



COUNCIL CORNER

May, 2017



The Mayor and Council thank those of you who met with us at the 2nd annual Open House on May 30th at the Evergreen Centre. We were pleased to hear your thoughts, ideas and suggestions for us to consider over this next year.

At its May 22nd meeting Council passed the 2017 tax rates, resulting in an average municipal tax increase of 2.2%. Following adoption of the 2017 Budget in April, Council held two special Council meetings to consider and discuss various tax rate options. At these meetings, Council determined that our goal is to move toward a base tax rate that covers the costs of essential services for the Town. Council determined which of the Town's operations it considers essential. Items included are: waste disposal, fire protection, streets and roads, and RCMP protection. A decision was reached to lower the base tax by one third of the difference between the 2016 base tax rates and a base tax that would cover the cost of the essential services. With the reduction in the base tax revenue stream, this in turn means a shift towards the municipal mill rate tax bringing in a larger revenue stream than before.

Property tax notices will be prepared and mailed in mid-June. The Town of Nipawin is required by provincial legislation to collect education property taxes, which are submitted to the school division, and your property tax notice contains both the municipal and education property taxes levied, along with any local improvement applicable to your property. Should you wish to know the amount of property tax that will be levied on your property before mid-June, please feel free to call the Town Office at (306) 862-9866, and your tax amount can be calculated for you.

Over the past month a number of events of note have taken place throughout our community. The Air Cadet 190 Squadron held its 67th Annual Ceremonial Review. It was an opportunity for the Town of Nipawin to bring greetings on behalf of the citizens of our community and to tell our Cadets how proud we are of our squadron. Air Cadets is a world-class youth development organization which teaches members to be attuned to changes in the society around them and strives to teach young people to become dedicated, proactive and innovative partners in everything they do in their lives. It's an organization that enhances the development of young civic-minded people to take on leadership roles locally, provincially and nationally.

The Economic Development Standing Committee of Council had special guests at their recent meeting when Ms. Leah Demman's Grade 12 ELA class attended to observe our meeting. It was a special event for the members of the committee to have this group of 15 or so young people in attendance. We look forward to hosting you again in the future.

On May 30th Cumberland College will be holding its spring graduation ceremonies. Nipawin will be honouring students from four program areas: Adult Basic Education 12, Industrial Mechanics Applied Certificate, Electrical Applied Certificate and Bachelor of Education. This event allows us to bring greetings on behalf of our Town and its citizens.

The Good Sam organization will be in our community beginning June 7th. The group will be camped in Central Park and will host a number of events. Founded in 1966, the Good Sam Club is the world's largest organization of recreational vehicle (RV) owners and is committed to making RVing a safer and more rewarding experience for its members. A number of those members will be in our community for the second time. Please welcome them to Nipawin and area.

Canada 150 celebration will be held on **Sunday, July 16th**. Watch for advertisements about events and locations. The annual Exhibition parade, organized by the Nipawin & District Chamber of Commerce, will also take place on **Sunday, July 16th**. Come out and celebrate Canada and Nipawin everyone!

A reminder to citizens that the Town of Nipawin has a **Bylaw Enforcement Officer**. Citizens are encouraged to contact Luc Morin to discuss issues. He can be reached at (306) 862 9866.

Beginning May 1st, the Town of Nipawin's new website went live at www.nipawin.com. We appreciate all feedback that will help us to continue to improve our site to best meet *your* needs.

As always, I am pleased to meet and discuss any concerns directly. To arrange an opportunity to speak with the Mayor, please contact the Town Office at **(306) 862 9866** to arrange for an appointment. I am also available by e-mail at mayorharper@nipawin.com.

A REMINDER: Over the past months, I have frequently received letters that include suggestions and/or ask for changes. However, although I like to receive your letters, I am asking that in order for me, or Administration, to follow up I would ask that ***all letters be signed*** and that you provide your contact information.

Pool Schedule July 1 - Aug 25, 2017 (approx.)

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
6:00-8:00	Early Bird Lane Swimming Club						
8:00-9:00	Aquasize						
9:00-12:00	Swimming Lessons					Little Guppies Swim 10:30-12:00	
12:00-12:55	Noon Swim/Therapeutic Swim						
1:00-5:00	Public Swim					Public Swim	Family Swim
5:00-7:30	Speed Club Swimming				Swimming Lessons (1 week sets - Preschool, Level 1&2 additional lesson)		
7:30-9:00	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Rentals & Special Events	Public Swim
9:00-10:00		Staff Training	Maintenance				

Swimming Lessons Dates 2017

****DATES DEPENDANT ON INSTRUCTOR AVAILABILITY****

Session 1 July 10-July 21 (morning lessons) Mon-Fri (2 wks)

Session 4 Aug 7-Aug 18 (morning lessons) Mon-Fri (2 wks)

Session 2 July 24-July 29 (morning lessons) Mon-Sat (6 day)

Session 5 Aug 21-Aug 26 (morning lessons) Mon-Sat (6 day)

Session 3 July 31-Aug 5 (morning lessons) Mon-Sat (6 day)

****During 1 week lessons - Sea Turtle, Sea Otter, Salamander, Level 1 & 2 will have an additional lesson on Friday between 5-7:30pm****

REMINDER—NO SPRING BACK LANE PICKUP

Residents are reminded that there is no longer spring back lane garbage pickup; if you have put items out, please make arrangements to have them taken to the landfill.

No gate fees are charged for clean wood, tree trimmings or compost materials.

Compost Collection:

Residents are reminded that the weekly curbside compost collection program began Wednesday, May 17, 2017 and will run until October 25, 2017. For a complete list of acceptable compost items, please refer to our website www.nipawin.com or contact the Town Office.

DID YOU KNOW

The Town of Nipawin has designated parking spaces for people with disabilities.

These parking spaces are identified with a sign at the curb. Only vehicles displaying a valid permit are permitted to park in these spots.

Any other vehicles utilizing these parking spaces may be ticketed.

Please respect those individuals with mobility issues by not parking in reserved parking spaces.

For more information regarding permits, contact:

[Parking Program for People with Disabilities](#)

Provincial Services

2310 Louise Ave Saskatoon, SK S7J 2C7

Tel: 306-374-4448

e-mail: parkingprogram@abilitiescouncil.sk.ca

