

Council Corner – March 2019

Catching up with Town activities:

- A sincere welcome is extended to the Town of Nipawin's Economic & Tourism Development Officer, Perry Trusty. Perry began in his role with the Town on March 14th. Perry can be reached by calling the Town Office at (306) 862 9866 or by email at p.trusty@nipawin.com.
- At the March 11th meeting of Council, the 2019 Annual operations budget was approved. Decisions regarding taxation will not be made until receipt of assessment information from the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA). The annual budget sees an increase of 3% (to ensure keeping up with annual inflation rates of approximately 2.6%) and meshes with the Town's Strategic Plan entitled "A Town for the People". In keeping with the strategic direction, the budget focuses on Activity/Active Living, Tourism, Community Safety and Economic Development focused on business/industry attraction.
 - Funds are included in the budget to undertake year one of a Traffic Study to determine the best decisions for traffic solutions coming off 9th Avenue on to the highway connector at the A & W, as well as issues on the main street and truck route.
 - Parks and Recreation funding in the budget sees enhanced funding to ensure more activities for the residents of our community (some in Central Park) these include disc golf in Central Park, a community garden, Communities in Bloom, a possible pet park and Crokicurl for the winter of 2019.
 - As part of the strategic plan and the budget, the Town of Nipawin assumes responsibility for the operation of tourism in the Town and will ensure part-time hosts during May to September.
 - The Bylaw Officer position recently vacated will be filled, as it has been previously, to ensure public safety.
 - The final aspect of the budget includes ensuring that reserve funds for future purchases such as new infrastructure and new equipment such as fire department equipment are implemented and enhanced.

Upcoming events:

- 18th Annual Nipawin Achievers Night. The event will be held at the Nipawin Evergreen Centre on Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- In support of the community of Humboldt, the Town of Nipawin together with the Nipawin Apostolic Church will live-stream the Memorial service from Humboldt on Saturday, April 6th at 4:30 at the Apostolic Church. The memorial will provide an opportunity to support the First Responders (Fire Department, EMS, Hospital Staff, RCMP and others) and will also show solidarity and support to the families impacted by the tragedy one year ago.

Congratulations & Thanks:

- Congratulations to the Nipawin Jr. Hawks on winning the League Championship.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in a successful Winter Festival Day in Central Park. Thank you to Quentin and Sharla Salmond for the wagon rides, to Colleen and Lyle Munro for the sled dog rides, and to the Nipawin Museum for bringing the snow plane and providing rides. Thank you to the Nipawin Jr. Hawks for making the afternoon special for so many little ones who loved the shinny games. Thank also to representatives of L.P. Miller Fight Club who assisted with the snow painting and to the Parks & Rec. Department.
- Be sure to check on the Facebook pages (Parks & Recreation & Nipawin Evergreen Centre) to learn about other fun and exciting things that are planned for all ages over the next while!

Reminders:

- Please take time to vote for one of two candidates running in the by-election on April 3rd at the Evergreen Centre. For more information on times etc. please contact the Town of Nipawin or check the Town website.
- Date for Town of Nipawin open house has been set for May 30th from 5:00 to 8:00 at the Evergreen Centre.

Someone recently mentioned to me that I have not been clear enough about saying that I am willing to meet with anyone to discuss ideas, suggestions and concerns that you might like to bring forward for our Council to consider. Please be assured that I will gladly make myself available to speak with anyone who wishes to. 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 .

With heartfelt appreciation the Town of Nipawin sincerely thanks the **HumboldtStrong Community Foundation** for the donation of \$100,000. In a letter to the People of Nipawin, the Foundation wrote the following:

To the People of Nipawin

“In the hours and days following the Humboldt Broncos tragedy of April 6, so many of us felt the need to pitch in and do something – anything—we could to help. From hockey sticks left out on doorsteps to an online fundraiser that exceeded its original goal by 3,000%, it was global outpouring of love at a time of unimaginable loss.

As you may be aware, the public’s generosity was not confined to the GoFundMe campaign. To steward other donations pouring in, community members came together to establish the **HumboldtStrong Community Foundation**. First and foremost, we wanted to do right by everyone who was on that bus, and their families. We also felt it was important to recognize the first responders, many of them volunteers, and other organizations and communities like yours whose support will never be forgotten.

From your emergency services personnel who raced into devastation, to your hospital who cared for our injured, to your church where hundreds waited, to your Hawks who showed we’re all on one team – Nipawin, you wrapped your arms around our Broncos family.

In deepest appreciation, the Foundation has made a donation to the Nipawin Hawks to provide scholarships for the players on your team at the time of the tragedy. We are also pleased to gift the community of Nipawin with a donation of \$100,000. It would mean so much to us, especially to the 29 families, if you could put this gift to use in a way that not only honours all those on the bus, but also your incredible community. We will be in touch to arrange a formal cheque presentation.

In Cree, Nipawin is a word meaning “a bed, or resting place”.

This is exactly what you were to us.

Thanks to friends like you, we are all, and forever will be, Humboldt Strong.



Nipawin Lions Trade Fair

Friday April 12 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday April 13 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday April 14 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Nipawin Evergreen Centre
Daily Door Admission \$2.00



Nipawin & District Chamber of Commerce Sports and Leisure Show

Friday May 3rd 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday May 4th 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Nipawin Evergreen Centre
Daily Door Admission \$2.00