

The September 2020 Edition of
The Town of Nipawin's Council Corner

As September turns into October, and all of us spend more time indoors, and COVID-19 continues to be a concern, it is important to remember *three very important* things to help keep you and others as safe as possible:

1. Keep your **distance** – 2 meters (6 feet) between yourself and others
2. Wear a **mask** to protect others and yourself if you can't keep the 2-meter (6-foot) distance
3. **Wash** your hands!



It is important for me to remind everyone during this time of people wearing more disposable masks at school, grocery stores, or other public facilities, 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 ground!

On September 23rd the Town of Nipawin officially opened the new water treatment plant, plans for which have been underway since as early as 2005. The \$21 million dollars that was received from the Federal and Provincial Governments in 2016 will ensure safe, quality drinking water for residents and will also ensure public safety by guaranteeing sufficient water supply. The funding for the project also provided for several new wells.

Demolition of the old water treatment plant/reservoir is underway and is planned to be completed within the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone for your patience over the past months as streets had to be dug up, and demolition of the facility proceed more slowly than many had anticipated.

Due to COVID-19 the Town was unable to host a public to a tour of the new water treatment plant. Therefore, Integrated Engineering coordinated creation a video, narrated by CJNE, to allow the public to have a virtual tour of the new facility. You can find the video on the Town of Nipawin's website at www.nipawin.com.

To allow more opportunity for in-person media and public participation at Council Meetings, Council has begun holding its regular meetings in the Twin Lakes Room at the Evergreen Centre. Council meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday's of the month at 7:00 p.m. Due to distancing and public gathering limits, limited space may be available.

Upcoming Proclamations

The Town has declared:

September 30, 2020: **Orange Shirt Day**. You are encouraged to wear orange in recognition that "Every Child Matters".

October 2020: **"Feed-a-Kid" Month**

October 24, 2020: **World Polio Day**

November 21 – 29, 2020: **Saskatchewan Multicultural Week**

As the Provincial Election planned for October 26, 2020 and Municipal Elections planned for November 9th approach, there will be no newsletter in October. Therefore, I take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the Council and Administration of the Town of Nipawin to wish you a **Happy Thanksgiving**.

Please continue to keep yourself and others as safe as possible by remembering the 1, 2, 3s.

REMINDER: Community safety is everyone's responsibility. To ensure the safety of the citizens of our community, RCMP ask that **"IF YOU SEE SOMETHING unusual, SAY SOMETHING"** ... call **1-800 Crime Stoppers / TIPS line (1-800-222-TIPS (8477))** or the local RCMP detachment.

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. (**NOTE:** Anonymous concerns, written or by phone, will not receive response so please sign your concern and provide contact information.)

HALLOWEEN 2020 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020

Many questions regarding Halloween 2020 have been filtered through the Town Office over the past few weeks. Because the holiday falls on a Saturday this year - DURING A PANDEMIC!! Here are a few recommended guidelines that follow the Saskatchewan Public Health order should your business, your home or your family choose to participate in the traditional way!

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- People should not participate in any Halloween activities if they are sick or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. If you think you may be sick, use the online Saskatchewan COVID-19 self-assessment tool and follow the directions. (Call 811)
- Private indoor and outdoor gatherings may have a maximum of 30 people if there is enough space to maintain two metres between individuals who are not in the same household/extended household.
- Where it is difficult or uncertain to maintain two metres of physical distance, people are encouraged to wear non-medical masks (e.g. cloth or other materials).
- Where possible, limit holiday gatherings to household/extended household groups only.
- Where possible, consider virtual gatherings.

FOR BUSINESSES

- Assign 1-2 employees outside the business to hand out treats
- Wear masks and gloves and sanitize frequently
- Set up a table to create a barrier between your employees & little trick or treaters, disinfect this table often
- Pack each treat individually - no loose or unpackaged candies
- Post set “trick or treat times” in your window at least 1 week in advance
- Place the **PUMPKIN PICTURE below** or **paint a PURPLE PUMPKIN** and clearly display in your window or front step

FOR HOMES & FAMILIES

- If you are participating in handing out treats, place the attached **PUMPKIN PICTURE** or **paint a PURPLE PUMPKIN** and clearly display in your window or on your front step for kids to see. This will indicate it is okay for them to approach the home
- Pack all treats individually - no loose or unpackaged candies
- Wear a mask to protect both yourself and trick or treaters, sanitize your hands often
- Consider these creative ideas for handing out treats
 - A “garage give out” -usually more room for kids to be 6ft apart
 - Place a table between yourself and trick or treaters
 - Leaving a large bowl of treats on your doorstep with a note i.e. “Please take one treat only!”
- Whenever possible, accompany your children trick or treating. This will ensure they are trick or treating safely
- Talk to your children about road safety and physical distancing guidelines/expectations
- Trick or treat only with people you live with or who are in your immediate “bubble”
- Parents be the first to check children’s treats and sanitize if you wish

These are recommendations for this unusual year of spooky celebrations!!! We hope all our Nipawin residents have a

SPOOK-T-ACULAR HALLOWEEN!



(If you would like a larger copy of the pumpkin picture, please see our [Town of Nipawin Facebook Page](#), [Town of Nipawin Parks & Recreation Facebook Page](#) or visit the Town Office or the Evergreen Centre.)