

# COUNCIL CORNER



OCTOBER 2021 Edition

Over the past months it has not gone un-noticed that there appears to be a "*Central Park Elf*" who regularly walks the trails of Central Park to ensure the pickup and disposal of trash in the park. The identity of the Elf appears to be a bit of a mystery (at least to me). The Elf patrols daily, I'm told, paying-forward the love of the community through ensuring that those visiting the Park find it neat and tidy. On behalf of the community please accept our **THANK YOU**.

## Updates from Departments:

### Public Works:

- Gordon Subdivision lift station work is in full swing thanks to the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP)
- New shop doors are being installed at the Town Shop
- The three (3) new raw water wells project which began in 2020 has been completed and the new wells went into operation on October 21<sup>st</sup>. This will allow the Town to require less backwashing at the water treatment plant, thereby reducing the amount of water discharged.

### Parks & Recreation & Tourism & Economic Development:

- The Town of Nipawin has applied for a grant through the Provincial Community Rink Affordability Grant program. The funding of \$2500 per ice surface has been requested to assist in offsetting the costs associated with operating the arenas. It includes the Centennial and Jubilee arenas and the Nipawin Evergreen Centre Curling ice.
- As winter approaches the Visitor & Tourism Information Centre has begun its winter hours. The centre is open as follows: Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. daily.
- The Town of Nipawin is working to replace the decorative streetlights and the department is looking forward to having some new additions this upcoming season.
- Though Halloween is coming shortly and Remembrance Day will follow it's not too early to begin to consider what's coming up for the Christmas season as well. Tree Lighting will be held at the Town Square on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.



### Land Planning:

- The sidewalk extension along Highway 35S to 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. West (Tim Horton's) will be tendered early in 2022 with construction occurring during spring/summer of 2022. Through grant application, the Town was successful in obtaining \$50,000 in funding to allow the Town to begin the sidewalk extension which will provide safe off-highway space for pedestrians and other passive traffic.
- The Town of Nipawin is currently seeking proposals for residential development at the location of the former water treatment plant (6<sup>th</sup> St. E.). The site is 0.84 acres and is well suited for several types of residential development. Interested parties may visit the Sask. Tenders website at <https://sasktenders.ca> to register and view a copy of the advertisement and to make application. For further information contact Land Planner, Jeff Hryniw, at (306) 862 9866.

### Bylaw:

Over the past several weeks it has come to my attention that there has been an increase in the number of cases of dog-bite/attack. To ensure the safety of residents, visitors and pets, the public is encouraged to contact the Town Office when an aggressive animal is observed running loose or involved in an incident where there were acts of aggression. Dogs may often bark at persons or another animal coming onto their territory. It is a contravention of the Town of Nipawin Animal Control Bylaw for a dog to attack or bite a person whether on public or private property of the dog owner. To report an aggressive or dangerous animal incident, contact the Town Office:

1. Bylaw Officer – (306) 862 9866 or by email at [bylaw@nipawin.com](mailto:bylaw@nipawin.com)
2. RCMP in the event of dog bites
3. Animal Control Officer at (306) 862 6853 (who will ensure report to the bylaw officer)

For more information on the Animal Control Bylaw, please visit the Town of Nipawin website at [www.nipawin.com](http://www.nipawin.com).

## REMINDERS:

- In accordance with recently restated Provincial Public Health Order, masking is mandatory at **all** indoor facilities until at least November 30th.
- You are encouraged to track the newest measures on the Provincial Covid-19 website 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-information-for-businesses-and-workers>.

If you have an **idea, concern, or good news story**, 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.)



*Curling Leagues*  
Interested in playing?

Monday Men's League  
November-March  
Contact Mike McClelland  
@ 306-862-6888

Thursday Women's League  
November-March  
Contact Sharlene Serhan or Lana Tebbutt  
@ 306-862-6443 or 306-276-7644

Wednesday Rec League  
Nov 17-Dec 15 - 5 weeks  
Contact the Evergreen Centre  
@ 306-862-9795

The Town of Nipawin is reviewing its existing Animal Control Bylaw. As a part of the review process, the Town is looking to the public who may wish to comment or provide feedback about the existing Bylaw and items/issues that you may wish to have addressed or considered in a new Animal Control Bylaw. The input will be considered during the Bylaw re-writing process and provided in a report to Town Council for their consideration.

The current Bylaw under review can be found on the Town web site at <http://www.nipawin.com/bylaws.cfm>  
If you wish to provide comments or feedback please submit your comments to the Town by email (E-mail: [bylaw@nipawin.com](mailto:bylaw@nipawin.com)), or in writing, by November 15th, 2021, to the Bylaw Officer.