

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025



Message from Mayor Dave Yemm



I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Council members and staff for their support as I transition into my new role as Mayor for the Township. I am very grateful for Tom's leadership, guidance and friendship during this time and wish Tom all the best during his retirement, he will be missed.

During the past year the Township had many exciting events from our Fall Community Celebration, the Museum celebrating its 50th Anniversary during Heritage Day and a successful Youth Soccer Season. I want to thank all of Committee Members and Volunteers, without you we could not provide these events to our community.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming 2025 community events. Please take a moment to come and say hello.

Dave

Fond Farewells for Tom Piper

Effective November 30, 2024, Mayor Tom Piper tendered his resignation from Council.

Tom was elected as a Councillor October 2010, receiving the highest number of votes and being appointed Deputy Mayor. All members of Council were acclaimed in the 2014 municipal election with Tom retaining Deputy Mayor position.

Sadly, in May of 2016, Mayor Pat Haufe resigned his seat due to health issues. Tom was appointed Mayor on June 7, 2016.

Tom was acclaimed to the seat of Mayor in the 2018 and 2022 municipal elections. Tom served on Council for 14 years, 12 as Mayor.

Tom served on the Eastholme Home for the Aged Board of Management, Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Municipal Housing Corporation, Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee, Nipissing Township Museum Board, Lake Nipissing Water Group, as well as attending conferences and meetings on behalf of the Township during his tenure.

Tom oversaw Council during COVID, legislative changes including an Official Plan update, Zoning By-Law update, receiving consent granting authority and the provision for trailers in the Township.



Council, Staff and Residents appreciate Tom's humour, demeanor, community spirit, integrity and humility during his time on Council. He will be missed at the table. We wish him and his family all the best and look forward to continuing to see him at Township events. Thank you for your service Tom



Welcome Councillor Lisa Chalapenko

I am deeply honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve on this Council. This selection is not just a personal milestone but a reflection of the trust and confidence placed in me by our community and this Council.

Having the privilege of serving on the Recreation Committee, I've seen firsthand the power of community engagement and the positive impact of our collective efforts. I'm excited to bring that experience to my role on the Council as we work together to address the needs and aspirations of our community.

As we step into the new year, I'd also like to highlight some exciting events being organized, including Family Day Skate, Music in the Park and the Community Trunk Sale. These events are a testament to the vibrant spirit of our community, and I hope to see many of you there!

Thank you again for this privilege. I look forward to meeting those of you I have not yet met and representing you in Council. I anticipate working together in contributing to the growth and success of our shared future. Sincerely, Lisa



Property Tax Information

The interim tax bill is due on **March, 31, 2025** and is based on half of the previous year's total taxes. The final tax bill is sent out in June and is due **September 30, 2025**. Property taxes are sent out in two installments each year.

Once the annual budget is adopted by Council in the late spring, the tax rate is applied to your property assessment which determines your total property taxes for the year. Your assessment



is determined by MPAC, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation. The Township of Nipissing accepts payments online or telephone banking through your financial institution, cheque, in-person by cash or debt. Please note credit card payments and e-transfers are **not** accepted. There is a \$20 fee to process all foreign currency received. A fee of \$40 is charged for any returned cheques.

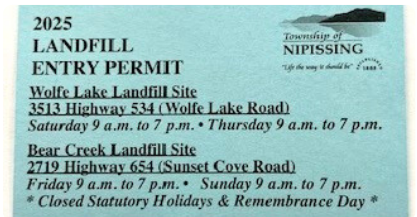
Please watch for your 2025 Landfill Entry Permit, attached to your Interim Tax Bill

Note: The 2025 Landfill Hours are now in effect:

Wolfe Lake Site: Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Bear Creek Site: Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The landfill sites will remain closed to the public Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. **Debit is now accepted.**



A Great Time for a Test!

Carbon monoxide is a silent killer, you can't see it, smell it or taste it. To detect it you need a working CO alarm.

Carbon Monoxide alarms save lives.

Test your Smoke Alarms monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. All smoke alarms wear out, replace them following manufacture's specifications.



Emergency Preparedness

Emergencies can happen at any time, before it occurs make sure you have a plan in place for your household. Follow these steps:

- develop a plan
- build an emergency kit
- make sure you stay informed, should an emergency occur

For more information visit: www.ontario.ca/beprepared

Dog Tags

The 2025 dog tags are available for purchase at the Township Office.

\$10.00 for the first dog

\$20.00 for the second, third & fourth dog.

Fees increase after March 31st.



Snow Removal

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. Please keep the roadways safe for all travelers.



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

Do You Enjoy Volunteering?

Would you like to make a difference in your community?

The Township of Nipissing is looking for people interested in joining:

Nipissing Township Museum Board

Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee

For more information visit: www.NipissingTownship.com



- | February 16th - Family Skate
- | March 1st - Spaghetti Dinner
- | March 29th - Trivia Night
- | April 19th - Easter Scavenger Hunt
- | May 10th - Family Baking Event
- | May 15th - Youth Soccer Season Begins
- | June 13th - Teen Dance