



The Neebing News

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Be prepared this winter with these 3 safety tips:

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Neebing Fire and Rescue

by Dawne Kilgour

As 2021 opens, Neebing Fire and Rescue Association (NFRA) is hoping for a return to near normal, so we can reschedule our usual calendar of events. Our mandate is to offer every support to Neebing Emergency Services (NES) whether it be educational, recreational or financial. Throughout the last few months, the financial was our main objective, resulting in a number of on line activities which collected in excess of \$10,000 donated to the needs of NES and the new pumper truck.

Thinking outside the box was a real eye-opener for members of the Board but the consensus is that more members are needed whatever the post-pandemic looks like. If you have the time, the inclination and the health to do so, NFRA invites you to their annual AGM to be held Feb.22, at the Municipal Office, or virtually, if necessary, starting at 7:00 pm. You will see what the operation is all about, become a member, for only \$5.00, help elect a new executive and have a chance to meet others, neighbours, and the previous Board and members.

More info will follow as time goes on through the Neebing News or the municipal website. YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR NAME AT 474-5331, OR CONTACT WWW neebingfirerescueassociation.com to volunteer. Please come join us!

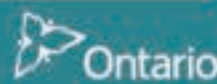
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All Municipal Buildings will be **CLOSED** to the general public until the Provincial Lockdown is lifted. Essential municipal services continue being offered during the lockdown. Contact us by telephone **474-5331** or email needing@needing.org.

On January 11, 2021, pending provincial approval, the Municipal Office will re-open with **entry restrictions** and COVID-19 safety protocols in place for the public and our staff. Entry restrictions include:

- Only one visitor at a time is permitted inside the building
- The wearing of face masks is **MANDATORY**

Municipal matters requiring in-person consultations must be scheduled in advance. Please call the office at 474-5331 to book an appointment.

Stay safe and avoid unnecessary interactions with others not from your immediate household. We strongly recommend using options other than in-person contact to conduct business whenever possible.

Municipal Council Meetings:

- Council meetings are virtual and held on regular council dates being the first and third Wednesday of each month. A 'virtual meeting' is the hosting of a meeting in a virtual environment and not face-to-face. Participants call in by telephone or connect online through the internet.
- Prior to all meetings, agendas, meeting documents and public participation details are posted on our website www.needing.org/events.

Flu Shots:

- The Thunder Bay District Health Unit offers by appointment only flu shot clinics for children under 5 and their families. Those over the age of 5 can be immunized by their health care provider or a pharmacy.
- Contact the Thunder Bay District Health Unit for upcoming public flu clinics by calling their FLU LINE at 624-9082 or toll free at 1-866-607-3337 or visit <http://www.thunderbayflu.ca/>



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The Rural Pharmacist: HELLO 2021! WHERE IS MY COVID VACCINE?!

by Henry Tempelman, Pharmacist/Owner
Kakabeka & Rosslyn IDA Pharmacies

Welcome 2021! We've been patiently... or let me correct that.. We've been eagerly awaiting your arrival to bring us closer to the normal sense of reality and freedom that we so dearly miss from pre-Covid times. We have all experienced a different type of lifestyle in the past year and I hope that there were some highlights and memories that you are able to reflect on in a challenging year.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, lead physician and expert on America's COVID taskforce, has recently said that the US can return to normal if the vaccine rollout is efficient and diligent. There are differing opinions on the timeline for "return to normal", but most can agree that mass vaccination is a huge step in the right direction.

Now, at the time of writing, it has been frustrating to see the poor execution of the rollout of vaccination for the public in Canada. Studies

show that the vaccines are more effective in preventing COVID-19 infections once administered to humans instead of staying locked in freezers. This would be a funnier joke if there was a better plan to get these vaccines in Canadians' arms. Hopefully by the team you're reading this there is some progress.

We've been getting a lot of questions about when we will start administering the COVID vaccine in our pharmacies. We are eager to help with vaccinating the public, but we have not yet received any direction from the Ministry of Health with respect to timelines or protocols for vaccine rollout in pharmacies. I anticipate that perhaps pharmacists will be involved once more vaccine stock is shipped to Canada; initial vaccine rollout will likely be more tightly regulated for frontline workers and long-term care residents. There is also some physical distribution

challenges as the vaccines need to be kept at extremely cold temperatures.

People have had questions about the safety of the vaccine, citing concern that it all happened too fast to be safe. When the vaccine is offered to me, will I get it? Absolutely! And I will likely recommend it for you too.

Canada has approved the Pfizer and the Moderna vaccine, with the likelihood that more COVID vaccines will be approved in the future as they check the right boxes. How do these vaccines work? Past vaccines, like the flu vaccine, use a live, but weakened/inactivated virus. The COVID vaccine doesn't actually contain the COVID virus; the COVID vaccine contains mRNA, which essentially is a memory cell that, once exposed to the vaccine, will help your immune system remember how to fight the COVID virus if you were to be infected with it. Once you get the COVID vaccine your body basically has the instructions how to fight and eliminate the infecting virus quickly and effectively, rather than starting from scratch to figure out how to fight the virus while you're infected and the virus is racing to spread throughout your body. Complicated? The science might be, but luckily all we have to do is roll up our sleeves once it's offered!

Should we be concerned about it being new? No, this technology isn't entirely new and has been studied in cancer research. Should we be concerned about the speed at which it was developed? Didn't they cut corners to get it approved quickly? No and no. The reasons vaccines generally take so long to get developed is that there is so

much red tape. Think of the pile of trial applications that sit on the desk of Health Canada/FDA to be approved. Instead of waiting months for their trial applications to make it to the top of the pile, the COVID vaccine trials had priority treatment and was addressed as a priority. Also, Chinese scientists had already provided us with the genetic code of the virus in January, months before COVID even reached our city. Less red tape, more technology and funding to give them a head start.

Between the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, they were tested in about 37,000 people (and an additional 37,000 people received placebo). This is comparable with testing populations for other vaccines, and the trials didn't have to wait months to recruit people as people lining up to try the vaccine in the middle of a pandemic.

What about side effects? How do we know there aren't bad side effects down the road we don't know about? Decades of vaccine research shows us that side effects generally occur quickly after receiving doses, from days to weeks following the dose. I'm not concerned about side effects from the vaccine in the slightest. I'm more concerned about the long-term effects that they've seen from COVID infections such as long-term lung damage.

The more people that get vaccinated the sooner we will return to normal. I will be rolling up my sleeve at first opportunity and I encourage everyone else to as well. Do it for you and do it for your community. Hopefully I'll see you in a socially-distanced line soon as we wait with our sleeves rolled up!

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Notice of a Public Meeting being held to consider an Application for a proposed Severance

Please take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing, sitting as Committee of the Whole, will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., via electronic meeting to consider a proposed severance under Section 53 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended. The Committee's recommendations to Council will be considered for ratification at the Regular Council Meeting on the same evening, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

The Application (B05-2020) is brought by Norman and Bonnie Bernauer, the property owner. The land parcel which is the subject matter of the application is a vacant parcel with no municipal address, located at the corner of Cloud Bay Road North and Jarvis Bay Road East. The legal description of the land is: North Part Lot 1, Concession 3, Parcel 5819, within geographic Crooks Township, Municipality of Neebing, in the District of Thunder Bay. This is referred to as the "Subject Property".

The proposed severance would result in one new lot (7.2 hectares), and the retained lot (46.6 hectares). A sketch showing the lot configuration is included with the application, a copy of which is available on the Neebing website (www.neebing.org) or by contacting the Municipal Office. The retained lot will have frontage of approximately 533 meters on Jarvis Bay Road East and 380 meters on Cloud Bay Road North. The severed lot will have frontage of approximately 230 meters on Jarvis Bay Road East and 314 meters on Cloud Bay Road North. The severed lot will be rectangular in shape with a depth (from Cloud Bay Road North) of approximately 230 meters, and an area of approximately 7.2 hectares. The retained lot will be L-shaped, with a depth of approximately 787 meters from Cloud Bay Road North, and an area of approximately 46.6 hectares in area. All measurements are "approximate", and will be finalized when the required survey has been completed.

ANY PERSON may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal presentations either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed severance.

How to provide input: Although in-person meetings have been cancelled, there are several ways in which the general public can provide input on the application, such as:

- a) Submit comments in writing by email, to clerk@neebling.org or by regular mail to the address below. Comments shall be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2021.
- b) Register to speak at the electronic meeting by email, to clerk@neebling.org. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting by following the link provided through email. Please note that neither a computer, nor a video sharing device is required to participate in the electronic meeting via. You may also opt to call in from a cell or landline. A toll-free number will be provided for this purpose. To register by phone please call: 807-474-5331. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION related to the proposed severance is available for by calling the Clerk-Treasurer at 807-474-5331.

DATED AT Neebing, Ontario, this 14th day of December, 2020

Erika Kromm
Clerk-Treasurer, The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing

COVID-19: Know the facts

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Neebing Emergency Services

by Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief, Neebing



Finally, 2021 !

I don't remember the sound of many celebratory fireworks on New Year's Eve, but I am pretty sure I "heard" a collective, worldwide sigh of relief that the year 2020 was finally over and gone!

In reality, and according to the calendar, 2020 was just another year – another 365 days that had just passed us by. Unfortunately, it's unlikely that in the years ahead, '2020' will be remembered with positive fondness as a year that provided, for our enjoyment and pleasure, some of the most consistently wonderful summer weather in recent memory, or allowed us the safe "fire season" we experienced (good job Neebing), with so few accidental or brush fire events!

It is more likely that 2020 will go down as 'the year of COVID', which included a year of lockdowns and 'social distancing', with distillers making hand sanitizer (to augment the benefits of required 'frequent hand washing') rather than Canadian whiskey. There were masks to be worn, and line-ups to shop indoors (with directional arrows to dictate shoppers 'traffic flow') or outdoor 'pick-up only' services for those who had preordered required supplies. For most, there were cancelled holiday travel plans, and most everyone got used to the social 'bubbles' that allowed for some small social get-togethers with family and friends, and 'through-the-window-only' kisses with precious grandchildren. Fortunately, ZOOM and other virtual tools served as quasi-substitutes for 'face-to-face' interactions – facilitating conversations needed by some businesses to continue operations, and transmitting a semblance of the usual hearty hugs that serve and help to bond human families.

Interestingly, as we enter 2021 - with the promise of newly available vaccines that will 'soon' render the world safe once again - it seems that the rules of 2020 will still apply in order for us to remain safe. The prospect of things returning to 'normal' anytime soon in 2021 [at least for the first six (6) months] will depend on all of us adhering to many of the rules and regulations we just left behind in 2020. The good news is that we now have a lot of experience, and we know what we need to do to stay safe. And instead of dark uncertainty, there is light at the end of the tunnel! However, even as the rules gradually loosen, it will be interesting to observe those habits that 'stay the same'. While some will gleefully and quickly shed their face masks, it will not be a surprise if the wearing of masks becomes the norm for many when in social gatherings of strangers. As well, frequent hand-washing, the use of hand sanitizer, and the disinfecting of high-contact points may continue for some time to come - visible reminders of the changes wrought by COVID and the year 2020.

Now back to the main raison d'être of this piece, which is to share recommendations on staying 'fire safe' in Neebing, during this and every month of 2021. Firstly, I wish to congratulate all our residents for following fire-safe practices during the pandemic, thereby helping to make 2020's total activity numbers for Neebing Emergency Services (NES) one of the lowest since Neebing's amalgamation in

1999. Interestingly, almost half the calls for the year occurred before the first COVID lockdown in mid-March.

Fire Safety tips for January are focused on safely managing; heating systems, electrical heaters and cords, cooking fires in the kitchen and remaining diligent in our awareness of the dangers of Carbon Monoxide, especially during the winter. In Neebing, checking and cleaning of chimneys and ensuring that any exhaust vents are kept clear of snow buildup, should be regular safety checks throughout the winter months. It is also recommended that you review your home Fire Escape Plan, update it for any household changes and ensure that it is suitable and ready for use during cold winter night situations. You also encouraged to view the OAFIC website which provides broad reference of winter safety tips.

Winter Fire Safety Tip | Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (oafc.on.ca). On a local, practical level, I am also inspired (as the result of a recent occurrence in the community) to remind residents of the **value of fire extinguishers** in and around the home. Especially on rural properties, where there are often a plethora of outbuildings, machinery and recreational vehicles, a fire extinguisher, used properly can, in the early stages of a fire, help reduce fire growth and spread. Remember even a serviced and ready fire extinguisher is only designed to provide a first line of suppression when a fire starts. You will also want to call 911 to make sure that the fire trucks are on the way, and ready to provide fire suppression when the fire extinguisher runs out. Practice makes perfect in most things including the use of a fire extinguisher so be sure to take advantage of fire extinguisher training when you have the opportunity - it only takes a few minutes to learn the proper techniques to safely and effectively use your extinguisher to manage small fires.

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NEEBING FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Respectfully submitted: Carole Aitken, President NFRA

Happy New Year everyone! Welcome to a new year and hopefully a better one when we can resume some of our usual social fundraising activities. As yet we have not developed any plans but are hopeful that will change as we progress through the stages of this pandemic. Of course we will still continue to look for creative ways to bring in financial resources.

Fill the Fire Hose

NFRA was extremely happy to end the year on a good note. Donations continued to come reaching a total of \$10,970.00. As well as were able to donate another \$10,000.00 to the outfitting of the new Pumper Fire Truck. Thanks to Arellas Quality Dollar Store, Val and Peter Major, Bruce and Astra Holmes, Wayne and Rosie Rose, Edith Tivendale, Don, Rita and Amy Randle, Michael and Tiffany Moore and several anonymous donors.

We are still accepting donations.

Everyone is anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new Pumper truck. Chief Dale Ashbee is keeping us posted and up to date on the progress.



NFRA Cheque Presentation: Kris Ligate, Board Member, Mary Ann Beckwith, Vice President, Carole Aitken, President, Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief, Bev Mercer, Deputy Chief, Erwin Butikofer, Mayor

Pop Cans

We held a pop can cleanup in early December this year as the weather cooperated for us. Thanks to members and volunteers we were able to gather 8 bulk bags of can in a few hours.

Kris reported that for the year that 1570 lbs of canned goods,



Pop can sorting!

4720 lbs of scrap metal and 2180 lbs of pop cans were handled this year. The total weight of 8470 lbs recognized a profit of \$870.00 for the year. Thanks to all who recycle cans, bottles and metal at both landfill sites. A special thanks to Kris Ligate who works tirelessly on this project.

A little trivia from Kris; 2180 lbs of pop cans = 58,860 pop cans!

Reminder to collect your bottles and cans for our spring Bottle Drives the end of March at Mink Mountain and Hall 1 at Hwy. 608 and 61.

Christmas Food Drive

On Saturday December 5th NFRA held a food drive for the Rural Cupboard Food Bank at Hall 1, Hwy 61 and 608. Thanks to several of our members who braved the cold to gather canned goods, non perishable food and monetary donations for our rural Neebing and surrounding municipalities. With a lot of help from local residents we were able to fill a half ton truck in and out, as well as over \$600.00 in monetary donations. Thanks to all who took the time to come and deliver the donations. NFRA was pleased to do a public service in these times of need.



Food Drive!

NFRA Annual General Meeting

On Monday February 22 at 7pm we will be having our Annual General meeting. The minutes of the past years AGM will be presented as well as the yearend Financial Report.

The new Board will be elected for the year and from that the new Executive. New members are welcomed and encouraged.

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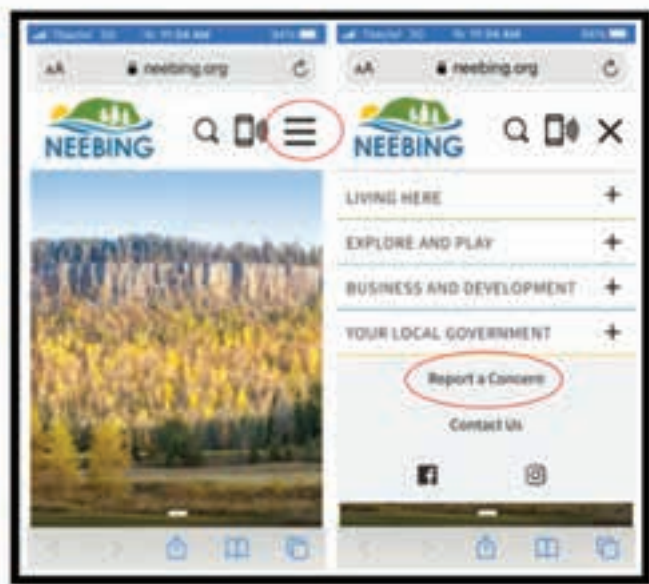
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181. No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing so to do from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road

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by Cindy Harasen

I don't know about you but in our house we're still playing Christmas 'refrigerator Jenga', manoeuvring around leaning towers of left-overs. I'm thankful for 'outdoor' winter refrigeration. Do you think that's just a country thing? And of course it's January so the subject of resolutions keeps coming up, but I'm not biting. I refuse to make resolutions. But I will make intentions. And some insights gained this past month have me heading in hopefully the right direction. For starters it was very clear to me this Christmas that our family has some weird habits. You know those people who are BIG TIME Christmas people? Maybe you're one of them. Loads of decorating inside and out. Christmas sweaters. Christmas dishes. Dare I say it - even Christmas masks. Christmas everything. And this year I think THOSE people had a blast. The trees and lights were up early and I don't imagine there will be a rush to take them down. And I love it. But WE are NOT those people. In fact we are almost the antithesis of those people. I mean we did put up a tree, and we had some twinkly lights around the house and a few special items including a nativity set. I even used a Christmas mug. But it's pretty minimal and I don't think I have ever in my life worn a Christmas sweater. AND, the minute Christmas is over we are ready to pack it all up and get back to our normal routines and put the furniture back where it belongs. I could probably present this as something positive. Like we have restraint or simply enjoy order and consistency in our lives. But I'll let you do your own analyzing. We still enjoy the spirit of Christmas. Maybe not the commercial side of things, but the reason for the season stays with us all year round! We just aren't big on the fuss and

tend to cram ours into a few weeks and then we've had our fill. It's probably genetic and I take the blame. I remember as a kid when my parents, on Christmas Day, would make us leave all our newly unwrapped gifts under the tree so when 'company' came over they would be on display. Sometimes they sat there for days. Not sure what the reasoning was behind that but I can tell you this - when I was in control of my own Christmas mornings this tradition was politely put to rest. To this day, in our house on Christmas morning there is almost a ritualistic claiming of the gifts as they are taken off to our rooms and secret places before our morning coffee's barely finished. There is nothing left under the tree. And it gets worse, or is it better. This year I seriously had to stop my youngest from taking decorations off the tree ON BOXING DAY. She was ready to get the living-room back to normal please and thank you! And eventually we indulged her. Weird I know. We kept all the other lights and decorations around for New Years at least but she, and really all of us, were ready to move on and to get this next chapter started. So while I am sure there are homes likely STILL knee deep in Christmas, we are not. And that's okay. We can LOVE Christmas AND be ready to move on at the same time. Both are possible and both can exist simultaneously. And this both/and business has been a bit of a light bulb moment for me. I was caught off guard a few times recently with friends raving about what an amazing year 2020 had been for them. While I have really tried to make the most of this past pandemic year I definitely would not say my hindsight is full of fondness and compliments. But there they were. People who

somehow had the best year ever. Babies were born. People got married. New businesses were started. New hobbies. Some people actually LOST weight and improved their health. And it made me realize that even with my general high level of optimism, I might have missed seeing the full beauty and potential of the past year. Some folks were almost reluctant to share their positive perspective because they recognized that for some people it really has been the worst year of their lives and some people are still struggling financially, physically, emotionally. And it was a good reminder that there is always good with the bad, and that is okay. Gain seldom comes without pain. There is beauty in the world and a lot of ugliness too. The good and the bad go hand in hand and rarely if ever do we experience one without the other. We appreciate happy times

because we know what it's like to be sad. We recognize joy, because we have felt sorrow. We lap up companionship because we know what it feels like to be lonely. We are grateful for memories but heartbroken over loss. Opposites can and do exist at the same time. And we can celebrate success and happiness, courage and strength during a pandemic, while also hating the darn thing and all the destruction it has caused. I can be happy for my friends, and sad for others at the same time. I can dance around my Christmas tree as it crackles and burns in the fire pit, and still remember how pretty it looked for the short time it was up. Because the fire is beautiful too and the ashes will nourish the earth and in the spring something new will grow. Happy New Year everyone. I intend to make it count!

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submitted by LRCA Staff

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As of 12:01 AM on Saturday, December 26th, 2020, the government of Ontario has issued a province-wide shutdown. The COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework (colour-coded system) has been suspended for 14 days in Northern Ontario and 28 days in Southern Ontario. When the province-wide Shutdown has ended, the COVID-19 Response Framework will be re-enacted.

It is strongly recommended that you:

- stay home
- limit trips outside the home to essential reasons (work, grocery / pharmacy shopping, medical appointments)
- work from home if possible
- mark special occasions by meeting online, especially over the holiday season

Follow all public health measures:

- Physically distancing from those outside your household.
- Not travelling unless you have to (e.g. medical appointment)
- Washing hands frequently or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Wearing a mask or face covering that is tightly fitted to cover the nose, mouth, and chin. Face shields are not a substitute for face masks. Scarves and bandanas are insufficient.
- Staying home if you are unwell.

What is "Shutdown"?

The goal of the province-wide shutdown is to limit the movement of people to slow down the spread of COVID-19 and allow the Ontario health care and public health systems time to recover from the spike of COVID-19 that could happen during this holiday season.

This list below is an overview of the measures:

Indoor Gatherings

- Only gather with the people you live with.
- Those who live alone and single parents may consider close contact with only one other household.

Outdoor Gatherings

- Limited to 10 people;
- Must keep 2 metres (6 feet) physical distance from all others.

Travel

- Do not travel outside of the Thunder Bay region if it is not essential.
- Individuals and families arriving or returning to Ontario during the shutdown period should self-isolate for 14 days.

Schools

- Elementary and secondary schools will learn from home from January 4 – January 8, 2021.
- Northern Ontario schools can open to students on January 11.

Child Care

All types of child care stay open.

- From January 4 – January 8, 2021, licensed child care centres and authorized recreation and skill-building providers cannot provide services to school-aged children. Before- and after-school programs must be closed during that time period.

Restaurants and bars

- Take-out, drive-through, and delivery only

Outdoor recreation

- Ski hills are closed.
- Playgrounds, tobogganing hills, ice rinks, show-shoe and cross-country trails, and more are open but certain rules will apply.

Indoor recreation

- Closed

What resources are available if I need help?

Call 211 or visit 211north.ca to learn more about resources and supports related to emergency food, health care, income support and more.

Where can I find more COVID-19 information?

Provincial Government: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-provincewide-shutdown>

Public Health Ontario: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/diseases-and-conditions/infectious-diseases/respiratory-diseases/novel-coronavirus>

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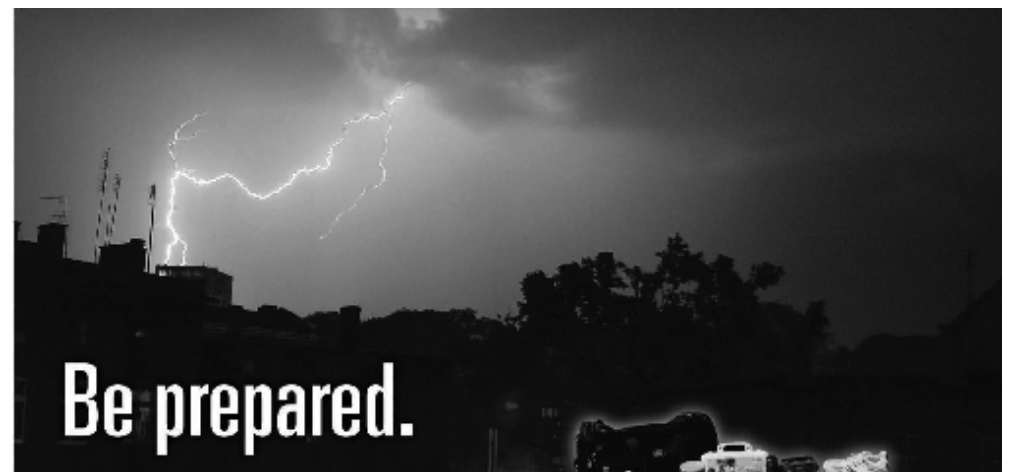
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Beyond Books: Library Services Limited

submitted by Beverly Ball on behalf of the Oliver Paipoonge Library Board

Almost 5 years ago, **Larry and Patricia Forester** discovered the Rosslyn Library and all that it has to offer. Like many other residents in our municipality, Larry and Pat believe in the value of the Library and its important place in making our township a great place to live.

Larry and Patricia are passionate about the Library and speak enthusiastically about it. Larry grew up in the rural environment and Patricia has been a rural resident for about 50 years. As taxpayers, they both feel that you get a big bang for your buck with the Library. They describe the Library itself as feeling cozy with lots of people in and out of it. "One day you may find mothers or caregivers and a bunch of children playing in a corner of the Library and on another day, there may be a group of people from different backgrounds and ages discussing the latest book. Other days, many seniors may be there because of the Library's convenience and what it has to offer. It just warms our hearts to see the many people using and enjoying the Library" said Larry.

For Pat, she enjoys the many puzzles available for loan through the Library and the audio books that they use especially when they were travelling. As she says, "I don't know what more you could ask for".

Both Pat and Larry expressed how great the Library was for our municipality and the many benefits of the Library. Our Library's value and importance has become more and more significant over the last decade. As our community grows and changes both in population and interests, the Library responds by providing services and programs to meet the many varying needs of rural residents. Larry feels there is much going on in the Library and so much coming out of it in terms of the many benefits for people including a place where they learn, meet old and new friends, master a puzzle or new skill or enjoy reading a book. People of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds come to the Library for many reasons including connecting with others in

a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Patricia and Larry feel that a lot of their positive experiences at the Library can be attributed to the staff who run them. Both **Maxine McCulloch and Theiann Scherby** (the Oliver Paipoonge Library staff) are welcoming to everyone coming in through the doors. While Larry has been in other libraries, he really felt that the Oliver Paipoonge Library staff could not do enough for them and felt treated exceptionally well. According to Larry, "they spoil us. For example, you could tell them that you like a certain author and the next week they would have books for you from that author. They are like friends who you know that will do whatever they can for you."

Like Pat and Larry, many of us in the community look forward to when the Library once again opens its doors to in Library use and programs. While the pandemic may have closed the Library doors for people to come into the facility, Library members can still loan items using curbside pickup. Curbside pickup is available at Rosslyn on Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The Murillo Library has curbside available on Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Email the library at oplibrary@tbaytel.net or call either Murillo 935-2729 or Rosslyn 939-2312 to arrange for loans and pickup times. If you have any questions or are not sure of what the Library has to loan, give staff a call and they can help you help you discover what is available at your Library and find just the right items for you to loan.

On behalf of the Library Board, our many thanks to Councillor Allan Vis who served as your Councillor representative on the Board in 2020. He provided us with guidance and advice which helped improve your Library. We look forward to working with Councillor Bernie Kamphof as the new Council representative on the Board for 2021.

The board and staff of Oliver Paipoonge Public Library would once again like to thank the Rosslyn Women's Institute for making a donation of their hard-earned Valentine's Day Tea proceeds to Rosslyn Library.

This year the donation was used to purchase books by local and regional authors for the library. These high-interest titles range from stories about growing up on Whitefish Lake by Anne Marlene Idman in her book titled 'Strange Township', regional railway history in 'Community Ties' by Kathy Toivonen and Kim Manduca, the children's picture book 'I found hope in a cherry tree' by Jean E. Pendiwol and 'Seasons of Thunder Bay Cookbook' by Rachel Globensky, to name a few.

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