

COUNCIL CORNER – May 2021 Edition

The Pool @ Central Park has opened for the summer season. The pool has already seen lots of activity. Check out the Town of Nipawin website and Parks & Recreation page on Facebook page for schedules and information about upcoming activities.



Updates and acknowledgements:

- In April the 2021 tax assessment notices were distributed following SAMA assessment information and release of the Provincial budget on April 6th. The deadline for filing appeals is June 8th. If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to call the Town office. If you have questions about your assessment, please contact Chief Financial Officer, Lesley Richer, or CAO Barry Elliott for information.
- At the May 25th regular meeting of Council the 2021 property tax rates were approved. The mill rate of 6.6 has increased slightly over 2020 however the commercial base tax saw a reduction. Council was successful in ensuring the percentage of tax burden for each tax classification remains similar to the previous year.
- Welcome the Town's new Marketing & Tourism Coordinator, Krysten Albert. Krysten will begin her new role in Nipawin on June 21st and will be housed at the Nipawin Visitor Centre and can be reached at (306) 862 0010.
- Through the generosity of C.P. Rail, the town has received two "AED SaveStations". An official dedication and acknowledgement of the significant donation is scheduled for a date in the near future. The SaveStations are a welcome safety addition to the community and are located at the front entrance to the Evergreen Centre, as well as at the Town Square.
- In 2020 the Tri City Horticulture Society generously donated to the Town's Community Garden project. This year, the Tri City Horticulture Society has again supported the Town of Nipawin by assisting with a Youth Planting Program.
- Thanks to a program through the Carrot River Valley Watershed Association and in partnership with LP Miller students, a number of tree seedlings were planted near LP Miller School and at Nipawin's future dog park.
- Watch for the "little Library" to be located at the Community Gardens at Botting Park in the near future.
- During the week of May 25th the Town of Nipawin brought back the Spring Clean Up. Thank you to the Boreal Area Regional Waste Authority for its support and to the staff of the Town of Nipawin for the assistance.
- You have no doubt noticed the change in your water. The Town of Nipawin is not at full Reverse Osmosis (RO). Please try the Town water and then you may wish to adjust your water softeners accordingly.
- Town employees continue to work on painting curbs and lines. Please slow down and keep a safe distance from workers.
- Crack sealing of town roads is scheduled to begin soon.

Reminders:

- A Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Day will be held at the Regional Landfill on Saturday, June 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous materials such as paint, automotive batteries, propane cylinders, fuel, light bulbs and ballasts, oxidizing chemicals, solvents, pet medication, drain cleaners, etc.
- All dogs and cats in the Town of Nipawin require a license. Please ensure your CATS & DOGS are licensed.
- Please ensure that **only** recyclable materials are in your blue bin. Blue bins that are contaminated with garbage will **not** be picked up. Also ensure that only compostable materials such as grass, twigs etc. are in your compost bins. If you do not have a bin, ensure that your compost is in paper (not plastic) bags.

As immunization of a significant portion of the population continues, please 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!

Residents are encouraged to call the Town Office at **(306) 862 9866** for assistance or advice as needed.

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.)

HHW

Household Hazardous Waste Collection TOWN of NIPAWIN

YOUR COMMUNITY HHW EVENT WILL BE HELD ON:

Saturday, June 19th, 2021

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the BARWA Landfill, Section 17, Township 50, Range 14 West.

This program is open to local residents only. For more information visit <http://www.nipawin.com/index.cfm> or call the Town of Nipawin at 306.862.9866.

ACCEPTED

All containers must be labelled

ADHESIVES – contact cement, glue, sealer, caulking

AEROSOLS – spray paint, lubricants, hair spray, insect repellent, cleaners, inhalers, lighters

AUTOMOTIVE – used oil, filters, antifreeze, gas treatment, batteries, fuel, windshield washer, transmission fluid, brake fluid, empty containers, autobody filler

BATTERIES – automotive, rechargeable, non-rechargeable

CLEANERS – all cleaners, disinfectants, waxes

CYLINDERS – propane, helium, oxygen, acetylene, fire extinguishers

CORROSIVES – drain cleaner, degreasers, ammonia, bleach, battery acid, oven cleaner, muriatic acid

FUELS – gasoline, diesel, kerosene, camp fuel

LIGHT BULBS & BALLASTS – fluorescent light ballasts (with or without PCBs), light bulbs, light tubes

MERCURY – elemental mercury, mercury thermometers, thermostats

OXIDIZING CHEMICALS – chlorine, bleach, pool chemicals, fertilizer, hydrogen peroxide

PAINT – paint, stain, primer, thinner, sealer, wood preservative, empty containers

PESTICIDES & FERTILIZERS – home and garden pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, rodent killer, fertilizer

PHARMACEUTICALS & COSMETICS – prescription (non-narcotic) and over-the counter medicines, cosmetics, nail polish remover

SOLVENTS – Varsol, paint thinner, naphtha, acetone, toluene, xylene, alcohols, benzene, glue remover

OTHER MATERIALS – photographic chemicals, matches, mothballs, pet medication, septic tank chemicals, roof and driveway sealer

NOT ACCEPTED

BIOLOGICAL & INFECTIOUS WASTE

COMPRESSED GASES – other than those specified as accepted

EXPLOSIVES – gun powder, flares, ammunition, weapons

PCB MATERIALS – other than fluorescent light ballasts

RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS – including ionization chamber-type smoke detectors

SHARPS – needles, injectors, Epipens, blades

UNLABELED CHEMICALS

ELECTRONICS

APPLIANCES

USED TIRES

Contact the Town of Nipawin at the number above prior to bringing large loads to the event.

Agricultural chemicals will not be accepted. For information on disposal of agricultural pesticides & other hazardous waste visit: <http://cleanfarms.ca> or contact GFL Environmental at **306.244.9500**.

Commercial, industrial & institutional hazardous waste will not be accepted. For information on disposal contact GFL Environmental at **306.244.9500**.

Paint / stain & electronics may be taken to any SARCAN Recycling Depot. For a list of acceptable products & to find a location near you visit www.SARCAN.ca.

