors – if you are interested in selling food and beverages to our hungry crowd, please contact the office for details!

Local Vendors – booth space is available for local vendors.

A \$20 fee is required and vendors must supply their own tent, tables and power (if required).

Vendor Application forms are available at www.nipissingtownship.com under the Community Events tab.

Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee presents:

Family Fun Halloween Party

Will be held at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre

Treats – games – snacks!

Date and time will be posted on the Township website soon.

Watch for sign-up sheets at the Post Office, Foote's General Store and Young's South Shore Centre coming soon!

REMINDER: *Volunteers are needed to run all recreation events. If you are interested in volunteering at events or becoming a member of the committee, please contact the Township Office at 705-724-2144 or admin@nipissingtownship.com.*



OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE

**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, November 23, 2016
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 November 1, 2016.

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 7th day of September, 2016.

Charles Barton
CAO-Clerk, Township of Nipissing

NIPISSING TOWNSHIP MUSEUM

Thank you for a successful 2016 season from the Museum Staff, Board Members, Volunteers.
Many volunteer hours of hard work and dedication go into a successful Museum season.

2016 Strawberry Social

A very special Thank You to Becker's Berries. Each year Murray and Sharon Becker have donated the berries used at the Strawberry Social and their generosity has always ensured the success of this event. They deserve their hard earned retirement, however they will be sorely missed in our community! All the best to the Becker's on their new adventures!

2016 Yard Sale and Bake Sale

Thank you to all who donated to this event and came out to shop! Each year we put out a call for donations. This year we almost ran out of space! We will put out the call for items early for 2017. Please remember our event which helps support the operations of the Museum when you are cleaning and de-cluttering. We will begin to accept gently-used items for the 2017 sale as of April 2017. For more information please contact Liz Smith or the Township Office.

2016 Heritage Day

Heritage Day is always a celebration of our local community, talent and heritage and 2016 was no different. Thank you to the Township of Nipissing Fire Department for all of their help each year with our event. We look forward to 2017 and another great event!

2017 Heritage Day – "A Day in the Life of 1867"

Planning is underway for a special Heritage Day celebration which will be held Sunday, August 20, 2017. This special celebration will highlight Canada's 150th Birthday.

Volunteers are always needed and welcome for events!
If you are interested in volunteering for an event
please contact Councillor Liz Smith for more information at
705-492-5714 or smith@nipissingtownship.com

FITNESS CENTRE MEMBERSHIPS

***Located at 2381 Highway 654 – lower level of the Township of Nipissing Community Centre.
The Fitness Centre is open 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., 365 days per year.***

For more information or to purchase a membership, please contact the Township Office, 705-724-2144 or John Chellew, 705-724-5073.

Membership fees:

<i>Refundable fee for swipe-card (required for all members)</i>	\$10.00	
1 month for \$20.00	3 months for \$50.00	6 months for \$90.00
Senior membership (60 and over) \$150 for 1 year	Students (1 year) for \$150.00	
Family membership (2 members) \$325 for 1 year	1 year for \$175	

LANDFILL AND RECYCLING NEWS

SPECIAL NOTICE

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017 – GRINDABLE
MATERIALS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED AT THE WOLFE
LAKE LANDFILL.**

**Regular tipping fees continue to apply.*

Materials included:

- mattresses
- furniture
- bulky material including boats

The Township brings in an industrial grinding company to grind large, bulky materials in the landfills in an effort to reduce the amount of waste in the landfill, extend the life of the landfill and lower the operating costs overall. The material left from the grinding is then used for landfill cover, further reducing operating costs of purchasing cover.

Expenses are occurred when transferring material from one landfill to the other in preparation of the grinding equipment arrival. By having all materials at one location, this will improve the efficiency of this operation and save time, money and provide a safer working environment.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns about this new requirement, please contact the Township Office at 705-724-2144 or by email at admin@nipissingtownship.com.

Thank you for working together to extend the life of the landfills and help maintain a working budget that is affordable to the Township.

Ontario Electronics Stewardship

The Township of Nipissing has an agreement with the Ontario Electronics Stewardship for the diversion of electronics from the Landfill Sites at no cost to the Township. The Township receives payment for each full bin picked up through this program.

Since enrolling in the program in 2012, the Township has received the following payments:

Wolfe Lake Landfill Site	\$3,135.00
<u>Bear Creek Landfill Site</u>	<u>\$3,024.00</u>
Total received to date:	\$6,159.00

Thank you for your continued participation in this program and helping to prolong the life of our Landfills.

Stewardship Ontario

Each year the Township reports all waste diverted from each landfill site to Stewardship Ontario. The amount of waste, recycling, electronic waste and the number of visits to the landfill sites are recorded as well as a breakdown of the tonnage of recycled materials.

From this data, Stewardship Ontario provides all participating municipalities with quarterly payments based on number of households. The funding for this program comes from fees paid by the manufacturers of recyclable materials collected.

Since enrolling in this program, the Township of Nipissing has received \$57,169.06. It is estimated that \$33,767.40 will be received for 2016.

These amounts are utilized in the Landfill budget to lower the operating costs.

Thank you for your continued participation!

Bear Wise

Black bears live in most parts of Ontario. Chances are wherever you live, visit or spend your leisure time, you will be near bears or bear habitat. For your own personal safety, and for the well-being of bears, it is important that you learn about bears and their behavior. Know how to prevent and handle potential encounters with bears. Be safe, be responsible, be Bear Wise. ontario.ca/bearwise

Bear Watching at Landfill Sites – When people watch bears in the wild they should never forget that these are wild animals that must be treated with caution. Do not feed or approach bears as they are unpredictable and dangerous at close quarters.

*****Please remember that daily closing procedures include ensuring everyone has safely exited the landfill. This procedure begins 15 minutes prior to closing. You will be asked to leave during that time.***

Township of Nipissing Fire Department

Fire Prevention Week is October 9 – 15, 2016.

This year's theme is ***Don't Wait – Check the Date!***

Ontario law requires that working smoke alarms be located on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. Your safety is your responsibility. Only **working** smoke alarms save lives. In fact, smoke alarms can increase your chances of surviving a fire by up to 50%!

Make sure you:

- Test smoke alarms monthly.
- Change the batteries once a year.
- Replace smoke alarms after 10 years.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in your household.

Important Smoke Alarm Safety Facts

- All Ontario homes, cottages, trailers and/or occupancies with sleeping areas whether owner-occupied or rented, must have a working smoke alarm on every storey, and outside all sleeping areas.
- If anyone in the household sleeps with the bedroom door closed, install an alarm inside their bedroom.
- Never remove the batteries from smoke alarms. If nuisance alarms are a problem, try moving the alarm to another location or purchase an alarm with a hush feature that temporarily silences the alarm.
- Make sure everyone in the household knows what to do if the smoke alarm sounds.
- Smoke alarms can be electrically powered, battery powered, or a combination of both. If you are installing an electrically powered alarm it is recommended that it have a battery back-up in case of power failures.
- Most smoke alarms employ either ionization or photo-electric technology. Ionization alarms may respond slightly faster to flaming-type fires, while photo-electric alarms may be quicker at detecting slow, smoldering fires.



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For more information on fire safety or becoming a member of our Fire Department, please visit our website at www.nipissingtownship.com or contact us at 705-752-2772.

Don't Wait – Check the Date!

Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years



Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 9-15, 2016

Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms.
Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

1

Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.



October 6, 2016

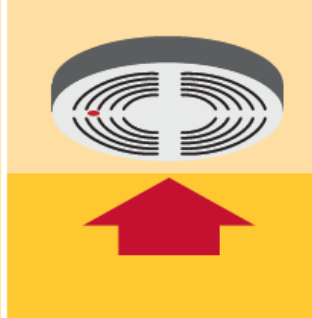


2

Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.

3

Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.



4

Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.



A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.



Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit usfa.fema.gov and firepreventionweek.org.

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