

Fall Newsletter

◆ September 2024



Message from Mayor Tom Piper

Welcome to the Fall season, but summer lingers with great memories. Summer kicked off with a sensational soccer program with 126 participants. This would not have been possible without the staff and incredible coaches, referees and volunteers. Canada Day was headlined by a magician, face painting and a balloon artist. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Recreation Committee for their great work and the Fire Department for providing the fireworks to end the evening. Council hosted an Open House in July to discuss your issues and concerns. Staff and Council received some great information to go along with our resident survey. The Museum hosted Heritage Day in August but unfortunately a number of us couldn't attend as we were participating in a delegation to the Minister of Infrastructure in Ottawa.

With Labour Day weekend upon us, the Recreation Committee sponsored a Movie in the Park with fireworks following. As we move into the Fall, we look toward our municipal neighbours, as well as our provincial and federal representatives, to tackle a number of challenges. Council and staff continue to work diligently on your behalf to finish this year on a positive note. In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and guidance. To the Councillors, Staff, Committee Members and Volunteers: you make life the way it should be! Thank you.

Tom



Hummel Bridge - Delegation

Mayor Piper
Councillor Kirkey
Minister Surma
Mayor McIsaac
left to right

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Enjoy the Fall!

News From the Public Works Crew

The Public Works Crew has been busy this spring and summer brushing back roadways, completing hot patching, removing bedrock, and grader ditching in the south end in preparation of the 2025 gravel program and more!



The removal of the bedrock on Wolfe Lake Road allows for overall improved drainage and runoff.

Our Public Works crew recently completed Nxburst training, equipping them with the ability to safely, efficiently and effectively remove bedrock in the Township.

With this new capability, the crew can now handle tasks in-house, such as clearing large boulders that impede ditching, sightlines, and water flow. This will lead to improved ditch drainage and allow for efficient and cost effective project completion, benefitting the overall infrastructure of the Township.



Barrett Road
The removal of bedrock will eliminate plow wing contact in winter plowing.



Road work and hot patching took place on Lake Nipissing Road, Westview Drive and Lillian Court from culvert replacements. Completing this work helps to maintain the integrity of the Township's assets.

Winter Road Safety Tips

The winter season will soon be upon us, bringing a variety of unpredictable weather conditions for residents to navigate on the roadways.

Our Public Works Crew will continue to monitor the changing weather patterns and respond accordingly while maintaining the Winter Maintenance Standards for everyone's safety.

From time to time significant weather events occur, these include:

- Rainfall Warnings
- Wind Warnings
- Severe Thunderstorm Warnings
- Snowfall Warnings
- Freezing Rain Warnings
- Tornado Warnings
- Or other inclement weather that may occur as per Environment Canada's Public Weather Alerts



Hills that may be Temporarily Closed during a Freezing Rain Event:

- King's Road
- Stillar's Sideroad
- Ski Hill Road
- Power Plant Road
- Armstrong Road
- Bella Hill

The Township of Nipissing may declare a significant weather event following a weather alert issued by **Environment Canada**. During a significant weather event, residents are advised to use caution, drive to road conditions and understand that winter maintenance is ongoing and may take longer than expected. A significant weather event may have a direct impact on the hills or roads located in your residential area. This **may** result in road closures as the Township monitors the conditions of the road(s) and may limit access to Emergency Vehicles only.

What is a significant weather event?

A significant weather event is defined as an approaching or occurring weather hazard with the potential to pose a significant danger to the users of highways (roadways) within a municipality. When hazardous weather is expected, **Environment Canada** will issue an alert under its **Public Weather Alerting Program**.

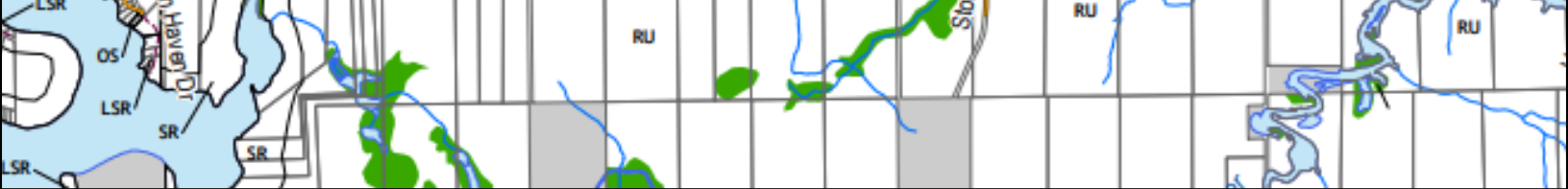
The Township notes that the declaration of a significant weather event only addresses the timelines and does not reduce the standard level of service provided. The declaration is to notify the residents, that due to the current forecasted conditions, caution is to be exercised when travelling on Township maintained roads and to drive according to road conditions until plows have serviced them.

Residents are reminded that plowing, shoveling, or depositing snow onto any roadway poses a significant safety hazard to travelling motorists. Additionally, Section 181 of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8 and By-Law 2021-63 prohibit individuals from pushing or pulling snow or ice onto roadways, to ensure safe travel for all.



For Roadway concerns on Highways 522, 534 & 654 contact Fowlers Highway Maintenance
1-888-353-0843

For After-Hour Road Emergencies Contact - 705-724-2194



Planning Information

Land Use Planning Services are responsible for the review and approval process for changes to land use within the Township of Nipissing. Land use in the Township is guided by our Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Policies.



Frequent Questions

Can I build a “bunkie” in the Township of Nipissing?

Answer: No, in Zoning By-Law 2020-20, no more than one (1) dwelling shall be permitted on any lot, unless otherwise specified by this By-Law.

Can I remove vegetation and trees on any lake in order to obtain a better view?

Answer: No, in Zoning By-Law 2020-20, a vegetative buffer of 30 metres of natural vegetation shall be developed and maintained inland of the high watermark. The vegetative buffer shall only be interrupted for a pathway not to exceed 4 metres in width to provide access to the water.



Can I place a storage container on my property and does it require a building permit?

Answer: Storage Containers **do** require a building permit. Please check with the Township Office to see if the Zoning allows for this use in your area.

Other Popular Questions:

- Can I have a secondary dwelling unit on my property?
- Can I use a trailer on my property?
- Can I have a boathouse. Does it have to be over water?
- Can I have a gazebo on a lakefront property?

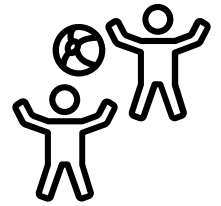


These questions and questions regarding zoning, setbacks, lot coverages, etc. can be answered by visiting the Township Office to review the current By-Law or by scheduling an appointment to discuss your property and options. The complete By-Law can also be found on the Township website:

www.nipissingtownship.com
Municipal Departments > Planning >
Zoning By-Law No. 2020-20 passed
December 1, 2020.



Recreation Committee Updates



The Recreation Committee has enjoyed a fun filled spring and summer with a number of community events. The Youth Soccer Season saw 10 teams play weekly with a total of 126 players learning new skills and enjoying games each week. The season would not have been possible without the dedication and enthusiasm from our coaches, referees, and assistants that volunteered their time each week.

Canada Day was celebrated by many in our community where we enjoyed the magic of Christophe, balloon art, face painting and popcorn provided by Tom from the Powassan Home Hardware. A big thank you goes to the Township of Nipissing Fire Department for the end of the night fireworks show!

A movie under the stars was a perfect way to end the summer fun. We want to thank everyone who came out to enjoy the events this summer and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

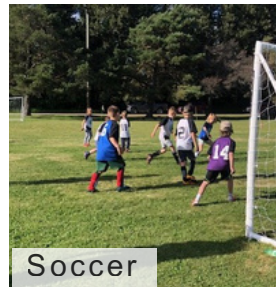
A big shout out to everyone who has dropped off their empties at the Landfills for the Recreation Committee.

Your donations help fund activities in the Township for all to enjoy including Youth Soccer, Teen Dances, Chair Yoga, Movie in the Park and more!



Upcoming Events

- Stay on your Feet - September 19
- Chair Yoga - September 30
- Teen Dance - October 25
- Halloween Spooktacular - Oct. 31
- Roast Beef Dinner - November 23
- Children's Christmas Run - Dec. 7



Soccer



Canada Day



Museum Fun



Movie in the Park

JOIN US FOR A GROOVY

halloween DANCE PARTY

2381 Highway 654
Township of Nipissing Community Centre
Ages 11-16

Supervised Dance with DJ. Email your song requests to office@nipissingtownship.com

Canteen stocked with water, chips and snacks!
Dress up in your favourite costume!

BOO!

FRIDAY OCT 25 7-10 PM

705-724-2144
www.NipissingTownship.com

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Nipissing Township Museum

Thank you to everyone who came out to the museum this year, whether it was to buy candy, take a tour, or attend an event!

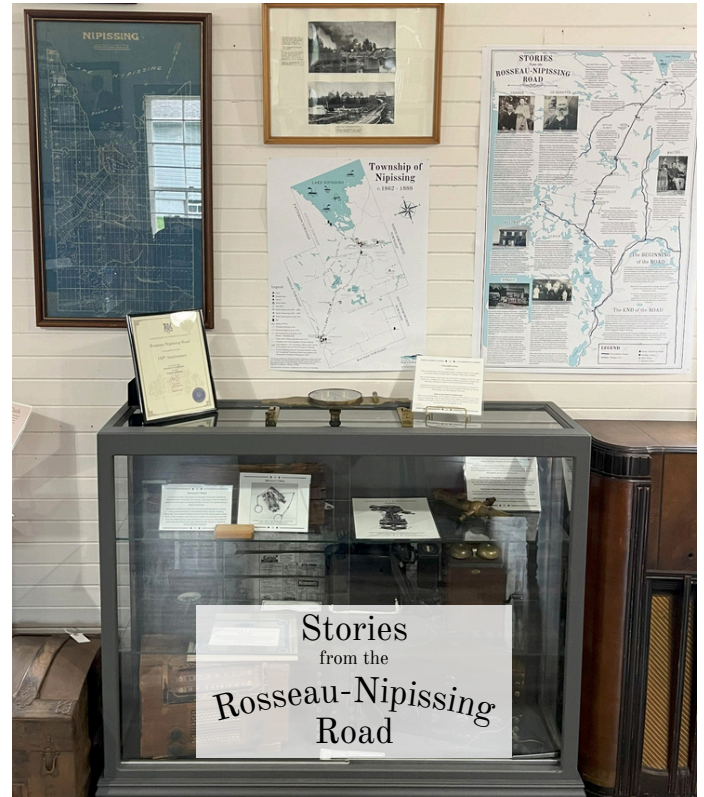


Museum Manager Gillian Bernas, Councillor Dave Yemm, MP Anthony Rota, Interim Deputy Clerk Kim Turnbull, and Councillor James Scott at Heritage Day 2024.

Thank you to MPP Vic Fedeli and to MP Anthony Rota for each presenting the museum with certificates in honour of the Nipissing Township Museum's 50th Anniversary and the 150th Anniversary of the Rosseau-Nipissing Road.



Blacksmith Bob Bartlett answering questions about the museum's metal-working tool collection at Heritage Day 2024.



The J Houston Band at Heritage Day 2024.

No amount of rain could dampen the enthusiasm at Heritage Day 2024!

Special thanks to the J Houston Band, The Township of Nipissing Fire Department, Blacksmith Bob Bartlett and our volunteers for making our 2024 Heritage Day spectacular!

Special thanks also to all those who donated funds or silent auction items to the museum, we appreciate your support!

What's been happening at the Nipissing Township Museum this summer

New Exhibits

Several new exhibits were installed this year to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Rosseau-Nipissing Road and the 50th Anniversary of the Nipissing Township Museum. If you didn't have a chance to see them yet, don't worry, they will still be here next year!

Family Activities

Our fantastic summer students have also created several interactive activities that are not only fun but also teach you about the ecology and history of our area! These are available for visitors to use any time at the museum if you want to give them a try!



Ecologies of Nipissing Game



Biodiversity of Lake Nipissing



Thank you to our wonderful students Emma and Brooke for all their hard work this summer!



SAVED BY THE BEEP)))
SEPTEMBER 28

Mark your calendars:
"Test Your Smoke Alarm Day" is September 28!
Let's keep Ontario fire safe together!

TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARM DAY

Snap a photo of you or your family members testing your smoke alarms and post it to Facebook using the hashtag **#SavedByTheBeep** and tag the **@NipissingTownshipFireDepartment** & the **@ONFireChiefs** to share the message!

Create an Emergency Preparedness Action Plan

Before an emergency occurs, it is important to develop a plan. You can use this online resource to help create an **Emergency Preparedness Action Plan** for your household.

beprepared.emergencymanagementontario.ca



SMOKE ALARMS
Make Them WORK For You!™

NFPA FIRE PREVENTION WEEK **fpw.org**

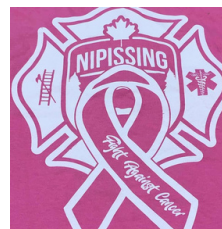
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This year's focus is **"Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!™"**

Install - in every bedroom, outside sleeping areas, on every level of the home including the basement.

Test - smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.

Replace - all smoke alarms according to manufacturer specifications, when they are 10 years old, or when they stop responding when tested.



The Township of Nipissing Fire Department wants to remind everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

To learn more visit the Canadian Cancer Society:
cancer.ca

To raise awareness of the importance of prevention and routine screening for early diagnosis.

