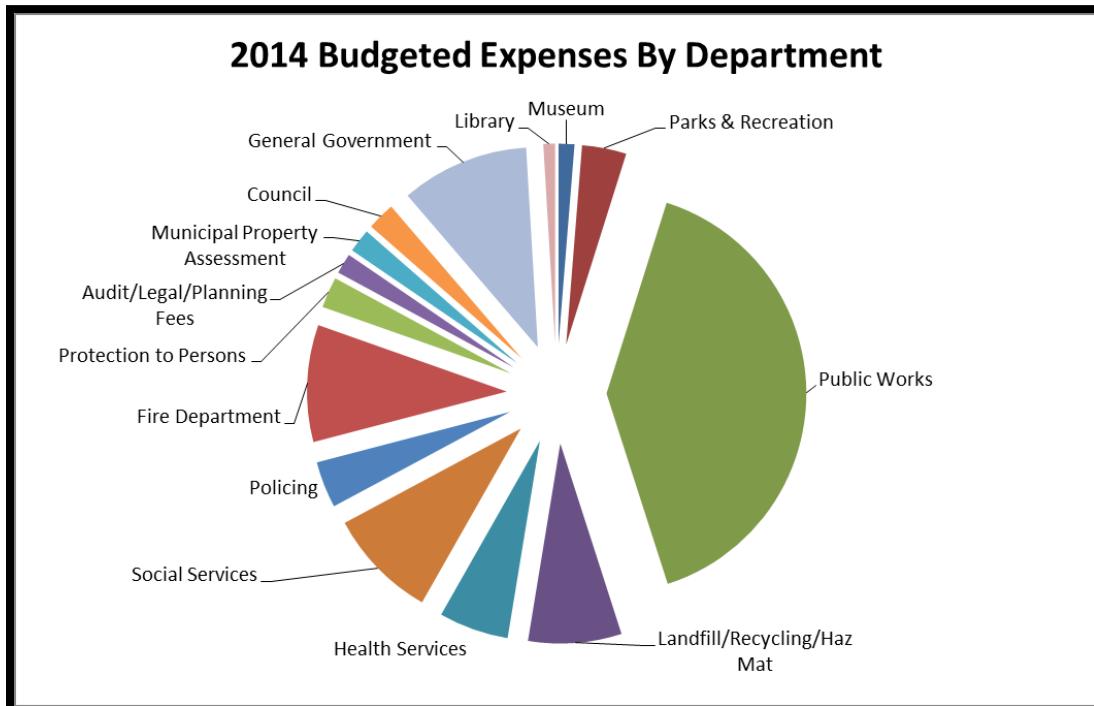


2015 BUDGET NEWS

Where your tax dollars go:



2015 Budget special points of interest:

OPP costing will increase 40%.

Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) will provide \$25,000 formula based funding for infrastructure.

Road Projects:

- Alsace Road
- Wolfe Lake Road
- Ruth Haven Drive

PERSPECTIVE:

An average monthly cell phone bill	\$ 60
An average monthly internet bill	\$ 55
An average monthly Satellite television bill	<u>\$ 80</u>
*Average family entertainment expenses	\$195
Entertainment expenses for 1 year	<u>\$2,340</u>

Taxes in 2014 for an average home assessed at \$200,000 were **\$1,716.59**.

Municipal portion \$1,310.59
School Board portion \$406

Municipal Property Taxes Support:

- ❖ Road maintenance
- ❖ Landfill operations
- ❖ Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste programs
- ❖ Fire Department
- ❖ EMS (land ambulance) services
- ❖ Police services – provided by the Ontario Provincial Police
- ❖ Health Unit – member of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
- ❖ North Bay Regional Health Centre contribution
- ❖ DSSAB – District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board
- ❖ Eastholme, Home for the Aged levy
- ❖ Cemetery operations – administration of 3 operating cemeteries
- ❖ By-Law Enforcement
- ❖ Building Department
- ❖ Animal Control
- ❖ Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) services
- ❖ Emergency Management Planning
- ❖ Council and General Government Administration
- ❖ Nipissing Community Centre and Fitness Centre operations
- ❖ Heritage Park outdoor rink
- ❖ Powassan and District Union Public Library partner
- ❖ Nipissing Township Museum
- ❖ Recreational activities – Canada Day celebrations, Children’s Easter and Halloween parties

2015 Budget

Council is now preparing for the 2015 Budget. The first Budget meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2015 during the regular Council meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. Council meetings are held at 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing. Meetings are open to the public and all residents are welcome to attend. Written submissions may be forwarded to the Township Office via email admin@nipissingtownship.com, by mail, by fax 705-724-5385 or in person.



STATUTORY FIVE-YEAR OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

The Township of Nipissing is initiating the Statutory five-year Official Plan Review in 2015. The review will provide an opportunity to update the Official Plan to bring it into conformity with recent Provincial land use planning policy. The review will also include the development, and where appropriate, the revisions of the Official Plan policies to provide guidance on local issues such as shoreline development, new lot creation and economic development initiatives.

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF AN OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing will be holding a special meeting under Section 17 and Section 26(3)(b) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the Township's intent to review its Official Plan.

The special meeting is being held in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act to provide members of the public an opportunity to discuss with Council the revisions that may be required and to directly provide comments on the Official Plan. This special meeting is the first step to initiate the review process and to discuss sections of the Official Plan that may need revisions. Throughout the Official Plan Review Process there will be other Open House sessions and a Statutory Public Meeting that will provide the opportunity to provide comments to Council, Staff and the consultants.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Township of Nipissing Office
45 Beatty Street
Nipissing, Ontario P0H 1W0

DETAILS OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

The Municipality is required to review the Official Plan every 5 years to determine if the Official Plan requires changes to reflect current issues and legislation.

Following this meeting, comments provided from the public will be considered by Council in the Official Plan Review Process.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND KEY MAP

There is no key map provided, as the Official Plan Update is applicable to all land within the corporate boundaries of the Township of Nipissing.

Charles Barton
Chief Administrative Officer-Clerk
Township of Nipissing

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Fire Safety for Older Adults

Ontario adults 65 years and older are at higher risk of dying by fire than any other age group.

Common fire scenarios involving adults 65 years and older:

1. People smoking in their living area or bedroom while sleepy. Burning cigarettes or ashes ignite furniture/bedding or clothing.
2. People reaching over a hot burner on the stove and igniting clothing.



Make sure a fire never starts by following these simple tips:

- If you smoke use large, deep ashtrays. If anyone in the home smokes, smoke outside. Never smoke in bed.
- Don't reach for danger! Wear tight-fitting or rolled-up sleeves when cooking and don't reach over a hot burner. Always stay in the kitchen when you are cooking.
- Always blow out candles before leaving the room.
- Ensure items that can burn are one metre away from space heaters.
- Avoid overloading the electrical outlets. Extension cords should be used only as a temporary connection.
- Avoid running cords under rugs, which can damage the cord and cause a fire.
- Install a smoke alarm on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Test smoke alarms once a month and replace the battery once a year, or whenever the low-battery warning sounds.
- Know exactly what to do and where to go if there is a fire. Plan and practice your escape! Develop a home fire escape plan or refer to your building's fire safety plan.
- Once you've escaped a fire, call the fire department from a neighbour's home. Never go back into a burning building.

For more information, please contact the Fire Department 705-752-2772 or visit www.nipissingtownship.com.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Nipissing Fire Department please contact the Fire Chief by phone 705-752-2772 (leave a message) or at 705-724-2144, email firedept@nipissingtownship.com or in person at 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing.

SILENT BUT DEADLY

The Facts About Carbon Monoxide

CHECK YOUR CHIMNEY

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.

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.

Ministry of Transportation offers Traveller Information Services called 511. Ontario 511 is an abbreviated telephone number offering 24/7 information on Winter Road Conditions, Closures and Construction Information.



As important as it is to remember 511 as a dialing code, a website address of www.ontario.ca/511 can also assist commuters and travellers seeking information to plan their route. The service is also an effective communication method for getting critical information to the public when emergencies or events arise.

Hydro One offers Power Outage Information at Your Fingertips.

Detailed outage information can be found online at www.hydroone.com and in the palm of your hand with their Storm Centre outage maps and Hydro One Mobile application. Their online Storm Centre outage mapping system is updated every 15 minutes with information on restoration times, outage causes and crew status to keep you informed.



Hydro One's FREE mobile application is available for download on smartphone and tablet devices allowing customers to check the status of power outages anywhere in their service area.

If you are experiencing a power outage, please call **1-800-434-1235** to report a power problem.

LANDFILL AND RECYCLING NEWS

Thank you to all residents for the continued success of our Recycling Program.

The 2015 Landfill Entry Cards are enclosed with the Interim Tax Bills. Please note that these cards are sent with the Interim Tax Bills to all landowners at the billing address on file. For those properties that have tenants, it is the landowner's responsibility to provide the tenant with the card. The Township Office does not issue Landfill Entry Cards to non-landowners or tenants. For more information, please contact the Township Office.

Please remember that household waste does not mix with recycling.

HERITAGE PARK OUTDOOR RINK

The outdoor rink is open! The Rink Hours are as follows:

<u>Free Skate:</u>	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Tuesday, Thursday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
<u>Hockey:</u>	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Tuesday, Thursday 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.



FAMILY FUN SKATE

Presented by the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee
Sunday, February 15, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Heritage Park Outdoor Rink
Please come out and join us for hot chocolate and family fun!

2015 DOG TAGS

2015 Dog Tags are now available at the Township Office. Tags are due by March 31, 2015.

Costs: 1st Dog \$10.00
2nd Dog \$20.00
3rd Dog (and each additional dog) \$30.00

Animal Control Officer, Sandy Briggs, will be conducting a door-to-door program throughout the Township to follow up on un-renewed tags. If you no longer have a dog previously licenced, please contact the Township Office to update information.

REMINDER: By-Law 831 prohibits dogs from running at large.
Please visit www.nipissingtownship.com for a copy of this By-Law.