

Council Corner – November 2022




Following the first snowfall of the season this Monday, I came out to find that a thoughtful neighbour had cleaned the driveways in our area. It reminds me once again what a wonderful, thoughtful community we live in. Thank you everyone for your acts of kindness to strangers and to each other.

Helpful hints for those with alarm monitoring company coverage:

- **KNOW** your security password. If you have a security password to cancel the alarm- know it and/or put it your contact list!
- **ADVISE OTHERS** If you are going out of town, make sure whomever is watching over the residence has the code to disable AND contact number to follow up. If you are “out of the service area” most security company protocols will send the fire dept immediately
- **UPDATE information** – often phone numbers have changed, or landlines have been disconnected
- Never assume that by disabling an alarm that the security company will not need confirmation, make sure you have their number in your contacts
- If you have a security system with a two-way speaker, make sure to confirm that 911 has been notified of the false alarm

Although the Nipawin Fire Department is relieved when firefighters arrive at a residence and find there is no threat to life or property, your due diligence is required to ensure the Department is not called out unnecessarily. **BE AWARE:** Penalties **are in place** through the Fire and Rescue Services Bylaw for repeated false alarm calls to a location.

REMINDERS:

- As the snow season approaches a reminder that pushing snow onto Town streets is not allowed.
- Downtown businesses are reminded that keeping sidewalks in front of businesses clear of snow and ice is the responsibility of each business.
- Town of Nipawin Bylaw 1130/21 requires that all dogs are leashed when off owner’s property. For assistance call: **Animal Control** at (306) 862 6853 or the Bylaw Officer at (306) 862 9866.
- A Public  Remembrance Day Service will once again be held at the Evergreen Centre by the Nipawin Legion #120.



UPDATES:

- The **sidewalk extension project** along Highway 35 South is complete for this year. With the assistance of \$50,000 in funding from the Province of Saskatchewan, the Town of Nipawin has been able to install 1400 feet of sidewalk to enhance pedestrian safety in the community. Thank you to local contractor Concrete King for the work on the project and to Town Crews for finishing the landscaping work.
- The **Jubilee Dressing Room** expansion is now 80% complete. Electrical and plumbing is nearing completion and interior finishing will be underway during the last week of October along with the exterior metal work at the new entrance. The asphalt in the parking lot has been replaced allowing the parking lot to be expanded.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- The **walking program** at the Evergreen Centre has begun from 8:00 am to Noon daily.
- **Pickleball** will return to the Evergreen Centre for the winter season beginning November 1st.
- Evening **Public skating** at the Centennial arena is from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on Sundays and Mondays for the arena season.
- **Communities in Bloom Saskatchewan** announced this week that the Town of Nipawin was the competition winner for the population category of 3001-4999. The committee, which visited Nipawin approximately six weeks ago, noted that the blooming displays downtown, along with a rating of 4 blooms (up from past season’s 3) were impressive. Thank you to the residents, businesses, Town Staff, and the local Horticultural Society for their contributions to the success of this endeavour. This couldn’t be accomplished without everyone’s participation.

Items from Council meeting:


- False Alarm Rates have been approved.
- Transfer of financial information from a former financial system, Vadim®, to MuniSoft® software is well underway and completion of implementation anticipated in time for completion of the 2023 operations budget.
- Effective November 2022 Council meetings will be held MONTHLY on the 2nd Monday of each month beginning at 5:30 p.m. The change to one monthly meeting is anticipated to allow for more comprehensive reporting to the Council by Administration and effectiveness will be evaluated in six months.
- Please see winter safety information from Fire Chief, Paul Cockell, attached as part of this month's newsletter. This information can also be found on the Town website at www.nipawin.com.

Town of Nipawin Bylaw enforcement continues to be provided by LM Bylaw Enforcement. Please report your concerns to the Town Office at (306) 862 9866 or to bylaw@nipawin.com.


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.)

10 Tips *Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze*
It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- Our **furnace has been inspected and serviced** by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. *(A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)*
- Our **chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected** by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote built-up. *(Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)*
- Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is **dry, seasoned wood**.
- Our **fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass**, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. *(The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)*
- Our children know to stay at least **3 feet away** from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- Our portable space heaters have an **automatic shut-off**.
- Our portable space heaters will be **plugged directly into an outlet** *(not an extension cord)* and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. *(Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)*
- We have **tested our smoke alarms** and made sure they are working. *(You need smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)*
- We have **tested our carbon monoxide alarms** and made sure they are working. *(Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)*



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