

COUNCIL CORNER

August 2021

Back to school is fast approaching so I'll begin this month's Council Corner with a reminder that with school starting again soon for everyone to be vigilant of the school zones and school crossing areas. Over the summer Public Works staff have added painted visual reminders drawing added attention to crosswalks and school zone speed limits (30 km). Slow down and keep our children safe.



Updates:

- Nipawin's water has long been a source of discussion with pride over many years however over the past several months residents and council members have been asking questions of our Utility Department and our Engineers about the taste of the water with the activation of the Town of Nipawin's new water treatment plant. Unfortunately resolution will still require our patience for a short while before it is fully resolved.

Please be assured that the raw water entering the Town's water treatment plant is tested daily. It is tested before and after the pressure filters and membrane treatment units (Reverse Osmosis). The issue, though not unusual, was unknown to us prior to implementation of the treatment unfortunately. What occurs is that the water being produced in the Water Treatment Plant now is of extremely high purity. We are advised by the membrane unit provider that this high level of purity may be the contributing factor. Concerns about water taste and smell are, in all probability as a result of the deposits in the distribution system or household plumbing which are being dissolved into the water and will naturally reduce over time as the deposits dissolve and flush away.

To ensure the Town is addressing the issue as quickly as possible, the Town's Utility department is currently flushing hydrants and will continue flushing to accelerate the stabilizing process.

The water's PH is maintained at approximately 8 to reduce corrosion and to minimize the amounts of phosphate blend mixtures. Treatment is added to the distribution system for corrosion control.

Thank you for your patience as this situation rights itself. If you would like to discuss this further or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Office (306) 862 9866 to speak with the CAO, Barry Elliott, or the Director of Works, Utilities & Engineering, Jamie Fast.

Reminders:

- The Town of Nipawin will be holding its annual Open House on September 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in conjunction with various team registrations. The Open House will feature information from all Town of Nipawin Departments as well as information about the future Heliport at the Nipawin Hospital. Partner organizations such as the Twin Lakes District Planning Commission will also be available to discuss the new Future Land Use Map and revised District Official Community Plan. The RCMP will be available for conversations and Citizens on Patrol Program information will be available. Mayor and Council and the Chief Administrative Officer will be available for conversations.

If you have an **idea, concern or a bouquet** please don't hesitate to arrange an opportunity for a conversation. Call (306) 862 9866 to arrange an appointment or by email to mayorharper@nipawin.com. (NOTE: Anonymous concerns, written or by phone, will not receive response so please sign your concern and provide contact information.)

The Town of Nipawin presents
"Outpour Weekend"
in cooperation with the Emmanuel Baptist Church

Friday, September 24th, 3-8pm & Saturday, September 25th, 9am-1pm

Do you need assistance with:

- Yard work
- Housecleaning
- Small maintenance tasks or repairs
- Heavy lifting/moving items, etc

Fill out the form below and return to the Town Office to request help and give your details and we'll match you up with willing and capable volunteers who want to benefit our community through serving you. For more information call the Parks & Recreation Department at 306-862-4866.

"Promoting good community and care of our residents through serving those in need of a helping hand"

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Home Owner Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Civic Address: _____
What do you need help with? _____

Approx. time to complete all tasks: _____
Day that works better: _____

Residence must be in Nipawin. Times are limited to first come—first serve. Groups of roughly 14 people will arrive to your home either on Friday, September 24th, between the hours of 3-8pm OR on Saturday, September 25th, between the hours of 9am-1pm — please sign up for the day that suits you best.

Form must be submitted to the Town Office by 12:00pm on Monday, September 20 2021.

FREE PUBLIC SKATING & ARENA HI-LITES

NOON HOUR HOCKEY: 12:00 TO 1:00 PM MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY - BEGINNING SEPT 7

PARENT AND TOT SKATING: 10:00 TO 11:00 AM THURSDAY - BEGINNING SEPT 7

PUBLIC SKATING TIMES:

8:30 TO 10:00 AM MONDAY TO THURSDAY - BEGINNING SEPT 7

12:00 TO 1:00 PM TUESDAY AND THURSDAY - BEGINNING SEPT 7

6:30 TO 7:45 PM MONDAY - BEGINNING OCT 3

6:30 TO 7:45 PM SUNDAY - BEGINNING OCT 3

CHILDREN UNDER 12 MUST WEAR A HELMET!!!!

NO CHAIRS! PLEASE USE SKATE ASSISTS PROVIDED

NO STICKS, PUCKS, OR BALLS ALLOWED ON THE ICE DURING PUBLIC SKATING