

Spring Newsletter

◆ April 2025

Message from Mayor Dave Yemm



As spring arrives, I would like to extend my gratitude to Council and staff for their hard work throughout the past year. As we move forward with planning for the 2025 budget, we remain focused on reviewing priorities to ensure that the Township is well-prepared for the year ahead, while maintaining a balanced budget and meeting our fiscal responsibilities.

Earlier this year, Pinchin, our landfill monitoring engineers, provided an update on the lifespan of our two landfills. Wolfe Lake now has 16.7 years remaining, up from 14.5 years, while Bear Creek's lifespan has increased to 7 years, from 5.5 years in 2023. This reflects both the Township's efficient landfill management, including compacting and our residents' dedication to waste diversion and recycling. We are also working with Pinchin to submit necessary documents for the Bear Creek expansion to ensure its continued operation.

This season our Public Works Crew along with contractors will be working to complete culvert work on Bear Creek Rd and Stonecutters Rd, demonstrating our commitment to maintaining and enhancing the Township's infrastructure. Funding to complete the culvert work comes from the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF), Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF), the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund (NORDS) and Capital Reserves.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the exciting events and activities the Township has to offer this spring and summer hosted by the Recreation Committee and the Nipissing Township Museum. Youth Soccer will be kicking off in June, a Canada Day celebration is planned for June and the much-anticipated Heritage Day in August.

I want to take a moment to thank and celebrate all the Volunteers and Committee Members that dedicate their time and energy to our community. As we approach National Volunteer Week in Canada, April 27- May 3, it is the perfect time to highlight the importance and impact you play in our community through your collective efforts. It is because of you that we are able to offer amazing events and programs within our Township. ~ Dave



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It has been an absolute pleasure to work with our volunteers and members of the Recreation Committee. We have celebrated Family Day with a fun event of skating, hot chocolate, music, community and fireworks. The spaghetti dinner was also a big success and it was fantastic to see community members enjoying a meal and socializing. The Voodoos spent the evening with us volunteering at our event as well. We can't do these things without the input and effort of our volunteers and community, thank you all.

As the appointed member to the EMS Committee, I have the opportunity to understand the importance of the programs being implemented to keep our community safe. The Community Paramedicine Program has an incredible impact on the vulnerable members of our Township and provides them with the care and support they need to remain in their homes and receive the professional services to help them stay there.

Thank you to everyone who has reached out with concerns and celebrations; please don't hesitate to email me or stop and say hello if I can help at all.

I am looking forward to a wonderful summer of events and will enjoy getting a chance to say hello to everyone out there.

See you soon. Happy Spring. Shelly



With spring approaching timidly and a world mired in conflict, I am so grateful to have my family nestled with me here in our community of Nipissing surrounded by neighbours whom are our friends. As a recent addition to our Council, I am enjoying the challenge of familiarizing myself with the issues our Township faces. Thank you to everyone on Council for being so supportive and allowing me to get back into municipal workings. I appreciate the hard work that the Township staff has put forward to maintain our infrastructure, the creative solutions the management team has put forth to extend the life of our landfill while still preparing our budget for later replacement. A team effort between staff and Council encourages diverse solutions while being a voice for the community. Being that voice is important. I believe that listening to our neighbours will help gain insight to what is important to the people around us. This will help make decisions for the whole of Nipissing Township. Not everyone agrees on solutions but we must respect each other's desire to be heard. We must try to do what is best to maintain this beautiful pocket of Canada.

In addition to our full-time staff, Nipissing and its safety is in the hands of our local fire department. I am very thankful to this group and have been witness to some of the incredible things they do. They are forever awaiting the pager to send them off to help someone from a fall, a fire or a medical emergency. I am not sure they can be appreciated enough.



Beyond the Council table, I am anticipating a wonderful spring and summer where we can engage with each other and celebrate ourselves as a community. As Rec committee chair, I look forward to the many events we have coming over the next few months from the Easter Scavenger Hunt, teen dances, soccer, baking classes, to the inaugural Music Market and the Community Yard and Trunk Sale. I hope everyone is putting aside their new and used wares now for the September event as it can help prolong the life of our landfill and is a great opportunity to meet neighbours.

I would like to thank all of our incredible volunteers who not only make these events happen but make them eventful! Whether a regular committee member or an occasional volunteer, we could not do any of these events without you. Your selfless commitment to serving your community is immensely appreciated.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you. I look forward to seeing you around this summer.

Councillor Lisa

Hello Everyone, from out here in Hotham.

Well, it's been an interesting year so far. We have had a Provincial election and we will soon have a Federal election, exciting times.

On the home front, we are in the middle of Maple Syrup season and Budget season. Although challenging, I am confident we can put together a reasonable budget that won't break the bank, while still delivering the services you expect. These are challenging times though. What many people don't realize is the cost of services that we have little or no control over, such as insurance, Health Unit levy, Policing and such.

We have grants from the Province that we get every year to offset some of those costs but those grants are quite often dedicated to a certain program or project and we can't deviate from that or we won't get the grant. We also apply for grants for specified projects. There is no guarantee that we will be successful in receiving those grants, but if we don't apply we will for certain not get that grant. On the upside we have staff that are very good at the application process to obtain these grants. This is all factored into building our budget.

The weather is slowly warming up. Not fast enough in my humble opinion. I did see my first robin of the year the other day so that's encouraging. We have a lot of exciting things to do this year with the Recreation Committee, Museum, Community Centre and Library. So, stay tuned for those upcoming events. I would also like to give a great shoutout to all the volunteers in this great community for their hard work and dedication to helping make things work. Without you, most things would not be possible. You make this community what it is and I thank you. Steve Kirkey



I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has generously donated bottles and participated in organizing and counting for our bottle drive. Your contributions big and small make a meaningful impact and truly help strengthen our community. The funds raised from this initiative directly support various programs and events led by the Recreation Committee. These efforts enhance the quality of life in our town by fostering connection, wellness, and engagement for all ages.

At the same time, our Council and staff are working diligently on the town budget to ensure that we deliver the best possible services and programming while being mindful of costs and maximizing value for our residents.

Finally, a sincere thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who contribute their time and energy. Your commitment does not go unnoticed and continues to make a lasting difference in the success and spirit of our Township.

With appreciation,
James Scott



Bottle Drive Donations

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RECREATION



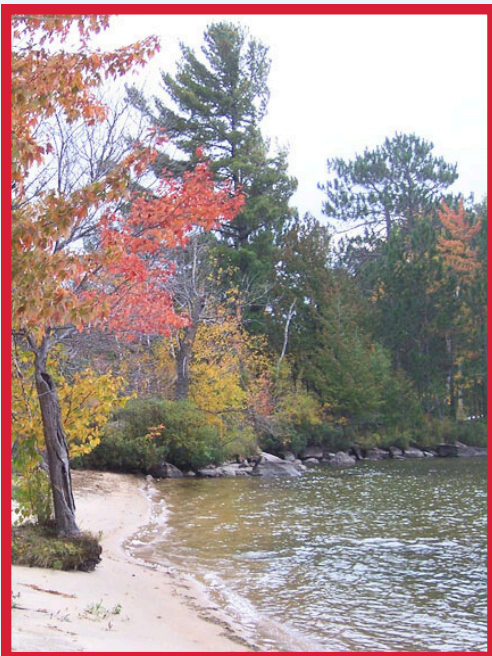
New Park Sign!

We're excited to announce the installation of a brand-new Heritage Park sign, designed to make exploring the park even more enjoyable! Whether you're taking a leisurely stroll, enjoying a picnic, or discovering the playground, our updated signage will help you make the most of your visit. Come and see the improvements for yourself, we can't wait for you to explore and enjoy all that the park has to offer! A big thanks to Public Works for the assistance with this project!

Playground: May 1st, 2025

The park is designed to provide a safe, fun and engaging space for families and children of all ages. Playground equipment and ample green space create the perfect spot for outdoor Recreation.

For your convenience, the Park is equipped with an accessible washroom to ensure comfort and accessibility for all visitors.



Beaches

The Township of Nipissing is home to two public beaches, each offering its own charming setting for visitors to enjoy.

The shores of Lake Nipissing feature a beautiful public beach, Link's Beach is located along Sunset Cove Road, perfect for a day of relaxation or a refreshing swim. Just a short drive away, Wolfe Lake offers another charming public beach, accessible along Wolfe Lake Road, where you can unwind and take in the natural beauty of the area.

To ensure a comfortable and convenient experience for all, fully accessible washrooms will be installed at both beaches at the beginning of June. Whether you're planning a family outing or simply enjoying a sunny day by the water, these beaches will make your visit even more enjoyable.

Youth Soccer Program

May 15th 2025 – June 26th 2025
Thursdays | 6:00 – 7:00 PM
\$30.00 per player –
Includes a t-shirt!
Don't miss out on the fun –
Register by April 25th at noon!



Scone Baking Class

Saturday, May 10th 2025
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
(Scheduled Time Slots)
\$10.00 per person –
Ingredients included
Call the Township Office to
reserve your spot.
Registration closes April
30th at noon.



Teen Dance Night

Friday, June 13th 2025
Township of Nipissing Community
Centre 2381 Highway 654
Ages 11–13: 5:30 – 7:15 PM
Ages 14–16: 7:30 – 10:00 PM
Come out for a great night of
music and fun with friends!



Nipissing Township Museum

2025 Events

Tea & Talk

Get the chance to speak to
some of our local Maple
Syrup producers & learn
how you can start making
Maple Syrup in your own
backyard!



All while
enjoying
homemade
savories &
sweets made
with local
ingredients!

Sunday July 13
11am - 3pm at the Nipissing
Township Museum
4363 Hwy 654

Heritage Day

This year's theme is
**Building the
Homestead**



New Exhibits
Family Activities
BBQ
Demonstrations
Silent Auction
& More!

Sunday August 17
11am - 3pm at the
Nipissing Township
Museum 4363 Hwy 654

Remembrance Lunch

Learn about how the First
and Second World Wars
affected our Township and
the stories of the local
people who fought in these
global conflicts.



Lunch & Snacks Inspired by
Wartime Recipes
Exhibits & Activities
Listen to the Experiences of
Local Veterans

Sunday November 2
10:30am - 2:30pm at the Township
of Nipissing Community Centre
2381 Hwy 654

Emergency Preparedness Starts With You



NO DAYTIME BURNING



DAYTIME BURNING IS NOT PERMITTED

APRIL 1ST - OCTOBER 31ST

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT

During an emergency, you may have no electrical power or be asked to evacuate. An emergency kit contains essential items you and your household need to survive on your own for at least 72 hours. Keep a kit at home, work, and in your car. Your kit should be easy to carry and portable, such as a knapsack or suitcase. Check the contents twice a year to ensure the freshness of food and water, and refresh items if needed.

EVACUATION & SHELTER-IN-PLACE

An evacuation may be ordered when there is a significant threat. Other times, it may be safer to remain inside (shelter-in-place). These orders are typically broadcast through TV, radio, government websites, social media or wireless public alerting.

EVACUATION

Evacuate only when ordered by emergency officials and if safety permits, take your pets. Take your emergency kit with you and head to your designated meeting place or reception centre.

EMERGENCY PLAN

Create an emergency plan and discuss potential emergency situations ahead of time to reduce fear and anxiety. Review your plan yearly and practice going to your meeting places.

MEETING PLACE

Identify two meeting places in case you have to leave your home or can't return home right away: Near your home, Outside of your neighbourhood.

POWER OUTAGES

- If your neighbours' power is also out, notify your electrical supply authority.
- Never use charcoal or gas barbecues, camping heating equipment, or a home generator indoors.
- Use glow sticks or flashlights to see.
- Keep freezer and fridge doors closed.
- A freezer will keep food frozen for 24-36 hours if the door remains closed.
- Stay away from fallen power lines.

FLOOD

- Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters.
- Stay off of bridges over fast-moving water.
- Determine how best to protect yourself based on the type of flooding. Evacuate if told to do so.
- Obey traffic barricades and road closure signs.

To Develop Your Own Emergency Preparedness Action Plan Visit: Ontario.ca/BePrepared **KIT ESSENTIALS**



What To Do!

Do you test your smoke alarms each month?

Yes No

Action item: Test all the smoke alarms in your home at least once a month by pushing the test button.

Does everyone in your home know the sound of the smoke alarm?

Yes No

Action item: Push the test button so everyone knows the sound of the alarm. Smoke alarms make a loud "BEEP, BEEP, BEEP" sound.

Does everyone in your home know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds?

Yes No

Action item: Make a home fire escape plan and practice it at least two times a year. This way everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds and can get outside and stay outside.

- Backpack/duffel bag/small suitcase.
- Non-perishable food and can opener.
- Bottled or bagged water 4L per person per day.
- Medication(s)
- Toilet paper and other personal items.
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Cell phone charger and power bank.
- Cash in small bills.
- Portable light source such as a flashlight, headlamp or glow stick.
- Radio - crank or battery-run.
- Extra batteries.
- First-aid kit.
- Candles and matches/lighter.
- Hand sanitizer or moist towelettes.
- Important documents - identification.
- Extra car and house keys.
- Whistle - to attract attention, if needed.
- Zip-lock bags - to keep things dry.
- Garbage bags and duct tape.





Do I need a Trailer Licence?

Trailer licensing is in place to permit the use of trailers on vacant properties, as applicable under Zoning By-Law 2020-20. By-Law 2023-30 provides the requirements and process for obtaining a license.

Please contact the Township office if you are unsure whether a trailer license is required for your lot. In most cases, if your property does not have a dwelling, a license will be required for any trailer on your lot.

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.

**Trailer Licencing
By-Law 2023-30**



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.

An education period was provided in 2023 and 2024. Effective May 1, 2025, enforcement activities will begin.



Storage Containers



A building permit is required to place a seaway container/storage container on your property.

Please check with the Township Office to see if the Zoning requirements allow for this use in your area and obtain a permit if you have placed or plan to place a container on your property.

Help Us Maintain Our Landfills

Tips & Reminders

Mixed Material Recyclables

For items of more than one type of material, please separate any materials that are easily removable, such as lids and place in the appropriate area. For example please remove metal lids from glass jars and plastic lids from cardboard canisters. Cardboard canisters with a metal bottom can be placed in the metal bin.



Reducing Waste

Choosing to purchase products made of, and/or packaged in materials that are recyclable is one way you can help reduce the rate at which our landfills are filling up. Others include donating items still in usable condition to the Diabetes Canada Textile Recycling Bins at each of our landfills or to the many second-hand shops in the surrounding areas.

The Shred Pile

Items such as certain pieces of **furniture, construction waste, roofing shingles, treated wood, and non-recyclable plastic** are **NOT** accepted in Household Waste and must be taken to the **Wolfe Lake Landfill to the Shred Pile**. There are user fees for depositing material in the Shred Pile which contribute to the cost of shredding in order to significantly reduce the rate at which our landfills fill up.



*Please Note: Landfills currently accept **CHEQUES, EXACT CASH or DEBIT ONLY**



Hazardous Waste

Neither of the Township of Nipissing Landfills can accept ANY Hazardous Waste items, including: **lightbulbs** (of any kind), **batteries, propane tanks** (of any size), **aerosol cans, etc.** For a full list of items that are considered Hazardous Waste, please visit the website: <https://northbay.ca/services-payments/garbage-recycling/household-hazardous-waste/>

Wildlife at the Landfills

There can be plenty of wildlife to be seen at the landfills, especially during the summer season, for the health & safety of all, please maintain a respectful distance from bears and other wildlife.

