



UPDATE REPORT from Mayor David Trann (October 2016)

Message from Mayor Trann

Council will be changing and this will most likely create new ideas for Nipawin. My hope is that the next four years will bring even more opportunities and growth for Nipawin.

In my opinion, growth doesn't just mean growth at the expense of some. What growth has meant to me is that an environment has to be created to not only attract and sustain business, industry and development, but also to be inclusive regarding social concerns, safe housing, and the rights of all in our community. To me it is about balancing the needs of our community with the vision and direction needed to grow into the future.

Nipawin is a comparatively safe, beautiful community that has so much potential. Younger families as well as retired people are choosing Nipawin to be their home.

I have stated before that I believe it is everyone's responsibility to be involved in the community in some way. **"Take care of the little things and the big things will follow"** is what I have tried to do. Being involved is one of those little things which often reflect onto people who are from the outside looking at our community. They see us as a positive, vibrant community and they express their desire to be part of Nipawin.

Over the last nineteen years, every Council I have served with have always looked at information provided and then made a decision based on that information. Not all decisions were unanimous by everyone on Council, however I have learned that once a decision is made, Council needs to go forward together regardless of whether you were in favour or not of the decision or not. Sometimes the decisions were not the correct ones, but we always went back to make it as right as we could.

Not all residents will agree with the decisions of Council but decisions need to be made for what is best for the whole community. This will also hold true for the new Council: "you cannot please everyone".

Looking back at my platforms over the years at election time, my top three priorities have always been the same; ensuring health care for the community, having a safe community, and investing in economic development to attract business and investment.

I believe that our Doctors and Health Care Providers and their services are second to none in the region. This was accomplished by Council working together with Physicians, Kelsey Trail Health Region, Senior Governments, and our Municipal Partners. We have, arguably, a very safe community with our crime stats continually going down because of the commitment of the RCMP to our community and to Town Council. We have worked hard over the years to attract business and industry and have been successful in securing a major agricultural conglomerate to set up in Nipawin with other possibilities on the horizon. We cannot take the above for granted as we need to continue down the path of growing our community with the goal of increasing our tax base, providing opportunities for our residents, and having the means to fund much-needed projects.

Congratulations to the new Mayor and Council and thank you for stepping up to make Nipawin an even better place. Thank you to Town Administration Staff and all of our outside workers for your dedication to Nipawin. Our staff do not get enough accolades for the job they do and are usually the front line workers who bear the brunt of a decision of Council.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the citizens of Nipawin for your support and the opportunity to represent Nipawin as a Councillor for fifteen years and as Mayor for the past four years.

Regards,

David Trann

Mayor, Town of Nipawin - 2012 to 2016

REMINDER

Upcoming Snow Season - Parking Items on Boulevards

Reminder to all residents that the boulevard portion of the street is NOT the place for storing R.V.'s, utility trailers, vehicles, equipment etc. as this creates obstacles when clearing snow off of streets and sidewalks, and also creates a visibility issue for pedestrians, children, and traffic.

Once snow plowing commences these items will be plowed in and any potential damage caused by Town equipment or snow ridges created will not be the Town of Nipawin's responsibility. Using the boulevard for storage of these items is also in contravention of the Traffic Bylaw and any unlicensed vehicles, utility trailers etc. parked on the street are subject to fines and may be towed away at the owner's expense.

During and after snowfall events it would be greatly appreciated if residents would ensure vehicles and utility trailers are removed from the street to accommodate efficient and safe snow plowing and removal.

Your cooperation on these issues is greatly appreciated and will help to maintain our streets and sidewalks.

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