

# March 2021 edition of the COUNCIL CORNER

**Thank you, Elks & Royal Purple.** On Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, the Elks and Royal Purple organizations recognized all first responders for their dedication and selfless service to fellow citizens and to the community with a parade through the streets of Nipawin. The Town of Nipawin joins the voices of the Elks and Royal Purple in sincerely thanking and recognizing all first responders.



## Updates:

- Over the past number of weeks, the Council and Administration have been working diligently to determine the operations and capital budgets for 2021. After careful consideration and keeping in mind the uncertainty of current times, at its March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting Council approved the 2021 Operating budget with a modest 2% increase.
  - This budget simultaneously considered a number of necessary capital expenditures required to address safety and maintenance issues over the next number of years.
    - Purchase of a new truck for the Fire Department
    - Necessary measures to address safety and ongoing viability at the Gordon Subdivision liftstation
    - Road improvements at Peters Drive
- The Town is currently awaiting the 2021 tax assessments from the Province and following the assessment information and release of the Provincial budget on April 6<sup>th</sup>, will be able to determine taxation rates in April.

## Reminders:

- A reminder from the Public Works Department to avoid **parking along streets** whenever possible to allow for upcoming street sweeping efforts.

Information recently received from a recent newsletter from Rio Tinto provides some of the following information. The entire newsletter is available on the Town of Nipawin website.

## FAQs

### Is the mine going ahead?

We remain in an advanced exploration phase. We are continuing to study the technical, economic, social, cultural and environmental context of this area in order to evaluate the options for a viable future mine. These studies are still in early stages and our focus remains on investigating design options for FalCon. Rio Tinto has significant experience in assessing potential development options using this same process - including the successful diamond mines Diavik and Argyle.

### What does standby mean?

It means that, at the moment, we are not conducting any bulk sampling or processing at the Falcon project site but are monitoring and maintaining the site until a decision is made on future work. There is a small crew at site providing security to keep the lights on and the equipment safe. We are using this time to consider options for further work.

### Can we expect more jobs in 2021?

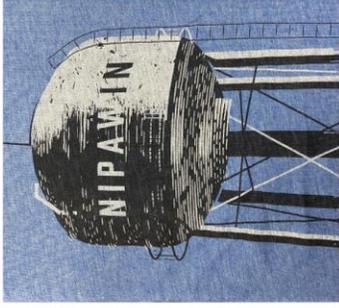
At the moment, no. With a reduced schedule for the year, we do not anticipate any new jobs on site.

Vaccine clinics are available by booking appointments on line at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/vaccine-booking>. As immunization of a significant portion of the population proceeds, 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!

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](mailto:mayorharper@nipawin.com). (**NOTE:** Anonymous concerns, written or by phone, will not receive response so please sign your concern and provide contact information.)



# Town of Nipawin Shirts



Available in 3 different designs, Fishing, Outdoor Stamp, & Water Tower, multiple colour options, and 2 different styles, tee or baseball. Available for purchase at The Nipawin Evergreen Centre or Town Office

between the hours of:  
9am-12pm & 1-4pm

**\$30 each**

Cash or Cheque @ The Evergreen  
Cash, Cheque or Debit @ Town Office



# NEW ARRIVALS!!

## Town of Nipawin

## Tanks & Kids Tees



We now have adult tank tops and kids tees in stock! Both come in all 3 designs. Tanks come in Emerald or Heather Grey & Kids come in Charcoal or Heather Grey. Available for purchase at The Nipawin Evergreen Centre or Town

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Kids - \$20

Tanks - \$25

Adults - \$30

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