

Council Corner – November 2018

Season's Greetings & Happy Holidays

Catching up with Town activities:

- Following a number of incidents which occurred over the past year, and due to the significant number of feral cats and the excessive number of cats roaming in neighbourhoods, the Town has been working on an updated Animal Control Bylaw. This new bylaw, will require that both **dogs and cats** are licenced. The new licencing will take effect in January 2019. The Town's Animal Control Officer can be reached by calling 306-862-6853
- The Town of Nipawin, Town of Tisdale and City of Melfort met over the past months to discuss opportunities that the three communities and the region as-a-whole might tackle together. Meetings have involved all Councillors, Mayors and Administrators of what has been dubbed the "Northeast Tri-Municipal Alliance". The communities will continue to work together to consider possible joint projects and purchasing opportunities.
- Budgeting for 2019 has begun and will be released in January 2019.
- Strategic Planning was begun in November and we look forward to releasing our updated Strategic Plan early in the New Year. As in previous years, an open forum will be held to ensure that citizens have opportunity for input into the updated plan.
- The Nipawin & District Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Nipawin held a joint session to discuss ways that the two organizations can work together more effectively. The meeting was an opportunity for frank conversation between the Chamber board and members of Council to discuss the strengths of each organization and how those strengths might best be utilized to serve both the business community and to develop solid Tourism strategies. Future meetings will focus on opportunities to work collaboratively on joint projects. Among the early plans is one whereby the Mayor and CAO, along with the President and Executive Director of the Chamber will "drop in" to allow for opportunity to hear from local business owners and staff.
- An EMO coordinator is a position/function that is required by all municipalities. Effective November 12th, the Town of Nipawin, RM of Nipawin and the Village of Codette have agreed to collaborate on an EPO (Emergency Preparedness Officer) to serve the three municipal bodies. Work on this agreement has begun and we look forward to the recruitment, implementation, education and information which will be provided over the next several months.

Congratulations & Thanks:

- Congratulations to Nipawin Florists (2018) which celebrated its Grand Opening on November 24th. Welcome to Nipawin.
- Thank you to the Nipawin Legion for the Remembrance Day events. The bell ringing in recognition of 100 years since the Armistice following was well attended.
- Welcome back to Chelsea Corrigan, Director of Parks & Recreation, who recently returned from maternity leave. Sadly we say thank you and farewell to Mike Hidlebaugh who has been filling the position for the past year and who, with Danielle and Lucy will be leaving Nipawin to reside in Saskatoon.
- Welcome to Derek Seckinger who has accepted the position of Program Coordinator.

Reminders:

- Don't miss the annual **Christmas Tree Lighting** in the Town Square on Thursday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m.



- KAIROS Blanket Exercise will be held on January 31st 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.
- Winter arrived earlier than expected this year and Town crews were out quickly to address snow removal in the same expedient manner they always do. Please ensure that vehicles are moved off the street to allow for snow removal and please avoid pushing the snow from yards out into the street.
- The annual Nipawin Winter Lights is scheduled for Friday, December 7th, 14th & 21st from 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. at the Nipawin & District Regional Park.

Over the past few weeks people have approached me to ask about the status of the Hanfood project for Nipawin. Please be aware that the Council continues to meet regularly with representatives of Hanfood to discuss development permits and other requirements of any project. Most recently the Town of Nipawin provided Hanfood with letter of support for the planned project. For information regarding Hanfood operations please contact Hanfood directly.

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 .

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NEW Obstructions Bylaw - 1054/18

Every person commits an offence who:

- (a) permits Debris to be placed, deposited or moved onto any Road or Sidewalk adjoining their property without prior written permission from the Administrator;
- (b) places, plants, grows, deposits, or moves any Debris onto any Road, municipal right of way (excepting municipal rights of way adjacent to personal property), Sidewalk, or Public Place;
- (c) damages any Road, municipal right of way, Sidewalk, or Public Place; or
- (d) damages or removes anything placed, planted or installed by the Town on any Road, municipal right of way, Sidewalk, or Public Place.

To read the full Bylaw, stop by the Town Office or view it online at www.nipawin.com