

March 2022 Council Corner

The Town staff has done a tremendous job of dealing with the huge amount of snow that has fallen over the winter months. Now we need to be as patient as we can be as the same crews deal with the water issues, access to alleys and the like. With what seems like a long Winter behind us, and Spring just around the corner this month's newsletter seems to be the right opportunity to talk about Spring Clean Up and about garbage and recycle containers and what to put (or **not** put) into the blue bins.



NO SHARPS CONTAINERS IN BLUE BINS please. As we have discussed on several previous occasions, sharps containers (needles etc.) do NOT belong in the blue bin OR in your garbage. Please return your sharps containers to your local pharmacy once they are full. Putting sharps containers into a blue bin makes the entire load non-recyclable as well as endangering the workers at the recycling facility.

Updates:

- Welcome to the Town of Nipawin's new Fire Chief, Paul Cockell. Paul and his family have relocated to Nipawin from Leroy effective March 28th. Please show him the usual warm Nipawin Welcome everyone.
- With the departure of the Town CAO, Barry Elliott, a comprehensive recruitment process is underway. It is not known at this time when a replacement may be in place.



REMINDERS:

- The public is reminded to please respect the Works department crews as they are out there opening the drainage systems and cleaning up from a long winter. 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.
- The remodeling of the elevator at the Evergreen Centre has begun. It is anticipated that the work will be completed within the next two/three weeks. Apologies to the public for any inconvenience this may cause.
- Citizens are reminded that Economic Development is the responsibility not only of the municipality but of the entire community and its partner organizations. If anyone is aware of people looking for information regarding development opportunities, please contact the CAO at the Town Office directly for further information and follow up. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome.
- As the building season approaches people are reminded to contact the Town Office for information regarding building permits and requirements.
- **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 the cardboard** before placing it into recycle bins to allow more room. **NO SHARPS.**
 - Residents are reminded to remove garbage/recycling carts from the roadway as soon as possible after your bin has been picked up.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The QR code Easter scavenger hunt is planned again this year for April 16th. No registration is required.
- Spring recreational opportunities including basketball, pickleball, and volleyball will be available again this year at the Evergreen Centre. Batting cages are also set up at the Evergreen using indoor balls to allow for baseball/softball practice.

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.)

**TOWN OF NIPAWIN DOG AND CAT TAGS ARE DUE.
IF YOU NO LONGER HAVE A PREVIOUSLY LICENSED
PET, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 306-862-9866
TO INFORM US OF THIS CHANGE.**

**TOWN OF NIPAWIN BUSINESS LICENSES ARE DUE.
PLEASE STOP BY THE TOWN OFFICE TO RENEW
YOUR 2022 BUSINESS LICENSE.**

e-Billing is available for Town of Nipawin Utility bills

Let us know if you want to sign up by providing us your email address:

1. Call us at 306.862.9866
2. Send us an email at utility@nipawin.com
3. Stop in at the office

If you sign up for e-billing, paper bills will no longer be provided.



COMPOST COLLECTION

APRIL 20 – NOVEMBER 2, 2022

**ACCEPTABLE COMPOST ITEMS SHOULD BE PLACED IN YOUR
GREEN CART, GARBAGE CANS OR COMPOSTABLE PAPER
BAGS AND PLACED WITHIN 6 FEET OF YOUR FRONT CURB
BY 7:00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAYS.**



Reminder:
No plastic bags or garbage bags

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING GUIDE MTN Disposal Ltd.

HOUSEHOLD TIN & ALUMINUM
Aluminum trays, Aluminum plates, Aluminum foil, Aluminum beverage cans, Tin cans
Reminder: Place recyclables loose in the cart

PLASTICS #1 TO #7
Pop bottles, Laundry detergent bottles, Shampoo bottles, Milk jugs, Disposable plastic cups, Food & beverage containers (yogurt, margarine, etc.)
Reminder: Please remove lids & caps, Empty & rinse all containers, Must have a #1 to #7 recycling symbol on the bottom

MIXED PAPER & CARDBOARD
Flattened cardboard, Newspaper & magazines, Cereal & cracker boxes, Office paper materials, Egg cartons, Milk & juice cartons, Phone books & fliers, Bagged shredded paper
Reminder: Flatten cardboard boxes, Place paper shreds into a paper or clear plastic bag

NOT ALLOWED ITEMS

- NEW Grocery bags
- All stretch plastic film
- Styrofoam
- Electronics
- Scrap metal
- Batteries
- Wood waste
- Plastics without #1 to #7 symbol
- Plasticized, waxed or laminated paper
- Tissues or soiled paper towel
- Mirrors, ceramic, window glass
- Hazardous waste & Bio-hazardous waste
- Household glass
- Lightbulbs

Questions? Contact us at:
Call (204) 862-1401
Office (204) 772-2924
mtdisposal@icloud.com

Larger recycling posters available at the Town Office or on our website.

There is more snow this year than normal therefore, the issues related to melting will depend on a few variables.

- Will there be more precipitation?
- How quick will the melt be?
- What will the freeze and thaw cycles look like this spring?

The Town will be monitoring the spring melt, including low lying areas, in an effort to address any issues should they arise. Please be patient as we work through any issues that arise this spring.