



# The Neebing News

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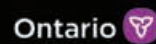
COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet

## The COVID-19 vaccine: five things you need to know

Ontario's vaccination rollout is well underway. You can protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community by getting vaccinated. Here's more information about the COVID-19 vaccines.

- 1 No steps were skipped in developing these vaccines.** While the COVID-19 vaccines were made available quickly, they were developed using mRNA research and technology used by scientists since the early 1990s. This research is well developed and the technology has been used effectively and is proven safe and reliable.
- 2 COVID-19 vaccines will not give you COVID-19.** Unlike other vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines don't contain the virus itself. Instead, these types of vaccines teach our cells how to make a protein that will trigger an immune response and create antibodies.
- 3 The vaccines have been reviewed and approved by Health Canada.** In order to be used in Canada, all drugs, including vaccines, must meet the regulatory requirements for safety, efficacy and quality. Usually this review process can take a long time because new drugs and vaccines get added to the bottom of the list, and must wait their turn for review. However, these vaccines are so important they went right to the front of the line, allowing the process to be much quicker than usual.
- 4 Two doses deliver stronger immunity.** It is important to receive both doses of the vaccine to complete the vaccine series. Protection offered by the first dose helps your body build immunity and the second dose boosts your immunity. For example, the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines are 94-95% effective after two doses.
- 5 When a large percentage of the population becomes immune to COVID-19, the spread of the virus will slow down or stop.** You can protect yourself, your loved ones and your community by getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

Check [ontario.ca/covidvaccine](https://ontario.ca/covidvaccine) regularly for up-to-date information on the vaccine and Ontario's distribution plan.



**COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and approved by Health Canada.**

Get the facts.  
[ontario.ca / covidvaccine](https://ontario.ca/covidvaccine)



### Drive-In Movies Come Back!

Interstellar Outdoor Cinema is coming back to our community again this year. The drive-in will be operational in late May pending COVID-19 restrictions. It will run Thursday through Sunday in the early summer, with the potential to taper off to two nights per week in the later months. Weather permitting the drive-in will stay in operation until the end of October. Information on booking a

COVID-19 protocol can be found in the coming weeks at [www.interstellarcinema.ca](https://www.interstellarcinema.ca) Questions for the Municipality can be directed to: Courtney Lanthier, Economic Development Officer, Municipality of Neebing, [development@neebing.org](mailto:development@neebing.org) 807-474-5331



## 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 [www.neebing.org/en/business-and-development/available-properties.aspx](https://www.neebing.org/en/business-and-development/available-properties.aspx) 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 municipally known as '8 Zebedee Place.' This is a buildable waterfront lot.

**Property on Oleksuk Road\*** - \$43,999.00  
One residential building lot (Part 2 of Reference Plan 55R14642) on the Municipality's property located between 25 and 73 on the north side of Oleksuk Road.

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

**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.



# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

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

Please take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing, sitting as Committee of the Whole, will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., via electronic meeting to consider a proposed severance under Section 53 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended. The Committee's recommendations to Council will be considered for ratification at the Regular Council Meeting on the same evening, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

The Application (B02-2021) is brought by Linda Christiansen, the property owner. The land parcel which is the subject matter of the application is a vacant parcel with no municipal address, located at Highway 597 and Coulson Road. The legal description of the land is: Concession 1 North Part Lot 11, within geographic Pardee Township, Municipality of Neebing, in the District of Thunder Bay. This is referred to as the "Subject Property".

The purpose of the proposed severance is to sell a portion of the property to a neighbouring land owner to correct an issue associated with an encroaching structure. The parcel of land to which the severed parcel is proposed to be added is 75 Coulson Road. The severed parcel will be rectangular in shape, and will have frontage on Coulson Road. A sketch showing the lot configuration is included with the application, a copy of which is available on the Neebing website ([www.neebing.org/notices](http://www.neebing.org/notices)) or by contacting the Municipal Office.

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

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

- Submit comments in writing by email, to [clerk@neebing.org](mailto:clerk@neebing.org) or by regular mail to the address below. Comments shall be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.
- Register to speak at the electronic meeting by email, to [clerk@neebing.org](mailto:clerk@neebing.org). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting by following the link provided through email. Please note that neither a computer, nor a video sharing device is required to participate in the electronic meeting via. You may also opt to call in from a cell or landline. A toll-free number will be provided for this purpose. To register by phone please call: 807-474-5331.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION related to the proposed severance is available for by calling the Clerk-Treasurer at 807-474-5331.

DATED AT Neebing, Ontario, this 21st day of May, 2021

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



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Sign up at [neebing.org/textalerts](http://neebing.org/textalerts) or send us your name, Neebing address, and your text-enabled cell phone number including area code to [neebing@neebing.org](mailto:neebing@neebing.org) or call us at 474-5331. Your personal information is kept strictly confidential.

## 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.

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<https://slateriverbaptist.church> @slateriverbaptistchurch

Pastor Rob Cain Office: 475-5140  
Email: [slateriverbaptistchurch2@gmail.com](mailto:slateriverbaptistchurch2@gmail.com)

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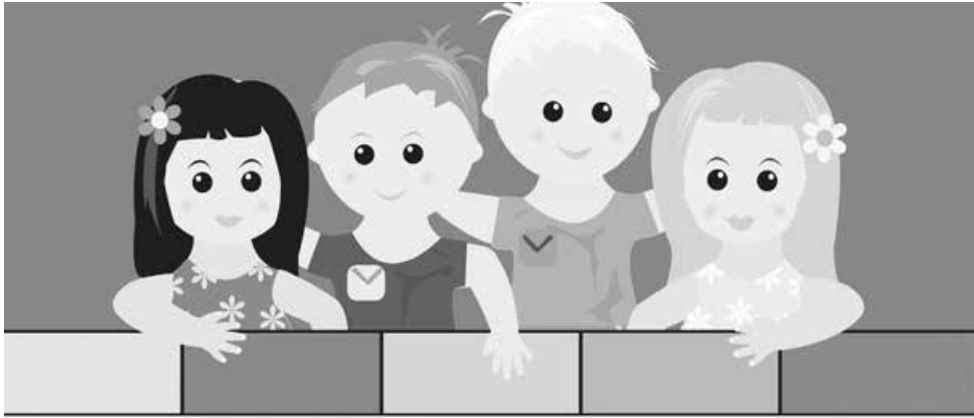
We sincerely thank all those that continue to support us during COVID-19.

Your donations enable the food bank to remain open

Next Food Bank  
Wednesday,  
June 16  
Registration:  
9 am to 11 am







## Connecting with Kids in the Kids Corner!

by D. Dodd-Smith

**Calling all kids!** We need you to send in all your poems, short stories, thoughts, ideas, crafts, art, and even pictures of your pet with a moustache on. Even if you went somewhere cool or found something awesome we want to hear about it! Even just in a pic of you exploring somewhere is great. Submissions will be printed in the newspapers and posted in the on-line edition.

*So, if you have something cool to share,  
send it to [designhouse@tbaytel.net](mailto:designhouse@tbaytel.net)*

Also, if you are looking for something to do Hymers Fair is hosting a contest you can enter! First create a coloring page of a Holstein cow. Don't worry if you don't know what a Holstein cow is. Look it up. Even better, ask a cattle or dairy farmer! The winner's coloring page will be used in the Hymers Fair annual colouring contest. Send a PDF of it to [Exhibits@hymersfair.com](mailto:Exhibits@hymersfair.com) by **June 18, 2021**.

There is another contest. You can make a poster of the Virtual Hymers Fair Theme (announced next month). The winner's will be the Hymers Fair official banner! It will be due **July 18, 2021**.

### **CAMP: An Acrostic Poem by G. Dodd-Smith**

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Please take notice that the Council for The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing (sitting as Committee of the Whole) will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., at the Neebing Municipal office to consider an application to sever one land parcel into two under Section 53 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended. The Committee's recommendations to Council will be considered for ratification at the Regular Council Meeting on the same evening, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

The Application (B01-2021) is brought by Andre Agarand and Deborah Park, the property owners. This application is a re-submission of Application B03-2019 that was approved on October 2, 2019 but the timelines to complete the conditions have lapsed. The land parcel which is the subject matter of the application has municipal address 35 Nicolson Road. The legal description of the land is: Part of the North half of Lot 7, Concession 3, now identified as Part 2 on Reference Plan of Survey 55R-6369, all within geographic Pearson Township, Municipality of Neebing, in the District of Thunder Bay.

The proposed severance would result in one new lot, and the retained lot. A sketch showing the lot configuration is included in the application, available either on Neebing's website ([www.neebing.org/notices](http://www.neebing.org/notices)), or by contacting the Municipal Office. The retained lot will have frontage of approximately 665 meters on Nicolson Road, and the severed lot will have frontage of approximately 220 meters on Highway 597 and 134 meters on Nicolson Road. The retained lot will contain the existing residence and out-buildings, and the severed lot will be vacant. The severed lot will be approximately 4 hectares (10 acres) in area, and the retained lot will be approximately 25 hectares (61 acres) in area. The severed lot will have a depth of approximately 134 meters measured from Highway 597. The retained lot will have an irregular shape, with depth varying between approximately 266 meters and approximately 396 meters measured from Nicolson Road. All of these "approximate" measurements will be finalized when the required survey has been completed.

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

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

- a) Submit comments in writing by email, to [clerk@neebing.org](mailto:clerk@neebing.org) or by regular mail to the address below. Comments shall be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.
- b) Register to speak at the electronic meeting by email, to [clerk@neebing.org](mailto:clerk@neebing.org). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting by following the link provided through email. Please note that neither a computer, nor a video sharing device is required to participate in the electronic meeting via. You may also opt to call in from a cell or landline. A toll-free number will be provided for this purpose. To register by phone please call: 807-474-5331.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION related to the proposed severance is available for by calling the Clerk-Treasurer at 807-474-5331.

DATED AT Neebing, Ontario, this 21st day of May, 2021

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



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

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**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 m<sup>3</sup> 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 m<sup>3</sup> and 100,000 m<sup>3</sup> 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).



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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021** and ending **July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. The Environmental Screening Report is available for public review at [www.neebing.org](http://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  
Email: [clerk@neebing.org](mailto:clerk@neebing.org)

**Tony Gallo M.Sc. EP, EA Coordinator**  
KGS Group Consulting Engineers  
Suite 301A - 1001 William Street  
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6M1  
Phone: (807) 623-2195  
Email: [TGallo@KGSGroup.com](mailto: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,  
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Ferguson Block, 77 Wellesley St. W.,  
11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2T5  
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Email: [Minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

Director, Environmental Assessment  
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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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**





## What's Been Happening at Council Meetings?

Since the May edition, there have been two regular Council meetings on May 5 and May 19. A Special Council meeting was also held on May 12.

At the regular Council meeting on May 5, the following matters were considered:

- Council adopted the Prudent Investor Standard.
- Council passed by-laws to adopt the 2021 budget and set tax rates.
- Administration was directed to proceed with work towards the Thunder Grinder and the development of snowmobile trails.
- Council supported resolutions from other municipalities regarding the provincial prohibition on golf, bus stops on dead end roads and the Day of Action Against Asian Racism.

At the Special Council meeting on May 12 Council sitting as Committee of the Whole reviewed the draft Strategic Plan.

At the regular Council meeting on May 19, the following matters were considered:

- Council approved a revised roads maintenance policy.
- Council made a ruling regarding the definition of guest cottage in the Zoning By-law.
- Council scheduled the summer regular Council meetings for July

7 and August 11.

- Council authorized a submission for funding to make improvements at the Alf Olsen outdoor rink.
- Council supported resolutions from other municipalities regarding the funding for fire departments and hospital capital equipment.

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.

## Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

submitted by LRCA Staff

The 2020 Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Annual Report is now available on our website. Physical copies are being distributed via the Chronicle Journal and will eventually be available at our Administrative Office once it reopens. We are proud of the work completed during 2020 and look forward to continuing our mission to lead the conservation and protection of the Lakehead Watershed in service of our vision of a healthy, safe and sustainable Lakehead Watershed for future generations.

Lake Superior water levels continue to be above average, with the beginning of May level 20 centimetres above average; however, 10 centimetres lower than the level last year. After below average precipitation recorded in January, February and March, April received above average precipitation recorded in area gauges (83 millimetres, compared to the average of 52 millimetres), with the 3-month precipitation average near normal levels.

With the weather getting nicer and more people getting out to explore nature for their physical and mental well-being, the LRCA is seeing huge increases to the number of visitors at our Conservation Areas. We would like to ask for your continued patience, understanding and support as LRCA staff do their best to ensure areas are free of garbage and trails are cleared of trees, etc.

If you are visiting a Conservation Area for exercise, it is mandatory that all Provincial and local health unit orders and recommendations surrounding COVID-19 are followed. All Conservation Area rules and regulations must also be adhered to while visiting, including keeping your dog on-leash and picked up after, and payment of the \$5.00 per vehicle fee. Explore Card Parking Passes are also available for purchase online for \$40.00 +HST each. This is a great and economical way to support the LRCA, and to forgo the parking fee, especially if you plan on visiting one of our properties more than eight times this season.

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## Neebing Fire/ Rescue Association NFRA News

Respectfully submitted: Joy Harris, President NFRA

We are pleased to welcome Nancy Luckai to the NFRA Board of Directors. Nancy came forward to fill our vacant at-large board position and was unanimously voted in. We are glad to have you Nancy! Welcome.

**Be sure to check out our latest Silent Auction: running May 30th through June 6th, lots of great items.**

Go to: [www.32auctions.com/NFRAAuction](http://www.32auctions.com/NFRAAuction) now and join in the fun.

Bigger and better than last year, no ads on the site and many more items to bid on. Plus all proceeds fund vitally needed equipment and supplies for Neebing Emergency Services! Thank you!

Also this month:



This June  
Help our charity  
**WIN \$20,000!**

**...In the Great Canadian Giving Challenge!**

Every dollar donated to Neebing Fire/Rescue Association during the month of June, via [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org) is an entry for a chance to win \$20,000. The more you give, the more chances we have to win!

We truly appreciate your continued support for NFRA! Thank you. Be safe, be well and be kind. We are in this together.

Joy Harris, NFRA - President, 628-2015



## Hymers Fair News

by Shannon Dodd-Smith

### The Fair lives!

Mostly on-line, of course; but I hope you can join us in celebrating community, rural life, resourcefulness and of course, growing and making things.

1. **KIDS!** We need you! The Hymers Fair is modifying its Prize Book cover design competition to be the 2021 On-line Banner Competition. Will YOUR poster be our 2021 Banner? The Theme will be announced here and on-line next month. Photo of your entry will be due July 18 via [exhibits@hymersfair.com](mailto:exhibits@hymersfair.com).

**BUT FIRST: draw your best Holstein!** The winner's will be the colouring page for the colouring contest. **Send photo of your creation to [exhibits@hymersfair.com](mailto:exhibits@hymersfair.com) by June 18.**

2. Hymers Agricultural Society (HAS) charity (with support) created amazing "Ag Bags" for all ages featuring crafts, activities, cool Ag (agricultural) info, gift certificates and **delectable locally-produced treats** often found at the Fair – all to support local vendors and to keep your summer interesting!

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3. This year's Fair will feature Competition again! On-line Labour Day Weekend exhibits will be largely based on **one's best creation or positive action during the Pandemic**. Watch for Categories to be announced because they are not the usual; and will include outdoor displays! Submit photo documentation by AUGUST 23 (anytime after August 3). Virtual ribbons will be awarded for innovation, skill, utility and attractiveness in the 16 different categories and contests; and be on Facebook & YouTube starting Fair Weekend.

### There's more:

4. Summer Rural Road Rally Agricultural Challenge: **\$250 gift certificate from Thunder Bay Feeds** to be won!

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# Neebing Emergency Services

by Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief, Neebing



**It's June, 2021 ..... as together we prepare for our 2nd 'Covid Summer' !**

With the arrival of June, we find ourselves positioned at the start of a summer season which, it appears, will continue to be impacted to some degree by the COVID virus and its pandemic protocols. Initially it had been expected that management of the pandemic situation in 2020 would take just a few weeks (or maybe even a couple of months) to control. As I write today, although there are still some 'lock-down', 'stay home' situations in place in our province, the rapid ramp-up of vaccinations against the virus has led to the prospect of more outdoor activities being allowed to take place this summer. We are now developing a more optimistic outlook to the potential for a "quasi near-normal", summer ahead!

During the month of June, the top fire-ignition sources are found to be: **cooking equipment, cigarettes** (and their careless disposal), and **electrical** distribution equipment. **Cooking** with the use of a **Barbeque** can be a source of particular concern. **Distraction** while cooking has been shown to be a common precipitator of cooking fires. Whether cooking inside at the stove/oven, or outside on the BBQ, it's a **good fire safety habit to stay close and be attentive** when you are **cooking anything** (especially **French fries**), so that you can catch situations that are "going wrong" before they become a serious fire threat.

BBQ's bring a whole new range of seasonal fire threats, regardless of their heat source - from improper handling of pressurized gases and the unsafe disposal of hot ashes, to the risk of burns from lighter fluids, hot contact points or open flame. Acknowledging that BBQing is a welcome part of our summer life-style, be sure that you remain safety conscious and aware of any common potential fire threats, and make a point to avoid them! Sometimes it is the simplest of actions (such as tucking the BBQ too close to the house for convenience, or to get out of the wind) that can result in a serious fire event. If the BBQ is placed too close to walls or other combustibles, the heat it emits can melt, or even ignite, the siding near it, which could result in fire spread and damage to other parts of the house as well. For more hints on safe BBQ practices check out BBQ Safety Information Sheet - English (gov.on.ca).

For those of us who live in the North, and especially in our community of Neebing - who are, surrounded by endless forests - the other ever-present summer fire concern is the issue of **wildfire**, either causing one, or having to defend your property against one. Although May is now behind us, and we are through the spring fire 'flash point' (occurring between snow loss and green up), anytime over the summer that we experience a weather combination of; **high heat, low humidity**, the **absence of rain**, and strong **winds**, wildfire conditions are known to escalate rapidly. As we view the magnitude of wildfire events on the news, it is sometimes difficult to imagine what we might need to do to protect ourselves, and our property from such threats, should they occur.

There are **two (2) simple fire safe habits** that you can adopt at a personal level, both of which can contribute to your ability to protect your property from a wildfire threat. **First**, following **safe burning practices** on your own property; making sure that your fires are **small and contained**, and that you only burn at times and when all environmental conditions are safe. **Second**, working to manage the area around your **home and outbuildings** to reduce the location of combustible materials (available for fire to consume) in close proximity to your valuables. Fire doesn't much care what the available fuel consists of - whether it be deadfall, dead grass or dry duff - fire will simply work its way through whatever fuel is available to support it. Breaking the **chain of fuel** that fire can follow and consume, is the simplest way to improve your protection from a fire that is moving into the living portion of your property.

There is a wealth of excellent advice available (from wildfire experts across the country) under the **FireSmart** banner, with suggestions on actions you can take to protect your property from wildfire. These actions range from: choosing more **fire-resistant materials** when you build your home, and developing a **two (2) metre border** - free of combustibles - around all buildings and valuables, to **landscaping** suggestions that will help reduce fuels that would support a fire that is encroaching close to your home. Following are two (2) links to FireSmart information in Ontario where you will find valuable references

to help you to enhance your property's resistance to wildfire threats. The first link; **Be FireSmart | Ontario.ca**, provides a wide range of topics, from selecting resistant building materials and landscaping suggestions to conducting a self-assessment of your property with regard to possible wildfire threats. The second link; **Home Ignition Zone | FireSmart (firesmartcanada.ca)**, provides, along with a number of other tools, a schematic reference with target distances aimed at helping you to reduce combustibles at various distances from your home!

Have a Safe Summer!



## New Neebing Pumper Spotted

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# Chix in the Stix Country Birds

by Cindy Harasen

It's Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month! If you're reading this it means that our uber-publisher has given me the opportunity to share with you, and I promise to work in a country theme somehow. I am joined with permission and input from my daughter, 20. She has Tourettes - a neurological disorder that causes involuntary movements and vocalizations. These tics can be simple and minor or complex and severe. They can wax and wane. The tics themselves can be widely varied from person to person, and unique - anything from clapping, grimacing, barking, laughing - really the list is endless. My daughter has severe complex motor and vocal tics. She also has coprolalia. That's the fancy word for the tics that usually get all the attention in movies. It's the involuntary swearing or use of other obscene words or phrases. And she has copropraxia, also popular in movies and includes obscene gestures. Like the middle finger. Flipping the bird as they say. In individuals with Tourettes these types of tics are both fairly rare (she always was an overachiever.) Her tics increased significantly when Covid hit - which is not surprising. Tics can be exacerbated by anxiety or fear, and even by happiness or excitement - any strong emotion really. They can sometimes be suppressed for short periods of time. There are no definitive answers about cause and no cure although some people respond to medication. The good news is that in our case it doesn't stop her from working and living life! It neither defines her nor holds her back. When she is focused and engaged in a task her tics often quiet down. Our family is big on learning lessons from the things life throws at us, and big on sharing what we can so others can learn too. We are still learning a lot from this journey. There are some aspects of Tourettes that you truly can barely imagine until you are living it, and I am sure it is even stranger to be the one having the tics. We have some days filled with fear and uncertainty, and we have done our fair share of crying. But most days we find the humour among the strangeness of it all and we just keep on going. Because it really is a strange and curious diagnosis. My own personal knowledge of Tourettes was zippo before this. And I'm not proud of my perceptions or the assumptions I made. Which is why I

can find compassion when I see the looks on the faces of people we encounter in public when she is tic-ing. It can look like she's a little crazy. The assumption is that she must have a physical or intellectual disability. People try not to make eye contact. We still feel kinda bad for the woman in Metro. Kyra flipped her the bird (might have been a double) and the woman thought she had waved. And there was the time waiting at the lights when she double-birded the car next to us. They were big burly guys and we started to imagine that one day this would be our demise - chased down by some dudes who got the wrong impression. With so many stores using self-check-outs now, shopping adventures are common. Think about it. Self check-outs beep. They beep a lot. Which triggers tics. Tics that are beeps. And the beeping can continue for hours. And like I said, we are good with laughing it off and rolling with it, but there are hard days too. It might seem funny to tap the counter, or the wall, or your chest, head, face once or twice. But do it 200, 300 or more times in a day and next thing you're treating bruises and sore muscles. Sadly, wearing a mask is a bit of an issue. It might muffle some of the f-bombs but mostly it makes them, and other tics worse. Tourettes and other tic disorders are not as rare as you would think, and often go hand in hand with other diagnosis and while they generally appear during childhood, it's not uncommon for them to appear in teens and young adults as well. Like most things, once you become aware of something you begin to recognize it more around you. It means a new perspective on life, and on the challenges and struggles people face. And insight into the courage folks have as well. You never really know what the people you encounter are dealing with. So we aren't as quick to judge or make assumptions. As for the country stuff! Well it's no secret that I love all those farmer's fields! This is really my favourite time of year with all the order and busy-ness of planting and fertilizing. And when those little green sprouts come up I think I might be just as excited as the famers! The farmers on their tractors. Who we may or may not be accidentally 'waving' to when we drive by. Hope you understand.

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### Emergency situations

Call 911 or your local police if a bear poses an immediate threat to personal safety and exhibits threatening or aggressive behavior, such as:

- enters a school yard when school is in session
- stalks people and lingers at the site
- enters or tries to enter a residence
- wanders into a public gathering
- kills livestock/pets and lingers at the site

Police will respond first to an emergency situation, but may request assistance from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry during daylight hours.

### Non-emergency encounters

Call the toll-free Bear Wise reporting line at 1-866-514-2327 (TTY 705-945-7641 ) if a bear:

- roams around or checks garbage cans
- breaks into a shed where garbage or food is stored
- is in a tree
- pulls down a bird feeder or knocks over a barbecue
- moves through a backyard or field but does not linger

This line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from April 1 to November 30.

### If you encounter a black bear

When bears are caught off guard, they are stressed, and usually just want to flee.

#### Stop. Do not panic. Remain calm.

Generally, the noisier the bear is, the less dangerous it is, provided you do not approach. The noise is meant to "scare" you off and acts as a warning signal.

### DO

- Slowly back away while keeping the bear in sight and wait for it to leave.
- If the bear does not leave, throw objects, wave your arms and make noise with a whistle or air horn.
- Prepare to use bear spray.
- If you are near a building or vehicle get inside as a precaution.
- Drop any food you may be carrying and slowly move away.
- If a bear is in a tree, leave it alone. Leave the area. The bear will come down when it feels safe.

### DO NOT

- Run, climb a tree or swim.
- Kneel down.
- Make direct eye contact.
- Approach the bear to get a better look.
- Attempt to feed a bear.

### Bear warning signs

Black bear attacks are **extremely rare**. A threatened or predatory black bear will give off warning signs to let you know you are too close. A black bear standing on its hind legs is not a sign of aggressive behavior. The bear is trying to get a better look at you or catch your scent.

### A defensive bear

A bear that feels threatened will:

- salivate excessively and exhale loudly
- make huffing, moaning, clacking and popping sounds with its mouth, teeth and jaws
- lower its head with its ears drawn back while facing you
- charge forward, and/or swat the ground with its paws (known as a 'bluff' charge)

### A predatory bear

The bear will approach silently, usually in rural or remote areas, and may continue to approach regardless of your attempts to deter them by yelling or throwing rocks. If the bear attacks:

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Updated June 1, 2021

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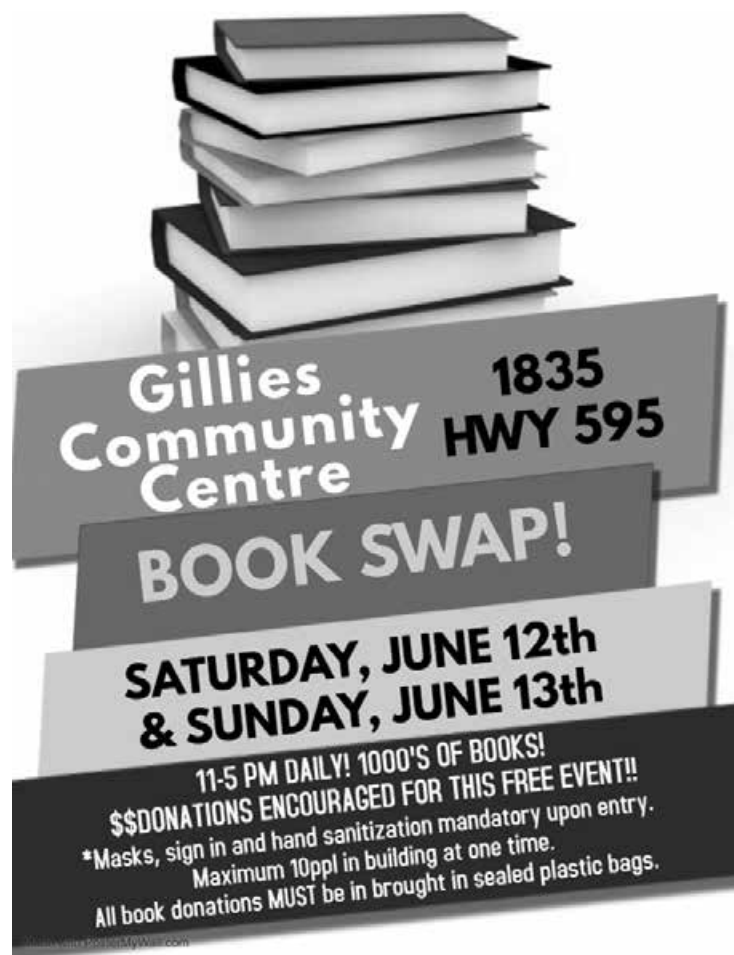
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# The Rural Pharmacist: Have You Heard the News? We're Moving!

by Devon Myers, Pharmacist/Owner of Evergreen Pharmacies

Although we've already let the cat out of the bag on Facebook we want to make sure that everyone knows that the Evergreen Pharmacy in beautiful Kakabeka Falls is on the move! But don't worry, we're not going far. In fact, we're moving right next door. Have you noticed some commotion on that old service garage lot at the corner of Highway 11/17 and Florence Street? That's us! Over the past year we have been working hard on plans to develop a new building that will house our pharmacy.

The positive feedback that we've received from the community about our relocation so far has been remarkable. We are so excited to be in a position to expand healthcare services in our community. This could have never been possible without the support we receive each and every day from our patients, clients and staff. We are inherently grateful. Like my toddler would say "thank you, thank you, thank you".

The expansion of our pharmacy into a new building is going to allow us to fulfill our goal of providing quality, accessible and convenient healthcare to all of our patients. From a large parking lot to accessible walkways, our new building will be ready to serve anyone in need. We are confident that this endeavour will help im-

prove and compliment the quality of life for our patients living in rural communities. And don't worry! The Kakabeka Gift Store is making the move with us. With more room than ever the gift store will also be expanding. Bev has some work to do!

We've also planned the building to include two additional professional units. The Evergreen Pharmacy is working hard to collaborate with other healthcare providers to further expand on accessible services in our community. Stay tuned! We hope to have some exciting news in the coming weeks to months. Construction is to get underway in the coming weeks and we hope to be operational in late 2021.

Tell me more good news! Sure thing. The Evergreen Pharmacy has begun collaborating with The Refill Co. in Murillo on a very important issue. As we all know, certain plastics cannot be recycled at the Thunder Bay Solid Waste and Recycling Facility. For example, number 5 plastics. To help manage this dilemma, The Refill Co. will be collecting used pharmacy vials and sending them to a proper facility outside of our region for recycling and repurposing. To combine efforts, the Evergreen Pharmacy will also act as a drop off location in order to help collect used prescrip-



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We're doing our part! How about you? All that we ask is that your used vials be returned to the pharmacy in good condition. What does this mean? All vials should be cleaned and absent of labels and residues. That's it. Just like recycling at home, let's clean our vials and make it easier for the next person in line. Clean vials can also be dropped off directly at The

Refill Co. which is located at 4277 Oliver Road during their regular business hours. In addition, clean vials can be dropped off at any time at 522 Wiley Street in Thunder Bay. The gentleman responsible for this initiative has organized a drop off box at his house.

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