

Council Corner – December 2022

Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season from Mayor & Council,
Administration and Staff.



The Town of Nipawin is pleased to welcome Mr. Kavi Pandoo as the new General Manager of Corporate Services. Mr. Pandoo started his new position with the Town in October, coming from the Town of Unity where he was assistant Chief Administrative Officer. The role of GM of Corporate Services includes financial services, human resources, communications and information technology. Please join me in warmly welcoming Kavi, his wife Yovina, and children Aaryan, 12, Aiden, 5 and Anya, 2 to Nipawin.

REMINDERS:

- General Manager of Operations & Engineering, Jamie Fast, provides this message:
 - With the heavy snowfall and icy conditions coming so early in the winter it is important to help the wonderful Public Works staff keep up with all of the snow removal. **Thank you for your patience** as the crew continues to work on the snow removal on our streets and sidewalks.
 - Everyone is working vigorously to get the town's snow issues cleaned up as quickly as possible and you can help:
 - Please ensure vehicles are parked on your driveways and **not** on the roadway as it slows down the Works Department and poses a problem in maintaining the roads properly.
 - Please remove your waste and recycle bins as soon as possible after pickup to allow workers to clear the road as much as possible.
- Acting Director of Parks & Recreation, Derek Seckinger, reminds you of the following:
 - Cross Country Ski Trails are groomed and ready. Skis and equipment are available at the Evergreen. A code can be received by scanning the QR code on the cabinet or messaging the Parks and Recreation Facebook Page. *Remember to sign out upon arrival and return.*
 - Snow feet, snowshoes and fat tire bikes are available at the Evergreen. Contact the Parks and Recreation Facebook page or call 862-9795.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

- **New BACKALLEY CLOSURE BYLAW #1157/22:** At the November 14th meeting of the Council of the Town of Nipawin, Council passed Bylaw #1157/22 a Bylaw to Control the Use and Access of Alleys throughout the Town between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. The Bylaw is deemed necessary to “temporarily restrict access to all alleys throughout the Town...for the purposes of public safety.” The entire document can be viewed on the Town website.
 - The bylaw exempts permanent residents accessing their residences which may abut the alley, or those who may be working for a utility agency which requires access to that alley, or in an emergency situation, or to access a parking area in relation to a person's own vehicular transportation.
 - The Bylaw may be enforced by a Bylaw Enforcement Officer or by the RCMP and tickets may be issued.


COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- Bring the family to the annual **Christmas Tree Lighting** at the Town Square December 1 5-8pm. Have pictures taken with the big man and have hot chocolate, a smore, or just get in the spirit with others during this wonderful event organized and hosted by the Town of Nipawin.



Town of Nipawin Bylaw enforcement continues to be provided by LM Bylaw Enforcement. Please report your concerns to the Town Office at (306) 862 9866 or to bylaw@nipawin.com.

If you have an **idea, concern or a bouquet** please don't hesitate to arrange an opportunity for a conversation. Call (306) 862 9866 to arrange an appointment or by email to mayorharper@nipawin.com. (**NOTE:** Anonymous concerns, written or by phone, will not receive response so please sign your concern and provide contact information.)



Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

HEATER CHECKLIST

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Types of electric space heaters

Oil or water-filled radiator

Heated oil or water travels through the heater.

Fan-forced heater

A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

Ceramic heater

Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

Infrared heaters

Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

Fact

Two in five deaths in space heater fires involve portable electric space heaters.



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