TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING SPRING NEWSLETTER 2023

Message From Mayor Piper

The first few frantic months of the current Council year are behind us.

Councillors have embraced their new positions and are representing the Township well on various Committees and Boards.

During this term of Council, I am the Nipissing representative on "The Pines Board" (Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Municipal Housing Corporation); Sturgeon, Nipissing, French River Water Advisory Committee; and the Eastholme Home for the Aged Board of Management. Internally, I have joined the Recreation Committee and like all Councillors, I sit on the Committee of Adjustment.



2023 BUDGET OVERVIEW

It has been a very busy start but as mentioned, all Council members are fully committed.

I look forward to two public information sessions in early summer as we face an ever changing landscape, as all Councils do. As always, it is our commitment to make decisions for the best outcomes on behalf of all Nipissing residents.

- Tom Piper



Municipal Tax Levy increase 5.5%

Municipal Tax Rate increase 4.57%

Levy Amounts Required in 2023:

Policing (O.P.P.) Social Services (DSSAB)		311,855 175.155
Health Unit (NBPSDHU)		55,514
EMS (Ambulance)		131.915
Eastholme		137,477
Library		33.351
Property Assessment	Ŷ	55,551
(MPAC)	¢	56.830
Health Centre Committe		,
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Impacts to the Budget:

Landfill Capacity Estimates have changed requiring immediate actions including the purchase of a used Compactor unit, expansion investigations and improved waste reduction strategies.

Property Assessments have not been updated since 2016. Updates to new construction have continued, maintaining the assessment base growth.



2023 Budget Overview



I would like to sincerely thank the residents of Nipissing Township for your strong support in the Fall election. It has been a pleasure working with the Mayor, Council, Staff and members of the Museum Board, as well as re-connecting with our hard-working, caring community.

I look forward to working with members of the Cemetery Board, as well as acting as our Livestock Evaluator and Fence Viewer. Further, I am eager to work hard for our residents with a special focus on the continued maintenance of our roads and prolonging landfill sites to the best of our ability.

I hope to see you at our council meetings and municipal events this year, please always feel free to approach me with any suggestions and concerns.

Lastly, I would like to thank our many volunteers who selflessly donate their time to our community and its members. – **Dave Yemm**

The last few months have been some of the most rewarding and exciting times in my career. Thank you for allowing me to share your concerns and bring your views to life as a Councillor. It has been extremely rewarding working with an amazing team that only wants to make our township a great place to live and work.

I have had the pleasure to work with Mayor and great team of committee members dedicated to bringing to life initiatives that help keep our youth in the community busy and engaged creating events for them to get together and have fun. Spending time bringing Santa to homes with the Fire Department was an adventure I will never forget; loving the smiles and excitement.



Fireworks and skating on Family Day and many more events coming your way with volunteers that are our unsung hero's – bringing it all to life ☺ Future forward I am looking forward to working with the EMS advisory committee.

- Shelly Foote



Hello everyone from out here in Hotham. Isn't this the best place in the world to live and raise a family? We are coming to the end of another long but mild winter. I certainly hope you all came through it in good health and in good spirits. I've been noticing that the harbingers of spring are back. Notably the robins and redwing black birds.

I'm very quickly discovering that municipal office has some different challenges. I was going to throw in the term unique but I'm sure all small rural municipalities are facing similar challenges. I have discovered that we have a very strong sense of community in Nipissing. That's what makes it all worthwhile.



We have a very enthusiastic team on council right now as well as a great municipal and works team and I would be remiss if I didn't mention our volunteers who are truly the backbone of it all. We certainly couldn't do it without you. I wish you all a happy and prosperous year.

- Stephen Kirkey



It's been an honour to be elected to another term on Nipissing Township Council. The competition for a council position was stiffer than in previous elections I participated in with many qualified candidates.

This term of council seems more contentious than the others I have served on. The advent of short term rentals, the financial issues of neighbouring communities we share services with and the limited life expectancy of our two landfills to name a few. We will get through this together despite a few bumps in the road.

- Tom Butler

Fire Doesn't Take a Vacation

Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in RVs, trailers and campers. Test them monthly.

Stay in the kitchen area while you cook. Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.

Check propane refrigerators, furnaces, ovens and stovetops for leaks.

PREPARE AN EMERGENCY KIT

When an emergency strikes it's good practice to ensure you can keep yourself and family safe for 72 hours.



A basic emergency kit includes:



The Best BBQs are Fire Safe

Never BBQ in a garage, tent or enclosed space.

Place your BBQ away from wooden fences, walls and anything that burns.



ontario.ca/firemarshal

Fire Doesn't Take A Vacation

When you open up your cottage or cabin, make sure your **smoke and carbon monoxide alarms** are **working**.

Replace worn out alarms and batteries.

For Non-Emergency Inquiries Please Contact: **Will Bateman** Fire Chief, CEMC, MLEO 705-724-2772 firechief@nipissingtownship.com

Test them monthly.



PLEASE REMEMBER DAYTIME BURNING IS NOT PERMITTED. DAYTIME BURNING RESTRICTIONS COME INTO EFFECT APRIL 1, 2023

2 HOURS AFTER SUNRISE AND UNTIL 2 HOURS BEFORE SUNSET. CAMPFIRES ARE NOT PERMITTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

PERMITS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR CAMPFIRES BUT ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BY-LAW 2020-42 APPLY.

FOR INQUIRER'S ABOUT THE BY-LAW PLEASE CONTACT WILL BATEMAN - FIRE CHIEF FIRECHIEF@NIPISSINGTOWNSHIP.COM OR CALL 705-752-2772

IF YOU FEEL A FIRE IS A THREAT TO LIFE, PROPERTY OR THE ENVIRONMENT PLEASE CALL 911





Many Ontario homes have on average 4-6 fuel burning appliances that produce carbon monoxide. Inspect all appliances annually and install alarms.







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Don't Forget!

Test your smoke alarms **once a month** and **change the batteries** at least **once a year.**





Event Dates 2023:

Bat Box Building Event: Saturday May 27, 2023

Canada Day Celebration: Saturday July 1, 2023

Heritage Day Sunday August 13, 2023

Fall Fest: Sunday September 10, 2023

The Museum Opening Day will be Wednesday May 24th 2023. Museum closes for the season September 10, 2023.

Hours of Operation: 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday for this summer. Museum is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.



WHAT CAN I PUT IN THE RECYCLING BIN? PAPER & CARDBOARD 23 ALUMINUM & GLASS 23 PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS

Please Note: PLASTIC BAGS & STYROFOAM Are NOT Accepted Recyclable Materials Please Place In Household Waste!

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Paperboard: Dry Food Boxes Such As Cereal, Cake Mix, Cracker, Pop, Beer, Clean Pizza Boxes, Shoe/Shirt Boxes. Frozen Food Paper Board, Milk Cartons & Juice Boxes Accepted.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL GLASS IS NOW ACCEPTED IN A SEPERATE BIN AT EACH LANDFILL!

Plastic: All Plastics # 1 thru # 7. These Include All Soda or Detergent Bottles, Water & Shampoo Bottles, Milk Jugs, Empty Oil Jugs, Yogurt Containers, Other Plastic Food Containers.

ALL PAPER: FOR SORTING PURPOSES WILL BE PLACED IN THE PLASTICS BIN.



Steel & Aluminum: Steel, Tin & Aluminum Cans.

Electronics Recycling Program Provided By: Electronics Products Recycling Association. The Township of Nipissing participates in the program where used and unwanted electronics including computers, televisions and cell phones are collected and recycled!

Also Accepted Are The Following Items: Computer Monitors, Televisions, Desk Top Computers, Portable Computers, Keyboards, Photocopiers, Printers, Scanners & Old Fax Machines, Pagers & Much Morel Look For The Brown Containers Located At Each Landfill

Please Visit www.nipissingtownship.com To Download The Recycle Your Electronic Flyer!

Clothesline Program – Textile Diversion Program Bins Are Currently Available At Each Landfill.

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 color privacy bag – no larger than 20" x 22" (approximate size of a grocery bag) per clear bag will be accepted.

Septic & Human Waste are NOT accepted at the Township of Nipissing Landfill Sites.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

An agreement is in place with the City of North Bay for Nipissing Township residents to use the Household Hazardous Waste Depot NORTH BAY at <u>112 Patton Street</u>. Open Year-Round – Wednesday to Saturday from 8am – 6pm.

The following are examples of Household Hazardous waste that should be taken to the

Drain Cleaner Engine / radiator flushes

Grease & lubes

Household batteries

Household cleansers Propane tanks (big and small)

Light bulbs (Florescent, etc.)

- HHW Depot: • Aerosol cans
 - Aerosor ca
 Antifreeze
 - Asphalt & roofing tar
 - Automotive batteries
 - Bug and tar removers
 - Car and wax polish
 - Degreasers
 - Disinfectant

DO NOT bring the following items to the HHW Depot:

- PCB's Ammunition
- Pathological Waste
- Unidentified Products

THE PAINT RE-USE PROGRAM is a waste reduction -re-use program located at the HHW Depot. Good quality household products can be picked by residents free of charge. This includes products such as paint, stain and varnishes.

Township of NIPISSING

"Life the way it should be" \$1888

Spring is just around the corner here and half-load season begins here in Nipissing Township.

Half-load means that the maximum load per axel on our roads is limited to 5 tonnes.

Please Note half-load restrictions are in effect to protect our roads every year from **March 15th – May 15th** and will be reassessed if necessary.

This is the time of year where winter ends and spring starts, it is transition where the frozen ground thaws out. The heat from the sun can warm up the chip seal base to several degrees above freezing, while the ambient air temperature can often be well below zero.

As snow & ice melt, it can permeate the chip seal in areas. When that water refreezes, say after sunset or a cold night, the ice & trapped water will weaken the strength of the road up to 6 times its regular strength.

This traveling restriction is intended for heavier loads, mainly trucking activity. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Township Office 705-724-2144

Compaction of the municipal landfill sites has been recommended as a method of extending the fill capacity.

Council has authorized the purchase of a Reconditioned CAT 816B. This purchase will help expand the life of the landfill.





per axle

Township Office

45 Beatty Street Nipissing Ontario P0H1W0

Office Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Telephone: 705-724-2144 Fax Number: 705-724-5385 Website: <u>www.nipissingtownship.com</u> Email: <u>info@nipissingtownship.com</u>

Municipal Garage

Public Works Department 27 Beatty Street – Public Works Yard Telephone: 705-724-2194 Email: roads@nipissingtownship.com

To Report a Road Issue During Weekends, Holidays or After Regularly Scheduled Work Hours, Please Email: roads@nipissingtownship.com * Or Call (705) 724-2194

Nipissing Township Museum

4363 Highway 654 Nipissing Ontario POH 1W0 Telephone: 705-724-2938 Email: museum@nipissingtownship.com

Open June to September Each Year

Requesting A Change Of Address

Purpose:

Update your mailing address to ensure you receive tax billings, newsletters and other notices that could affect your property.

Criteria:

To request a change of mailing address, you must be the owner of the property, or an authorized representative. If you are not the property owner, you must include a formal letter of authorization from the owner. The letter must be signed by the legal owner of the property for which the address change is for.

The Process:

- 1. Send us a letter by mail or email that includes:
- The 19 digit Roll number or property location as indicated on your tax bill or on a Property Assessment Notice.
- The property owners full name.
- The new mailing address to which you would like correspondence sent to.
- Your daytime contact phone number and/or the daytime number of your authorized representative.
- 2. We will process the mailing address change upon receipt.
- If we have any questions about your request, we will contact you or your authorized representative at the daytime phone number submitted with the request.

Submit your request by email to info@nipissingtownship.com, by mail to 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing ON POH 1W0, by fax at 705-724-5385 or in person to the Township Office at 45 Beatty Street.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)

It is important for property owners to also provide mailing address change information directly to MPAC. The Township of Nipissing is not able to forward the changes on an owner's behalf as we are not designated as an Authorized Representative for this purpose.

Please visit:

https://www.mpac.ca/en/MakingChangesUpdates/ChangingYourMailingAddress

Or MPAC office Toll Free 1 866 296-6722; TTY 1 877 889-6722

Monday to Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST

More than One Owner: The Township of Nipissing will mail one tax bill to the address listed on a property file. Our office is not able to mail copies of tax bills to more than one owner.

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Tax Payments Options

The Township of Nipissing provides the following payment options:

Online Banking:

Agreements are in place for online banking services with all major banks and some credit unions.

Registering the Township as a Vendor for Online Banking:

Each financial institution lists the Township as a Vendor differently. If you have difficulty adding the Township as a Vendor, please contact your financial institution directly.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	VENDOR LISTING	
RBC	NIPISSING (TWNSHP OF) PROPERTY TAX	
SCOTIABANK	NIPISSING (TWP) TAXES	
TD CANADA TRUST	NIPISSING (TOWNSHIP OF) TAXES	
CIBC	NIPISSING (TOWNSHIP OF) TAX	
BANK OF MONTREAL	NIPISSING TOWNSHIP OF TAX	

Registering Your Account:

Your Roll Number is your Account Number for online banking purposes.

This is the 19-digit number attached to your property and located at the top of your tax bill. All Roll Numbers in the Township of Nipissing begin with 4971. All numbers in the Roll must be entered, including all zeros (0) for the full account number.

Each Roll Number from each tax bill must be entered separately as an account. If multiple Roll Numbers are paid under one account (Roll Number) the proper amounts may not be allocated as required.

Cheques:

Cheques and Post-Dated Cheques are accepted at the Township Office, via Mail and through the Drop-Box at the Township Office (located in the front door for afterhours use).

Please make cheques payable to: Township of Nipissing.

Debit:

Debit services are available at the Township Office during regular scheduled office hours. ** Note: Credit Card payments are NOT accepted. **

Cash:

Cash is accepted at the Township Office during regular schedule office hours. Please DO NOT mail cash or place it in the drop-box in the front door of the office.

Receipts:

Please retain your cancelled cheque as your receipt. If you would like a receipt for payment, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

Returned Cheque Fee:

A \$35.00 fee will be charged for all returned cheques.

Foreign Currency:

A processing fee of \$15 will be applied to all payments received in foreign currency.



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: SANDY BRIGGS 705-724-2676 For Dog Concerns Please Contact Sandy Directly.