



The Neebing News

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Municipal Recycling News - Back to Bags

Due to the style of the recycling bins at our Landfill sites, we ask that you please BAG your plastics and cans. It will certainly help to keep the moun-

tain of recyclables more manageable! Thank you for your understanding.



Exciting Announcement: Ontario Parks' Permits Now Available at Oliver Paipoonge Libraries!

Oliver Paipoonge Library is excited to bring you your next adventure! There are so many beautiful places in Ontario that you may have yet to explore. Luckily, you can now checkout free Ontario Parks day-use permits from both the Murillo and Rosslyn libraries! There are many parks with spectacular views and activities just a short drive away! This is a great opportunity for those in the community who enjoy getting outside and spending time with nature and their loved ones. These Ontario Parks permits provide complimentary day-use access for one vehicle and its occupants at more than 100 provincial parks where fees are normally applicable. If you are as excited as us about this new service offered at our library and can't wait to checkout your own permit, simply contact the Rosslyn or Murillo Library, and we will let you know if or when one is available. The permit will be yours for a week, giving you lots of time to explore many beautiful destinations! In addition, the first time you check out a permit, you will be given a coupon for \$5 off to purchase your own day-use permit at Ontario Parks! You can find a map of operating park locations near you at ontarioparks.com/park-locator. You can also use the Ontario Parks' website to explore the different activities and experiences each park has to offer. This opportunity will be available from January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2021.



Snow Clearing Reminder!

As we get through winter, the Municipality would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that placing snow from private property onto municipal road allowances is not permitted. This practice is contrary to municipal by-laws and the Province's Highway Traffic Act. Section 181 of the Highway Traffic Act states:

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

Placing snow on the roadway creates safety hazards for vehicle traffic and makes road maintenance more difficult. Please help keep the roads safe for everyone!

Slate River Baptist Church



In-person worship services are currently being held on Sunday's at 9:30am & 11:00am. Reservations are requested. Masks and social distancing is required.

Sermon Messages continue to be posted on-line each Sunday at 11:00 am

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If you or someone you know is in need of prayer or other needs please contact us.

Pastor Rob Cain Office: 475-5140
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RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Condolences and Thanks to the Grant Family

The board wishes to express our sincerest condolences to Gladys and the Grant family and to acknowledge Brian's contributions to the Rural Cupboard Food Bank. He was one of the original volunteers with the organization and worked diligently to see the new location become a reality. He contributed to his

community in so many ways and was always concerned that no one go hungry.



To all those shopping at ODENA in Kakabeka Falls and thereby contributing to their generous round up donations to the RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK.



Beyond Books:

A Place to Learn and Build Community

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

For many residents, the Oliver Paipoonge Library has been a place to learn new information or new skills. The Library is also a place where young people are given opportunities to grow and develop by providing employment where they can learn and gain new skills through hands on experience.

Since early October 2020, **Chloe Gysen** has been building a foundation towards her future career goals by developing new skills and abilities through her part time work as a programmer at the Library. Chloe is a rural resident growing up and living right beside the Rosslyn Library. She commented on how much she loves the rural neighbourhood because she is able to spend a lot of time outside both snowmobiling and skating. While this year she has been enjoying a lot of outdoor activities due to COVID, other years will see her on the volleyball and basketball courts. She is a Grade 11 student at Westgate Highschool and has found one of her passions through reading and writing and her English courses. One of the reasons that Chloe applied for the student programmer position was because it fit well with her interests and career goals. She is interested in working with children and becoming an English teacher perhaps in a Grade 11-12 program.

Chloe has been responsible for many areas during her time with the Library. She organizes re-shelving of books, answers patron calls, helps out with other administrative tasks, and participates in the curbside program providing books and resources to patrons. Shown in

the picture is Chloe undertaking COVID prevention practices at the Rosslyn Library before providing curbside to patrons.

One of Chloe's favourite responsibilities was developing a virtual online program for children. Programs included reading to the children and then providing them with a follow up craft activity that was picked up curbside at the Library. Children then took the craft activity home to complete it there. As well, Chloe recently developed a puppet theatre show to help children learn about COVID safety. These programs were accessed through the Library Facebook page. Another favourite of Chloe's has been engaging other young females to participate in a Book Club which she hosts online through Zoom. If you are interested in learning more about these programs or participating in them, contact the Library or check out the Library's Facebook page.

Not only is Chloe helping others learn, she will also be taking away many personal learnings from this experience. One of the things she has learned is the importance of customer service. In particular, she felt that the people that she works with, have led by example and demonstrated excellence in customer service in many ways. She felt that both Library staff, **Theiann Scherby** and **Maxine McCulloch**, go out of their way to assist patrons. By doing this, Chloe feels that the Library's value goes well beyond books and "builds strong relationships with people and a stronger community". Chloe also felt that her employment with the Library has taught her how to be more creative and adapt to new situations, a skill that will help her in meeting future goals.

Chloe's position at the Library was made available through the Young Canada Works Program which is funded through the Canadian Council of Archives. Our thanks to the Federal Government for sponsoring the program which has permitted our young Oliver Paipoonge resident to participate and grow through this learning opportunity.



RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

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Next Food Bank
**Wednesday,
March 17th**
Registration:
9 am to 11 am



Neening Fire and Rescue Association Annual Report

by Dawne Kilgour

The NFRA AGM meeting was held virtually on Feb 22, with the old executive and a few new members participating. Chair, Carole Aitken, presided over the call as her last official duty prior to leaving for town, her new home and much closer to her daughter and grandkids. [Good luck Carole and Jim!]

The meeting opened with the approval of 2020 AGM minutes, followed by the President's report which highlighted the Fill the Fire Hose Campaign, instigation of the Pop Can cleanups in various locations, the Food Drive for the Rural Food Cupboard, and the online silent auction which was a new event.

Our donations from residents and memorials are at an all time high, so our fundraising was higher than expected, making it possible to purchase numerous items for our NES. Our new pumper truck will be outfitted with several of these lifesaving items. We are awaiting its arrival shortly.

At this point a motion to accept all transactions of the year was put forward and accepted.

There were no changes to the Bylaws so Chief Ashbee took over to conduct the Election of the 2021 Executive and 6 candidates were acclaimed for the 7 person Board. There was not a volunteer at this time for the last position so Dale announced that the new Board would consist of the following with positions to be decided amongst themselves.

The 2021 NFRA Board consists of Joy Harris- President, Mary Ann Beckwith – Vice President, Karen Davies- Secretary, Clara Butikofer- Treasurer with Delma Stajkowski and Kris Ligate filling out the remainder of the Board. Congratulations and thank you for your service!

The final discussion revolved around possible COVID 19 -safe options to raise funds online.

Carole bade the group farewell and the meeting adjourned.

P.S. If you wish to support the NFRA Pop/Beer can activity, rather than dumping them in with the Cube Deposit bins at the landfill sites, you can leave your cans in the wire bins left as was previously done and Kris will collect them. Thank you for all your help in the past. Looking forward to it again this year.

Winter Storms: Prepare Now

Take the following steps so you and your family are prepared in the event of a winter storm emergency:

- winterize your home to retain heat:
 - o insulate walls and attics
 - o caulk or weather-strip doors and windows
 - o install storm windows or cover windows with plastic
- get heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected once a year
- add extra blankets and warm clothes to your emergency survival kit



Safety Tips

- Avoid unnecessary travel.
- Wear layers of lightweight clothing, mittens and a hat (preferably one that covers your ears).
- Wear waterproof, insulated boots to keep your feet warm and dry and to keep from slipping on ice and snow.
- Regularly check for frostbite — numbness or white areas on your face and body (ears, nose, cheeks, hands and feet in particular).
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow by taking frequent breaks.
- Bring pets inside and move livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

What's Been Happening at Council Meetings

Since the New Year, there have been three regular Council meetings on January 20, February 3 and February 17. Special Council meetings were also held on January 20 and 27.

At the Special Council meeting on January 20, Council considered the following matters:

- Application for severance to create on lot at Cloud Bay Road and Jarvis Bay Road.
- Application for severance to create a lot on Seed Road.

At the regular Council meeting on January 20, the following matters were considered:

- Council approved the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole to approve the severance applications presented at the Special Meeting.
- Council approved the purchase of a new grader.
- Proposed changes to the building permit fee schedule were reviewed.
- Council approved the annual Health & Safety Policy.
- Penalties on overdue taxes were further waived until September.
- Changes to the electronics recycling program were reviewed.
- Council directed staff to apply for a grant through Canada Summer Jobs

At the Special Council meeting on January 27, Council reviewed the preliminary 2021 budget.

At the regular Council meeting on February 3, the following matters were considered:

- A review of the 2021 budget of the fire department budget with the Fire Chief.
- A proposal from the Economic Development Officer to market Neebing using curated packages was approved.
- The purchase of an extended warranty for the grader was approved.

- Quotes for a survey to create a turnaround on Valley Road were reviewed.
- Penalties on overdue taxes were further waived until September.
- A Public Meeting was scheduled to review the latest changes to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law was scheduled for March 24, 2021.

- The by-law to amend the building permit fee schedule was passed.

At the regular Council meeting on February 3, the following matters were considered:

- A review of the 2021 budget of the public works department budget with the Roads Foreman.
- Council reviewed the Province's Transportation Plan for Northern Ontario.
- Council reviewed the Province's Proposed Hazardous Waste Regulations.
- Administration was directed to participate in a review of possible shared fire services.

This article contains only highlights from Council meetings – visit the website to see the approved minutes from each of the meetings. The minutes of each meeting are approved at the following meeting, and are posted on the website once they have been approved and signed. If you don't have internet capabilities, you can always contact the office for copies of approved minutes.

Meeting agendas are always posted on-line and on the bulletin board at the Municipal Office, on the Friday prior to the Wednesday meeting. Come out and see what your Council is doing on your behalf. Feel free to contact the Municipal Office for further information or with input into any of the items that Council is considering. During the pandemic, all meetings are being held virtually. The links to login to the meetings are posted on our website in the calendar details.

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Good Souls

by Cindy Harasen

Like some of you, through all these lockdowns I have done lots of work on myself - inside and out. There have been many blessings and great lessons learned. Like this one: Surround yourself with good souls. Solid people. People who walk with humility and radiate kindness. Who strive to be optimists. Who know how to laugh. And if you can find all that in one person you've struck gold. And I have. Her name is Gillian. Gilly to those close to her.

Truth is she probably has no clue what a big impact she has had on my life. Well I mean she's obviously gonna know NOW. And if you're reading this you will know that thankfully she has allowed me to share her story. She is a superstar in my books. The real Chick with Stix! Her resilience,

courage, and optimism have been a beacon to me this covid-ridden year.

You may have seen her around on one of her treks to the Cheese Farm or the Slate River Dairy. With her two beloved greyhound fur babies in the back seat. And her walking sticks. Or singular walking 'stick' these days. They have been part of her life for awhile now, but they weren't always. 'Pre-sticks' her life was filled with all the adventures you would expect from someone with her energy and passion for life. At one time roller derby was her thing. I imagine her weaving around her opponents, curls flying, dark eyes flashing. Then one day everything changed. Guialane Barre Syndrome left her with no feeling in her arms, legs,



hands. It's been a crazy journey since then, one which she movingly 'blogs' about. From the re-learning of basic skills to the endless and often agonizing therapies. From paralysis to a wheelchair to a walker to walking sticks. Add the ongoing rounds of intense and painful IVIG treatments (intravenous immunoglobulin). She is a warrior battling her way back to wellness. All she has endured for the past 5+ years is more than I can even begin to imagine. While I know not every day is easy, if you saw her, all you would see is her radiance and her infectious smile! And I know she didn't set out to be a teacher. But she is. She has taught me the importance of celebrating the small gains and small victories in my life. That when faced with a situation or predicament you can't change you can either throw in the towel or carve a new path for yourself. Find a 'new strong' as she calls it. She has taught me that there are perfectly acceptable moments to be scared, angry, and sad. And that it's okay to ask for help. I have watched as she never waivers or loses sight of who she is, remaining true to her nature of finding joy in the simplest of things, and it has inspired me to do the same. And during some of

these dark uncertain days I cling to that.

One of the biggest lessons I have learned from Gilly is that being open about our weaknesses takes strength. Allowing ourselves to be vulnerable creates opportunity for growth, for ourselves and those around us. Which all sounds very deep and serious. Which is why, thanks to Gilly, I've also learned the importance of laughter. Gilly wraps her life in laughter. Great big belly laughs. Sometimes at the expense of her husband who is her rock and indulges her teasing and who you just know adores her glorious spirit beyond words. Laughter really is the best medicine. And no matter how serious the things around us are, don't forget to laugh. Like Gilly, find the joy and the humour in every possible minute of your day. Be silly more often. Act goofy (especially with your kids and grandkids). Tell jokes. Watch funny movies. Anything and everything you can think of to keep laughter in your life. I have caught myself being way too serious lately. And when I drop my shoulders and soften my edges and act a bit silly instead it impacts everyone around me for the better. I have discovered that you can still get life's jobs done and have fun at the same time. I can't think of a better way to live.

So, bottom line - find YOUR Gilly. I mean don't like stalk her or anything. I mean find people like her. Find and hang on tight to those good souls in your life. Find the folks who inspire you and make you want to be better and fight harder. With their help we will all do so much better at muddling through and before you know it spring will be in the air and the warmth of the sun will arrive and our resolve, strength, courage, and our smiles, will be renewed for another season!

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Hymers Fair News

by Shannon Dodd-Smith

As spring advances along with covid vaccinations, I can't help but get excited about the Hymers Fair possibilities for 2021...about planting seeds...and how we might improve as an Agricultural Society, as growers, and as humans.

International Women's Day is March 8.

With this in mind, I went to the Influential Women in Agriculture at www.agwomen.ca; and read, "A Snapshot of Women in Canadian Agriculture", September 11, 2020 by Stephanie Gordon.

Ms. Gordon cites research which shows that while the number of farms with female operators increased, "67 percent of female farmer respondents (to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture January 2020 survey) indicated that they had been disrespected because of their gender, compared to just two percent of their male counterparts".

Together, let's take an honest look at the barriers Ms. Gordon's article cites and start taking action

for a better collective future...because as the famous saying goes: improve the life of women, and you improve the life of EVERYONE (regardless of gender).

If you feel inspired to share your positive and courageous ideas, post them on Instagram or Facebook or call your MP or MPP; and don't forget to add the hashtag #agwomen. Go ahead and plant a seed of hope!

In other Ag news (and speaking of seeds), Seeds for Schools is underway in its own unique way and with limited numbers; and the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Convention is in full swing with a focus on how to both create and navigate a re-imagined and uncertain future.

We'll keep you posted on what grows!

The Hymers Agricultural Society meets monthly by Zoom. Please contact Debbie if you'd like to join in! Info@hymers-fair.com or 475-8586.



LAKEHEAD REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

submitted by LRCA Staff

Snow depth and equivalent water content are below average compared to the historical averages for February 15th. Average snow depth is 20% below average (between 24 to 55 centimetres), and average equivalent water content is 15% below average (between 51 to 112 millimetres). Since December 1974, LRCA staff have conducted snow surveys within LRCA's area of jurisdiction in the following three locations: McVicar Creek, Pennock Creek, and Current River (Hazelwood Lake).

Even though we have had some extremely cold weather during February, spring is fast approaching, which means that ice conditions will start becoming more unstable. This is a reminder to exercise caution around waterways. The LRCA does not monitor ice conditions in our Conservation Areas; if you plan to go out on the ice, proceed with caution and at your own risk.

Also, be sure to wear appropriate footwear while visiting Conservation Areas. The LRCA does not maintain trails during the winter, so conditions may range from deep snow to ice-covered to muddy and wet. With nicer weather on the horizon, visitation to Conservation Areas is going to increase, so we would like to remind visitors to use caution, as natural trails may be uneven and slippery. It's always a good idea to prepare for how the weather may affect your visit. Be sure to ad-

vised others of how long you expect to be in the area, and you should be aware of possible encounters with wildlife and insects such as bears and ticks; plants such as poison ivy may also be present. Conservation Areas operate from dawn until dusk. Pets must be on-leash at all times. Alcohol is prohibited in Conservation Areas. Campfires and overnight camping is also prohibited. Trails are for recreational use only; no bicycles, motorized vehicles, etc. Harvesting of any kind is prohibited. Visitors must adhere to all **Conservation Area Rules & Regulations**. These regulations are in place to ensure that all visitors to Conservation Areas can enjoy them in a safe, sustainable manner. And finally, all rules surrounding COVID-19 must be adhered to, including maintaining at least two metres of physical distance from other people, wearing a mask when physical distancing is not possible, and following Provincial orders regarding group sizes.

Be sure to Follow, Like and Share the LRCA on social media. Our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages endeavor to effectively communicate with residents of the Lakehead Watershed. We share flood messages, up-to-date events information, interesting facts and gorgeous photography with our followers, and we would love it if you would join in on the conversation. We will also be posting information regarding possible workshops and small events, depending on the ever-changing

COVID-19 situation.

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Neebing Emergency Services

by Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief, Neebing



Still Important 'End-of-Winter' Concerns as we MARCH into Spring!

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Coming from outside my window, the 'warmth' of bright sunshine begins to germinate new thoughts as to what different things I might choose to plant in the garden this year. However, a quick glance at the thermometer reminds me that the comfortable indoor +25C temperature is still accompanied by a frigid -25C on the other side of the glass. I must wait for the milder winds of March (with maybe a little help from a Leprechaun, or two) to send some welcome and pleasant seasonal change our way.

Although the arrival of the month of March generally signals a winter season that is 'almost over', fire threats during this time period remain similar to those normally seen over the cold and dark winter months. Cooking and heating issues, as well as electrical hazards and carbon monoxide dangers continue to be major fire safety concerns in the home. March frequently brings a mix of warmer air temperatures accompanied by periods of heavy, wet snowfall. Although winter is beginning to recede, these weather changes can necessitate an increased vigilance with regard to the possibility of ice or snow blockage of exhaust vents, or creosote buildup in chimneys (which can exacerbate the threat of a chimney fire).

** As we move toward the end of March, it becomes important to begin thinking ahead as well to the upcoming 2021 Fire Season – which will begin on the first of April, and last through to Halloween on the last day of October. All residents are reminded that over this time span, a valid burn permit will be required to allow for any/all burning activities in the Municipality of Neebing. It can be anticipated that without the development of substantial additional snow cover over the coming Spring, general conditions in the bush areas will tend to be dry prior to foliage 'green-up' posing a potential increase in early wildfire threats.

In addition to initiating plans for your upcoming garden(s) - and maybe even starting some indoor plantings – March is a good time to do some pre-planning with regard to any necessary Spring property cleanup. Look for FireSmart actions you may be able to utilize to strategically reduce the risk to your property from a rapidly spreading wildfire situation (for reference, the FireSmart guidelines are available at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/firesmart>).

Of note is new information (garnered from recent research out of California, and their experience in recent years with catastrophic fire season events, that suggests that the management level of the three (3) original FireSmart safety zones be refined to include both an extension of the management distance further from the home and the inclusion of a completely **combustible free area** immediately adjacent to the home or combustible extensions such as decks. Wildfire researchers are referencing the area to be managed for fire threat around your home as the **Home Ignition Zone (HIZ)** and are recommending increased levels of combustibles management in this area to help mitigate wildfire threats to home and property. See links to HIZ information at <https://firesmartcanada.ca/what-is-firesmart/understanding-firesmart/home-ignition-zone/> and landscaping recommendations for Ontario on the OMNR website at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/firesmart-landscaping>.

Researchers also suggest that neighbours, where

homes are relatively close, work together to extend the wildfire threat reduction actions up to 100 metres from all homes, to further enhance protection from wildfire threats and increase the potential to save property assets and exposures.

In closing, I extend a reminder that Neebing fire permits for 2021 will once again be available online at <https://www.neebing.org/en/living-here/fire-permits.aspx>

Stay Safe - Dale



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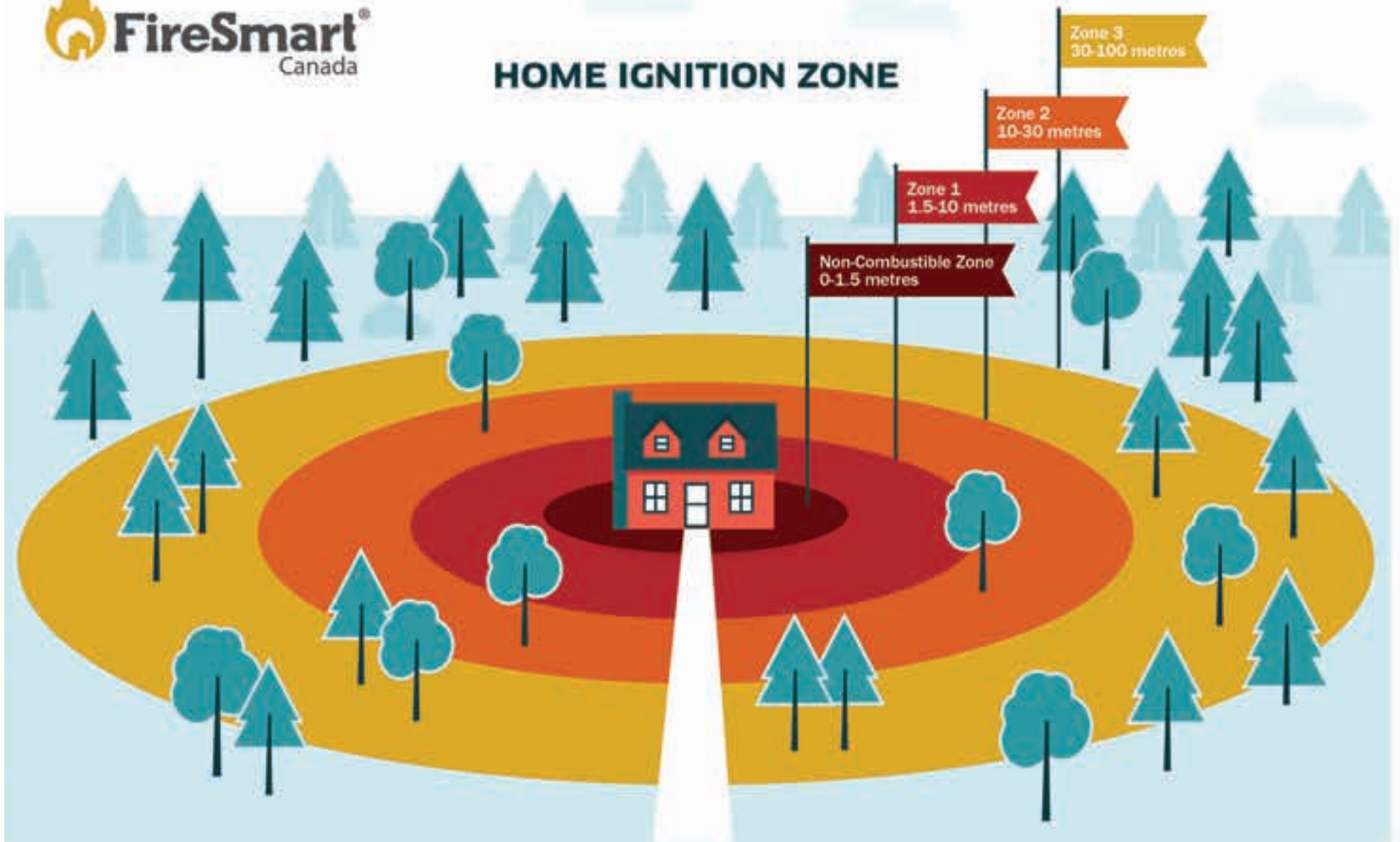
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HOME IGNITION ZONE



Work with your neighbours in any overlapping priority zones!

Non-combustible Zone (0-1.5 metres)

Reduce the chance of wind-blown embers igniting materials near your home. A non-combustible surface should extend around the entire home and any attachments, such as decks. Creating a non-combustible surface can be as easy as clearing vegetation and combustible material down to mineral soil. To add to your landscape design, use non-combustible materials such as gravel, brick, or concrete in this critical area adjacent to your home. Woody shrubs, trees or tree branches should be avoided in this zone, any that are present should be properly mitigated.

Zone 1 (1.5-10 metres)

Create a landscape that will not easily transmit fire to the home. A FireSmart yard includes making smart choices for your plants, shrubs, grass and mulch. Selecting fire-resistant plants and materials can increase the likelihood of your home surviving a wildfire. Plant a low density of fire-resistant plants and shrubs. Avoid having any woody debris, including mulch, as it provides potential places for fires to start. Storing items such as firewood piles, construction materials, patio furniture, tools and decorative pieces against or near a house is a major fire hazard. Move firewood piles, trailers/ recreational vehicles, storage sheds and other combustible structures out of this zone and into Zone 2. If unable to move, store firewood inside your mitigated garage, shed or other ember resistant structures, create a non-combustible zone underneath and for 1.5 metres around trailers/ vehicles and mitigate sheds and other structures to the same standards as those of your home.

Zone 2 (10-30 metres)

If your property extends out to this zone, thin and prune evergreen trees to reduce hazard in this area. Within 30 metres of your home, selectively remove evergreen trees to create at least 3 metres of horizontal space between the single or grouped tree crowns and remove all branches to a height of 2 metres from the ground on the remaining evergreen trees. If possible, pruning trees up to 100 metres from your home (Zone 3) is recommended. Regularly clean up accumulations of fallen branches, dry grass and needles from on the ground to eliminate potential surface fuels. Consider seeking the guidance of a forest professional with wildland fire knowledge on appropriate management options for this zone.

Zone 3 (30-100 metres)

Taking FireSmart actions in Zone 3 on your property will influence how a wildfire approaches your home. You can change the dynamics of wildfire behaviour by managing vegetation within this zone. Look for opportunities to create a fire break by creating space between trees and other potentially flammable vegetation. Thinning and pruning is effective here as well. These actions will help reduce the intensity of a wildfire. Consider seeking the guidance of a forest professional with wildland fire knowledge on appropriate management options for this zone.

Begins at Home

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What is it?

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COVID-19 – Resources and Assistance

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 for Neebing residents.

Where can I find more COVID-19 information?

Provincial Government: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>

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Thunder Bay District Health Unit:
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COVID-19: Know the facts

How can I protect myself, my family, and my community?



Stay home when sick. Do not go to work or any public places. If you are out and start to feel sick, go home and separate yourself from others immediately (this is called self-isolating). Get tested for COVID-19.



Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces around the house that people touch a lot (e.g. door handles, cell phones).



Practice physical distancing. Stay away from busy places. Stay at least 2 meters (6 feet) away from people outside your household or social circle.



Cover your coughs and sneezes using your sleeve or a tissue. Wash your hands right away.



Wear a mask or face covering that covers your nose, mouth and chin with no gaps. Wear it in all indoor public spaces and when physical distancing is not possible. Continue to practice physical distancing.



Wash your hands often with soap and warm water. When this isn't possible, use hand sanitizer.



Be prepared to self-isolate or provide support for loved ones who are sick. Have a care plan as well as enough supplies to last 14 days.



Be extra careful around people who are at higher risk.

Neebing Municipal Services During COVID-19

Updated March 1, 2021

Municipal Buildings:

All Municipal Buildings are **CLOSED** to the general public during the RED-CONTROL and GREY-LOCKDOWN phases of the Provincial COVID-19 Response Framework.

The Municipal Office will re-open when we enter the Orange, Yellow or Green phases of the Provincial COVID-19 Response Framework. During these phases **entry restrictions** and COVID-19 safety protocols are mandatory for public and staff. Entry restrictions include:

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

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.neebing.org/events.

Municipal Services:

Essential municipal services continue being offered during the RED and GREY phases. Contact us by telephone **474-5331** or email neebing@neebing.org.

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.

Visit our website for up-to-date information on all service modifications.

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Notice of a Public Meeting being held to consider Amendments to Neebing's Official Plan

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, March 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm via web conference to consider amendments to Neebing's Official Plan under Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended.

A review process was commenced in May of 2013 and finalized late in 2017. Council adopted a revised Official Plan, however, Provincial approval is required. The Provincial review resulted in changes to the plan adopted by Council in 2017, and the purpose of the public meeting is to consider the revised plan, based on those changes, as well as some further changes proposed by Council more recently. Further, Council approved an amendment to the 2009 Official Plan in 2019, which will be incorporated into the revised 2017 plan.

Details of the proposed changes, including a full copy of the proposed Official Plan, and meeting login information will be available on the Municipality's website on March 1, 2021 at <https://www.neebing.org/en/business-and-development/public-notices-and-hearings.aspx>. Hard copies may be obtained by contacting the Clerk-Treasurer, after March 1, 2021.

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact the Clerk-Treasurer, or consult the website.

Written submissions can be forwarded to the Clerk-Treasurer at the address below. Submissions by regular letter-mail, facsimile, electronic mail or personal delivery are accepted, however, the onus is on the person submitting the information (by whatever means) to make sure that it was actually received.

DATED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING this 23rd day of February, 2021.

Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer
Municipality of Neebing
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Notice of a Public Meeting being held to consider Amendments to Neebing's Comprehensive Zoning By-law

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, March 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm via web conference to consider general and site-specific amendments to Neebing's Comprehensive Zoning By-law (Number 2017-030) under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended.

The following is a list of the general amendments Council will consider:

1. In the "Rural" (R) Zone, a stand-alone garage will be added as a "permitted use", provided the property is five (5) hectares or larger in size;
2. In the "Lakefront Residential" (LR) Zone, both "guest cottage" and "boathouse" will be deleted from the list of permitted uses;
3. In both the "Residential 1" (R1) and "Residential 2" (R2) Zones, the following will be deleted from the list of permitted uses:
 - a) guest cottage
 - b) boathouse
 - c) recreational dwelling; and
 - d) recreational modular dwelling.

In addition to the general amendments noted above a site specific amendment is proposed for the properties municipally known as 11 to 65 Margaret Street North, legally described on Plan M365, Lots 1 to 18. These properties are subject to Special Condition BL-13 in the Zoning By-law. It is proposed to change the minimum rear yard for any use on these lots from "10 meters" to "5 meters".

There are also site-specific amendments required to address inadvertent errors undertaken when the by-law was consolidated in 2017.

The first is for properties municipally known as 590 and 596 Memory Road. These properties are subject to Special Conditions CR-20, CR-21 and CR-22 in the Zoning By-law. By-law 453-1999 originally referred to these properties as Lots 22 and 23. When the by-law was consolidated in 2017, the numbers were inadvertently changed to Lots 21 and 22.

The others are for properties municipally known as 214, 218 and 222 Cottage Drive East. These properties were re-zoned to Lakefront Residential (LR) in 2015, through By-law Number 025-2015. When the by-law was consolidated in 2017, the special conditions relating to these properties were inadvertently omitted.

Separate notices with respect to the site-specific amendments have been mailed in accordance with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 545/06, as amended.

Details of the proposed changes, including the text, as well as key maps for the proposed site-specific changes and meeting login information will be available on the Municipality's website on March 1, 2021 at <https://www.neebing.org/en/business-and-development/public-notices-and-hearings.aspx>. Hard copies may be obtained by contacting the Clerk-Treasurer, after March 1, 2021.

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The Rural Pharmacist: Mental Health in a Pandemic

by Henry Tempelman, Pharmacist/Owner
@ KakabekaFalls and Rossllyn Pharmacies

March 2021 marks the one-year anniversary of when COVID's impact was felt in our country and our own community. March 23, 2020 marked the first lockdown of essential businesses in Ontario. March 27, 2020 was the first COVID case in Thunder Bay. When we had our vapour barriers installed in our pharmacies March 20, 2020 to keep staff safe we had no idea how long they would stay up (spoiler alert: they're still up).

We've learned a lot about the coronavirus in the last year: wearing masks reduces transmission, health professionals can better treat COVID infected patients, and that social distancing is now a regular term in our vocabulary (and it requires a hockey stick length apart from one another, in Canadian measurements).

It's been a long year for everyone. Mental health has been a struggle for many; from children to parents to seniors. Children have had disruption to their routines, with school closures and extracurricular activities being shut down. Young adults have careers or studies put on hold, preventing them from taking the anticipated next steps in their professional lives. Parents are concerned about their children's well-being, and may be struggling financially with job loss, business shutdown and arranging for child care. Seniors are suffering from isolation from their families and from their hobbies/activities.

All of the above are just a few examples of some of the negative ripple effects that COVID has had on society. Then there is the virus itself and the fear of contracting the virus: Seniors and adults with existing health conditions (due to poor outcomes if infected) and essential workers (due to fear of contracting virus and bringing it home to their families) are reporting higher rates of anxiety/depression. New diagnoses of mental health are up, as are exacerbations of existing mental health conditions. History has shown that mental health impact outlasts the physical impact of disasters, suggesting today's mental health need will continue for years beyond the COVID outbreaks.

These emotions are real and I've seen them all. There is a hope and optimism with reductions in active cases and hopes of the COVID vaccine rollout, only to be followed by despair with increases in active cases, shutdowns and more isolation from family. Some people are becoming more agitated and irritable toward loved ones. Frustration growing amongst some that a neighbour doesn't share your views on the vaccine or on how to handle social situations. It's important to remember that everyone is dealing with their own personal challenges at home that you may not know about. A listening ear for 30 minutes might be all that person needs. Check in with those people that you suspect could benefit from a phone call or video chat. Check in with your loved ones that show no signs of mental distress, because they may be suffering behind closed doors.

Other strategies to improve your mental health:

- Take breaks from watching or reading the news, especially social media. It's important to stay informed, but being consumed by the pandemic can be upsetting.

- Take care of your body! Stretch, meditate, eat healthy, exercise, avoid excessive alcohol/tobacco/substance abuse, good sleep hygiene, vaccines
- Make time to unwind. Set time to enjoy some hobbies/activities you enjoy.

- And again: Connect with others! Tell them how you're feeling and listen to how they feel.

At the time of this writing, COVID cases in Thunder Bay are at an all-time high. That is tough news, but one strategy that I like is for every negative thing you read/see try and find a positive thing to counter it. For example, Thunder Bay just announced that they hope to vaccinate 500 people a day at the vaccination centres! That's great news and that means each day gets us closer to the end of the pandemic.

We are always here to help however we can. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about medication, but also about counselling services or other options locally. You may be apart, but you're not alone.

If you haven't yet, sign up for our monthly newsletter where we will send out updates about our pharmacies, COVID vaccine updates, interesting articles in media related to healthcare and flyer sales. Call our store or send us an email to pharmacyupdates2021@gmail.com

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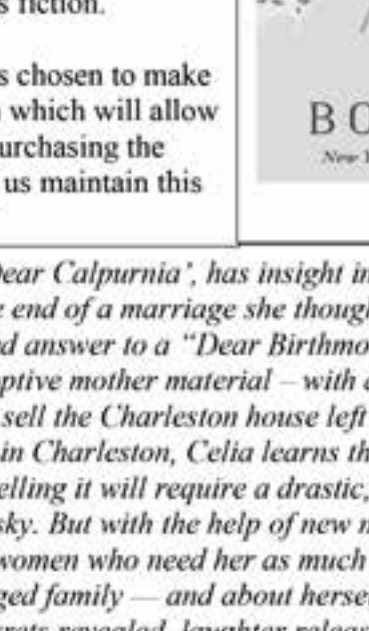
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Submissions and photos of community events and articles of interest are welcome, and can be sent to Chris Vaclav at designhouse@tbaytel.net. 628-7271

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Chorus Supports Local Charities

Submitted by Sharron Kershaw

Sounds of Superior Chorus continues to support our community by donating to Shelter House and the Regional Food Bank even while separated by Covid 19. Through the generosity of chorus members we were able to donate \$1485 to Shelter House along with socks, gloves, hats, scarves, jackets and food as well as \$245 to the RFDA.

The Corona virus has changed how we practice, learn and even how we interact. We appreciate the contin-

ued support of Superior Shores Gaming, the funds we receive allows us to continue to rehearse on Zoom and pay our Director.

If there is a positive side to this isolation it would be that we have all been forced to slow down giving us time to reflect on what's really important... and that's people. Unfortunately Covid won't be over tomorrow but we can protect each other by staying apart.



Live-Streamed Concerts Resume for the TBSO

THUNDER BAY, ON — The Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra is happy to announce concert dates for the rest of Season 59.5. With the stay at home order at an end for the city and the new red level being in place, the TBSO has the opportunity to resume their chamber concert performances online.

Although we miss being able to play for you in person, we are happy to be able to provide our patrons with the solace of music that we are desperately looking for at this time. We are also overjoyed that our performances are reaching out beyond our city limits. Our past online performances have reached our supporters throughout Canada and the World.

The new chamber concert schedule will begin Friday, February 26th and continue every two weeks until Friday, April 9th. Two performances will stream each night, one at 6:30 p.m. and one at 8:30 p.m. It will all happen at tbsoc.ca/tbsoc-live-concerts.

To view these concerts and learn more about upcoming performances, visit www.tbsoc.ca.

Due to the ever-changing circumstances in our community, the programs and showtimes are subject to change.

WINTER LANDFILL HOURS Starting October 1, 2020, the Sandhill and Scoble Landfill hours will be as follows:

**Saturdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sundays from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

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