



SPEED LIMIT REMINDER

Council passed a By-Law in 2013 establishing a speed limit of 60 kilometres per hour on all unposted roads under the jurisdiction of the Township of Nipissing.

(By-Law Number 2013-39)

Recently there have been a number of complaints and concerns received regarding the speed of vehicles on Township roads as well as an increase in motor vehicle incidents where speed may have been a contributing factor.

In response to these concerns, Council requested increased patrol and enforcement from the Ontario Provincial Police on the Township roads. There were a notable number of vehicles addressed by the O.P.P. and it was noted that a reminder be sent out regarding the speed limit on Township roads.

Please remember that the speed limit on Township roads is 60 km/h. Weather changes quickly and always drive to what road conditions require. We appreciate your assistance in keeping the Township safe.

2019 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2019 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.

2020 DOG TAG REMINDER

NOTE: Due to Covid-19 Health Emergency, dog tag enforcement has been suspended until the end of the declared Provincial Emergency.

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 www.nipissingtownship.com to view a copy of the Dog By-law.

TOWNSHIP'S RESPONSE TO CURRENT EVENTS

2020 has seen unprecedented challenges for the entire world. The Coronavirus – COVID-19 has interrupted our lives in unimaginable ways. The Township of Nipissing has not been immune to these life challenges.

In response to the Provincial Declaration of Emergency on March 17, 2020, Council met virtually on March 21st. At the beginning of that meeting the Procedural By-Law was updated to allow for electronic methods of meeting during declared emergencies. Altered service delivery options were also approved at that meeting, methods aimed to protect municipal staff, maintain the safety of residents and ensure that municipal services continued.

Council did put in place some things to immediately assist residents. Interest and penalties on outstanding taxes has been waived for the month of April and Council will continue to monitor the situation and do what is necessary to provide relief where possible.

Council will be using Zoom technology to hold Council meetings during the Emergency Declaration. These meetings will be streamed to YouTube, allowing the public to view Council meeting proceedings. Please visit www.youtube.com and subscribe to the Township of Nipissing channel.

Following the April 21, 2020 Council meeting, Council again waived interest and penalties on outstanding taxes for the month of May. Landfill fees for loads of brush have also been waived during the Restricted Fire Zone and Fire Ban.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during the quarantine period, adjustments for Covid-19 Emergency Orders and revised service delivery options. We are all in this together and we will come through a stronger community. Please continue to stay safe.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE DELIVERY UPDATES AND MODIFICATIONS:

Landfill – Hours of operation remain the same for the landfill sites, as printed on Landfill Cards.

Tipping fees are not being collected at this time. Information is being collected by the Landfill Attendant and these amounts will be billed out once this situation has ended.

Roads/Public Works – Crews are continuing maintenance operations as previously scheduled however crews have been separated into working teams and have staggered working hours to avoid contact as much as possible.

Township Office – Although the Office has been closed to the public payments for taxes can still be placed through the mail slot on the door. Please advise if a receipt is required and it will be mailed out.

Fire Department – The Department is still responding to emergency calls as required.

NOTE: The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry have placed a Restricted Fire Zone over Northern Ontario, the Township of Nipissing is included in this Zone. The Township of Nipissing has declared a Fire Ban in effect for the duration of the Restricted Fire Zone. All open burning and Fireworks are banned and 2020 issued permits are suspended.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Provincially Declared Health Emergency – COVID-19

During this Health Emergency, please refer to the following websites for updated information, self screening tools and current listings of Emergency Orders in place for the Province of Ontario:

Health Canada updates:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

Symptom Self Assessment Tool:

<https://ca.thrive.health/covid19/en>

Province of Ontario updates:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/index.html>

VULNERABLE PERSONS REGISTRY

During emergency situations, information is extremely important to first responders.

The Township of Nipissing Fire Department has been working towards a Vulnerable Persons Registry within the Township for several years.

This service is free of charge and remains completely confidential. Registering with the Fire Department allows them to identify special needs, should they be required, when responding to a call. This registry also provides information to the Fire Department for those that may require a wellness check in the event of a widespread emergency to ensure that an individual is receiving the proper care required or helping them to contact a caregiver for assistance.

If you would like to register for this program, please contact the Township of Nipissing Fire Department by calling 705-752-2772. For confidentiality reasons, we ask that only telephone calls be used for the exchange of information on this registry.

This registry is open to those with disabilities or illnesses, caregivers providing care to those with disabilities or illnesses, or to those living alone with limited resources to outside care.

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.

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

NOTICE OF MODIFIED SERVICES FOR THE LANDFILL SITES:

During the response to the Declared Health Emergency, both Landfill Sites will remain open for regularly scheduled hours. Recycling, household garbage, scrap metal, bulk materials (Wolfe Lake Site Only) and electronics are still being accepted with no change.

For items or loads requiring a charge per the Township of Nipissing User Fee By-Law Number 2019-05, the Landfill Attendant will be completing a Landfill Declaration Form using information supplied by the individual, as shown on the Landfill Use Permit of the resident. These charges will be invoiced out to the owner of the Permit during the Final Tax Billing process. A separate invoice will be sent for all appropriate charges incurred. This amount will **not** be included with the Final Tax Billing amounts. These invoices may be paid using the same methods as payment for taxes.

Limited contact between staff and individuals entering the landfill sites is the best course of action to limit the risk of exposure to the virus for all.

THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR LOADS OF BRUSH TO THE LANDFILL SITES DURING THE RESTRICTED FIRE ZONE AND FIRE BAN.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns about landfill services, please contact the Township Office at 705-724-2144 or by email at admin@nipissingtownship.com.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Chief Building Official position is a shared service with the Municipality of Callander. Cameron Karpenko, CBO, is available to Nipissing residents during the current Emergency situation.

Notice of Modified Services for the Township of Nipissing Building Department

At the time of publication of this newsletter, the Township of Nipissing is operating in accordance to the Ontario Regulation 82/20, copied below.

Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

ONTARIO REGULATION 82/20

ORDER UNDER SUBSECTION 7.0.2 (4) — CLOSURE OF PLACES OF NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES

Please refer to the Construction section for clarification.

Permit Applications:

Applications submitted electronically can be e-mailed to the Chief Building Official using: ckarpenko@callander.ca until further notice. *This will not be a permanent change.*

Please visit the Township website for updates:

<https://nipissingtownship.com/municipal-departments/building-department/>

All hard copy applications (mailed / dropped off in exterior drop box at the Township Office located at 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing will be quarantined and held until building services are permitted to resume as ordered by the Province of Ontario. Building permits are not to be issued at this time.

Code Related Inquires:

At this time code related questions will be restricted to email or phone correspondence

Inspection Requests:

The Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health has advised that continued vigilance is critical in terms of slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The Building Department will be imposing the following conditions.

- Worksites shall be limited to no more than 4 employees during requested inspection times.
- Social distancing shall be maintained during the requested inspection.
- Worksites with employees that are ill or have been out of the country within the last 14 days will not be inspected.
- All required documentation (i.e. Engineered specifications/truss packages) shall be submitted electronically in advance.

Inspections:

- Open construction sites will continue to be inspected provided workers are symptom free and practicing social distancing
- Enclosed construction sites shall meet the 4 conditions outlined
- Occupied premises at this time will not be inspected (i.e. interior alterations/renovations, additions, Finished basements).

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE TOWNSHIP

Public Beaches, Parks, Boat Launches and Docks owned and operated by the Township of Nipissing are closed in compliance with the Provincially declared Health Emergency Orders.

GOVERNMENT DOCK UPDATE

Council has completed the transfer of ownership of the Government Dock located at Wade's Landing from Small Craft Harbours, Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Construction and all necessary repairs have been completed prior to the transfer.

Council passed By-Law Number 2020-17, regulating the use of public docks on March 24, 2020. Once the facility is able to be opened to the public, the following regulations will be in place at the dock.

Part 2 - General

2.1 Unless otherwise specifically permitted in this by-law, a Township dock shall be used for loading and unloading of people and materials only and not for the long-term parking of boats.

2.2 No person shall park a boat at any Township dock except as permitted by this by-law.

2.3 No person shall park a boat at any Township dock between the hours of 11:00 p.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. the following day unless specifically permitted by this by-law.

2.4 No person shall park a boat at any township dock for a continuous period in excess of 4 hours.

2.5 No person shall store materials on a Township dock except on a temporary basis just prior to loading or after unloading.

2.6 No person shall store materials on a Township dock for a continuous period in excess of 1 hour.

2.7 No person shall store materials on a Township dock at any time in a location which would prevent the use of a dock by others.

2.8 No person shall park or store a boat on Township owned lands adjacent to a Township dock.

2.9 No person shall park a boat or leave materials on a Township dock or Township-owned land adjacent to a Township dock so that it constitutes a nuisance.

2.10 No person shall launch/park a Barge or Commercial Boat at any Public Dock unless prior permission has been received from the Township Office for the use of municipal or emergency purposes.

2.11 No person shall park a boat or leave a boat unattended at any time in a location which would impede or interfere with the use of neighbouring properties.

Replacement of the channel light at Wade's Landing has been completed. The Canadian Coast Guard provided the replacement light with the recent construction of the dock facilities. Residents are reminded that this is a sector light and boaters using it should remember "Red right returning" and refer to the Canadian Coast Guard website for further information.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention and Public Education

HOME FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM

The Township of Nipissing Fire Department has suspended the door-to-door Home Fire Safety Program temporarily in response to the Covid-19 crisis. The program will resume once the Emergency Declaration has been removed. Please contact the Fire Department if you have any questions or concerns about your home fire safety planning and one of our Firefighters will be available to assist you.

Restricted Fire Zone in effect as of April 3, 2020

Enacted by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

In order to fully support the efforts of the Restricted Fire Zone, the Township of Nipissing enacted a Fire Ban, including fireworks and all open flame, as of April 7, 2020.

The Township has suspended all issued Fire Permits and Fireworks Permits for the 2020 Season until the Restricted Fire Zone designation is removed by the MNRF.

Once burning is permitted, any Fire Permit applications that have been received during the restricted time will be issued and forwarded to the applicant and all previously issued permits for 2020 will be reinstated.

We understand the frustration this brings at this uncertain and ever-changing time and we appreciate the understanding and cooperation of our residents.

For more information on the Restricted Fire Zone, please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-restrictions>

PLEASE NOTE:

All fees for brush have been waived at both Township of Nipissing Landfill locations for the duration of the Restricted Fire Zone designation and Fire Ban.

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

Station #1 Phone Number: 705-752-2772

Email: firedepartment@nipissingtownship.com

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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.

Cooking is the #1 Cause of House Fires

How you can prevent a cooking fire:

- Always stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that burns – cooking utensils, dishcloths, paper towels and pot holders – a safe distance from the stove.
- Loose-fitting clothes can come into contact with stove burners and catch fire. Wear tight sleeves or roll them up when cooking.



What is the Risk?

- ❖ Cooking fires account for 22% of all home fires.
- ❖ Cooking left unattended is the cause of 52% of all cooking fires.
- ❖ Stovetop fires account for 71% of all cooking fires.
- ❖ The average dollar loss per cooking fire is over \$27,000.
- ❖ Cooking is the #2 cause of fatal fires in the home.
- ❖ 32% of all home fire injuries occur in cooking fires.
- ❖ 11% of all home fire fatalities are caused by cooking.

**Statistics for Ontario between 2010-2014. Provided by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management*

Smoking is the #1 Cause of Fatal Home Fires

How to prevent a smoking fire:

- Encourage smokers to smoke outside.
- Do not extinguish cigarettes in plant pots, which may contain a mixture of peat moss, shredded wood and bark that can easily ignite.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Empty ashes into a metal container – not the garbage can – and put the metal container outside.