

Council Corner – May 2019



Catching up with Town activities:

- Town of Nipawin Visitor Information Centre has located next to the Civic Offices in the Enterprise Centre building. Please stop in and welcome student ambassadors Nadine Gordon and Isabelle Nickel, who will be assisting visitors to our area.
- Work on the Town of Nipawin signs at the entrances to the town is underway, with completion estimated within the next ten days.
- Following communication by the members of the Town of Nipawin and the Twin Lakes District Planning Commission, regular updates about the Nipawin Bridge work are being circulated to each community weekly and posted on the Town of Nipawin website.
- At the May 27th meeting, Council approved the 2019 property tax rates. The tax increase of 2.4% was applied to the base tax and mill rate. As well, in 2019 commercial properties in the Town of Nipawin saw on average a drop in assessed value of 27% due to an Assessment Appeals Board decision in 2017. In order to keep the same percentage of tax revenue being generated from each tax class, the mill rate factors were adjusted. The base tax on vacant agricultural properties was increased from 25% of an improved agricultural property to 50% of an improved agricultural property.
- Property tax notices will be mailed in June with payment due July 31, 2019. The Town of Nipawin offers a Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPPS) for property owners who wish to pay property taxes on a monthly basis. Please stop by the Town Office for a TIPPS form if interested.
- The 2019 Municipal Property Tax Rate Policy which provides detail on how property tax is calculated on a property is now available at the Town Office or on our website www.nipawin.com. Or stop in at the Town Office to speak with someone in person.
- The members of Twin Lakes District Planning Commission in partnership with the Saskatchewan Health Authority has engaged an assessment of the possibility of a Heliport at the Nipawin Hospital. Further information will be provided as more details around development of a certified heliport at the Nipawin Hospital site become available.

Congratulations & Thanks:

- Thank you and Congratulations to management and staff of North East EMS on hosting a BBQ in support of EMS week and to raise funds for a great cause.
- Congratulations to the 190 Air Cadet Squadron Nipawin on its Annual Ceremonial Review on May 17th. Congratulations to the award recipients and thank you to parents and leaders.
- Congratulations to the Adult Basic Education, Carpentry Applied Certificate and Electrician Applied Certificate students who will be recognized at the Cumberland College Nipawin Campus graduation ceremony on May 29th.
- Congratulations and welcome to the newly appointed combined boards of Cumberland and Parkland Colleges. Members of the new combined board are Brian Hicke, Raymond Sass, Marcel Head, Wendy Becenko, Corina Stevenson and Lori Kidney.
- Congratulations and heartfelt thank you to the staff and management of North East EMS. They will be receiving the Star of Life service award in Regina on May 30th in recognition of the significant contribution during the Humboldt tragedy.

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.**

Reminder:

- If you witness a crime (including speeding in town), please contact the local RCMP Detachment at 306-862-6270 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS

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.

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