



2022 Council Corner

With all the additional snow this winter February seems like a good time to give our heartfelt thanks to the Works Crew with the Town of Nipawin. Let's show our appreciation and support by remaining patient and slowing down as crews do their best to keep our streets and sidewalks clean to ensure the safety of drivers and pedestrians alike.

At the January 28th meeting of Council, the Town of Nipawin regretfully accepted the resignation of CAO Barry Elliott. Barry has been with the Town of Nipawin since January 2016 and he and his wife, Carmen, will be relocating to the Town of Maple Creek to be closer to family. Barry's last day at the Town Office is April 14th. Recruitment processes are underway.

Updates:

- At long last the partners of the Twin Lakes District Planning Commission have received the final necessary documentation from the Saskatchewan Health Authority to allow the partners to begin fund raising efforts for construction of a Heliport next to Nipawin Hospital. Once the entire amount necessary is in place, construction of the heliport pad is allowed to begin. Donations may be made at any municipal partner office, including the Town of Nipawin, Town of Carrot River, RM of Nipawin, RM of Torch River, RM of Moose Range, Town of Choiceland, Village of White Fox, Village of Codette, and Resort Village of Tobin Lake. Thank you in advance for your contribution.
- At the February 14th meeting of Council the 2022 Budget was approved. The Town of Nipawin will see an increase in the operating budget of 3%.
- February Break programming at the Evergreen includes movie day, Mini Sticks and a Glow Party.
- **Join us for Candlelight skiing in the park!** If you like to ski in the moonlight, there will be a candlelight ski event on March 3rd on the 1 km loop at the Nipawin Evergreen X-country ski trails from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. The trail will be freshly groomed, and the weather forecast looks promising.
- Watch the Town of Nipawin Facebook pages during April to learn about Easter event/programming for all ages.

REMINDERS:

Snow Removal:

- As we are all aware, there has been more snow than usual this winter and crews are diligent about continuing to clean streets and crosswalks as quickly as possible. The public is reminded to please respect the Works Department crew as they are out there cleaning your streets and crosswalks as quickly as possible. Please **"be patient"** and **"slow down"** when encountering crews trying hard to keep our town roads safe and passable. Slow down and Give crews lots of room.
- Remove vehicles from streets as much as possible and ensure that after it snows to move your vehicle off the road for the grader to do its job. Due to the amount of work and limited number of staff, the Works Department is often not able to return to the area for some time. The result is reduced road width and lack of visibility for other drivers, so for the safety of others please ensure your vehicle is removed from the street.

Garbage/Recycling carts:

- It is extremely important to ensure that garbage and recycle carts and roll offs are NOT filled to overflowing. Being able to close the lids means that trash does not spill onto the street and birds are not tempted to strew your garbage around. Please cut up your cardboard before placing it into recycle bins to allow more room.
- Residents are reminded to remove garbage/recycling carts from the roadway as soon as possible after your bin has been picked up. This will reduce the time to clean the road with the grader and loader.

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.)

Reminder:

2022 Business Licenses are now due.

If you are no longer conducting business in the Town of Nipawin for the current year please contact the office to let us know.

Are you thinking of completing a building or renovation project this year? Don't forget to get all your paperwork completed and submitted to the Town Office. Building, Development & Demolition Permits are available on our website or at the Town office.

Building a deck?



A development and Building Permit is required for the construction of any deck **larger than 10m² (107.5 square feet)**

The Nipawin Zoning Bylaw defines decks as: a raised open platform, with or without rails.

A site plan showing how the deck encroaches on property lines must be submitted with the application.

A deck plan must show; how and where the deck will be supported; the overall area and height of the deck, the size and spacing of beams, posts, and deck joists, and the beams and joist overhangs; the location of steps and their rise/run.

Decks greater than 2 feet above grade need 36 inch guardrails. Decks greater than 6 feet above grade need 42 inch guardrails. Spindles must be less than 4 inches apart and horizontal members must be greater than 30 inches apart.

Building a fence?



Although a building permit is not required to build a fence, **some regulations do apply**

Residential Height Restrictions:

- Maximum height in back yards and side yards = **2.0m (6feet 6 inches)**
- Maximum height in any front yard:
 - **Interior sites 1.3m (4feet 3 inches)**
 - **Corner sites 1.0m (3 feet 3 inches)**
- The maximum height of a fence in a front yard on a corner site may be expanded to 1.3m if transparent materials are used. Ex. Chain link.
- In the case of a corner site, no wall, fence, hedge, or shrub shall be placed so as to create a visual obstruction in an established intersection sight triangle.
- An intersection sight triangle is measured from the street curb 6m (19 feet 6 inches) making a right triangle.