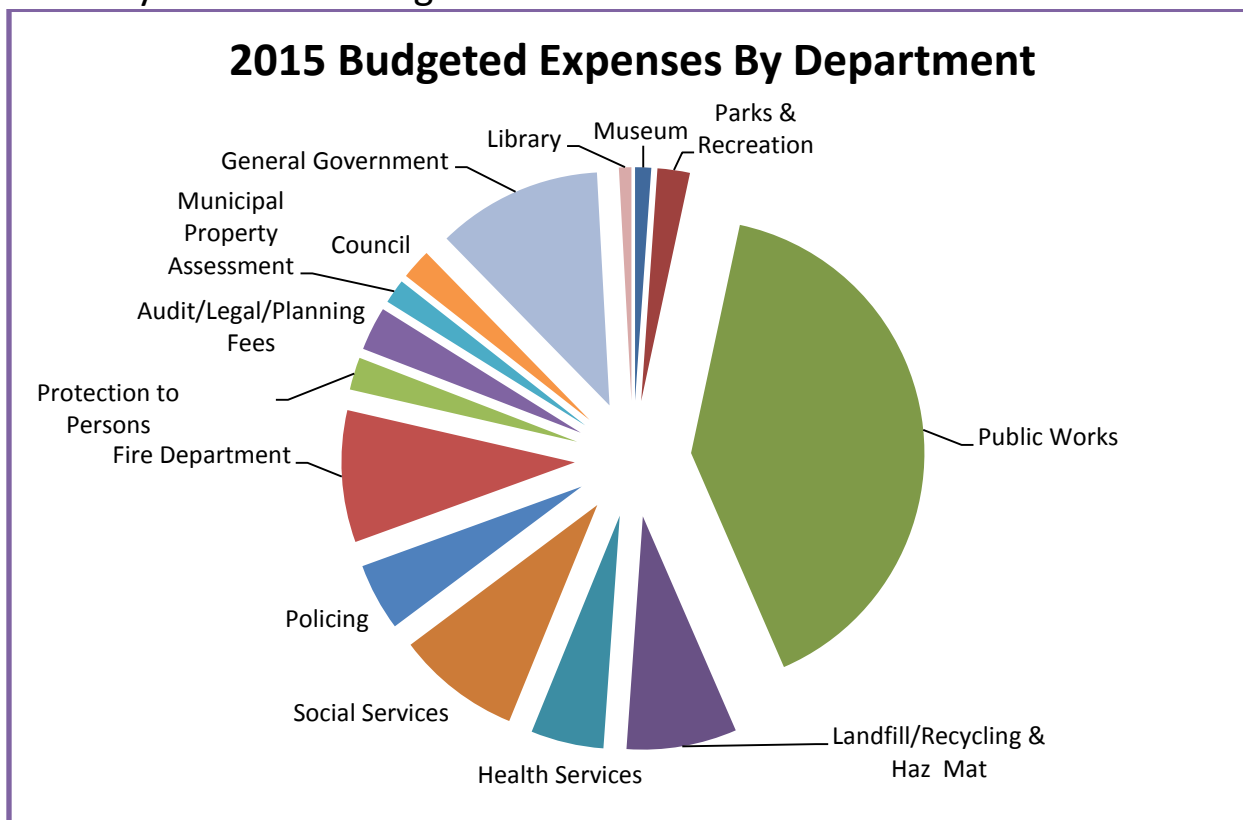


2016 BUDGET NEWS

Where your tax dollars go:



2016 Budget special points of interest:

Expenses

OPP costing will increase 40% over the 2015 amount, this increase will cost an additional \$70,095. This is the second scheduled increase out of five anticipated between 2015 and 2019.

DSSAB (District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board) and the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit levies will each increase 2%.

Revenues

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

*OMPF (Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund) will increase by 5% for 2016, providing a \$504,000 payment.

Municipal Property Taxes Support:

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

Council is now preparing for the 2016 Budget. The **First Budget Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 16, 2016** 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 everyone is 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.

CYANOBACTERIA (Blue Green Algae)



What are Cyanobacteria? Cyanobacteria, also known as blue-green algae or pond scum, have cells that can produce toxins that are a health concern to humans and animals. They are not real algae, but bacteria. Cyanobacteria have been around for thousands of years. They are a worldwide problem and are found in nearly every environment.

Normally, they are barely visible but when conditions become favourable, they may form visible blooms. In our area, cyanobacterial blooms generally show up in August and may persist through winter.

What are the health risks and symptoms? You can be exposed to the toxins if you drink the water, your skin contacts the water, you inhale water droplets or if you eat contaminated food. If you swallow the water, you may vomit, get diarrhea, or have abdominal pain, cramps and nausea. How sick you are depends on the amount of water you drank and the concentration of the toxins. Although rare, severe cases could include seizures, liver failure, and respiratory arrest – even death.

If you come in contact with the toxins, your skin may be irritated. It may appear as an itch, redness or skin rash. In more severe cases, you can get mouth ulcers, ulcers inside the nose, eye and ear irritation, and blistering of the lips.

Can my pets drink contaminated water?

No - pets and livestock have died from drinking water containing toxic cyanobacteria.

Who should I Call if I see a cyanobacterial bloom?

Call the Ontario Ministry of the Environmental Spills Action Centre at 1-800-268-6060

What should I do if I suspect a septic system is leaking into a water source?

The North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority is responsible for the sewage permit program in the Districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound. Phone number: (705) 474-5420

What to do and things to avoid

- Be aware of area with thick clumps of cyanobacteria and avoid direct contact with it.
- Do not wade or swim in water containing visible cyanobacteria
- Keep animals and children away from water.
- Do not boat or water ski through cyanobacterial blooms.
- Do not drink the water and avoid any situation that could lead to swallowing the water.
- If you do come in contact with the cyanobacteria, rinse off with fresh water as soon as possible.
- Make sure children are supervised at all times when they are near water. Drowning, not exposure to toxic cyanobacteria remains the biggest water recreation hazard.

If it's near your water supply.... Home treatment systems may not remove toxins and can easily get overwhelmed or clogged, so they should not be relied on. Do not boil the water or manually treat the water with chlorine or other disinfectants, as this could increase toxin levels.

If you have your own well supply with a groundwater source (not including shore wells or infiltration galleries), or you receive trucked water in cisterns, you can continue to use water normally.

Source: <<http://www.ontario.ca/page/blue-green-algae>>

Additional Resources

- <http://www.myhealthunit.ca/en/livehealthyandprotectyourhealth/resources/eh-cyanobacteriafrequentlyaskedquestions.pdf>
- Cyanobacterial Toxins, Health Canada
hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/water-eau/cyanobacterial_toxins/index-eng.php
- Toxic cyanobacteria in water: A guide to their public health consequences, monitoring and management, World Health Organization who.int/water_sanitation_health/resourcesquality/toxiccyanbact/en/
- <http://www.nbmca.on.ca/site/docs/NBMCA%20Caring%20for%20your%20septic%20system.pdf>
- Water-related Diseases, World Health Organization
who.int/water_sanitation_health/diseases/cyanobacteria/en/index.html

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Volunteers Firefighters needed

What if you called 911 and no one responded to help?

As a volunteer Fire Department, we rely entirely on the pool of available volunteers who are able to respond when the call goes out. Our purpose is to prevent and reduce loss of life, pain and suffering, and property damage. As such, it is crucial to maintain enough trained and qualified volunteers so that we have the necessary personnel numbers to respond to the next fire, medical emergency, motor vehicle accident, or life hazard.

You never know who will need help next; it could be your neighbour, your friend or even a member of your family. Please volunteer to help us help them!

Benefits & Rewards of Volunteering

- ❖ Training that will be useful anywhere (i.e. CPR, First Aid)
- ❖ Great sense of pride from contributing to the security and welfare of your local community.
- ❖ Making a positive difference in people's lives.
- ❖ Excitement and adventure.
- ❖ Leadership opportunities.
- ❖ Camaraderie and friendships.
- ❖ Social events.
- ❖ Access to fitness facilities

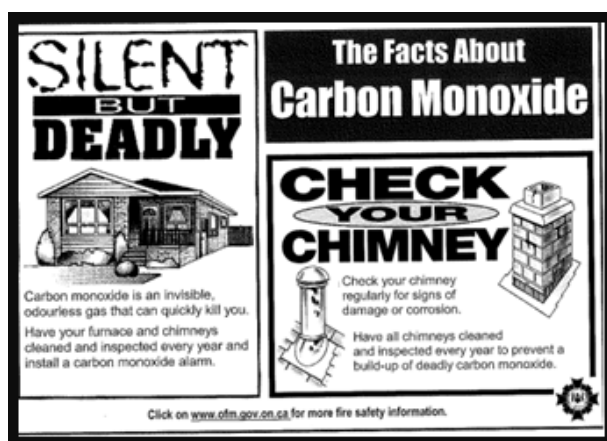
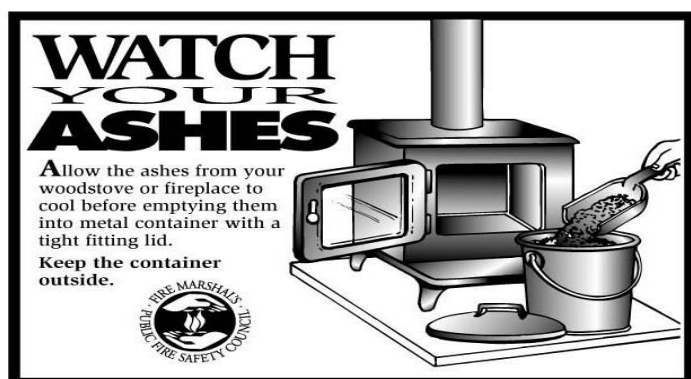
For more information on fire safety or becoming a member of our Fire Department, please visit our website at www.nipissingtownship.com or contact us at 705-724-2144.

What is carbon monoxide?

- Carbon monoxide (CO) is known as the silent killer because it is an invisible, tasteless and odourless gas that can be deadly.
- CO is produced when fuels such as propane, gasoline, natural gas, heating oil or wood do not burn completely in fuel-burning appliances and devices such as furnaces, fireplaces, hot water heaters, stoves, barbeques, portable heaters and generators or vehicles.
- Over 80% of CO-related injuries and deaths in Ontario occur in the home (source: TSSA).

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea and dizziness, as well as confusion, drowsiness, loss of consciousness and death.
- If your CO alarm sounds, and you or other occupants suffer from symptoms of CO poisoning, get everyone out of the home immediately. Then call 9-1-1 or your local emergency services number from outside the building.
- If your CO alarm sounds, and no one is suffering from symptoms of CO poisoning, check to see if the battery needs replacing, or the alarm has reached its "end-of-life" before calling 9-1-1.





211 is the source Canadians trust when seeking information and services to deal with life's challenges. 211's award-winning telephone helpline (2-1-1) and website provide a gateway to community, social, non-clinical health and related government services. 211 helps to navigate the complex network of human services quickly and easily, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in over 100 languages.

211 connects people to the right information and services, strengthens Canada's health and human services, and helps Canadians to become more engaged with their communities.

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 2016 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 will open depending on weather conditions.! **The Rink Hours will be as follows:**

Free Skate:	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.
Hockey:	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

The 2016 Family Fun Skate will be scheduled according to the weather conditions!

Please watch for notices on the Township website and local businesses for more information.

2016 DOG TAGS

2016 Dog Tags are now available at the Township Office. Tags are due by March 31, 2016.

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

Animal Control Officer, Sandy Briggs, 705-724-2676

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.