

What's Been Happening at Council Meetings?

Since the March edition, there have been two regular Council meetings on April 7 and April 21. A Special Council meeting was also held on April 7.

At the Special Council meeting on April 7 Council sitting as Committee of the Whole was scheduled to consider an application for re-zoning. At the request of the applicant, the meeting was deferred to a later date.

At the regular Council meeting on April 7, the following matters were considered:

- Council adopted a revised Official Plan to be submitted to the Province for review and approval.
- Council adopted a by-law to make amendments to the Zoning By-law.
- Administration was directed to purchase the materials to build rink boards for the Alf Olsen outdoor rink.
- Administration was directed to proceed with a survey for a turnaround at the end of Valley Road West.

At the regular Council meeting on April 21, the following matters were considered:

- The 2020 Financial Statements were presented and accepted by Council.
- Council reviewed options to ac-

knowledge Swoop's contributions to the Alf Olsen outdoor rink.

- Council approved a new site for fire department training.
- Council authorized a submission for funding to make improvements at the Blake Hall outdoor rink.
- Administration was directed to proceed with a survey of the Cloud Bay Cemetery.

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 online 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.

May 2 - 8, 2021 Everyone has a role to play in an emergency. Emergency Preparedness Week is an opportunity for you to take action to ensure you are prepared to protect yourself, your family and your community during an emergency.

Emergency Preparedness Week 2021

This year, the theme is Emergency Preparedness: Be Ready for Anything. The intent of this theme is to encourage Canadians to take action to become better prepared for the range of emergencies they could face in their region. This national event is coordinated by Public Safety Canada,

in close collaboration with the provinces and territories and partners Provincial: www.neebing.org/bears/ resources

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Saturday, May 1, 2021 WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY



Vacant Municipal **Properties For Sale**

Council has declared several parcels of municipal land surplus for the purpose of sale.

Full details including location maps and information packages can be found on our website at: https://www.neebing.org/forsale or call the office at 807-474-5331.

Council is open to offers on all properties listed here.

Properties on Island Avenue* - \$150,000 per lot Lots 23 and 24 of Subdivision Plan M-55. These are buildable waterfront lots.

Property on Zebedee Place* - \$150,000 Block 'A' on Subdivision Plan M-363 mu-nicipally known as '8 Zebedee Place.' This is a buildable waterfront lot.

*There are conditions associated with the property sale outlined in the information package available on our website.

Property on Oleksuk Road - \$43,999.00

residential building One lot the Municipality's property located between 25 and 73 on the north side of Oleksuk Road.

Property near Mannisto Road - \$30,000

This is a 160.5 acre land-locked parcel.

Properties south of Moose Lodge Road (Cloud *Lake area) - \$113,000*

There are three adjacent land-locked parcels of land: two 160 acre parcels and one 80 acre parcel. Council's preference would be to sell the three parcels together as one package. However, offers may be made on any one or two of the three lots

Property near Milne Road - \$30,000 This is a 95 acre land-locked parcel.

Property on Pit Road - \$30,000 This is a 4.5 acre lot.





Chix in the Stix Angel on the Shelf

by Cindy Harasen

If you're feeling done with lockdowns and stay-at-home orders raise your hand! Both my hands are way up in the air! And waving. A bit too frantically perhaps. Remember our first lockdown? Those were the days. Dare I say we even sort of enjoyed not being able to go out? The novelty has worn off to say the least. I was doing okay actually. I had some great months. I sort of found my groove. Not my favourite groove, but one I could live with. I even had my eye on some light at the end of the tunnel. Then it was like the rug was pulled out from under me and I was left scrambling to find my corona-sea-legs again. It's all harder too I think when you're a parent. I cannot say enough great things about all the amazing moms and dads out there caring for tiny and not so tiny humans right now. We see you and are rooting for you. And really everyone who is still getting out of bed every morning and putting one foot in front of the other and making it through the day. Y'all deserve an award. Once we're done with second (or third) winter, immersing ourselves in the healing powers of summer country living and all its related chores will be a huge blessing. But honestly, as much as I wanna keep setting my personal bar for getting through this moderately high, I have resolved myself to the sad reality that no matter how many times they lock me in my home I am not going to learn a second language or to play the harmonica or finish that exercise DVD. I really want to. Just apparently not enough to make it happen. Others might be doing much better. In fact I'm sure others are doing great. And some might be more in my mediocre camp. I feel like there are lots of extremes. You're either gaining weight or losing a bunch. Either embracing your grey roots, bangs and mullets, or bravely taking it into your own hands. Eating healthy and trying new recipes or spending more than ever on junk-food and take-out. Reading more actual books, or setting new records for binging on Netflix or diving way down the Tik-Tok rabbit hole of funny animal videos or worse. I'll let vou take a wild guess where I fall on the spectrum right now (she said licking cheezie dust off her scrolling finger.) Let's just say that right now on an average day I probably make you all look pretty good. But there is one new habit I'm proud of. It reminds me of the elfon-the-shelf fad parents and kids embrace at Christmas. But instead of an elf, mine's an angel. She's a left-over Christmas decoration. Instead of packing her away I put her on the shelf in my bedroom and filled her with little twinkly lights. Every night before I climb into bed I turn the twinkly lights on. They're really pretty and she makes a perfect night light. But it's the act of turning the lights on that counts. It forces me to pause and take a breath and acknowledge the end of another day. To say thank-you. To pray for a safe night. It's a short sweet pause but it's still a pause. And during the night I glance over and see the glow. I can imagine how kids feel with their nightlights. Complete darkness has lots of unknowns. A nice soft glow feels safe. In the morning as I leave my bedroom I turn the angel lights off. Again I pause. A few seconds to acknowledge that I have been given another day. This new ritual just sort of happened but I'm convinced that subconsciously my brain knew I needed it. These little routines, these simple patterns and pauses to cling to and keep me grounded. Never underestimate the importance of a good routine or ritual in your life. Our days and weeks used to be punctuated with them until Covid stole many of them away. I think we're still grieving those losses. So for me this silly little angel is my way of building new routines and rituals into my life. I have no solid answers about how to survive this next chapter. But I do have hope and faith that we will. Partly because I have witnessed some real expressions of love and kindness this past year. And because I believe that we will continue to care for and be there for one another, making sure we all make it through this. And also because creativity and the human brain are amazing things and we can carve out new paths for ourselves when we need to. I believe we can and will continue to develop new habits, routines and rituals along the way – individual ones and collective ones. And in this ever changing unpredictable landscape they will help give us some much-needed constants in our lives. They will be our night-lights. Our angels and elves on the shelf. In fact these new routines and rituals, these new constants, may end up being the best ones yet.





Slate River Baptist Church



Sermon Messages continue to be posted on-line each Sunday at 11:00 am and can be accessed through our Facebook page or website / youtube.

In-person worship services will resume when possible according to current guidelines.

Follow our Facebook page or website or contact us for information to stay up to date on any changes.

https://slateriverbaptist.church

@slateriverbaptistchurch

Pastor Rob Cain Office: 475-5140 Email:slateriverbaptistchurch2@gmail.com

The Junction

in Rosslyn

If you or someone you know could use some help during these challenging times, please contact us.

Emergency food care packages are available on request. We also have a modest selection of seasonal clothing items, non-perishable food items and personal hygeine produts and sundries.

We are currently accepting donations of clothing items and supplies for babies/toddlers/expectant moms. Please PM us for info. and drop off.

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RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Neighbours Helping Neighbours

Conmee Municipal Complex 19 Holland Rd, Kakabeka Falls P0T1W0 807-285-0836

We sincerely thank all those that continue to support us during COVID-19.

Your donations enable the food bank to remain open

> **Next Food Bank** Wednesday, **May 21 Registration:** 9 am to 11 am



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING STUDY EAST OLIVER LAKE (SCOBLE) LANDFILL EXPANSION

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

BACKGROUND

The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing, the owner and operator of the East Oliver Lake (Scoble) Landfill, has completed an Environmental Screening Study for the proposed expansion to increase the landfilling area within the landfill property boundary from 0.28 to 1.62 hectares, increasing the disposal capacity by approximately 80,000 m³ and extending the landfill life by an estimated 32 years. The work also includes the establishment of a downgradient contaminant attenuation zone. The landfill is located on East Oliver Lake Road (see Key Map) and has been in operation since 1984. The landfill presently accepts household waste, electronics, compost, metals, brush, tires and recyclables.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING PROCESS

The study followed the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) Screening Process for landfills undergoing an expansion between 40,000 m³ and 100,000 m³ of additional waste capacity, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 101/07 under the Environmental Assessment Act. The Study was conducted in accordance with the planning and design process outlined in the MECP's "Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Waste Management Projects" (March, 2007).



Tony Gallo M.Sc. EP, EA Coordinator

The screening process involves identifying and applying screening criteria to determine and describe potential environmental effects, public/external agency consultation, and the development of measures to mitigate identified environmental effects. The results of the Study were documented in an Environmental Screening Report, which is being made available for a 60-calendar day review period starting on May 8th, 2021 and ending July 8th, 2021. The Environmental Screening Report is available for public review at www.neebing.org. As a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic, hard copies will not be placed on display at public locations. However, if you are unable to access the digital copy of the Environmental Screening Report posted on the Municipality's website, or require an alternative format, please contact the Project Team members listed below.

If you would like to provide comments, request additional information, and/or have concerns with the Project, please contact the following Project Team members:

Erika Kromm Clerk-Treasurer Municipality of Neebing 4766 Highway 61 Neebing, Ontario, P7L 0B5 Phone: (807) 474-5331

KGS Group Consulting Engineers Suite 301A - 1001 William Street Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6M1 Phone: (807) 623-2195 Email: clerk@neebing.org Email: TGallo@KGSGroup.com

If concerns regarding this Project cannot be resolved in discussion with the Municipality of Neebing, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks make an order for the Project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which would elevate the Project to an Individual Environmental Assessment. As of July 1, 2018, a Part II Order Request Form must be used to request a Part II Order. The Part II Order Request Form is available online on the Forms Repository website (http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/) by searching "Part II Order" or "012-2206E" (the form ID number).

Please submit the completed form to each of the following three individuals. If there are no requests to change the status of the project to an Individual EA after the end of the 60-calendar day review period, then the Municipality of Neebing may proceed with submission of an Environmental Compliance Approval Application to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks for the proposed expansion.

The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment. Conservation and Parks Ferguson Block, 77 Wellesley St. W., 11th Floor Toronto, ON M7A 2T5

Fax: 416-314-8452

Email: Minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Ave. W., 1st Floor Toronto, ON M4V 1P5 mecppermissions@ontario.ca

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All personal information included in a submission - such as name, address, telephone number and property location - is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s.37 of the Freedom of Information and Protection Act (FIPPA). Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks' Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at (416) 327-1434.

This notice issued May 8th, 2021







Are you a kid? Do you have a short story, a poem, thoughts, ideas, etc. to share with other kids? Send your creation to:designhouse@tbaytel.net

The Littlest Gnome

by D. Dodd-Smith

Once there was a small gnome who lived in a village of the wee ones. He was happy and content; but sometimes he got bored. When the gnome got bored he liked to go camping in the forest.

One day the gnome went camping. Hmmm, he thought. I think I will collect some pine cones from by the river. So the little gnome set off up the path to the river.

After two minutes he came across some moss. Hmm I think I will use this moss for my bed and walls. So he picked some and carried on.

Next he came across some twigs. Hmmm I think I will collect some to hold my roof up. So he picked up the twigs and carried on.

Soon, he could hear the rushing of water. The stream was up ahead. The gnome set up the twigs like a tent and laid some moss on top. Next he lined the outside with the pine cones.

But then he heard a sob.

He went outside and found a gnome sitting there. What's the matter? asked the little gnome. I'm lost and it's getting dark said the gnome. Oh dear. Well, you can stay with me over there.

So they went inside to the moss beds and fell asleep.

The next morning they set off and found the village and became friends. After that they went on many trips together.

They lived happily ever after.

The End

Acrostic Poem

by D. Dodd-Smith
S P R I N G
Summer is right in front.
Precious flowers everywhere.
Rain showers for the spring.
Illuminating the flowers on the ground
Nice little blossoms.
Gorgeous butterflies everywhere.





Updated May 1, 2021

Municipal Buildings:

All Municipal Buildings are **CLOSED** to the general public under the Stay-at-Home order currently in place.

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-toface. 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:

Provision of essential municipal services continues. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us by telephone at 474-5331 or drop us an email at: 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.

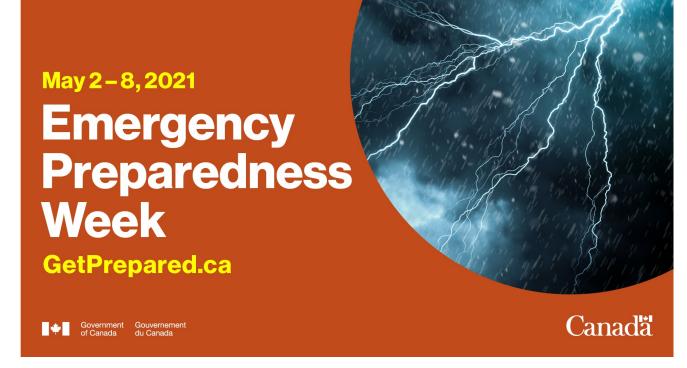
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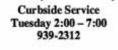


Murillo Library

Curbside Service Wednesday 2:00 - 7:00 935-2729

Email: Website:





Rosslyn Library









Thank you to Mary Lynn Phillips for her donation to Rosslyn Library in memory of Grace Stephenson. As a tribute to Grace's teaching career we have purchased A letter to my teacher' by Deborah Hopkinson.

Thank you. Thank you for every bug, lesson, smile, piece of advice, and vote of moouragement. You were never "just a teacher." In fact, most days you were my favorite part about school. You've forever comented a place in my heart that can never be replaced. I should have told you all of this every day, but I just assumed you knew.

EMERGENCY TEXT ALERT SERVICE for Neebing Residents



Sign up for Neebing's Emergency Text Alert Service. This text alert service is used to notify our residents via text message of immediate dangers or emergencies occurring in our community such as evacuations, road closures, forest fires and other hazards. Sign up is free but you must have a smartphone equipped to receive text messages to use this service as it does not work on land lines. Sign up at neebing.org/textalerts or send us your name, Neebing address, and your textenabled cell phone number including area code to neebing@neebing.org or call us at 474-5331.

Your personal information is kept strictly confidential. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at:

www.neebing.org/contact

2021 Neebing **Burning Permits**

Fire Permits are required for all open air burning in Neebing from **April 1st to October 31st. Permits** are available 24 hours a day on our website:

www.neebing.org/firepermits Permits are also available at AJ's Trading Post and **Green Acre Variety**





Beyond Books: Gift and Memorial Fund

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

Many special celebrations with family and friends have been put aside for a future time when we can safely connect with others. Whether honouring a loved one's memory or joining a family member at their wedding or celebrating the birth of a new grandchild, we all have had to rethink how to acknowledge these important times in our life.

One way that residents can commemorate a significant event is to donate to the Library. The Oliver Paipoonge Public Library Gift and Memorial Fund provides a way to honour and remember friends and family members on special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and marriages. Items that are purchased through the Gift and Memorial Fund will have a bookplate placed in the item in honour or in memory of your loved ones. Last year, donations were made to the Library in memory of Al Brescia, John McAra, and Jack MacMillan. Our many thanks

to family members and friends who made these donations.

Not only will your donation be a way to memorialize events and individuals, but we know that books in themselves provide many benefits which, now more than ever, we may need during these challenging times. Research has shown that reading helps reduce stress; strengthens our brain (much like physical activity helps the body, reading exercises the mind); helps prevent cognitive decline; and can help prepare us for good night's sleep.

During this time, it is even more important that we have access to books. Your public library ensures that all residents can have free access to books and other items in their collection. Contact the Library if you are interested in learning more about the Gift and Memorial Fund, to make a donation to the Fund, or if you wish to become a

The Rural Pharmacist: Post COVID, We'll Get Back to Hugs and High Fives

by Henry Tempelman, Pharmacist/Owner of Evergreen Pharmacies

First off, we'd like to thank everyone for their support and kind words with our brand change from IDA Pharmacies to Evergreen Pharmacies. These compliments and kind words from customers in store and on our Facebook page have been rewarding and we are grateful for that. We don't do our job expecting compliments and "You guys are the best!" comments, but hey! We aren't medication dispensing robot vending machines and those kind words and smiles make our human hearts warm and fuzzy! We want to thank YOU again for your business and support throughout our growth and transition to Evergreen Pharmacies. We promise our commitment to excellent care and service will continue and we will strive to continue to grow and improve our services to meet the needs of our community. Consider this a virtual COVID hug as a token of our appreciation; real human hugs will have to wait until we are on the other side of the exhausting pandemic and will be reserved for all hugging and/or non-hugging types.

Update on COVID vaccines: Unfortunately (at the time of writing) we are still not selected as a COVID vaccination pharmacy site, but our application still stands and are awaiting the go ahead. If we are approved to be a COVID vaccine site (and we hope that we are able to provide the service at some point, but that is not guaranteed) then we will let our community know right away with how to sign up for a wait list. Sign up for our email newsletter by emailing pharmacyupdates2021@gmail.com or like our Facebook page "Evergreen Pharmacy" to stay updated. The local Thunder Bay pharmacies that are now offering the AstraZeneca COVID vaccine to anybody ages 40+ are Oak Mountdale, Shoppers Drug Mart Red River Rd, Dawson Heights Pharmacy and Safeway Pharmacy Court St.

We've received lots of questions about if the AstraZeneca vaccine is right for them or should they wait for Pfizer of Moderna. My answer has been always been "Yes, whatever vaccine you can get now is the best vaccine for you to get." Personally, I've received maybe 40 vaccines in my lifetime and I've never asked who made the vaccine before I agreed to receive it. I'm more concerned about who is making my sunnyside up eggs than is making my Health Canada/FDA approved COVID-19 vaccine. For the record, if it's my lovely wife making my breakfast then I'm definitely not worried! All the approved vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca) are effective in preventing and slowing the transmission of COVID-19.

I understand there has been some negative media headlines about clotting and the AstraZeneca vaccine, but the risk has been blown out of proportion. For reference, the risk of blood clots in 1 million people in people who-

o Have received the AstraZeneca COVID vaccine: 4 in 1 million (0.0004%)

o Take birth control pills: 1200 in 1 million (0.12%)

o Smoke: 1763 in 1 million (0.18%)

o Have COVID-19 virus: 12,300 in 1 million (1.23%)

(as per the European Medicines Agency and COVID-19 daily epidemiology up-

COVID-19 is a nasty virus. It can be debilitating for even the healthiest of athletes, and it's even more dangerous for seniors and those with other health conditions. The long-term effects can also vary widely from respiratory, pain or psychiatric symptoms. If YOU are able to get a vaccine, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND that you get whatever vaccine you have available to you. Unfortunately, the supply is still a problem, even though the government increased the age range to 40+ in pharmacies. From everything I read and hear from other pharmacists there still aren't even enough vaccines to vaccinate 55+ age group that was initially allotted the vaccine bookings. But still, get yourself on a wait list if you can, as soon as you can.

As always, call to speak with our pharmacists if you have any personal questions or concerns about anything related to the vaccines. We are here to help and provide evidence based information. Hopefully the supply issue improves, we get these vaccines in as many arms as possible and all hugging types and non-hugging types get back to sharing hugs.. or awkward high fives, whatever you're into.



Neebing Fire/Rescue Association NFRA News



Respectfully submitted: Joy Harris, President NFRA

This past month was perfectly summarized by Robert Burns in his poem "To A Mouse"; 'The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry'. And so it is for NFRA's Spring Bottle Drive. Originally planned for early May, the pandemic had other ideas.

We are now preparing to host a Bottle/Can Drive in June. Please look for posters as they go up around Neebing and check the NFRA Facebook page or www.neebingfirerescueassociation.com for updates.

We hope to have our new Pumper Fire Truck on display that day so you can see the <u>very real</u> contributions your donations make!

Perhaps this extra time will allow collection of more donations! Start saving **LCBO** bottles, wine bags, pop, beer and metal cans. [Beer cans in clear bags marked with the count would be very helpful] NFRA volunteers will happily receive them at the Drive, following all Covid protocols, on the new date in June.

May 1st is **Wildfire Community Preparedness Day** and has me eyeing the trees in my yard. Many will have the 'ladder' growth trimmed up the trunk this Spring. Besides slowing wildfire spread, I think it will look quite parklike. I'm just waiting for the snow to go once and for all.

Other things to do:

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- Can you see your home's address number from the street? How about your neighbors'? If not, trim overgrown vegetation covering or blocking the numbers on your homes in case firefighters need to find you.
- Measure how close wood piles are located to the home. If any are closer than 30 feet, move them farther away from structures.

• Check in on others! Help elderly relatives or neighbors enter emergency numbers into their cell phones. Using large type, post their phone number and street address above their landline phone so it can easily be seen when providing information to an emergency dispatcher.

NFRA would like to thank our latest donor, Mark Shruiff and an anonymous donor. It means so much!

Upcoming: NFRA is planning another Silent Auction for May. We are seeking donations from businesses, artists and individuals. Please contact Joy at 628-2015 or Clara at 620-2922 or nfraevents@gmail.com with your information so we can be in touch.

We appreciate your continued support for NFRA!

Be safe, be well and be kind. We are in this together.

Defending the Home Ignition Zone (HIZ)

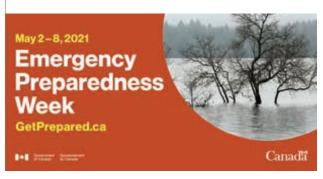
Research shows there are proven methods for preparing properties for withstanding the devastating impacts of a wildfire. This Prep Day, you have the power to protect the part of the community that means the most to you and your family by eliminating vulnerabilities in the HIZ, particularly the immediate 5-foot zone around your residence. Whether it's replacing wood chips with gravel or reimagining your entire landscape design, what you do on Saturday, May 1, really matters. Be ready to make a difference in helping to avoid loss and tragedy with information and resources from NFPA®.













Neebing Emergency Services

by Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief, Neebing





Just Another Day in the Life of a Wildfire

(The following article is based on information presented during a recent NES training session on wildfires. The Fire Day graphic in particular and the explanation of key factors impacting the level of wildfire threat were particularly informa-

tive and thought may be of interest to many Neebing residents.)

While most people are familiar with and know how to mitigate major fire threats around the home, like cooking, smoking, heating and electrical fires many people are far less familiar with the nature of wildfires, how they start and why some grow into destructive and life threatening events.

Like all fires wildfires require a supply of fuel, a steady supply of O2 and a source of heat to get them started. The starting and growth of any wildfire is directly impacted by 3 natural factors that we have little ability to control in the great outdoors;

- Temperature The higher the temperature, the easier to start a fire
- Moisture Level lower moisture levels of fuel and air easier to start and sustain a fire
- Wind the higher the wind, the more air is available to dry out fuels and support fire growth

Outside of the influence of major weather events, all three of these natural forces have a daily cycle that results in different times of the day presenting higher or lower fire threats.

Temperatures tend to rise and ebb with the path of the sun with hottest times of the day from early afternoon thru to a few hours prior to sunset.

Moisture, often expressed as relative humidity, tends to be at its highest levels overnight and early morning and lowest in the afternoon and early evening.

Wind – tends to be most active during the mid day, early evening and settles overnight

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Saturday, May 1, 2021
WILDFIRE
COMMUNITY
PREPAREDNESS DAY

Emergency preparedness starts with you be prepared

MALERT

Make a plan build a kit stay informed

Ontario.ca/beprepared



Conditions of **high temperature**, **low humidity** and **high wind** provide the best opportunity for wildfire starts and growth. The reality of a natural daily ebb and flow of wildfire threat levels is one of the core guidance information used in developing *daytime open burning fire restrictions* across Canada.

This **FIRE DAY** graphic provides a quick **24 hour** reference as to when wildfire threats and growth can be expected to be highest and lowest throughout the day and night. A quick review of the graphic makes it abundantly clear that from **9am to 9pm**, conditions favour the fire and you've got your work cut out for you if you attempt to control or put out a fire.

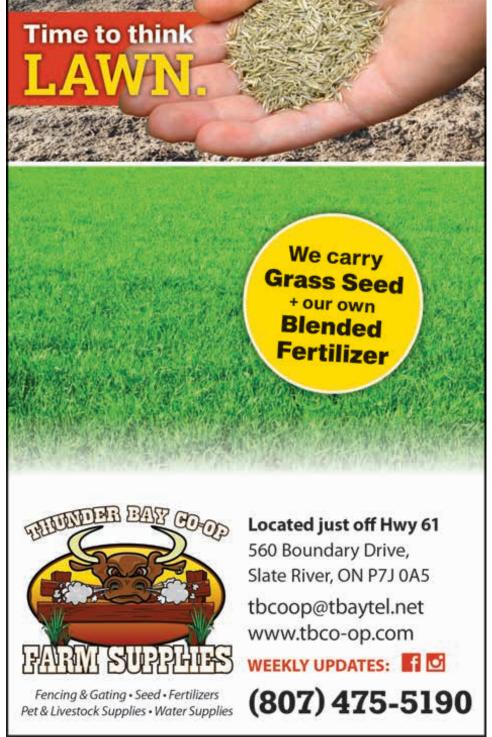
Peak Burning Period (A)- **9am to 6pm** - During this time, the air temperature is the highest, the wind speed is the highest, and the relative humidity is the lowest. That means the fuel is its driest and burns most vigorously. A fire burning during this time is the hardest to control and put out.

After 6pm, the temperature starts to fall, the wind speed starts to fall, and the relative humidity starts to go up. The fuel, especially the fine fuels like grasses and twigs, will get wetter and the fire becomes easier to control and put out.

After 9pm, the wind continues to die down, the temperature continues to drop, and the relative humidity continues to rise. The hours just before dawn are the coldest, calmest, and dampest. Once 6am roles around, the relative humidity begins falling, and wind and temperature begin rising. Soon it's back into the peak burning period.

The goal of any wildfire fighter is to get the fire under control or out by the start of the next peak burning period. Hoping this helps explain why you hear firefighters asking:

"Please don't do any open burning during daylight hours"



Neebing Emergency Services

by Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief, Neebing





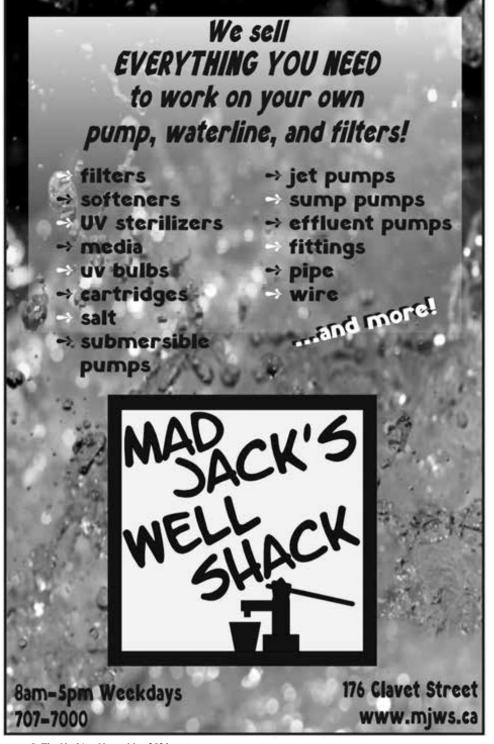
May, 2021

What an interesting spring April shared with us, some heat, some cold, a lot of snow depending where you reside in Neebing and a refreshed need to remain in our COVID bubble mode. Regardless, the lengthening daylight hours are a

pleasure, as are the sounds of many different returning birds - from seemingly tireless robins (who wake me up each morning as they work to ready their nests for a 'first hatch'), to the numerous active and loud crows. I am sure I even heard the prehistoric call of a Sandhill Crane the other morning and if you've missed them even the recent snow did not deter the vultures from returning to conduct their roadside patrols. While it does not look promising this morning it will only be a few weeks before the humming-birds start demanding to be fed after their lengthy journey north.

With the arrival of May, we are all eagerly anticipating a move to more outside summer 'pleasures! Although indoor fire threats (with the focus still on cooking and electrical fire hazards) still need to be of concern, it is now time





to divert attention to the many issues regarding potential fire hazards associated with outdoor activities. Even simple cooking or heating activity that involves the use of flammable fuels can present a potential fire-threat. Many of these fuels (including BBQ lighter fuels), vapourize quickly, enhancing their ability to ignite easily. These fuel vapours are often not easily visible, and due to their low-ignition temperatures, may be fully ignited by a simple spark, or a 'hot-spot' on a piece of BBQ burner or other nearby warm equipment. Even a common pressurized spray can will prove to be a fire safety threat if you try to dispose of it in a burn pit, barrel or stove. When exposed to the high heat of a fire the remaining gases in the can will expand rapidly causing the can to rupture. If any of the remaining product is flammable an explosion may occur with sufficient energy to result in both burns and physical shrapnel wounds to bystanders.

Of particular note, it is important to be aware of potential fire hazards that may exist with ethanol burners that are often used to provide aesthetic flame and light (and on some occasions, warmth) in outdoor living areas. The use of these ethanol burners has been known to result in serious personal injury if they are not managed safely. Injuries occur most commonly when fresh fuel is being added to the burner. The burner flame itself is often very difficult to see! Adding fuel while the flame is still burning, or while the burner body is still too hot, can result in a 'vapour-ignition' with active flame traveling into the decanting container, creating a 'mini-explosion' and 'jetting' fuel and flame back out the spout of the fuel can with intense heat to damage anything it comes in contact with, including people.

The Ontario Fire Marshal released a "Warning on Ethanol Burner Refueling" in 2019, after multiple injuries and several deaths were reported to have occurred in Ontario during the refueling of ethanol burners. The accompanying video can be viewed at: https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-fire-marshal-issues-warning-about-using-ethanol-fueled-fire-pots-1.4576660#:~:text = %E2%80%9CIt%20essentially%20means%20the%20ethanol,a%20blow-torch%20or%20flame%20thrower.%E2%80%9D

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Recreational fires and brush burning are two (2) common outdoor activities in Neebing, and it is important that care be taken while using flammable products to get them started. Birch bark remains a long-time safe and reliable fire starter in Neebing (if you have a supply on hand), while kerosene or a 'propane torch' are fairly common, and if managed correctly are reasonably safe to use to get your fire going. To ensure a safe outdoor fire start always avoid the temptation to use 'explosive' fuels such as gasoline which can cause instant injury!

A final reminder to all as we head towards summer that valid **fire permits** are **required** in Neebing from **April 1 thru October 31** each year for **all open burning** and **incinerators**. There are two types of permits available; a **Seasonal permit** for recreational cooking fires and incinerators that is good for the entire fire season and a **brush-burning permit** that is restricted to three (3) days of usage for each permit. For your convenience Neebing Fire Permits are available on-line, **7 days a week, 24 hours a day**,, at: https://www.neebing.org/en/living-here/fire-permits.aspx . Paper copies of Neebing fire permits are also available at local retail outlets during store hours.

And remember to maintain an area of **2 metres** clear of all combustibles around your buildings and fire sites to help prevent spread of fire on your property.

Have a Great May!

Online Neebing News Enhancement

Neebing News articles often suggest visiting a website for more information. All of the weblink suggestions are active links in the electronic editions of the Neebing News.

These online editions (or 'e-copies') of the Neebing News are available for download from our website www.neebing.org. On the homepage there is a feature box titled "Neebing News Publication." Click this box to find the available e-copy editions of the News.

Once you open the May edition, hover your mouse pointer over any hyperlink and 'Click' to follow the link. It will bring you directly to the websites mentioned in our news stories.

We hope you find this new feature of our Neebing News e-copies very useful. If you have any suggestions for Neebing News improvements or stories, contact us at neebing@neebing.org.



Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

submitted by LRCA Staff

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority is excited to present our new Superior Stewards webpage. Superior Stewards offers programs and resources for Lakehead Watershed residents so together we can achieve and maintain the optimal health of the Watershed. Whether planting trees or shrubs, implementing low impact development on your property, or educating yourself about the best ways to maintain your property, it is all our responsibility to be Superior Stewards.

Our new Stewardship webpage is full of resources on the best ways to naturalize your property and protect our watershed. Browse our new guides on Northwestern Ontario native plants for your backyard, an invasive species guide, and a 'How To' guide to revegetate the lake, river, or streambank on your property.

If you have a lake, river or stream running through your property, check out our new Superior Stewards Shoreline Protection Program! The Superior Stewards Shoreline Protection Program is a shoreline assessment and educational program supporting private landowners with up to 100 plants to enhance shoreline and riparian zones, rehabilitate shoreline habitat, offer erosion protection, and improve water quality. The Shoreline Protection Program is focused on lands within the Thunder Bay Area of Concern to address fish and wildlife related to beneficial use impairments and is funded by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Learn more about the program here: Shoreline Protection Program.

Please note that the 2021 Private Landowner's Tree Seedling Assistance Program has been cancelled; the program is set to return in 2022. Additionally, the 2021 Wine Tasting & Dinner fundraising event has been cancelled. Keep an eye on the LRCA's website and social media channels for more information about possible events, workshops, and other programs throughout 2021.



Hymers Fair News

by Shannon Dodd-Smith

Soil is often taken for granted.

It's a non-renewable resource; and according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, its preservation is essential for food security.

I watched an inspiring and informative documentary from the US Soil Health Institute called "Living Soil" available on YouTube.

Farmers all over are focusing on soil health. More and more are opting for their grandparents' way of taking care of soil, which in turn results in "(the soil) taking care of us".

OMAFRA is offering a program that helps with soil preservation and health and it's being delivered through the Ontario Soil and Crop Association.

So, farmers, if you haven't already, you may wish to see if this is something for you; and consider "feeding your soil livestock" (also known as microbes) for a healthy crop and more secure future.

For folks like me who have room for improvement: consider interplanting (attracts beneficial beasts), cover crops, companion planting, and mulching to replace as much tilling, plastic fibre covers, chemical fertilizers and pesticides as possible.

My garden will look different this year for sure. No more tilling. Way more mulch. Old bed sheets instead of plastic fibre frost covers. Better attention to who grows where and with whom. And hopefully, I will have something to show-off at this year's on-line Hymers Fair activities.

Plans are still in the works for how exactly the Fair will be celebrated this year; but it's safe to say most of it will be on-line.

Membership meets monthly. Call Debbie 475-8586 or check us out online: hymersfair.com, Instagram, and Facebook if you'd like to get involved.

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CRIME WATCH - BREAK AND ENTER

We focus today on break and enter crime. It is a serious offense and unfortunately on the rise in our rural areas. Know what it takes to keep your home and possessions safe.

How to Decrease Area Break-In Numbers

Get to know your neighbors. Looking out for each other is one of the most effective ways to deter would-be burglars in search of a neighborhood to prowl.

- Watch your neighbor's back. Create a network of neighbors who will watch each other's homes while away. Bring in mail, cut the lawn or plow the snow. Park in each other's driveway so it appears as if someone is home. Any act that mimics everyday activity will give thieves an indication that its business as usual at home.
- •Share key security information. Share emergency contacts, a spare key, and any security codes with a trusted neighbor.
- •Create a neighborhood watch. Criminals don't want to be approached by nosy neighbors. An area with high foot traffic, where people know each other and watch out for unfamiliar activity, will be a lot less attractive to thieves.

Make Your Home a Difficult Target

The harder it is for a thief to enter your home, the more likely they are to go somewhere else. Here are some effective deterrents:

 Mount a visible camera. Many home security cameras can be set to send an alert to your smartphone if someone enters the frame. A quick glance can tell you if it's the gardener, the exterminator, or someone else. Even a fake camera can work wonders as thieves are more likely to pick a place that looks like it has no security on the house.



- •Invest in a home security system. As with a camera, just the sight of an alarm system. sticker can be enough to deter a would-be thief and can really make a difference.
- •Install motion detecting lights. Night time intruders can be deterred by a blinding spotlight, triggered by an intruder's presence.
- •Trim your hedges. High shrubs provide cover for a prowler. Keep them cut back to below your window so a burglar can't hide while trying to pick your lock or break your glass.
- •Post a "Beware of Dog" sign, even if you don't have a dog. Some burglars are particularly dissuaded by larger breeds. Better yet, adopt an actual dog.
- •Keep a television or radio on, which can deter some burglars by leading them to assume someone is home.
- •If you see a suspicious vehicle in the neighborhood, write down the license plate number or snap a photo. It may turn out to be an unknown visitor from down the street but it won't hurt to have the info if it turns out to be someone up to no good.
- •If a stranger knocks on your door, make sure they know you're in the home. Be loud, even if you choose to not answer the door. More than anything, you want to make your presence known. Thieves most often prefer an empty home.
- •If you choose to answer the door, do so while on the phone with a friend (or pretend vou're on the phone). This will key a burglar in to the fact that someone else will know if a break-in occurs.
- •If you're positive a break-in or home invasion is in progress, call 911 and shout statements like, "I just called 911!" You want let the burglar know you're aware of their presence and that help is on the way.
- •If you come home to a burglarized home, call the police immediately. Don't touch anything the criminal may have touched. Wait outside for the police to arrive. It's possible a burglar may still be inside the home.

Even if you follow these tips, they aren't guaranteed to keep your home safe from burglars. Still, the harder it is to get to your goods and the more likely they are to get caught, the less likely a thief will be to select your home.



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The Centre is closed until further notice.

We hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy.

We look forward to seeing you when our EarlyON programs begin again!

Keep updated and connected to us on Facebook or call 935-3009 or Email ruralfrc@tbaytel.net Use physical distancing and hand washing to stay safe.

Play, sing, laugh and we will see you soon!



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-locater. 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,



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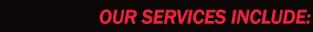
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