

COUNCIL CORNER – February 2021

It's hard to believe we are already getting close to a year since our lives were turned upside down by COVID-19. I'm sure we were all happy to say goodbye to 2020 but we are facing the reality in 2021 that we are simply not in the clear yet and that the timelines determining what our future is going to look like seem to be constantly moving. It's been promising to see the case curve start to move downward again. It has been a relief to see health care workers and some of our most vulnerable citizens begin to be vaccinated. At the same time, I know the uncertainty about when the vaccine will be available in our community is having an impact on everyone's sense of hope and ability to plan. Our Town, along with many other agencies and organizations continues to work closely with the Province in every way we can.



In the most recent SHA update of Feb. 18, it advises that Phase 1 prioritization of individuals and health care workers initially sequenced continues. Health care workers previously announced in the Phase 1 priority sequencing include: health care workers in emergency departments, intensive care units, COVID-19 wards and COVID-19 testing and assessment staff. Other individuals initially included in Phase 1 sequencing include: long-term care and personal care home residents and staff, residents 70 and older in all communities, and residents over the age of 50 living in remote or northern Saskatchewan. (www.Saskatchewan.ca/COVID19)

In the meantime, we are all urged to continue to follow the protocols and advice of Public Health.

Continue these **three very important** things to help keep you, and others as safe as possible:

1. Keep your **DISTANCE** – 6 feet/2 meters between yourself and others.
2. Wear a **MASK**, to protect yourself as well as others.
3. **WASH** your hands often!

While Nipawin has continued to face the upheaval of COVID, thanks to our Council and Administration we continue to operate at full steam ahead on all fronts.

Compliments the Parks & Recreation Department for implementing a number of outdoor activities and programs to help keep us active and outdoors during this time. Cross Country ski equipment rentals, fat tire bike rental, snow feet and skating at (now lighted) Barber's Pond are among the fun things to do as a family.

REMINDERS:

1. Want to build in Nipawin?

Contact the Town of Nipawin's Planning Department if you are conducting extensive renovations, building an addition, creating bedrooms in your basement, or building a deck or garage this summer. Our staff can help with the necessary permits and processes to have your project ensure it meets the required codes, thereby protecting your investment when it comes time to sell and helping ensure safety of the build. If you have a larger project in mind, staff can walk you through the necessary processes. The Planning Department can find house plans of your property, if they exist, and provide you a copy to help in the design. The planning department can also provide construction guides for a variety of projects to help determine construction methods. **Contact Town Planner, Jeff Hrynkiw by email at j.hrynkiw@nipawin.com OR on his cell phone at (306) 230 6778.**

2. What to look for when you have an unusually high water bill.

- a. Leaking toilets
- b. Leaky taps
- c. Water softeners stuck on regenerate
- d. Bleeder valves turned on high
- e. Watering gardens or grass daily

3. 2020 Property Taxes now overdue. Please make sure your taxes are up to date.

Do not hesitate to call the Town Office if you need assistance or advice. **(306) 862 9866**

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.)

Chart below shows amount of water loss possible with a water leak.

To check to see if you have a water leak : Turn off all your water uses and check your water meter. If it is reading that your home is still using water, you have an issue as the meter should not be registering any water use.



**WATER LOSS IN GALLONS
DIRECT RESULT OF AN UNREPAIRED WATER LEAK**

SIZE OF LEAK	LOSS PER HOUR	LOSS PER DAY	LOSS PER MONTH	COST OF OVERAGE ON A MONTHLY BILL
	5	120	3,600	\$47.92
	15	360	10,800	\$143.75
	29	696	20,880	\$277.91
	50	1,200	36,000	\$431.16
	80	1,920	57,600	\$660.55
	129	3,096	92,880	\$1,035.23
	179	4,296	128,880	\$1,417.55
	235	5,640	169,200	\$1,845.74
	291	6,984	209,520	\$2,273.94
	351	8,424	252,720	\$2,732.73
	412	9,888	296,640	\$3,199.16
	476	11,424	342,720	\$3,688.53
	530	12,720	381,600	\$4,101.43
	623	14,952	448,560	\$4,812.55

**** PLEASE NOTE THIS IS ON CONSUMPTION ONLY
IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE
OR
THE INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGE****