

Spring Newsletter

◆ March 2024



Message from Mayor Tom Piper

As always it is my privilege to reach out to the residents of the Township. This is always a busy time of year and I just wanted to mention what our priorities are generally and specific to myself.

In general Council and staff are all working diligently on the 2024 budget. In order to do this, we need to know what outside agencies are billing the municipality. Some of our financial commitments are to the OPP, EMS, District Social Services, Eastholme, the Library, the Hospital and Health Unit.

Specifically, I represent the Township on a number of committees and boards. At present I am Chair of the Eastholme Board of Management, and sit on the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Board (The Pines), the Sturgeon-Nipissing French River Water Advisory Board (SNF) and the Recreation Committee.

Eastholme has just completed a project costing over 5 million dollars. At The Pines they received a clean audit, while we look forward to providing excellent housing at a reasonable cost to our residents. On the SNF committee we discuss lake and river levels on the Sturgeon, Nipissing and French.

Presently there is a concern over low water levels in these waters and historically low snow readings in the region. It is a priority to get lake levels to the summer average despite weather inconsistencies.

As a Recreation Committee member, I work with several very dedicated and hard-working individuals who attempt to supply the residents of the Township with a variety of activities. All of the committee events can be seen on the Township's website.

Of course, all of Council but particularly staff work actively on the numerous day to day issues that confront our municipality. While we all have our specific responsibilities, I assure you that everyone is working diligently for the greater good of this community. I am privileged to work with this team to make "life the way it should be."

Tom

**Hold the Date!
Community
Town Hall**

July 17th, 2024

6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m



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Messages from Council

I would like to thank the community for all of your support over this past year. It will be another exciting year for myself and fellow council members as we embark on establishing the 2024 budget and planning for the year ahead. In late 2023, Council approved the Strategic Plan and we continue to work towards the goals and objectives outlined in the plan for the benefit of our residents and visitors in our Township.

I have enjoyed engaging with many of you at our community events over this past year and I look forward to seeing you again at our upcoming community events. This year the Nipissing Township Museum will be celebrating it's 50th anniversary, the Board and I look forward to having you join us to mark this milestone. Last year we enjoyed a successful Heritage Day celebration and am I sure this year will be even better.

In the past year, we successfully resurfaced 2km of Birchgrove Dr., demonstrating our commitment to enhancing the Township's infrastructure for the benefit of our residents.

The recently completed Roads Needs Study will guide both staff and Council in prioritizing road projects for the Township, ensuring effective allocation of funding resources.

I want to thank all the volunteers that continue to donate their time to our community, we could not provide the events and programs without your support and dedication.

Councillor Dave Yemm



The first couple of years of our four-year term on council have come and gone. Where does the time go? I'm pleased to say everyone on staff and council are working well together despite the demanding workload.

As we work towards the 2024 Municipal Budget and 10-year Capital Forecast, Council is looking at the benefits for the Township as a whole. This can be a challenge while taking all requests and concerns into account. We encourage residents with questions about Township policies and procedures to contact the Township Office and speak to a staff member or reach out to a member of Council. There is always a lot of information shared by social media or in conversation. It is even more important now to ensure you have the correct and current information.

I look forward to seeing you at our many upcoming community events, please take a moment to come over and say hello.

Councillor Tom Butler



Messages from Council

Hello Everyone!

Joining the Township as a Council Member has been one of the most rewarding and challenging times of my life & career.

The EMS Committee – Parry Sound District, has given me the opportunity to learn about the achievements and concerns of our emergency services.

The Recreation Committee is a pleasure day in and day out, working with a great group of volunteers organizing events for kids and adults within the Township.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you, and I look forward to seeing what the rest of the year holds.

Councillor Shelly Foote



Hello everyone! Spring is in the air, I guess it has been since early January. The robins are back already. This is my indication of spring although I wouldn't be putting the garden in just yet.

I hope everyone came through winter healthy and well. Nipissing Township, in my opinion, continues to be the best place on the planet to live. We have our challenges of course but what community doesn't. What we do have as well is a very strong sense of community. I am always amazed at how quickly people come together to help out. I've noticed in the last year that community events are getting back on track with better and more enthusiastic turnouts. I have also been witness to more collaboration between community partners.

As this summer will mark celebrations of the Rosseau/Nipissing Road we are seeing more collaboration between the Nipissing Museum and Commanda Museum as well as the Powassan District Union Public Library. We will be sharing more details on the upcoming events in the near future. We have an exciting summer ahead of us.

I would like also to take this time to thank the many volunteers that come out to the community events to help out. They are the backbone of the community. We wouldn't be a community without you. I would also like to take a moment to thank everyone who comes out to enjoy and participate at our events. You give our volunteers purpose and I thank you for that.

It has been a pleasure working with everyone and I hope for a long time to come. I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous year. - Councillor Steve Kirkey

Types of Trailer Licences:

Annual licence – this licence authorizes the placement of the trailer upon a property for a complete calendar year or any portion thereof, and its **occupancy between May 1st and November 30th in the calendar year.**

Seasonal Licence – this licence authorizes the placement of the trailer upon the property for a minimum period of **one month up to a maximum of three months, between May 1st and November 30th** in the calendar year.

All Annual Licences expire on December 31st and all Seasonal Licences expire on the date specified on the licence.

For more information, please follow the link to the Zoning By-Law 2020-20



How to obtain a trailer licence?

Applications along with a copy of the full Trailer Licence By-Law 2023-30 and Zoning By-Law 2020-20 are available online at www.NipissingTownship.com or at the Township of Nipissing Municipal Office at 45 Beatty Street.

TRAILER LICENCE	
Approved Trailer Licence issued to:	
Property Address:	
Licence Number:	
This licence is issued under the authority of Township of Nipissing By-Law Number 2023-30.	
Licence Issued by:	
	
<small>*Notice to be printed and laminated upon issuance. Original document to be posted at the site of the trailer. Copies will not be accepted.</small>	

Trailer Licence Fees:

Annual Fee:
\$600.00 per year

Seasonal Fees:
\$150.00 for one month
\$300.00 for two months
\$450.00 for three months



Trailer Licensing By-Law 2023-30



Who does this apply to?

This applies to any trailer, even if the trailer was placed on the property prior to date of enactment of By-law 2023-30 with some exceptions.

This By-law does **not** apply to:

- a) Assessed Trailers
- b) Trailers located in Camping Establishments
- c) A Stored Trailer

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.

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. Test them monthly.

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Open Air Burning By-Law 2020-42

The Fire Season runs from April 1st to October 31st each year. During the Fire Season, Open Air Burning restrictions are in place for the time open burning is allowed, 2 hours before sunset until 2 hours after sunrise are permitted times.

Fire Permits are required year-round for all Open Air Burning*.

Fire Permits are free of charge and remain valid unless there is a property ownership change or it is revoked by the Township.

To apply for a Fire Permit, please visit www.nipissingtownship.com under the Municipal Departments – Fire Department tab or visit the Township Office at 45 Beatty Street.

**Exceptions may apply for Open Air Burning definitions. Please refer to Open Air Burning By-Law 2020-42 for more information.*



Meet your Township of Nipissing Fire Department

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\$30 per
Player
includes a
T-shirt

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Township of Nipissing Youth Soccer

Learn & Play Soccer!

14 Blake Street, Heritage Park

Registration open from March 2, 2024
and closes April 30, 2024 at noon.

Register in person

Monday- Friday 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. &
April 18, 2024 until 7:00 p.m.

at the Township Office, 45 Beatty St.

Registration forms available at the
Township office or at
www.nipissingtownship.com



Contact Us: 705-724-2144



Visit Us: www.NipissingTownship.com

Ages: 4-12

Start Date: May 16, 2024 -
June 27, 2024
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Play 7 Games

End of Season Party on
final Game Day



This is not a School or Board Sponsored Event

RECREATION UPDATES

Upcoming Events:

- Teen Dance - May 10th
- Board & Card Games - May 11th
- Canada Day Celebration
- Movie in the Park-August 10th (24th)
- Teen Dance- August 16th
- Heritage Day Breakfast - August 18th
- Trunk Sale - September 14th
- Teen Dance - November 15th
- Roast Beef Dinner - November 23rd

Spaghetti Dinner Enjoyment!

On March 2, the Recreation Committee along with community volunteers hosted a delicious homemade spaghetti dinner with meatballs, garlic bread & homemade desserts.



Chair Yoga Success



The Recreation Committee is hosting 10 Chair Yoga Classes at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre. Classes are free of charge and donations are accepted for the 2 local food banks. To date the classes have raised 77lbs of food. After the final class the cash donations will be tallied and split equally between the Powassan and Callander Food Banks. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations! The final class will take place on April 15, 2024. Come out and join the fun!



Follow us on the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee Page - for upcoming events



Nipissing Township Museum

Open Seasonally June to September
Wednesday - Sunday
10:00 am to 4:30 pm

2024 is a significant year in the Township of Nipissing as it is both the 50th anniversary of the Nipissing Township Museum and the 150th anniversary of the Rosseau-Nipissing Colonization Road, which had a significant impact on the history and development of our township and the surrounding areas.

Save the Dates!

August 18 - Heritage Day

September 14 - Fall Fest & Market



Nipissing Centennial Celebrations, 1974
Photograph courtesy of Jane Russell Acc.# 2022.5.128d

The former Methodist (later Anglican) Church located at the corner of Hwy 654 and Beatty St. is one of three main buildings that house and display the Nipissing Township Museum collections. It was first opened to the public as a museum during the Nipissing Centennial Celebrations in August 1974.

**Our Museum is celebrating with new exhibits and themed activities,
but we need your help!**

We are fortunate to have family albums containing photographs, stories, and genealogical information from the families that have made the Township of Nipissing their home, but our collection is far from complete.

If you are interested in helping us by sharing your family's stories, please contact the museum through the Township Office at 705-724-2144 or by email at museum@nipissingtownship.com

Thank you!

Our Museum's Old Fashioned Candy & Gift Shop will have a NEW selection of retro candies and chocolates this season!



NEWS

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS CREW

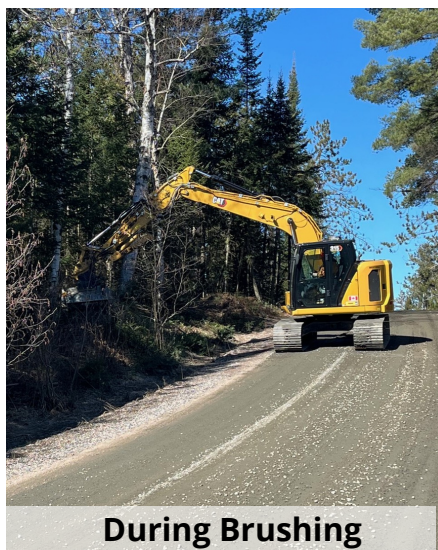
Brushing

The Public Works Crew have completed over 40 km of brushing on municipal roads to date. Brushing on the roadways ensures improved visibility for traffic and wildlife observation. Additionally, this initiative facilitates more sunlight and air to aid in the drying of the roadways during the spring thaw.

Crews have also undertaken preventative measures by hand cutting dead trees that pose a risk of falling onto our roadways. This proactive approach helps to mitigate potential traffic disruptions during future wind storms.



Before Brushing



During Brushing



After Brushing

Spring Pot Hole Repair

As we navigate the seasonal transition, of mild temperatures and early thaws, we expect more potholes on our roads this season. Our crews are already hard at work filling them to maintain road safety. However, this is an ongoing process, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we strive to maintain the quality of our infrastructure.

Grading operations will begin after the spring thaw; starting too early will turn the road to mud.



Spreading of Material



Grader Applying Material