

Council Corner – February 2023

Dear Resident:

Please accept my sincere “thank you” for your patience over the past several months as the Town has undergone some necessary organizational changes, upgrades and updates to bring the operations of the Town’s financial software and internet capabilities up to 2023 requirements. The move to a new financial software (MuniSoft®) has been implemented along with much needed IT upgrades to servers and operating systems which have become obsolete and outdated over the 15 or so years since they were installed. The financial software conversion is pretty much completed in time for the 2022 audit processes and a new year of operations. Some of the server/IT changes will still take a bit of time before they are completed.

On a very positive note, the new systems have allowed for the ability to receive and pay utility bills online. If you haven’t already signed up to receive your utility bill electronically along with monthly newsletters, please contact the Town Office for assistance.

Currently the Town is researching applicable engagement options and strategies to increase public input into the decision-making processes whenever it’s possible. We will be considering public surveys, focus groups and/or open-house type forums.

UPDATES:

- The 2023 budgeting process is well underway. Though slightly delayed the expected completion and release is anticipated in the next several weeks.
 - The reality of inflation that we are seeing is a substantial reality to municipal operations and the Town is in the process of initiating procedures and analyses to determine ways of shifting the impact alternative to the tax burden.
- The Town continues to explore and develop partnerships with various neighbouring jurisdictions and relative agencies in an attempt to enhance the services and quality of life and address some possible social issues impacting us all while remaining consistent with the Town’s Strategic Plan entitled Vision 2025 which was approved and is available on the website in the document library.
- The Town will be assuming the process of initiating many plans in the public interest. Therefore, the reason why the best engagement options are being researched. These may include economic development plans, infrastructure master plans, revitalization plans, and beautification plans to name a few.

REMINDERS:

- This month’s information from Fire Chief, Paul Cockell, provides information about scald prevention safety tips can be found on the reverse side of this letter or available at the National Fire Protection Association website https://www.nfpa.org/standard_items/search_results?searchStr=scald%20prevention

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- Congratulations to the Nipawin & District Chamber of Commerce on a successful ABEX awards Gala held on February 10th. Congratulations to this year’s winners of the ABEX awards. Information regarding winners and categories may be found at the Chamber website at <https://nipawinchamber.ca/>.
- Starting very soon, the Salvation Army will launch its new “Feeding the Homeless” initiative. The newly acquired and outfitted vehicle will be set up close to the Harm Reduction Centre (Railway Ave.) on Wednesday evenings from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Ken Green at (306) 812 6178.
- Come out and ski among the pines by candlelight. Candle Lite Skiing at the Evergreen will be back on March 9th (weather permitting).
- Public Skating at the Centennial Arena Sunday and Monday 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.



The Mayor is available at the Town Office regularly on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Please drop in or 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.)

Mayor Rennie Harper

Town of Nipawin Dog & Cat tags are now due.

Please stop by the office to purchase your 2023 tags.

\$18.00 – IF SPAYED/NEUTERED

\$38.00 – IF NOT SPAYED/NEUTERED



The Town of Nipawin strongly encourages you to sign up for paperless billing for your water & sewer bills.

Please email us your name, account number (found on your utility notice), and the email address you want your bill to be sent to, to the email address below:

officer.utilities@nipawin.com



Scald Prevention Safety Tips

A scald injury can happen at any age. Children, older adults and people with disabilities are especially at risk. Hot liquids from bath water, hot coffee and even microwaved soup can cause devastating injuries. Scald burns are the second leading cause of all burn injuries.

Scald Safety

- Teach children that hot things can burn. Install anti-scald devices on tub faucets and shower heads.
- Always supervise a child in or near a bathtub.
- Test the water at the faucet. It should be less than 100° Fahrenheit (38° Celsius).
- Before placing a child in the bath or getting in the bath yourself, test the water.
- Test the water by moving your hand, wrist and forearm through the water. The water should feel warm, not hot, to the touch.
- Place hot liquids and food in the center of a table or toward the back of a counter.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Open microwaved food slowly, away from the face.
- Never hold a child while you are cooking, drinking a hot liquid, or carrying hot foods or liquids.
- Never heat a baby bottle in a microwave oven. Heat baby bottles in warm water from the faucet.
- Allow microwaved food to cool before eating.
- Choose prepackaged soups whose containers have a wide base or, to avoid the possibility of a spill, pour the soup into a traditional bowl after heating.

Burn Rx

Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for 3-5 minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.

FACT!

Prepackaged microwavable soups are a frequent cause of scald burn injuries (especially noodle soups) because they can easily tip over, pouring hot liquid (and noodles) on the person.



Greenhalgh DG, Bridgus J, Coimbra E, et al. Instant cup-of-soup design favors increase risk of burns. Journal of Burn Care and Research, July-August 2006; 27(6):476-81



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Reminders:

2023 Business Licenses are now due.

If you are no longer conducting business in the Town of Nipawin for the current year please contact the office to let us know.

Are you thinking of completing a building or renovation project this year? Don't forget to get all your paperwork completed and submitted to the Town Office. Building, Development & Demolition Permits are available on our website or at the Town office.

