

## Council Corner – December 2018

### Season's Greetings



#### Catching up with Town activities:

- Please note the new Animal Control Bylaw that is mentioned on the reverse side of this letter and also available on the Town of Nipawin website. Beginning in the New Year, both cats and dogs in our community will require to be licenced.
- There is also a new Obstructions Bylaw available on the website. With potential for snow removal over the winter this is an informative bylaw to ensure that our streets can be maintained as easily as possible.
- Please note that advertisements will be out asking for an expression of interest by anyone interested in being a member of the Twin Lakes Board of Revision and the Twin Lakes Development Appeals Board. If you are interested and require further information, please call the Town Office. The Board of Revision hears appeals regarding property assessment for the Twin Lakes area and the Development Appeals Board hears appeals regarding development applications from across the area.
- Council has begun its work on the 2019 Budget and is hopeful that budget information will be available early in January.
- Mayor Harper, Chairperson of the Twin Lakes District Planning Commission, had the privilege of being a Governance Panel member at the 2018 Regional Planning Forum held in Saskatoon on December 11 & 12. The event was sponsored and arranged by the Ministry of Government Relations and featured a panel presentation and discussion about District Planning Commissions and partnership. The Twin Lakes District Planning Commission, comprised of a partnership of nine municipal governments, was featured.
- Your Mayor also continues as an appointee to a Provincial Solid Waste Advisory Committee which meets monthly. The Committee of six, has been actively gathering information from municipal and other organizations across the Province, and is scheduled to release its findings and recommendations to the Province before March 31, 2019.
- Several Council members have attended a number of the Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) courses over the past month or so and many expect to complete the training by February.

#### Congratulations & Thanks:

- Thank you to everyone who came out to the Christmas Tree Lighting in the Town Square on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Our tree on Main Street is stunning and is a reminder of the **Happy Holidays** that the Council and I wish for each of you and your families. Those who had pictures taken with Santa, Mrs. Claus and the Elves can find them on the Town of Nipawin Facebook page.
- Thank you and Congratulations to the organizers and hosts of this year's Winter Lights in the Park event. The displays and the hospitality are a wonderful addition to the spirit of this time of year. Thank you all.

#### Reminders:

- KAIROS Blanket Exercise will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Evergreen Centre Auditorium. This is an interactive learning that teaches over 500 years of Canadian Indigenous history. It is a free community event.
- On January 22, 2019, the Town of Nipawin and the Cumberland House Cree Nation's Business Development Committee will be holding an official Protocol signing between the two communities outlining plans to work and communicate jointly together as a step in the Truth & Reconciliation Call to Action. The event will be held at the Evergreen Centre on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Earlier this week Mayor Harper and CAO Elliott attended meetings in Vancouver to continue to discuss the possible future development proposed some years ago by Hanfood. It is anticipated that the Town of Nipawin and the developer will release a joint communication sometime early in the New Year. Thank you for your continued patience as we continue necessary conversations.

To arrange an opportunity to speak with the Mayor, please contact the Town Office at **(306) 862 9866** to arrange an appointment. I am also available by e-mail at [mayorharper@nipawin.com](mailto:mayorharper@nipawin.com).

**Our website:** Visit us at [www.nipawin.com](http://www.nipawin.com)

\*New - Animal Control Bylaw 1064/18



\*Cats are now required to be licenced in the Town of Nipawin.

\$15.00 if spayed or neutered cats and dogs

\$35.00 if NOT spayed or neutered cats and dogs

A copy of the new Animal Control Bylaw is available at the Town office or on our website.

**Reminder**

The new Obstructions Bylaw 1054/18 is now in effect.

A copy of the Obstructions Bylaw is available at the Town office or on our website.



**Looking for Volunteers:**

**Twin Lakes Board of Revision** – This Committee will hear appeals regarding property assessments

**Twin Lakes Development Appeals Board** – This Committee will hear appeals regarding development applications.

If you are interested in filling any of these vacancies please contact the Town office at 306-862-9866.

**NEW**

**Utility Pre-Authorized Payment Plan**

Application forms will be available at the Town Office beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
Withdrawal date will be the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.



**Accessible Parking**

The Town of Nipawin has designated accessible parking spots throughout the community, and as well, accessible parking spots may be found in private parking lots. These parking areas may provide extra space for lifts and wheelchairs or other mobility devices and can reduce the distance a person has to travel.

In Saskatchewan, SaskAbilities administers the accessible parking program. The Accessible Parking Program issues reasonably priced parking permits for designated parking spots to individuals with specific mobility challenges.