

# COUNCIL CORNER – OCTOBER EDITION

## PERMITS & LICENSES – A reminder from the Town of Nipawin Planner:

1. **RENOVATING YOUR BASEMENT?** If you are adding bedrooms or changing your floor plan a permit is required. Please contact Jeff Hryniw at the Town of Nipawin (306) 862 9866 to begin the permit process. Permits will help ensure the project meets Code and may help with the value of your home.
2. Business licenses are required by all businesses operating in the Town of Nipawin – Please contact the town office to renew your license. Also contact the Town Office to find out about home-based business regulations and to apply for your business license.

Following the initial the announcement by the Province of Saskatchewan declaring COVID-19 a Pandemic, the Town of Nipawin proactively established an Interagency group to ensure active and ongoing communication among various sectors, organizations and businesses in the Town of Nipawin. The 22-person Interagency includes representation from the Town of Nipawin, Fire Department, Chamber of Commerce, RCMP, independent business, Health Authority, Social Services, EMS, Media, Housing, Education, Ministerial and others. The group is focused on public safety and meets regularly to ensure active information-sharing among agencies and organizations.

As all of us spend more time indoors, COVID-19 continues to be a concern. This week, the Saskatchewan Health Authority has alerted everyone of an increase in COVID-19 cases in some Northeast Communities, including ours. Therefore, it is increasingly important for citizens from across the area to follow public health measures and safety precautions to prevent the spread of this virus.

The following are *three very important* things to help keep you, and others as safe as possible:

1. Keep your **DISTANCE** – 6 feet/2 meters between yourself and others
2. Wear a **MASK**, to protect others and yourself if you can't keep the 6 feet/2-meter distance
3. **WASH** your hands often!

Call **811** if you experience any symptoms and to arrange for testing.

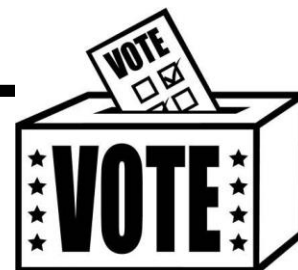
As Nipawin and area is impacted by some community “lockdowns” some individuals may be experiencing anxiety over their financial obligations while under a quarantine or lockdown order. If you need anything from your financial institution, you are reminded that each one has things in place to allow them to do their utmost to accommodate your needs. Online banking apps and telephone banking are the easiest way to maintain your finances from afar. Most banks have mobile app cheque depositing and payment options and are willing to assist you.

As a result of an increased number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the Northeast, **visitation at Nipawin Hospital and Pineview Lodge Long-Term Care facility are limited**. This means family members or support people will only be permitted for compassionate reasons. No other visitors are allowed into the facilities at this time and these enhanced limitations will remain in place until further notice.

At the same time that everyone is encouraged to wear masks, I remind you that the issue of disposing of those masks has become a concern. Please be sure to dispose of your used mask in a safe manner...take it home and dispose of it in your home garbage or place it into trash containers provided throughout the town. Please **DO NOT** toss your mask onto the street!

As always, I welcome conversations with residents of Nipawin. If you have an *idea, concern or a bouquet* please don't hesitate to arrange an opportunity for a conversation. Please don't hesitate to 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.)

**The Town of Nipawin Municipal Election is Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**  
**Voting will take place at the Nipawin Evergreen Centre from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM.**  
**Please bring your ID. Masks are recommended.**



There will be no community service at the Evergreen Centre due to Covid-19. A short Remembrance Service will be held at the Cenotaph located beside the Legion. If you wish to attend, physical distancing must be observed. The public is encouraged to watch the national ceremony on television or watch our live stream on our Nipawin Legion Facebook page. The Legion will lay wreaths indoors on behalf of families and friends.

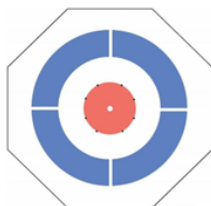
Public Skating has opened to the public and is now in full swing. To keep up with the Government of Saskatchewan's Covid-19 guidelines for capacity, you are required to register online prior to skating.

To register go to:

<https://app.booking.ca/nipawinpub/courses/index.asp>

#### PUBLIC SKATING GUIDELINES

- Must pre-register
- Must sign up all family members skating, spectators not allowed at this time
- Physical Distancing is required
- Mask use recommended
- There will be a sign in sheet upon entry
- Follow traffic flow signs
- Max 30 allowed on ice
- Please only sign up if you are attending
- Re-Open arena will be posted at arena



Watch for Crockicurl to come back this winter in a NEW location! Check out our Facebook page **Town of Nipawin Parks & Recreation** for updates.

The outdoor rinks, Pinedale & East Pleasantview, will be opening once weather permits



The Parks Department is busy preparing the curling ice. Curling will be set to begin on Monday, November 2nd.

Pickleball is back in the auditorium at The Evergreen. Courts are open Monday to Friday 1-4pm & Monday, Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 7-9pm, unless booked. A schedule can be found on Facebook under **The Evergreen Centre** or at The Evergreen by the office. Drop in rate is \$4.

