

COUNCIL CORNER - April 2021 Edition

As spring slowly makes its appearance this year, the Town continues to prepare for the upcoming summer season. Hiring of summer students for the Visitor Centre, Parks and Recreation, the Pool @ Central Park etc. is well underway. Clean up is happening gradually throughout the town, including grass sweeping, street sweeping, compost pickup and many other regular spring tasks occurring wherever you look. *Please remember that it will be a bit dusty while the street and boulevards are swept. **Please keep a safe distance** from all equipment.*



Over winter there may have been damage to some front lawns. If this is the case with your front lawn, please call the Town office to let someone know. Town employees will be out shortly repairing lawns that may have been damaged as a result of snow removal this past winter.

I am saddened and disgusted to observe the graffiti and vandalism that has occurred recently in our beautiful community. Staying vigilant and reporting unusual occurrences is the responsibility of each one of us. Help the RCMP keep our community safe. Remember, if we “*See Something* it is each of our responsibility to *Say Something*”.

Updates:

- 2021 tax assessment notices were recently distributed following SAMA assessment information and release of the Provincial budget on April 6th. If you have questions about your assessment, please contact Chief Financial Officer Lesley Richer or CAO Barry Elliott for information. The deadline for filing appeals is June 8th, so if you are unsure, please do not hesitate to call the Town Office.
- **Heliport approved** for Nipawin Hospital. Good news from the partners of the Twin Lakes District Planning Commission ... the submission to the Saskatchewan Health Authority by the partners to proceed with the construction of a Heliport adjacent to the Nipawin Hospital has been approved. The partners will be determining a project steering committee and will begin active fund-raising shortly. All municipal partner offices (Town of Nipawin, RM of Nipawin, Town of Carrot River, RM of Moose Range, Village of Codette, Resort Village of Tobin Lake, RM of Torch River, Village of White Fox, Town of Choiceland) are currently gratefully accepting donations and bequests in support of the project. Construction of the heliport can only begin once the full amount of funding is in place.
- The Visitor / Tourist Information Centre will be open full time effective May 11th from 8:30 to 4:30 daily. To speak with someone at the Centre directly please call: (306) 862 0010.

Reminders:

- **ATTENTION local CONTRACTORS** – All Town of Nipawin contract requirements and RFP’s are regularly posted on the Town of Nipawin’s website (www.nipawin.com). Please watch the website if you are interested in bidding on a service or project.
- All dogs and cats in the Town of Nipawin require a license. Licenses are due for renewal effective January 1st. Please ensure your pet’s license is renewed. Reminder that all pets must be leashed on Town property including in Central Park. Please ensure you are picking up after your pet.
- Reminder about 30 km/hr speed limits in all school zones and around all parks, including the Skate Park along Highway 55 (you are reminded that the speed limited of 30 km/hr begins at the corner of Nipawin Road East and 2nd Avenue East and runs for about two blocks). Please slow down and keep kids safe.
- Please ensure that only recyclable materials are in your blue bin. Blue bins that are contaminated with garbage will not be picked up. Also ensure that only compostable materials such as grass, twigs etc. are in your compost bins and in the event you do not have a bin, that your compost is in paper (not plastic) bags.

Vaccine bookings and information continue to be available online by following the link below.

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/vaccine-booking>.

As immunization of a significant portion of the population proceeds, please continue these **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 yourself as well as others.
3. **WASH** your hands often!

Residents are encouraged to call the Town Office for assistance or advice as you its needed. **(306) 862 9866**

If you have an *idea, concern or a bouquet* please don't hesitate to arrange an opportunity for a conversation. 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.)

Reminder to residents and property owners to maintain yards and lawns.



Nipawin can be counted as one of the most beautiful communities in Canada!

- If everyone does their small part by keeping their lawns maintained regularly and ensuring yards are clear of garbage, bottles, building materials, vehicle parts, accumulations of pet droppings, etc. we can all enjoy our "Town for the People".
- Grass and weeds need to be taken care of regularly as any lawn that is longer than 15 cm (6 inches) is considered unsightly.
- Trees, hedges, and shrubs must be trimmed so that they do not overhang into the street or sidewalk and interfere with pedestrian or vehicle traffic. This helps to ensure everyone's safety.
- The Property Maintenance Bylaw applies to all properties within the Town of Nipawin, and property owners are responsible to ensure premises are maintained, even if it is a rental property, vacant or currently undeveloped.
- Residents are encouraged to take pride and ownership for keeping properties maintained. Failure to comply with requests to maintain yards may cause the Town to issue violation fines as well as to hire a contractor to complete the maintenance, and the cost of the service will be added to the property owner's Tax Roll.

A full list of the Town's bylaws can be found at www.nipawin.com/bylaws.cfm



e-Billing will be available for Town of Nipawin Utility bills beginning **July, 2021**

Let us know if you want to sign up by providing us your email address:

1. Call us at 306.862.9866
2. Send us an email at utility@nipawin.com
3. Stop in at the office

If you sign up for e-billing, paper bills will no longer be provided once the program commences which we anticipate will be July 2021.

If you wish to continue to receive paper bills, no action is required.

Water &
Sewer Bills
By Email

paperless
billing