

# COUNCIL CORNER July 2021 Edition



Happy Summer everyone. This edition will feature a few updates about what's been going on from the Town Office over that past several weeks and to make you aware of a few things that are coming up early in September.

Millions of Canadians have now completed their 2021 Census questionnaires, but there is still time for households who may not yet have completed their Census to do that. Accurate and complete Census data ensures municipalities like the Town of Nipawin to have a clear picture of the needs of our community. The numbers from the census are used for multiple funding applications. Most funding applications require information about the number of people in a community, and dollars are based on per capita. If you haven't already, there is still time to complete your census online. <https://census.gc.ca/index-eng.htm>. Please be counted.

Over the past several years your Council has, through the Protective Services Standing Committee, discussed the Citizens on Patrol Program with members of the RCMP. On two separate occasions over that time, the RCMP representative responsible for that program has held information sessions. Unfortunately, the response was minimal at the time. Recently a group of concerned citizens contacted the Town and the RCMP to request information and expressed interest in signing up and learning more about the program. Nipawin's new Staff Sargent, Terry Posnikoff, is working to bring the information to Nipawin as soon as possible. Please keep your eye on the Town's website ([www.nipawin.com](http://www.nipawin.com)) for time and location. A Citizens on Patrol committee that involves the grassroots of a community will undoubtedly assist the RCMP in helping to address community safety. As has been mentioned previously, it is everyone's responsibility, **if we "See Something to Say Something"**.

The online crime reporting tool allows residents with a valid email address and internet connection to report select crimes online using a computer or cellphone <https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/Saskatchewan>

## Updates:

- During COVID it was difficult to have the annual Town of Nipawin Open House. This year, however, the Town Open House is scheduled for September 1<sup>st</sup> at the Evergreen Centre from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. This year the public open house will be held in conjunction with the Fall Registration for various sports and activities. The open house will feature the various town departments (Parks & Recreation, Fire Department, Public Works, Finance, and Bylaw enforcement) along with outside agencies such as the RCMP, and Twin Lakes District Planning Commission to name a few. Administration and Council will be available throughout the evening.
- You may have noticed a change to the boulevard area at the end of our downtown's main street. This is phase one of a number of downtown revitalization features being considered. This is also a feature in the Town's Communities in Bloom process. Downtown revitalization is something that the Town of Nipawin has studied and been considering for some time in consultation with the Community Economic & Tourism Advisory Committee, and prior to that, during the days of the Business Improvement District (BID). The planter will feature a variety of small shrubs, vines, and perennials.
- **Heliport approved** for Nipawin Hospital. Good news from the partners of the Twin Lakes District Planning Commission ... the submission to the Saskatchewan Health Authority by the partners to proceed with the construction of a Heliport adjacent to the Nipawin Hospital has at long last been approved. The partners will be determining a project steering committee and will begin active fund-raising shortly. All municipal partner offices (Town of Nipawin, RM of Nipawin, Town of Carrot River, RM of Moose Range, Village of Codette, Resort Village of Tobin Lake, RM of Torch River, Village of White Fox, Town of Choiceland) are currently gratefully accepting donations and bequests in support of the project. Construction of the heliport can only begin once the full amount of funding is in place.
- The Visitor / Tourist Information Centre is newly renovated and open full time effective from 8:30 to 4:30 daily. To speak with someone at the Centre directly please call: (306) 862 0010.

## Reminders:

- **ATTENTION local CONTRACTORS** – All Town of Nipawin contract requirements and Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are now regularly posted on the Town of Nipawin's website ([www.nipawin.com](http://www.nipawin.com)). Please watch the website if you are interested in bidding on a service or project.
- Many will have noticed the new speed and crosswalk reminders that the Public Works Department has painted on town streets. A quick reminder about 30 km speed limits in school zones and around all parks, including the Skate Park along Highway 55 (the speed limited of 30 km begins at the corner of Nipawin Road East and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East and runs for about two blocks). Please slow down and keep Nipawin kids and residents safe.

Residents are encouraged to call the Town Office for assistance or advice as you its needed. **(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](mailto:mayorharper@nipawin.com). (**NOTE:** Anonymous concerns, written or by phone, will not receive response so please sign your concern and provide contact information.)

# Community Registration Night & Town of Nipawin Open House

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 2021**

5:00-8:00pm

Nipawin Evergreen Centre

Various community recreation, sport and cultural groups will be in attendance for registration night as well as KidSport and the Cultural Assistance Program.

Come meet our departments & see what's happening at the Town of Nipawin Open House!

You'll find:

- Parks & Recreation
- Tourism
- Public Works & Utilities
- By-Law Enforcement
- Finance
- Fire & Rescue
- Mayor & Council
- And More!