

FIRE PERMIT AND OPEN AIR BURNING CHANGES FOR 2021

Beginning January 1, 2021, Fire Permits will be available for property owners and will remain valid for as long as the property owner remains the registered owner on title for the property.

This new procedure will mean:

- You will only need to apply for a Fire Permit once, effective January 1, 2021.
- As long as you remain the registered owner of the property, that Fire Permit will remain valid.
- There is no cost to apply for or obtain a Fire Permit.

A copy of Open Air Burning By-Law 2020-42 is available in printed form at the Township Office for anyone wishing to come in for a copy. An electronic copy of the By-Law is also posted on the Township of Nipissing website.



Updated 2021 Fire Permit applications will be available on the Township website starting December 1, 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please contact Fire Chief Bateman at 705-752-2772 or firechief@nipissingtownship.com.

HALLOWEEN 2020 – COVID STYLE!

Please join the Township of Nipissing Fire Department and Recreation Committee for a Halloween celebration tailored to 2020!

Saturday, October 31st, 2020

Starting at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m.



DRIVE-BY HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION



Will be held at the Southshore Education Centre parking lot, 60 Beatty Street, Nipissing.

Treat bags will be available, drive-by style.

Please remain in your vehicles for this event. Kids and Adults are invited to come in costume!

We ask everyone to sign up by emailing admin@nipissingtownship.com or phoning 705-724-2144. We want to make sure we have enough treats for everyone!

NOTICE OF A STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW UPDATE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing will hold a Statutory Public Meeting pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13, as amended, to allow the public to review the proposed updates to the Township's Zoning By-law.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING:

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Nipissing Community Centre, 2381 Highway 654, Nipissing, Ontario

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF ZONING BY-LAW: The Township of Nipissing recently completed an update to its Official Plan that took effect on April 11, 2018. Following the update to the Official Plan, the Zoning By-law document is also proposed to be updated in order to conform to the Official Plan. The current Zoning By-law was approved on March 6, 2012. A Zoning By-law is a tool used to regulate the use of land, buildings and structures; and, the placement of building and structures within the Township. The purpose of the Public Meeting is to provide members of the public an opportunity to provide comments on the updated Zoning By-law document that has been prepared. Comments provided at the Public Meeting will be considered by staff prior to the finalization of the Zoning By-law document.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT LAND: A key map has not been provided because the Zoning By-law affects all lands within the municipal boundaries of the Township of Nipissing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND COMMENTS: Additional information is available between 8:30 am to 12:00 pm and between 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm on regular weekdays at the Township of Nipissing Office. A copy of the proposed Zoning By-law is available on the Township website at www.nipissingtownship.com. Please direct inquiries and comments to the Township's Planning Department by Phone at (705) 724-2144 or Fax at (705) 724-5385. Any person may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support or in opposition of the proposed Zoning By-law. Written submissions should be addressed to the CAO-Clerk at the address shown below or submitted to the email at admin@nipissingtownship.com with the subject "Zoning By-law Update". Written comments should be submitted before noon, November 10, 2020. Verbal representation may be provided to Council at the meeting. You must pre-register with the Clerk's office by email at admin@nipissingtownship.com, or telephone at (705)-724-2144 or mail at the address below before noon on November 10, 2020. Please include your full name, address, and a call back phone number. You will be contacted by the Clerk's office to confirm your participation. Individuals who make verbal or written submissions should be made aware that their submission will become part of the public record and made available to Council, and may be available on the Township of Nipissing website for review.

NOTICE OF PASSING: If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of Nipissing on the proposed Zoning By-law, you must make a written request to the Township of Nipissing, to Charles Barton, CAO-Clerk, 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing, ON P0H 1W0 or admin@nipissingtownship.com.

APPEALS RIGHTS: If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Township of Nipissing to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at the Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Nipissing before the Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a Public Meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Nipissing before the Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Dated at the Township of Nipissing this 7th day of October, 2020.

Charles Barton, CAO-Clerk, Township of Nipissing, 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing ON P0H 1W0

FITNESS CENTRE UPDATE

FITNESS CENTRE TO REMAIN CLOSED

The Fitness Centre will remain closed until Spring 2021 when the Recreation Committee will once again review the safe opening requirements.

The current re-opening requirements would mean having to remove at least half of the equipment in the facility, invest in several plexiglass partitions as well as hiring a full-time person to maintain the number of users and cleanliness of the facility. The Fitness Centre was designed as an unsupervised facility and making any of the required changes would not be economically feasible at this time.

Memberships have been suspended and will be re-activated once the facility is able to open. For members wanting a refund for pre-paid membership fees, please send a written request to the Township of Nipissing, 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing ON P0H 1W0 or email admin@nipissingtownship.com.

Please include the following information:

Name; Fob #; Membership Package originally purchased and current mailing address.

We apologize for any inconvenience this closure causes. The safety of the residents and members continues to be the main focus of the Recreation Committee and Township of Nipissing Council.

BROADBAND INTERNET COVERAGE FOR RUAL AREAS

The Township of Nipissing has been supporting and working with Blue Sky Net in their continuing efforts to bring quality, high-speed internet to our region.

Regional Mayors and CAO's have been meeting regularly to investigate ways to further the efforts to bring affordable, dependable broadband internet coverage to rural areas currently with less than acceptable coverage.

For up to date information and the status of this project, please visit www.bluesky.net.ca.

OPERATIONAL CHANGES AND UPDATES

Council Meetings

Council continue to meet on the scheduled dates for regular Council meetings.

Meetings now take place at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, 2381 Highway 654. The times remain the same, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Due to social distancing requirements, there is limited seating space for the public however all meetings remain open to the public and residents are welcome to attend. COVID screening procedures are in place and masks/facial coverings are required. We do ask that anyone wishing to attend a meeting please contact the Township Office prior to the meeting to ensure there is adequate space for all. You can call 705-724-2144 or email

admin@nipissingtownship.com for this.

Remaining 2020 Council meeting dates: October 20, 2020

November 17, 2020 *Zoning By-Law Public Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

December 1, 2020 December 15, 2020

Township Office

The Office continues to operate during regularly scheduled hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Public entry is now **by appointment only** in response to the increasing Covid-19 risk. Face Coverings are required for all appointments. If you do not wear a face covering for any reason, please advise staff when scheduling your appointment so that an outdoor meeting can be accommodated. Please call 705-724-2144 or email admin@nipissingtownship.com to schedule an appointment.

Public Works – Roads

The Public Works crew continues to work a regular schedule. Road maintenance has been ongoing throughout the year and will continue as normal through the winter season.

Installation of the new Automated Vehicle Monitoring system is ongoing and will be on all winter maintenance vehicles by November. This will allow our staff to respond to all road maintenance inquiries with increased accuracy and efficiency.

Landfills

Both landfill sites continue to operate as per regular scheduling, printed on the front of all Landfill Entry Permits. Cash payments are being accepted at each site, as required.

At this time the only change to services remains the closure of the Textile bins. This is as a result of a disruption of the collection service due to COVID. Once the collection begins again, the tarps will be removed from the bins and we will once again be collecting donations on their behalf.

Fire Department

The Township of Nipissing Fire Department remains an essential, front line service. They continue to respond to medical and emergency calls and continue to train regularly.

The new UTV (Utility Terrain Vehicle) is now in service. With recent changes to the Establishing and Regulating By-Law for a Fire Department, By-Law Number 2020-35, Appendix "C", Remote Extraction shall be provided when possible and appropriate. Service for Remote Extrication may occur on land or on a frozen body of water.

Remote Extraction criteria are listed in Appendix "C" and a copy of the complete By-Law is available on the Township of Nipissing web page, www.nipissingtownship.com or may be obtained in printed form from the Township Office, admin@nipissingtownship.com or 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Chief Building Official position is a shared service with the Municipality of Callander. Cameron Karpenko, CBO, is available to Nipissing residents Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Permit Applications:

Applications submitted electronically can be e-mailed to the Chief Building Official using: cbo@nipissingtownship.com.

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 reviewed as per regular scheduling. Building permits are being issued at this time.

Inspections:

- Open construction sites will continue to be inspected provided workers are symptom free and practicing social distancing
- Enclosed construction sites will be inspected using required health and safety precautions.
- Occupied premises at this time will be inspected using required health and safety precautions.

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE – DO'S AND DON'TS

Sooner than most of us would like, we will once again be facing snow and ice during our regular travels. The Township asks residents to have regard to the following:

- ❖ When plowing or removing snow from driveways and properties, do not drag or push across municipal roads or provincial highways. This causes bumps and unexpected hazards on travelled roads and it is against the Highway Traffic Act.
- ❖ Keep mailboxes clear of snow. In most cases, mailboxes that are knocked over or disrupted, are the result of being pushed or struck by snow surrounding the site rather than the actual plow blade. Please note that if a mailbox is struck by a plow blade, it will in most cases be destroyed.

The Township maintains four distinct plowing routes. The equipment uses the most efficient routes that have been calculated with regard to the entire Township. If you have concerns regarding snow removal in your area, please contact 705-724-2144 to further discuss the matter.

The Speed Limit on all Township roads is 60 km/h.

Please remember that this speed is a maximum.

Even when a road is plowed and sanded, winter hazards are still present.

Always drive according to the road conditions.

USER FEES - UPDATE

The Township User Fees By-Law was updated on September 15, 2020; By-Law 2020-41.

Please be advised of the following increases/updates:

Planning Fees:

CONSENT APPLICATION FEES	Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$ 500.00
	Refundable Deposit (plus actual costs)	\$2,500.00
	Granting of a Consent (Certificate)	\$ 250.00

Fire Department Fees:

Apparatus fees (Based on current MTO rates)	First Hour	\$ 485.00
	Per ½ Hour Thereafter	\$ 242.50

OFF-ROAD EMERGENCY RESPONSE	Apparatus per hour/per apparatus (includes UTV unit)	\$ 500.00
	Personnel Per ½ Hour (for each Firefighter responding)	\$ 32.00

Landfill Fees:

Household Appliances (stove, washer, dryer, dishwasher)	\$ 10.00 each
Fridge, Freezer or Air Conditioner – tagged as Freon free	\$ 10.00 each
○ Untagged	\$ 40.00 each
Mattress or box spring	\$ 25.00 each
*Accepted at Wolfe Lake Landfill ONLY	
Shingles – 5-ton dump trailer and under	\$ 30.00
Renovation waste – 5-ton dump trailer and under	\$ 75.00
Single Axle	\$ 180.00
Tandem Truckloads	\$ 250.00
Dumpster or Tri-Axle Truckloads (12 Yards and Up)	\$ 250.00
Tandem Trailer	\$ 80.00
Watercraft	\$ 150.00
*All Bulk items accepted at Wolfe Lake Landfill ONLY	

911 Sign Replacement Fees:

Sign	\$ 50.00
Post	\$ 40.00
Installation	\$ 30.00

COMMUNITY CENTRE RENTALS SUSPENDED

Council is using the Township of Nipissing Community Centre to hold all Council meetings until further notice.

This allows for the proper amount of social distancing and health precautions as required.

Community Centre rentals have been suspended to allow for a ready meeting space should the need arise for municipal business and provides for the required cleaning and sanitization practices of the facility as recommended by Public Health.

2020 DOG TAG REMINDER

**Dog Tags Renewals are due by
March 31 each year but were suspended due to
Covid. Dog Tag sales have now resumed and may be
purchased at the Township Office.**

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.



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.

Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week, November 1-7

Beat the Silent Killer: Prevent CO in Your Home

Ontario's Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week runs from November 1-7, and the Township of Nipissing Fire Department reminds you to prevent carbon monoxide (CO) in your home by getting all fuel-burning appliances inspected annually.

In Ontario, more than 65% of injuries and deaths from CO occur in the home. We want to make sure everyone is safe from CO. Get all fuel-burning appliances inspected by a registered contractor.

The Township of Nipissing Fire Department also reminds you to install CO alarms in your home if you have a fuel-burning appliance, a fireplace or an attached garage. Fuel-burning appliances can include furnaces, hot water heaters, gas or wood fireplaces, portable fuel-burning heaters and generators, barbeques, stoves and vehicles. You must have a working CO alarm adjacent to each sleeping area of the home if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, a fireplace or an attached garage. For added protection, install a carbon monoxide alarm on every storey of the home according to manufacturer's instructions.

What is CO?

- ❖ 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, gas or wood fireplaces, hot water heaters, stoves, barbeques, portable fuel-burning heaters and generators and vehicles.

Prevent CO in your home:

Ensure fuel-burning appliances, chimneys and vents are cleaned and inspected annually. Visit COSafety.ca to find a registered contractor near you.

- Check that all outside appliance vents are not blocked.
- Gas and charcoal barbeques should only be used outside, away from all doors, windows, vents, and other building openings. Never use barbeques inside garages, even if the garage doors are open.
- Portable fuel-burning generators should only be used outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from windows, doors, vents and other building openings.
- Ensure all portable fuel-burning heaters are vented properly, according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Never use the stove or oven to heat your home.
- Open the flue before using a fireplace for adequate ventilation.
- Never run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor inside a garage, even if the garage doors are open. Always remove a vehicle from the garage immediately after starting it.

Know the symptoms of CO:

Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea, 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.

9-1-1 SIGNS

Please keep the green 9-1-1 sign at the end of your driveway clear of brush, debris and snow. This number is your link to emergency services. We need to see this number so that we can respond to you if you need us.

If your sign is missing, damaged or if you were never given one for the property, please let the Township Office know. We will ensure that it is corrected.



Winter Driveway Maintenance:

Please remember to keep your driveway clear of snow and ice this winter. Emergency vehicles are only able to respond if they can reach you, please help us help you.

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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