NEWSWORTHY AND REMINDERS

TOWN HALL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2019 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Township of Nipissing Community Centre, 2381 Highway 654

Items to be discussed: *Government Dock Management Strategy

*Landfill Concerns

*Municipal Strategic Plan

*Current Issues

2019 BUDGET MEETING NOTICE

Council will review and discuss the Draft 2019 Budget Tuesday, May 7, 2019 6:30 p.m.

The intent of Council is to Pass the 2019 Budget at the May 21, 2019 Council meeting 6:30 p.m.

Both are regular Council meetings held at 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing

All meetings are open to the public and residents are welcome to attend.

THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR TWO (2) CEMETERY/PARK/ROAD LABOURER – SUMMER STUDENTS

FOR THE 2019 SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.
WRITTEN RESUMES WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL
3:00 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019
APPLICANTS MUST HAVE VALID DRIVER'S LICENCE.

PLEASE FORWARD APPLICATIONS TO:
TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING
45 BEATTY STREET
NIPISSING, ON POH 1WO
ATTENTION: CHARLES BARTON, CAO-CLERK

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

2019 DOG TAG REMINDER

Dog Tags Renewals are due by March 31 each year.

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

If you no longer own a dog previously licensed, please contact the Office to update information.

Please visit <u>www.nipissingtownship.com</u> to view a copy of the Dog By-law.

2018 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2018 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.

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING SPRING NEWSLETTER

NIPISSING TOWNSHIP MUSEUM

The Township of Nipissing Museum is certainly a focal point in our community. The Township has been operating it since 1975 with a multitude of volunteers and a seven-person Board. The Museum depicts the founding families of our community with many beautiful and interesting artifacts.

The current Board has undertaken to give the museum a refresh of all three buildings over the last two years. In 2017 the central building was converted into a retro candy store. This is now one of the main fund raisers for the Museum. The candy store is filled with many artifacts, books, gifts and of course the candy you will remember from your childhood. The interior has been set up to remind you of what a store in the early 1900's may have looked like. If you haven't been to the Township of Nipissing Museum you should make a visit this year.

The church will undergo a refresh this year. Some of the existing artifacts are stored for future display as we like to continue to rotate displays. The center of the church will be set up as a rotating display which could feature a variety of artifact collections or special events. The grand opening will be June 15, 2019. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this great event.

Below is the current energetic Board which has been spearheading the recent changes to the museum. This group of dedicated volunteers works tirelessly to continually improve the visitor experience.



Gladys Bateman



Mary Heasman



Norah Jackson



Kerry Kloiber



Brenda Lennon



Hours of Operation for the 2019 Season:

Wednesday to Sunday; 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed Monday and Tuesday

Pie Day will take place Sunday, July 14, 2019

Heritage Day will take place Sunday, August 18, 2019

Please visit the Museum page on the Township website, <u>www.nipissingtownship.com</u> for new and upcoming event information!



Linda Andersen Councillor



Liz Moore Councillor

Friends of the Museum and Volunteers are a critical part of our success and are always welcome. Please contact a Board Member or the Museum staff for more information.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Floods

Flooding is a natural hazard in Ontario that can happen at any time of year.



Hazard Information

Floods are typically caused by melting snow, ice jams, heavy spring rains and summer thunderstorms. Flash flooding is caused by violent rain storms or breaking dams — often occurring with little or no warning. They can damage property and injure or kill people. For more information on flooding and your safety, visit http://www.ontario.ca/law-and-safety/flood-forecasting-and-warning-program

Safety Tips

If you are instructed by emergency officials to evacuate, do so immediately.

If you are indoors:

- Move essential items (and household chemicals) to an upper floor
- Disconnect electrical appliances don't touch electrical equipment if you're wet or standing in water
- Bring in outdoor furniture (if you have time)
- Don't eat food that's come in contact with flood waters

If you are outdoors:

- Move to higher ground if there is a chance of a flash flood
- Don't walk through moving water you may fall
- If you have to walk look for where the water is not moving and use a stick to check the ground in front of you
- Keep children away from flood water
- Don't drive through floodwaters

Prepare Now:

Take the following steps so you and your family are prepared in the event of an emergency:

- Put weather protection sealant around basement windows and ground-level doors
- Install "check valves" in sewer traps to prevent floodwater from backing up into the drains of your home
- Install the drainage for downspouts a sufficient distance from your home to ensure water moves away from the building
- Move documents and keepsakes out of the basement
- Keep instructions for shutting off gas and water valves handy and read them carefully



LANDFILL NEWS

Clear Bags Only



The Township of Nipissing implemented a **Clear Bag Program** in 2013. Bags must be clear or tinted as long as the contents are visible to the landfill staff. **To address privacy concerns:** regarding personal items related to health/hygiene waste, one solid colour privacy bag – no larger than 20" x 22" (approximate size of a grocery bag) per clear bag will be accepted.

Septic and Human Waste are NOT accepted at the Township of Nipissing Landfill sites.

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.



LANDFILL SAFETY

ATTENTION ALL LANDFILL USERS:

The safety of the public and the site operating personnel is of prime importance at all times.

Inder Policy 2018-01, Landfill Public Safety Policy



HAZARDS

- Narrow Roads
- Vehicle Traffic
- Uneven Surfaces
- Exposed Wastes
- Odours
- Soft Ground
- Debris



SAFETY RULES

- Children, pets and individuals not unloading waste <u>must</u> remain in vehicles;
- Only adults are allowed to unload vehicles in areas as directed by site operators;
- Users must leave unloading area immediately upon unloading of vehicles.



Smoking in the unloading area is not allowed.

Extinguish all smoking materials before exiting vehicle.



Scavenging in any landfill area is strictly prohibited.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

HOW TO BUILD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

Building is a 2 step affair. There are Ontario Building Code requirements to meet, but before that it is recommended that you consult with our Planning and Zoning staff to ensure you will be able to undertake your desired project in conformance with the Township Zoning By-Law 2012-12.

Once you are sure you can move ahead with your project, the next step is to apply for a building permit. For this step you require:

- 1. a completed application
- 2. a site location plan
- 3. two (2) copies of construction drawing

New residences require septic approval (North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority) and an energy efficiency design summary included with the application package.

One set of drawings is returned to you with the issuance of the building permit, this is the set you should build from. These drawings have been reviewed by the Chief Building Official to ensure that they are Ontario Building Code compliant and there are no important omissions or errors.

Septic system approvals are issued by the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority, 705-474-5420. Please contact their office directly for application and approval information.

Start off your building project on the right foot with a proper set of construction drawings. Complete, well planned drawings help to have the building permit issued faster, provide clarity to all involved with the building project as well as providing a more accurate materials list and costing quotes from tradespeople. Homeowners can prepare their own construction drawings, however the services of a designer with a BCIN# are recommended for the competent construction detail required.

All projects have a prescribed set of inspections attached to them. It is ultimately the responsibility of the homeowner to notify the building department of readiness at each stage of construction. A Required Inspection List is issued with each Building Permit. The absence of required inspections can have drastic and unfortunate consequences which can affect your personal safety, the record of your home when it comes time to sell your home or costly delays and re-construction requirements to remedy the situation.

If you are unsure if you need a permit, please call the Building Department for the definitive answer.

Chief Building Official: Cameron Karpenko

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE TOWNSHIP...

GOVERNMENT DOCK UPDATE

Council has been in negotiations with Small Craft Harbours, Fisheries and Oceans Canada for many years regarding the transfer of ownership of the Government Dock located at Wade's Landing.

On September 18, 2018, Council signed a Transfer Framework Agreement with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Small Craft Harbours Branch. Fisheries and Oceans will remove the existing timber wharf structure and replace it with a new timber approach crib and two floating docks, at their expense, prior to the transfer to the Municipality.

Construction has been underway for several weeks and the demolition of the existing structure is almost complete. The floating docks will be constructed and in place for use during the summer of 2019. Please contact the Township Office for further information on this project.

Public Beaches in the Township

After a very long winter, we are all looking forward to a warm and sunny summer.

The Township maintains two public beaches. Each beach is equipped with change room facilities and picnic tables. While the two beaches are owned by the Township please remember that they are NOT SUPERVISED BEACH AREAS. Please always use caution around the water.

Wolfe Lake Beach is located at 705 Wolfe Lake Road.

Sunset Cove Beach is located at 679 Sunset Cove Road.

Things to remember:

- Alcohol is not permitted on the beach areas.
- Pets are not permitted on the beach areas for hygiene purposes.
- Please be respectful of neighbouring properties and other beach users.

The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit monitors and samples the water at the beaches. There is signage in place to indicate any risks that may be present in the water. Please refer to these signs prior to swimming. For further information on water quality, please contact the Health Unit. www.myhealthunit.ca or 705-474-1400



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention and Public Education

HOME FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM

The Township of Nipissing Fire Department will continue the door-to-door Home Fire Safety Program throughout 2019, promoting smoke and co alarm safety and compliance; home escape planning and providing fire safety and prevention information to the residents of the Township.

What to expect when you hear us knock on your door:



You will be given a package containing information on smoke alarms, co detectors, barbeque and propane safety, home escape planning and cooking safety.

We will ask you if you have working, tested smoke alarms and co detectors in your home and if you have any questions about them.

The purpose of the door-to-door Home Fire Safety Program is to introduce ourselves to the residents and share our knowledge about fire safety and prevention to help ensure that you and your family are as safe as possible. This is an education campaign, not an enforcement campaign. We want you to understand your obligations under the legislation and why they are in place.

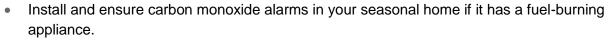
Please ask us questions. We are here to help. We look forward to meeting you!

Seasonal Property Fire Safety

(this includes but is not limited to cottages, cabins, motorhomes/RVs, boats & houseboats etc.)

Test smoke alarms at least monthly or each time you return to your seasonal

home. Pack a new smoke alarm and extra smoke alarm batteries in case they need replacement.



- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan to ensure everyone knows what to do if the smoke alarm sounds.
- Know the telephone number for the local fire department and your seasonal home's emergency sign number, in case of emergency.
- Clean barbecues before using them. Keep an eye on lit barbecues and ensure all combustibles, as well as children and pets are kept well away from them. Fires can happen when barbecues are left unattended.
- Keep barbecue lighters and matches out of sight and reach of children.
- Remember to bring a flashlight with extra batteries.
- Check heating appliances and chimneys before using them.
- Check with your local fire department, municipality, or Ministry of Natural Resources to determine whether open air burning is permitted before having a campfire or burning brush.
- Tobacco use and excessive alcohol consumption are contributing factors in many fires and can lead to serious injuries. Dispose of smoking materials safely.
- Burn candles in sturdy candleholders that will not tip and are covered with a glass shade. When you go out, blow out!

Open Air Burning Restrictions - In effect as of April 1st

Daytime burning restrictions come into effect April 1, 2019.

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 (exceptions are in place for small fires for personal warmth and cooking – please refer to the website for a copy of the full by-law) and Fireworks Permits are required for the discharge of all fireworks.

Burning permits are free of charge and are issued for the current year, expiring December 31, 2019. Burning permit applications and Firework permit applications may be obtained from the

Township Office, 45 Beatty Street or by email: admin@nipissingtownship.com
Or downloaded from the Township website with a scan and email option for submission.
For full instructions please visit www.nipissingtownship.com

Plan Your Escape

Sit down with everyone in your home and discuss how each person will get out in a fire. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.

Know two ways out of every room. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.

Have an outside meeting place, a safe distance from your home. In case of fire, everyone should go directly to this meeting place to be accounted for.

Help those who need it. Determine who will be responsible for helping young children, older adults, people with disabilities or anyone else who may need assistance.



Fire and smoke spread so quickly, the fire department may not arrive in time to save you in a fire.

When the smoke alarms sound, get out immediately and call 9-1-1 from outside. **Never** re-enter a burning building.

Sleepover Fire Safety for Children

If your child is planning to sleep over with a friend, make sure the home is safe from fire. Here are some things to consider:

Before you say "yes"...

- Are there working smoke alarms on every level and outside each sleeping area?
- Will the children be supervised throughout the stay?
- Do they have a home fire escape plan that includes two ways out and a meeting place outside?
- Are there two escape routes from the room where your child will be sleeping?
- Will the parents walk through their escape plan with your child?
- Are the parents cautious with smoking materials, matches and lighters, and candles?
- If the home has security bars, do they have quick release devices inside so your child can get out in an emergency.

For more information please visit the Fire Department page of the Township of Nipissing website at www.nipissingtownship.com. Follow us on Facebook.

