

Council Corner –June 2019



Catching up with Town activities:

- Work on the new Town of Nipawin signs at the entrances to the Town is complete. Thank you to everyone involved in the development and construction.
- The Town of Nipawin's 2018 audited financial statement was received at the Council's June 10th meeting. For the year ending December 31, 2018, the Town of Nipawin Cash-basis Net Income from General

Operations was \$390,378.52 and for Utilities, \$90,734.02.

- At a special meeting held by Council on June 14th, Council, following relatively brief negotiations with the Nipawin & District Chamber of Commerce agreed to purchase the Chamber office building for \$85,000 plus an acceptance bonus of \$5,000. Once the transaction is finalized the Town of Nipawin and the Chamber look forward to hosting some type of event signalling the renewing and continued building of a supportive and collaborative relationship. Upon completion, the Town will continue to deliver Tourist Information services from that location as in the past.
- On May 30th, during a very brief stop in Nipawin, Mr. Morris Chen, Chairperson of Carpere, and CEO, Yee-Ming Law, along with other Carpere representatives met with Town representatives to continue discussing Carpere's future plans for the 103-acre site within the Town of Nipawin, formerly known as Hanfood. During the visit, Chairman Chen spoke of Carpere's intended development in Nipawin as one of its highest priorities. Details of the future of the development are not available at this time, however Carpere has clearly stated the commitment to continue to undertake its local development plan, with the support of the Town of Nipawin, at the earliest opportunity.
- June 21st saw the Town of Nipawin hosting the raising the Reconciliation Flag at the Town Offices. Approximately 50 people attended the celebration of National Indigenous People's Day and the raising of the Reconciliation Flag. In attendance were: Chief Rene Chaboyer of the Cumberland House Cree Nation, Chief Ina Whitehead of the Red Earth Cree Nation, Mayor Kelvin McKay of the Northern Village of Cumberland House, Elder James Burns, Granddaughter of Chief Norma Head of the Shoal Lake Cree Nation, members of the Reconciliation Nipawin Committee along with residents of the Town of Nipawin.



The raising of the reconciliation flag symbolizes a Call to Action as laid out in the principles of Truth & Reconciliation. The Calls to Action are an appeal to mobilize all levels of government and all organizations, as well as individuals to make changes in our society wherever we are. They list specific actions which include redressing the legacy of residential schools, creating and maintaining respectful relationships, creating an inclusive society/community, and advancing the process of reconciliation.

Nipawin, A Town for the People is what our Council has been striving to create. In that light, the flag raising is an occasion that celebrates and focuses on recognizing that this community is indeed a town for all people (young and old, from various cultures and backgrounds, and with varied needs and opinions.)

Congratulations & Thanks:

- Congratulations to Faron Saufert and Staff of *The Dam Smokehouse* on the occasion its 1st anniversary on June 15th.
- Congratulations to the Nipawin Pike Festival on the celebration of its 50th anniversary. A successful Media day on June 3rd saw many members of various media fish in the annual tagging day. Thank you to the boat captains who assisted and offered their boats and expertise.
- Congratulations to the RCMP on hosting a successful BBQ event on June 4th.
- Congratulations and thank you to the Legion #120 for hosting the Legion Decoration Day at Mabel Hill Cemetery and to the Grade 8 class for their participation in placing flags at the grave sites of local veterans of WWI and WWII.

- Congratulations to Kyler McFarlane on winning a model Ladder Fire Truck donated by Mayor Harper at the recent Progressive Ag Safety Day held in Nipawin. 233 Grade 5 & 6 students from across the entire region entered their names into the draw as they attend the Provincial Fire Safety Demonstration Trailer brought in for the event by the Town of Nipawin's Volunteer Fire Department. The award was presented to Kyler by Chief Starkell and Mayor Harper during an assembly at Wagner School.
- Congratulations to resident Doug Pegg on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Mr. Pegg was honoured by a celebration hosted by the Nipawin United Church on Saturday June 8th.
- Congratulations the graduation "Class of 2031" (the grads of the 2019 kindergarten classes).
- A huge shout out and THANK YOU to Davis Rexall Drugs for letting the public know they take sharps (needles, lancets etc.) for disposal. In a recent article, Rick Gaertner, store manager of Davis Rexall Drugs Ltd. in Nipawin said they have a current protocol in place for taking these items.
- Congratulations to the 2019 Graduating Class of L.P. Miller Comprehensive School.
- Congratulations to our partner municipalities, the Villages of Codette and White Fox, who both held successful 90th Anniversary celebrations.

New Hours for Town Planner:

In response to numerous requests, and to accommodate the public more effectively, office hours for our Town Planner to provide building/development services have been changed as follows:

Department office hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Walk-ins on Tuesday or Thursday will be asked to schedule an appointment for Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, or asked to leave their name and number for a call back. Calls received on Tuesdays or Thursdays will be forwarded to voicemail and responded to on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

You may also be able to find an answer to your question(s) on the Town's website; more information is being added regularly.

Reminders:

- To contact the Bylaw Officer, call (306) 862 4000.
- To contact the Animal Control Officer Kevin Genik, call (306) 862 6853.

REMINDER: Just a reminder that your compost must be put curbside in appropriate green / plastic bins or paper bags. **COMPOST IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NO LONGER BE PICKED UP.**
ALL sharps (needles, lancets) must be placed in the yellow hard plastic containers and may be disposed of by taking them to Davis Rexall Drugs for disposal. Do not place sharps into blue recycle bins.

The Mayor welcomes conversations with anyone who may have a concern or a bouquet. Please don't hesitate to arrange an opportunity to speak with the Mayor by contacting the Town Office at (306) 862 9866 to arrange an appointment. I am also available by e-mail at mayorharper@nipawin.com.

Our website: Visit us at www.nipawin.com



The Town of Nipawin is competing in this years' Communities in Bloom Provincial Edition. We ask that all residents do their part and keep their yards and boulevards neat and tidy. If you would like to become more involved with Communities in Bloom please come to the Town Office and we will provide you with more information. The Communities in Bloom judges will be in Nipawin to judge our Community on August 7th & 8th. We look forward to showing off how beautiful Nipawin is and how much we love our Town!