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2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROVAL

Nipawin, SK. (March 26, 2024) – At the March 25, 2024 Council Meeting the Town of Nipawin approved the 2024 municipal budget with a 5% increase. The budget shows Council’s commitment to community growth, enhanced recreation opportunities and creating sustainable development initiatives. The 2024 budget was meticulously created to address the diverse needs of our town, while maintaining fiscal accountability. Our guiding principles in formulating this budget have been transparency, efficiency, responsiveness to the evolving needs of our community, focus on growth & prosperity through development, and continued improvements to existing infrastructure, while contributing to reserve funds to meet future responsibilities.

Key Highlights of the 2024 Municipal Budget

Recognizing the critical importance of infrastructure in supporting economic development and enhanced quality of life, a significant portion of the budget has been allocated towards infrastructure projects including road maintenance and upgrading utility services to ensure reliability and resilience.

We approached 2024 aggressively with a plan to implement some large-scale projects, including decommissioning a portion of the historical landfill cells and installation of a scale, new office building and equipment area at the landfill.

Adding additional utility infrastructure on Evergreen Drive and 12th Avenue will provide commercial development opportunities for the community. Support for economic development, small business, and community well-being shows our commitment to a vibrant and diverse economy. This budget includes measures to support local businesses through collaboration with stakeholders to implement succession strategies, provide training, seek, and attract new investments, and create opportunities for job growth and economic prosperity.

We continue our commitment to social activity, inclusion, and community well-being. This budget allocates resources towards implementation of a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, along with continued programming options for all ages. The Nipawin Evergreen Centre will see updates to infrastructure and renovations to the facility through a phased-in approach. A multi-sport court including lighting will be installed in Central Park, creating a gathering place for all ages.

Other capital investments include equipment and tools that will create efficiencies in process, maintain or improve assets, and assist in future decisions through planning and preparation. With the aggressive targets set, we will strive to deliver these projects in a timely fashion and with minimum disruption to our current level of service. All projects are aligned to the strategic goals set forth in our current Strategic Plan.

The future of Nipawin guided the 2024 budget process and steps are being taken to provide the community with the opportunity to pursue growth. Despite the economic challenges in today's environment, we have not only maintained, but increased our level of service through implementation of programs to streamline administrative processes and optimize resource utilization. By prioritizing investments in infrastructure and upholding principles of fiscal responsibility, we seek to build a municipality that is not only economically prosperous, but also socially vibrant and inclusive. Together, we will continue to work towards a future where every member of our community can thrive and prosper.

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