

## February 2020 Council Corner Newsletter

This Year's Town of Nipawin open house is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Centre. Members of Council and administration will be hosting the annual open house to provide an opportunity for community feedback on the 2019 to 2023 Strategic Direction and to gather input into proposed zoning amendments, and also for a look at the recent Traffic Study. At 7:00 p.m., there will be a power point presentation where the Mayor will present "2019 in Review". We look forward to seeing you on March 12<sup>th</sup>.



### Catching up with Town activities:

- The Town of Nipawin proclaimed February 20<sup>th</sup> as Kin Canada Day, and the Week of February 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> as Kin Canada Week in Nipawin. The Kin flag was raised at the Town Office on February 20<sup>th</sup> in recognition of the Kinsmen organization's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was established in Hamilton on February 20, 1920.
- Purchase of replacement of red shale for local ball diamonds was approved by Council at its February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, as was the replacement of one of our "Grasshopper" mowers.
- The replacement of the ice-resurfacers (Zamboni) was also approved by Council recently. Delivery is anticipated in time for the fall of 2020.
- Four members of Council along with the CAO attended the 2020 SUMA Convention. (Note that during the convention, SUMA announced the change of its name to Municipalities of Saskatchewan.)
  - During the convention's gala event, 13 Town of Nipawin Firefighters were recognized for their years of services (from 20 years to 40 years). Meritorious Service Awards are granted to municipal members with 20 or more years of service. It recognizes their career success, dedication, and involvement in their local communities. These recipients are outstanding individuals who have become role models in their communities and through their long service have made valuable contributions to the success to their municipalities (Nipawin and area). Unfortunately, only Acting Chief Bruce Pihowich and Joe Korecki, and their spouses were able to attend the event. Those acknowledged and receiving awards for dedicated service with the Nipawin Fire Department included:
    - Ken Barr – 32 years
    - Murray Bigelow – 40 years
    - Bob Hosaluk – 26 years
    - Joe Korecki – 32 years
    - Kevin Lockwood – 25 years
    - Bruce Pihowich – 34 years
    - Trevor Rehaluk – 32 years
    - Don Sahli – 33 years
    - Tom Schultz – 32 years
    - Jim Senger – 29 years
    - Ward Wood – 20 years

### Upcoming Events, Reminders and Recognition:

- It seems that not many have yet tried the new Croki-Curl game at the Town Square. Consider a competition among groups or businesses perhaps? Give it a try ... Pick up the key for the rocks at the Centennial Area and challenge yourself and others to a game.
- More than 120 people have used the cross-country skis available at the Evergreen Centre.
- This year's Winter Festival event in Central Park, which was scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

- Congratulations to Stars for Saskatchewan organizing committee on hosting a successful show by former Nipawin area performer, Brad Lecuyer. The event was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you Brad.

Another reminder to everyone that **KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE** is everyone's responsibility. If you notice any unusual activity in your neighbourhoods or elsewhere, please report to the RCMP or use **the 1-800 Crime Stoppers / TIPS line (1-800-222-TIPS (8477))**. This ensures that the RCMP are aware and helps keep our neighbourhoods as safe as possible.

To contact the **Bylaw Officer**, call the Town office at (306) 862 9866  
 To contact the **Animal Control Officer**, Kevin Genik, call (306) 862 6853

I welcome conversations with anyone who has a concern or a bouquet. Please don't hesitate to arrange an opportunity for Mayor and Council to hear your ideas. Call (306) 862 9866 to arrange an appointment or by email to [mayorharper@nipawin.com](mailto:mayorharper@nipawin.com). NOTE: Anonymous concerns, written or by phone, will not receive response so please sign your concern and provide contact information.

Check out the Town of Nipawin's website at: [www.nipawin.com](http://www.nipawin.com)



Join us at the Town office as we prepare for  
 Communities in Bloom.

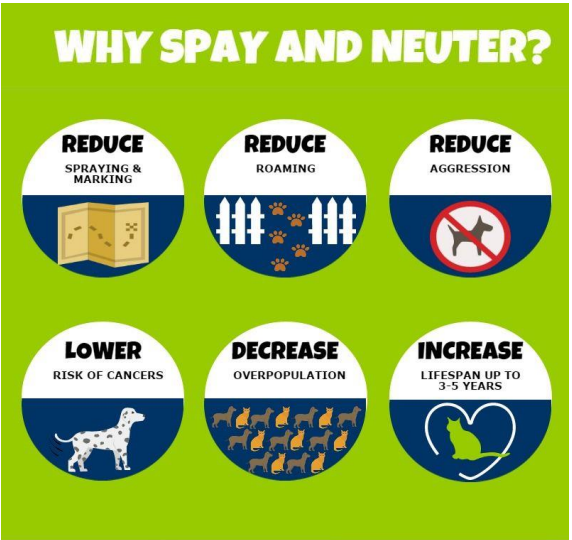
Where: 210 2nd Ave East (Town Office)  
 When: March 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM




### Subsidized Spay and Neuter Program for cats and dogs

The Town of Nipawin offers financial resources to assist low income pet owners to have their pets spayed or neutered and vaccinated.

Please come to the Town office to pick up a program overview and application form.




In 3 years, starting at 4 months old,  
 1 unspayed female and 1 unneutered male can produce:  
**512 DOGS**  
**382 CATS**