

Nipissing Township Museum 2017 Season

The Museum will be opening on weekends this fall until the Thanksgiving Weekend!

September 9 & 10

September 16 & 17

September 23 & 24

October 7 & 8

Open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



A very special thank you to all who came out to enjoy the museum and newly renovated Old-Fashioned Candy Shop! 2017 has been a very successful and special year for the Board members, Staff and volunteers who made this dream into a reality.



The Museum could not operate as it does without the countless hours of dedicated work by the volunteers.

We look forward to sharing this extraordinary step back into the past!



RECREATION COMMITTEE 2017

URGENT – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Each year the Recreation Committee Volunteers plan and host Canada Day events, the children's Halloween and Easter Parties, a Family Day Skate as well as assist the Firefighter's Association with the children's Christmas Party.

The Committee needs your help. We need volunteers, ideas and energy! The Township of Nipissing has a hidden gem in the Community Centre. Do you have ideas? Would you like to see new programming for events? Your input is valued by the Committee and the residents of the Township.

The Recreation Committee meets a minimum of four times per year and is made up of two members of Council and between 6-8 members at large. If you are interested in volunteering to be a member of the committee or assisting at events, please contact the Township Office at 705-724-2144 or admin@nipissingtownship.com.

If you have ideas on programming you would like to see in the future, please pass those ideas along to the Committee via the Township Office. Without your input, the future programming and committee may not be able to continue.

REMINDER – SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 FINAL TAX DUE DATE

Tax Collection Policy Change Notice

As per Bill 68, Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, taxes in second year arrears may now be registered with a Tax Arrears Certificate. Currently the Township takes the registration collections step with accounts in third year arrears. As of January 2018, all property tax accounts with outstanding third or second year arrears will be subject to the Tax Arrears Certificate process.

Accounts facing this change will be notified by mail before December 2017. Should you have any questions or concerns with this new policy, please contact the Township Office.

MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

We are pleased to introduce Jim Warren, the Township of Nipissing's Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.

For assistance with By-Law related issues, please contact the Township Office and your contact information will be forwarded to Jim.

705-724-2144 or admin@nipissingtownship.com.



***NEW* CLOTHESLINE PROGRAM – Textile Diversion Program**

The Township of Nipissing now has textile collection bins located at each municipal landfill. The Clothesline Program, operated through Diabetes Canada, collects textiles including: clothing, ties, stuffed toys, blankets, belts, socks, linens, curtains, hats, bags, towels, pillows, mitts, shoes, sheets and sleeping bags.

These items are diverted from the landfill and help bring in donations to Diabetes Canada.

Please help support this program and place your unwanted textiles in the new bins.

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING COUNCIL MESSAGES

TOM PIPER, MAYOR

“Wow, what a summer: both days! However, it was busy despite the weather. Nipissing is working towards obtaining its own Consent Granting Authority. Thanks to our neighbours in the unincorporated areas for their support.

I represent Nipissing on the Eastholme Board of Management, which has had a hectic summer due to the Lady Isabelle closure. We continue to work on shared services and I am participating with several other local municipalities to share a number of other resources to maximize usage and reduce costs.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as it has been a real education for the last seven years.” – Tom



LINDA ANDERSEN, COUNCILLOR



“It has certainly been a busy summer this year. Between rain and mosquitoes, attending all the meetings and events has been very busy. I have been an active member of the DSSAB, Fire Committee as well as the Museum Board. Big things have happened in each group. The Fire Committee has worked hard to craft a merged fire department between Callander and Nipissing. This is a major achievement which will be beneficial to both communities as well as the management and volunteer fire fighters in our region.

As most of you are aware the museum opened a Retro Candy Store in the center building of the museum property. The Board worked tirelessly to create the new look for the office building. The candy store is being very well received and we

have increased the number of visitors and guided tours dramatically this year. As well, the Board was able to run the various events that we offer annually including Canada Day, Garage and Bake sale as well as the most recent Heritage Day.

DSSAB is a monthly meeting to review the social housing and homelessness in our area. This is a government committee and this year the terms of reference and Levy system will be reviewed. Input is expected by all the DSSAB Boards across Ontario as well as those municipalities participating in the payment of these Boards. I will continue to update the Council of any changes coming from this Board. Have a safe and happy autumn.” – Linda

TOM BUTLER, COUNCILLOR

“This will be the last newsletter message from Council before the next municipal election. Thinking over my last seven years on Council, we have several things to be proud of like landfill and fire services reform as well as a general fiscal restraint. It’s been an honour to serve as I approach the end of my second term on Council in 2018.” – Tom



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:

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| Refundable fee for swipe-card (required for all members) | \$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 |

Accessible use of weights and small equipment available through scheduled appointments.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Tips for dealing with Windstorm and Severe Rainfall

Strong and gusty winds can cause property damage or turn any loose items into flying debris. It can affect your ability to safely steer your car and make it hard to walk. High winds in combination with heavy rain can increase the risk of tree limb breakage or trees uprooting. After high winds, make sure to check your property for dead branches and damage. When high winds and severe rain fall are expected, Emergency Management Ontario advises the public to follow these tips:



Personal Preparedness – Before the Storm

Arrange a meeting place or a way of communicating with family members who may be at work, school, or away from home when a storm hits.

Make sure you have an Emergency Survival Kit with sufficient supply of food and water.

Regularly inspect the trees in your yard and remove any damaged limbs to make them more wind resistant.

Check the drainage around the house to reduce the possibility of flooding after a heavy rain.

Secure lawn furniture, trash cans and anything else that can be picked up by wind and become a danger.

Designate a safe room in your home where household members and pets may gather if winds become extremely high.

Safety Tips –During the Storm

If you are indoors:

If time permits, draw blinds and shades over the windows in your home to help minimize the damage if the glass shatters. Move away from windows.

Stay on top of the latest storm information through local media, Environment Canada's weatheroffice.gc.ca website or a Weather radio.

If winds become extremely high, go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar or the lowest building level.

If there is no basement go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level away from windows and doors. Put as many walls as possible between you and outside.

If there is a power outage, keep your fridge and freezer shut unless absolutely necessary. A full freezer can keep food frozen for 24-36 hours if the door stays shut.

If you are outdoors:

Get inside a solid built structure immediately.

If winds become extremely high and you cannot move inside a building, lie flat in a ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands.

If there is lightning and you are caught in the open, do not lie flat on the ground - sit in a frog position and lower your head.

Watch out for flying debris, including street signs, yard objects and tree limbs. Be careful of fallen power lines. Do not touch the power lines, always assume they are live.

If you are driving, pull over to the side of the road away from trees. Avoid driving through flooded roads and underpasses. The water may be a great deal deeper than it looks and you could get stuck. Also avoid crossing bridges if the water is high and flowing quickly.

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING COUNCIL MESSAGES

TOM MARCHANT, COUNCILLOR



“The “Soggy summer of ‘17” has been a trying one for those holding outdoor events, for us farmers trying to make hay and for construction projects. We were fortunate the day of our 150th celebration and the dedication of the “Pat Haufe Way” sign on July 1st, the weather cooperated somewhat. It was good to see so many in attendance, including Pat’s family.

Water, as I used to tell my Forest Tech students, is the main enemy of a road bed. We can all appreciate the knowledge and ability of the public works staff for creating and maintaining great ditches and culverts. You can help keep our roads safe and clear by removing long grass, leaves and other debris from driveway culverts.

One good thing about “Soggy 17” is that we have not had to worry about wildfires. It was gratifying to see so many residents out at our information

session on the shared fire department with Callander. This will give us better protection with cost savings when buying new trucks and additional access to training for our great volunteers. The new fire permit system is working well and is certainly more convenient.

Thanks to those who attended our Official Plan review information evening. Our staff continue to work hard to provide timely updates and have received an award for being among the first 15 municipalities in Ontario to submit the 2016 Financial Information Return.

It is hard to believe it has been over a year since I was appointed to Council. I have really enjoyed working with Mayor Piper, Council and Staff. Have a great autumn and winter. All the best for 2018.” – Tom

LIZ SMITH, COUNCILLOR

“Hello and hoping that everyone had a safe and fun filled summer. I have been extremely busy with our new Candy and Gift Shop at the Nipissing Township Museum. I am proud to say that this new venture has been a huge success. Thank you to our Board members who put in countless hours as well as all who supported it.

I have just returned from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) annual conference. This conference is a three-day, information packed event that provides updates and program updates for Council. I have also been asked to sit in on the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) governance and accountability review. Wishing everyone a happy fall as summer comes to an end. – Liz”



Township of Nipissing Fire Department

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

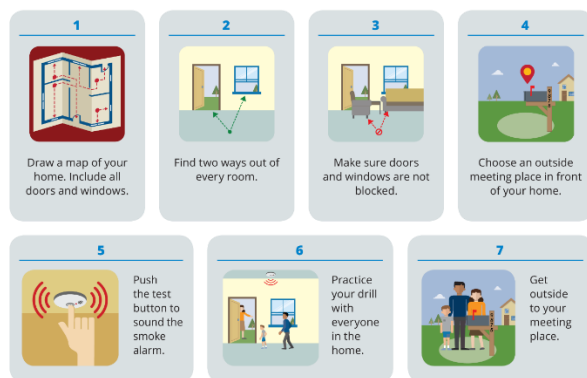
That's why this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan. Here's this year's key campaign messages:

- [Draw a map of your home](#) (PDF) with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.



How fast does fire move? Very fast. You could have less than 2 minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

7 steps to practicing your escape plan



For more information about escape planning, visit:
www.usfa.fema.gov and www.firepreventionweek.org.

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INTRODUCING THE CALLANDER-NIPISSING FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Council's of the Township of Nipissing and Municipality of Callander have signed an agreement to combine the fire services and create a new department named the **Callander-Nipissing Fire Department**.



The Joint Shared Fire Services Review Committee provided public information sessions on what the new department would look like leading up to this agreement. The following are highlights from those meetings.

Staffing structure:

- ❖ Full-Time Fire Chief
- ❖ Full-Time Deputy Fire Chief
- ❖ Part-Time Fire Prevention Officer
- ❖ 43 Firefighters

Station placement:

Station 1 Callander, Main Street
Station 1 Nipissing, Hwy 654
(Station 2 Callander will consolidate with
Stn 1 Nipissing at the Nipissing hall)
Station 2 Nipissing, Hwy 534

Benefits to Service Delivery:

- ❖ Improved response for South Shore area.
- ❖ Increased number of Firefighters for the Station in the South Shore area.
- ❖ Standardized procedures training.
- ❖ Stability for the Fire Department including staffing, apparatus and coverage.
- ❖ Long-term reduced costs through shared facilities, staff, apparatus and equipment.

Board of Management Structure:

- ❖ Board of Management will be composed of two Council members from each municipality and one member at large with a Fire Department background, to be appointed by the Board.
- ❖ The Fire Chief will report directly to the Board. The Board will be the "employer of record" for all Fire Department staff.
- ❖ The proposed annual budget for the Shared Fire Service will be presented to each municipal Council for approval prior to adoption.

Budget Requirements for Shared Service:

- ❖ Costs in the first year will be higher than anticipated in the following years due to start up costs, legal fees, signage and identification changes and establishing the new department.
- ❖ The main objective of the shared service is to improve the service delivery and safety of the residents and visitors to the municipalities and establish a stable, dependable department capable of operating in the long term.
- ❖ Each department requires a new tanker unit. By combining there is only a need to purchase one which will save each municipality a substantial amount.

Both departments have been training and working together for several years in preparation for this step and we look forward to moving forward with the Municipality of Callander on this important venture. Should you have any questions regarding the upcoming change, please contact the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief or Township Office.

