

Nipissing Community Centre

Changing of the guard...

We would like to thank John Chellew for his many years of dedicated service and excellent care of the Township facilities. We wish John and Brenda a wonderful retirement!

Please help us welcome Jenn Chapman as she settles into her new duties of caring for the Community Centre, Fitness Centre and other maintenance duties.

The Township of Nipissing Community Centre is available to rent for many different occasions. The Community Centre can accommodate 130 people for an event. Tables and chairs can be set up as required. The Centre has an accessible entrance and both washrooms are accessible. There is a commercial grade kitchen available for use which includes two stoves, a commercial fridge and a cooling unit and small freezer. Full service of dishes, cutlery, cooking utensils and serving items are included with full rentals. Family dinners, birthday parties, bridal and baby showers, meetings and weddings, everything can be held at the Community Centre for reasonable prices. Please call the Township Office 705-724-2144 to reserve the facility.

Damage Deposit (Refundable) Non-Alcohol Event Rental	\$ 75.00
Damage Deposit (Refundable) Alcohol Event Rental	\$ 100.00
Key Deposit (Refundable)	\$ 25.00
Alcohol Licenced Event (6 p.m. to 2 a.m.) *Special Occasions Permit Required (includes kitchen rental)	\$ 300.00
Kitchen Rental	\$ 50.00
Hall Rental – ½ Day (4 hours approximately) (includes kitchen rental)	\$ 100.00
Hall Rental – Full Day (8 hours approximately) (includes kitchen rental)	\$ 150.00
Hall Rental – 2 hours – Education/Training Rate (does not include kitchen rental) *requires third party liability insurance	\$ 25.00
Funeral Luncheon (includes kitchen rental)	\$ 50.00

FITNESS CENTRE MEMBERSHIPS

Located at 2381 Highway 654 – lower level of the Township of Nipissing Community Centre.

The Fitness Centre is open 5:00 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 Jenn Chapman 705-492-9779.

Membership fees:

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.



Council Messages

Tom Piper, Mayor

"As we all start preparing for Fall, it is time to put the past summer into perspective. Summer didn't start well with flood conditions on the South River and Lake Nipissing. Water levels reached the highest levels on Lake Nipissing since 1979. The Township handed out approximately 3,000 sand bags but there was still extensive damage to some properties, however no Township infrastructure was affected.

CAO Barton and I have been attending meetings to bring more high-speed internet and cell phone coverage to our region. We are joining a dozen other local communities to pressure the government into supplying this service. The Township will support a resolution for the Blue Sky Net to analyze and make a funding application for broadband projects in our area. On that note, a new private tower has been erected which may extend coverage to the South River Road.

I would like to thank the Coast Guard for replacing the channel light at Wades Landing. Residents are reminded that this is a sector light and boaters using it should remember "Red right returning" and refer to our website and the Canadian Coast Guard website for further information.

I represented the Township at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference in Ottawa in August. This was a very positive learning experience allowing us some insight into what this government plans in the future. Hopefully we can use this information to prepare for our budget deliberations.

I will refer you to the section of the newsletter titled "Hellos and fond farewells" to learn about our staffing updates. I continue to appreciate your support and look forward to an excellent Fall and Winter term." - Tom

Linda Andersen, Councillor

"The first year of this Council's term is almost over. We have all been busy attending to Township business. I am the representative on the DSSAB again and that has been busy. We said Happy Retirement to Janet Patterson, the CAO of the Parry Sound District Social Services Administration Board and welcomed Joe Bradbury. The Provincial Government keeps this committee very interesting and the issues require care and consideration to ensure fair and equitable services are provided across the entire district.

I am also on the Museum Board and am very proud of the efforts that the Museum Board have achieved in the last few years. The Retro Candy Store has been a success and continues to grow, introducing sundaes and floats to this year's offering. The Staff have done a fantastic job of cataloging the artifacts and continued work will happen next year as the process is now well established. We are replacing the veranda on the main building this year and adding a gazebo for locals and visitors to enjoy their treats in while visiting the Museum. Lake Nipissing was the focus for us at the beginning of this Spring as the water levels caused much anxiety for property owners along the shoreline. We also saw the Government Dock get a revamp including a floating dock addition. The Ministry will transfer the ownership to the Township once all work is completed.

Of course, we are also saying Happy Retirement to Operations Superintendent Dave Yemm! Dave will be missed greatly by Staff, Council and Residents alike. We wish him the very best and know we will be seeing him around the Township more relaxed and enjoying the beauty of our community without the responsibility of maintaining it. His replacement, Daniel MacInnis, will be starting with us on September 3rd. Welcome Dan!"



Tom Marchant, Councillor

"Hello Folks. Summer is ending but at least the bugs are done. A super time to enjoy the beauty of our Township. Get out on our very well-maintained roads and see the fall colours this Fall. These roads are due to the great efforts of our Operations crew. Two of this crew have or will be retiring after years of knowledgeable and dedicated service. We wish Pat Elliott and Dave Yemm all the best in retirement and will welcome Daniel MacInnis, Operations Superintendent in September and Steffen Moffatt-Roberts who joined us in May.

The Administrative Staff are very knowledgeable and friendly and should be consulted if you have any questions. Our Township is financially in very good shape, because of their studying and reviewing our spending and budgeting. Council and Staff are always open to suggestions about Township budgets and programs. Council meetings are open to the public so you can come and listen. Call the office to find out more information on a Council decision or request a spot on an upcoming Agenda for a presentation to Council.

Please help Dean and John at the Waste Disposal sites by asking them where to put items if you are not sure where to place your waste. Rules on recycling are changing as the markets for plastics, glass, etc. change. Wrongfully placed garbage costs the Township money.

Enjoy the Fall!!! Happy Thanksgiving." - Tom

Liz Moore, Councillor

Our first year of the term of Council is almost over and I have been busy. As your representative on the Powassan District Union Library Board, I suggest that you check their website for upcoming events and activities. As well, the staff will do their best to obtain any reading material you require as well as providing computers and internet access.

The Museum Gift, Candy and Yogurt Shop has had another successful season. The Staff have been very busy with cataloguing artifacts and ensuring proper storage and record retention. The Museum Board oversees this. Thank you to the Provincial Government for the Main Street Revitalization Initiative Grant. This will enable us to replace the porch, add a gazebo, replace windows and doors on the office/gift shop building. The grant will cover the entire renovation.

The Recreation Committee brings you Canada Day celebrations and we are always looking for new members with fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

Lots of changes have taken place this year including the Government Dock structure at Wade's Landing and Township staffing changes. Dave Yemm and Pat Elliott both retired this year and will be missed. Best wishes to them both.

A huge Thank You to the Township Fire Department who assist in recreation activities as well as Museum special events. Also a Thank You to all of the many volunteers who help out in our municipality." - Liz

James Scott, Councillor

"I have enjoyed my first year on Council, serving our Community and learning more about the duties and responsibilities of Council. Summer construction season is wrapped up with surface treatment applied to a portion of Alsace Road and on Muskeg Road. Some project schedules had to be adjusted because of the incredibly wet spring we had. I wish Dave Yemm a happy retirement and welcome Dan MacInnis to our Operations Department. I hope everyone had a great summer and that they get out to enjoy the fall colours before winter returns." - James

Hellos and Fond Farewells

2019 has seen many changes to the faces of the Township of Nipissing Operations Crew.

Pat Elliott started working for the Township in 1981. For anyone who has ever had the opportunity to see him working on the backhoe, he operates the bucket like an extension of his own arm. Pat has shared his quiet humour, equipment expertise, incredible work ethic and professionalism with the Township of Nipissing for 38 years and has well-earned the right to retire and enjoy his time.

Dave Yemm started working for the Township in 1997. Dave has earned the well-deserved respect of many that have come to know him and have the pleasure of working with him. Always ready with a smile, warm hand-shake or hug, Dave is there when needed willing to offer assistance or advice, no matter the size of the job or issue. Dave has spent the last 22 years keeping the roads in amazing shape, caring for our cemeteries, maintaining our beaches and managing the landfill locations. He too has well-earned the right to retire and enjoy time with his family and particularly his grand-children!

The Township Garage will be a different place without them and they will be missed but we wish them the very best of what the future has to hold for them!

In May we welcomed Steffen Moffatt-Roberts to the Operations Crew. Steffen joins our team bringing with him machinery and equipment experience and we look forward to working with him in the years to come.

With big shoes to fill, we welcome Daniel MacInnis as the newly appointed Operations Superintendent. Daniel has extensive road construction experience, project management experience and has been in the industry for many years. We hope that as you see him out on the roads taking stock of all the new responsibilities he has assumed, you will give him a warm Nipissing welcome and encouragement.

Thank you to our Operations Crew, Jeff Conrad, Jeff Culham, Steffen Moffatt-Roberts and Summer Students Gordon DeJong and Tristan Vince for your hard work and dedication!



WINTER EMERGENCY PLANNING

Winter weather conditions in Canada can quickly become dangerous, often with little or no warning. Winter storms and excessive cold claim over a 100 lives each year in this country, which is more than the combined number of deaths caused by hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, extreme heat and lightning each year.

Blizzard Safety – Stay indoors and wait it out. If you have to go outside, dress properly to stay warm. In a blizzard, Environment Canada recommends tying one end of a long rope to your door and hold onto the other end to avoid getting lost in the blinding snow. When it becomes time to shovel yourself out after the storm, take your time to avoid over-exertion.

Plan Ahead – Have a storm readiness plan in place. Maintain an emergency pack with a battery-powered flashlight, radio, tools for emergency repair, ready-to-eat food, a first aid kit, blankets, and extra clothing. Keep your car gas tank full in case gas stations close down after a storm and be sure to stock up on heating fuel for your home. Also, have a phone at home that does not require electrical power to work (i.e., a corded phone)

Staying Warm – If you must go outside, wear multiple, thin layers of loose-fitting clothing to trap body heat and promote air circulation. Outer clothing should be tightly woven, hooded and water repellant. Mittens are warmer than gloves. Because most heat is lost through the head, always wear a hat when its cold outside. If it is extremely cold, cover your mouth and exposed skin with a scarf, neck tube or face mask.

In Your Car – Have extra windshield washer fluid and antifreeze on hand. You may also want to prepare two kits – one for your trunk of your car and the other in the cab of your car. Trunk kit should include, shovel, sand, salt, kitty litter or other traction aids; tow chain and booster cables, fire extinguisher, warning light or flares; and extra clothing, including mittens, hats and boots. The kit in the cab of the car should include; flashlight, blanket, first aid kit, matches, candles (in a deep can to warm hands or heat a drink) and emergency food pack.

Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility. Canadians are encouraged to be prepared to cope for at least the first 72 hours of an emergency, while emergency workers focus on those in urgent need.

Notes from IBC – The Insurance Bureau of Canada – **Are you covered?**

- **Talk to your insurance representative** to ensure you have adequate coverage.
- **Damage to homes caused by hail or wind usually covered.** This includes damage caused by flying debris or falling branches or trees, or damage to your home and contents from water entering through openings caused by wind or hail.
- **Damage to vehicles from wind, hail or water usually covered** if comprehensive or all perils coverage **auto insurance has been purchased.** **This coverage is not mandatory,** so check your policy.
- **Sudden and accidental bursting of plumbing pipes and appliances is covered by all residential policies.** However, damage may not be covered when freezing causes the escape of water. **More info...**visit www.ibc.ca



ANIMAL CONTROL NEWS

What you need to know as a dog owner in the Township of Nipissing:

By-Law #831 provides the rules for owning a dog in the Township.

This document may be found on the Township website for review at www.nipissingtownship.com.

All dogs residing in the Township are required to have a dog tag, purchased from the Township office or from the Animal Control Officer.

Sandy Briggs is the appointed Animal Control Officer. Sandy can be contacted by telephone at 705-724-2676.

Dog Tags:

First dog in residence:	\$10.00	Second dog in same residence:	\$20.00
Third dog in same residence:	\$30.00	Each additional dog after 3 in same residence:	\$30.00

Dog Tag fees are used for:

- Purchasing tags and maintaining the database of owners. This information is used to return lost dogs to their rightful owners.
- Revenue from Dog Tag sales is also used for animal control expenses. This includes By-Law Enforcement costs when an investigation or enforcement reminders are required.

Reminders for all dog owners:

Barking dogs – living in a rural setting allows for certain freedoms not found in city living. Many people own pets including dogs, cats and livestock. Excessive barking during the day and evening hours, although not breaking any laws, affects those in the area and the enjoyment of neighbouring properties. Please ensure your dog is not barking for excessive times when placed outside, for the sake of your neighbours.

Leashes are required – all dogs are to be restrained and under an owner's control when not on their own property. Our area enjoys reduced traffic which encourages walking and enjoying the natural beauty. For the safety of all residents, visitors and animals, please remember that dogs must be on a leash and under your control when off of your property for walks.

When to contact the Animal Control Officer:

If a dog is running at large. If a dog is posing a threat to people. If the dog is in danger of harm such as traffic.

When to contact the By-Law Enforcement Officer:

If a dog is repeatedly running at large, trespassing on property not belonging to the owner.

To contact the By-Law Enforcement Officer please call the Township of Nipissing office at 705-724-2144.

Office hours are 8:30 am to 12:00 pm; 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday. Closed weekends and statutory holidays.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Chief Building Official position is a shared service with the Municipality of Callander.

Cameron Karpenko is available to Nipissing residents at the Township Office on Tuesday and Thursday.

BUILDING 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.

If you are unsure if you need a permit, please call the Building Department for the definitive answer. Please contact Cameron to schedule an appointment.

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

Township of Nipissing Fire Department

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!

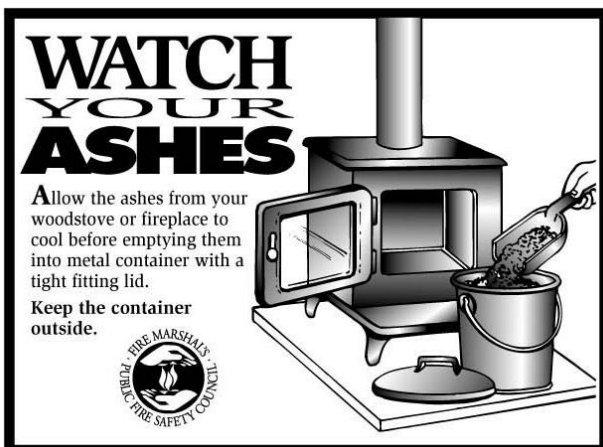
For more information on fire safety or becoming a member of our Fire Department, please visit our website at www.nipissingtownship.com or contact us at 705-724-2144.



PRIVATE ROADS AND ENTRANCEWAYS

In order for the Fire Department to respond to you when you call, we have to be able to get to you!

Private roadways and entrances must be free of brush and obstacles and must be passable for the Fire Department vehicles.





Home Fire Safety Checklist

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Install working smoke alarms on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. Install carbon monoxide alarms outside all sleeping areas. It's the law.
- For extra protection, install a smoke alarm in every bedroom and a carbon monoxide alarm on every storey.
- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms once a month.
- Change alarm batteries annually or whenever the low-battery warning sounds.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for installing, testing, maintaining and replacing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Home Fire Escape Planning

- Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it with the entire family.
- Make sure everyone knows two ways out of each room, if possible.
- Determine who will be responsible for helping young children, older adults or anyone else that may need assistance when escaping.
- Choose a meeting place outside, such as a tree or lamp post, where everyone can be accounted for.
- Call the fire department from outside the home, from a cell phone or neighbour's home.
- Once out, stay out. Never re-enter a burning building.
- Keep all exits in the home clear and easy to use.

Cooking Fire Safety

- Always stay in the kitchen when you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.
- Keep a proper fitting pot lid near the stove when cooking. If a pot catches fire slide the lid over the pot and turn off the stove. Do not move the pot.
- Wear tight-fitting or rolled up sleeves when using the stove. Loose dangling clothing can easily catch fire. If your clothing catches fire, stop, drop to the ground and roll over and over to put out the fire.

Other Things to Consider to Prevent Fire in Your Home

- Keep matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children.
- Always blow out candles before leaving the room.
- If anyone in the home smokes, smoke outside.
- 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.