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Neebing Recreation Committee

Neebing recreation committee would like to give a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped, donated, and attended the Canada Day Celebrations at the Neebing municipal office. Special thanks to all the amazing volunteers. We hope everyone had wonderful day.

The next event will be the Harvest Dinner on October 7, 2023. Tickets will go on sale on September 5, 2023 at the Neebing municipal office. Tickets are \$20.



Show Me the Money

There has been a lot of talk lately regarding Municipal Budgets and Property Taxes. In Neebing Property Taxes make up anywhere between 40% to 60% percent of the annual revenue for the Municipality and . Each year is different as there can be grant funding payments that only occur once (for example a grant for a specific project). In 2023 we are expecting to receive the following large one-time grants:

- Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation Grant for Blake Hall Arena \$500,000
- Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation Grant for Alf Olsen Park \$155,692
- Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program COVID Capital Grant for Office Renovations \$100,000
- A Supplemental Rural and Northern Stream Infrastructure Project Grant for Farm Road Bridge This year \$ 341,517, with that total grant \$461,516.85

In 2023 Neebing received Federal Gas Tax (renamed to Canada Community Building Fund) and other grants that are shown in the line "grants" along with the one-time grants listed above.

This table and the corresponding pie chart show the 2023 budgeted Sources of Revenue

Neebing 2023 Sources of Revenue

Taxation	3,599,560	42.9%
Grants	2,137,047	25.5%
Other	388,320	4.6%
Transfers from Reserves	1,720,091	20.5%
Federal - Canada Community Building Fund	136,017	1.6%
Departmental Income	204,195	2.4%
Prior Year Surplus (Deficit), Land, Misc.	209,842	2.5%
Total Budgeted Revenue	\$ 8,395,072	100.0%

**91st Annual
Slate River
Plowing Match**

The Rural Heritage Agricultural Society
Join us September 8 and 9 for the 91st Annual Slate River Plowing Match.

Bring the whole family and enjoy:

- Tractor rodeo competition and celebrity plowing
- Harvest demonstrations with binding, staking, threshing and grinding
- Antique tractor display and parade
- Local musicians and food vendors
- Designated children's play area and parking
- And so much more

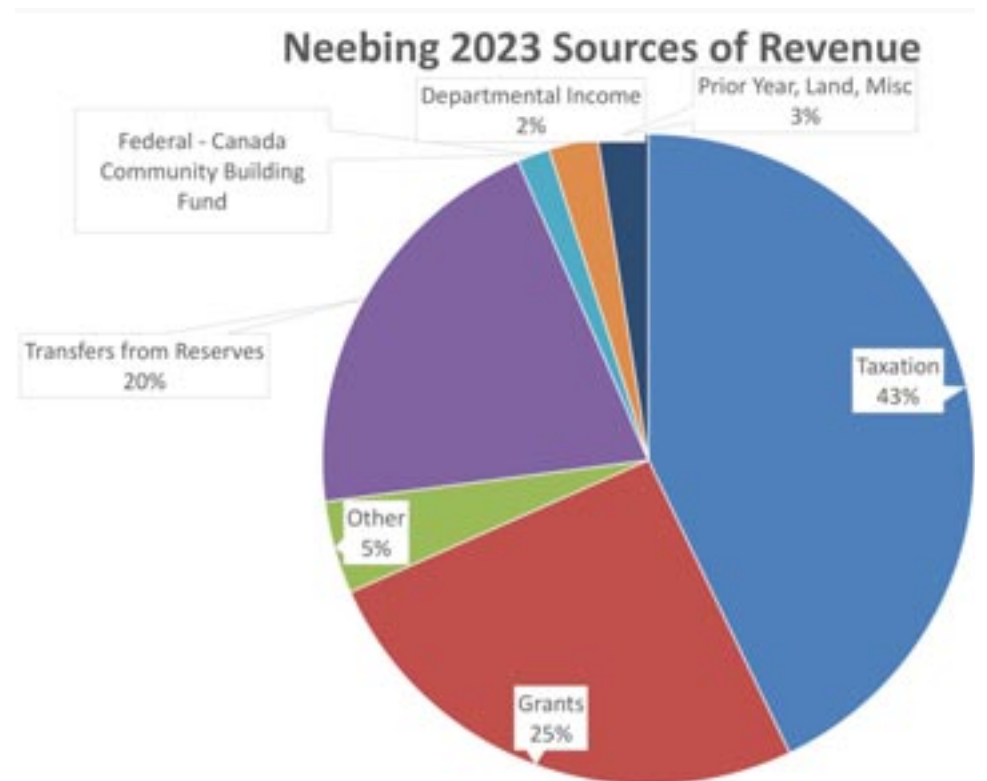
Admission: \$10
For more information, visit slateriverplowingmatch.ca or contact Leo Bekkenhorst at 887-933-2400.

September 8, 2023
12pm - Gates open
4:30pm - Judge's Clinic
6:30pm - Tractor Rodeo

September 9, 2023
9am - Gates open & Registration
12pm - Entertainment in pavilion
1:30pm - Celebrity plowing match
3pm - Raffle draw

The Field
Highway #110 & Piper Road
Oliver-Papourge Township

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HIGHWAY 61 CONSTRUCTION

NOISE: LH North has issued a noise advisory.

Beginning July 5, 2023, rock blasting near Little Trout Bay Road at Highway 61 will be happening with multiple blasts scheduled over several weeks taking place.

TRAFFIC DELAYS:

Construction has begun! Traffic delays are expected in both directions. Plan your trip accordingly, and PLEASE slow down in construction zones and keep the workers safe.

Remember: Speed fines double in construction zones.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PLOW MATCH COMPETITORS

There is a new rule for our 2023 match as recommended by our OPA judge-Wayne Downie. Plow competition starts at **10 am September 9, 2023**. All participants must be registered and on their assigned plot by 10 am. If sharing a tractor, all participants must be on field and the shared tractor must start. Plowing end time is 3 pm

Plowing Entry fee is \$20. Membership fee \$10. All winners of 2022 trophies please bring them to the match. Thank you everyone!

Register Now!!!

Food Waste Diversion Pilot Project

The Municipality of Neebing is once again partnering with Ottawa based company, Food Cycle Science to pilot an on-site food waste diversion solution that will reduce the amount of food waste headed to the land-fills.

Neebing will provide *FoodCycler* machines at a subsidized price for residents to test in their homes over a 12-week period. Each resident will track the amount of food waste they have diverted throughout the pilot duration to estimate the total impact of the pilot program.

The *FoodCycler* now comes in two sizes, 2.5 litre and 5 liter. **Registration to participate in the program is now open. Only 50 spots available.** Residents will be able to choose which size they want at the time of registration.

For information on the *FoodCycler* and the pilot program, visit www.neebing.org/foodcycler.

For any questions, please contact the Clerk-Treasurer at (807) 474-5331 or clerk@neebling.org.

Why you should participate in the program? Food waste is responsible for up to 10% of global greenhouse gas emissions and 47% of food waste comes from households. By reducing your food waste by 90%, you can lower your household garbage output by up to 50% and reduce your carbon footprint.

Coming January 2024 New Landfill Punch Cards








Neebing Council has passed a new by-law that will come into effect on January 1, 2024. The effect of the by-law is that punch cards will replace the current bag tag system. Permanent residents will still be allowed 100 bags and seasonal residents will be allowed 50 bags. However, free tags will no longer be provided in exchange for bags of recycling. Watch for details on distribution of the punch cards in the Neebing News, Facebook and the website over the coming months.

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 neebling.org/textalerts or send us your name, Neebing address, and your text-enabled cell phone number including area code to neebling@neebling.org or call us at 474-5331. Your personal information is kept strictly confidential.

 	
MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING ON-SITE FOOD WASTE DIVERSION PILOT	
<h3>FoodCycler™</h3> <p>THE IN-HOME FOOD WASTE DIVERSION SOLUTION</p> <p>Join your municipality in tackling food waste by piloting FoodCycler™ technology in your home. Support your municipality by testing this innovative technology!</p>	
<h3>Why should I participate?</h3> <p>Did you know that up to 50% of household waste is composed of food waste? By helping your municipality address food waste, you are supporting your community's environmental initiatives, while reducing your carbon footprint.</p>	<p>FOODCYCLER OFFERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  90% Reduction in food waste volume  95% Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from food waste
<h3>What is required of me?</h3> <p>Not much! Purchase a FoodCycler™ from your municipality at a subsidized cost, track your use once a week for a period of 12 weeks and then answer a brief exit survey.</p>	
<h3>Pilot Project Timeline</h3> <p>SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2023 (12 WEEKS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  PURCHASE YOUR UNIT FoodCycler™ FC-30: \$150 CAD (+HST) FoodCycler™ Eco 5: \$300 CAD (+HST)  PILOT DURATION Divert your food waste using the FoodCycler™ for a period of 12 weeks. Track the amount of waste you divert with a tracking sheet (to be provided to you by the municipality).  END DATE Fill out a closing survey (to be provided by the municipality) about your experience using the FoodCycler™. Once complete, the FoodCycler™ is yours to keep! 	<p>FOODCYCLER IS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  ENERGY EFFICIENT Only ~\$2 in energy costs every month!  ODOURLESS Carbon filtration controls odours!  EASY TO USE Just press Start!
	<p>SIGN UP HERE: www.neebing.org/foodcycler</p>  <p>TO LEARN MORE: Erika Kromm clerk@neebling.org</p>
<p>Only 50 spots available! Join today! →</p>	



Contact Us - Municipality of Neebing

Complaints, Concerns, or Questions: Want action on a problem? Want answers to your Municipal questions? Get accurate information right from the source: www.neebing.org or call the office at 807-474-5331. Report your concern, voice your complaint, or get answers to your Municipal questions with the click of a mouse or a phone call.

Emergency Road Condition Reporting: If you encounter an emergency road condition such as a washout, a sinkhole, etc., please call the Municipal Office direct 474-5331 even if you are calling outside of regular office hours (Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm). Leave us a detailed voice message as the municipal voicemail is monitored to help us act quickly when such emergency issues occur.

Municipal complaints or concerns posted on social media forums or website pages not maintained by the Municipality are not monitored or recorded. Please, contact the Municipal Office direct - we are here to help!

Notice of a Public Meeting being held to consider an application for a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment (Application Number Z01-2023)

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

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, August 16, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., at the Neebing Municipal Office to consider a proposed zoning amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended. If the amendment is recommended, the Public Meeting will be followed by a Council meeting at which the enabling by-law will be considered.

The Application which is the subject matter of this notice is brought by Mike and Mary-Ellen McCooeye. as the property owners. The land which is the subject matter of the application, is municipally known as 491 Boundary Drive East, and legally described as "Concession 1, Part NE ¼ Lot 10, 55R11185 Part 1 PCL 5554; DFWF, in the geographic Blake Township, in the Municipality of Neebing and Province of Ontario". A sketch showing the property location is appended to this Notice.

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment seeks to allow construction of a second dwelling on the same lot. The effect of this change is to allow the owners to build an apartment dwelling located within the garage attached to the existing dwelling. A full copy of the application is on our website (<https://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 Zoning By-law Amendment.

AFTER NOTICE of the passage of a by-law relating to this application has been published, the applicant, a person or public body who, before the by-law was passed, made oral or written submissions to the Council, or the Minister of Municipal Affairs, may appeal the decision of the Council to the Ontario Land Tribunal on the grounds that:

- a) the by-law is inconsistent with a Provincial Policy Statement;
- b) the by-law does not conform with, or conflicts with, a Provincial Plan; or
- c) the by-law fails to conform with Neebing's Official Plan.

How to provide input: You can provide input on the application as follows:

- a) Submit comments in writing by email, to clerk@neebing.org;
- b) Submit comments by regular mail to the mailing address below;
- c) Register to speak at the Public Meeting (whether in-person or electronically), in advance, to clerk@neebing.org, or by calling the Clerk-Treasurer at the number below; or
- d) Attend the public meeting in-person, or via electronic means, and register with the Clerk-Treasurer, upon arrival, indicating your wish to address the Public Meeting orally.

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

DATED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING this 25th day of July, 2023.

Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer
Municipality of Neebing
4766 Highway 61, Neebing, Ontario P7L 0B9
Phone: 807-474-5331; Facsimile: 807-474-5332



What's Been Happening at Council Meetings?

Since the July edition, there has been one special meeting of Council on June 28, 2023 and one regular meeting of Council on July 19, 2023. At the Special Council meeting on June 28th the following matter was considered:

- Council heard comments from members of the public regarding council composition and ward boundaries.

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

- Council heard deputations from residents regarding site-specific matters.
- Council debated council composition and ward boundaries. Administration was directed bring forward a by-law to repeal the by-law that would reduce Council size to 5 members.
- Council authorized the purchase of branded merchandise.
- Council authorized the replacement of a culvert on Sturgeon Bay Road near Mink Mountain Drive.
- Council declared items surplus for the purposes of sale and disposal.
- Council approved updated and Accessibility Policy and Asset Management Policy.

- Council authorized Administration to apply for funding for further improvements at Blake Hall.

The next Council meetings will be held on August 16 and September 2, 2023. Regular Council meetings are normally scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. However, in the summer only one meeting is scheduled each month.

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. The meetings are now being held at the Municipal Office, but there is the option to attend virtually as well. The links to login to the meetings are posted on our website in the calendar details.



Neebing Landfill News

Summer Hours- April 1 to September 30:

Saturdays: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sundays & Wednesdays: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Garbage Every bag of regular household garbage requires a Municipal Garbage Bag Tag. We issue a set amount of tags to residents on an annual basis. You can collect your tags at the municipal landfill sites during regular hours of operation. You MUST present photo ID to the attendant in order to receive your tags.

Recycling Yes we have a recycling program! We accept #1 through #7 plastics as well as cardboard. View our recycling sorting guide to determine if your items are acceptable recycling materials. Please remember to BAG your cans and plastics and FLATTEN your cardboard. We do not accept plastic grocery bags.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor	Mark Thibert	474-1362	mayor@neebing.org
Councillor for Blake	Katherine Hill	631-1869	blake@neebing.org
Councillor for Crooks/Deputy Mayor	Brian Wright	964-2365	crooks@neebing.org
Councillor for Pardee	Curtis Coulson	577-2475	pardee@neebing.org
Councillor for Pearson	Gary Gardner	577-1963	pearson@neebing.org
Councillor for Scoble	Brian Kurikka	633-3735	scoble@neebing.org
Councillor At-Large	Gordon Cuthbertson	708-7548	councilatlarge@neebing.org



Neebing Fire/Rescue Association
 NFRA News
 Respectfully submitted: Joy Harris, President NFRA

Neebing Fire/Rescue Association congratulates Mike MacGray,
 Winner of Draw #2 in NFRA's online 50/50 raffle.
 Mike brought home **\$6135.00!**



Our Winner Mike, pictured with NES members Skye and Mark and NFRA President Joy

At this writing, our Online 50/50 Raffle #3 is up to **\$3,340!**
 Will you get your name on the big cheque?

The next draw will take place September 27, 2023.

Get your tickets now! Help us support Neebing Emergency Services.



Scan this QR Code to purchase your tickets today or buy right from our website: neebingfirerescueassociation.com/events/draw

The Rural Pharmacist: Protecting Your Skin this Summer

by Henry Tempelman, Pharmacist/Owner of
 Evergreen Pharmacies

Summer is in full swing, and closer to winding down (BOO!), but sun care is still important in these dog days of summer! Whether it's shopping for deals at a local yard sale or battling the never ending, sometimes thankless task of yard work, people are hopefully spending lots of time outside. Skin care and how to help prevent sun-induced skin damage is important for the long term health of your skin. Why treat a sunburn when you can help prevent skin damage from occurring in the first place? Wearing proper clothing and applying sunscreen are two great options for protecting your skin. So let's get started! When it comes to preventing sun-induced skin damage, we've got you covered. Pun? Absolutely intended.

Excessive exposure of ultraviolet (UV) radiation causes damage to our skin. UVB exposure is the primary cause of sun burns while UVA exposure is the primary cause of photoaging and skin cancer. Fortunately, there are many commercially available sunscreens that protect against both types of UV radiation. These sunscreens are often labeled "broad spectrum" meaning that they will help prevent skin damage caused by both UVA and UVB. When selecting a sunscreen, seek a product that is labeled broad spectrum and which has a SPF factor of at least 15. These parameters will ensure that, if used properly, the sunscreen chosen will help decrease the risk of sunburn, skin cancer and photoaging.

A general guideline for the application of sunscreens is that they should be applied liberally 15 minutes prior to sun exposure. A second application shortly after the first is also recommended to ensure proper coverage. On average, it can take up to 30mL of sunscreen to cover an entire adult body. Remember, the back of our necks, the tops of our ears and our lips all require protection from the sun. Re-application of sunscreen should also be a consideration if you're spending several hours outside. Referencing the product specific instructions is a great way of understanding when re-application is necessary. Swimming, excessive sweating and toweling off are other reasons why a reapplication may be needed. These guidelines apply to individuals over the age of 6 months.

For infants under 6 months of age, it is advisable to avoid sun exposure if possible. Seeking shade with the use of stroller covers and/or umbrellas can be helpful. Dressing infants with appropriate clothing is also important. Loose fitting clothing that covers exposed skin and wide-brimmed hats that protect the child's face are things to consider. Of course, these strategies can be applied for older individuals as well. In addition, try to avoid sun exposure during the late morning and early afternoon when sun rays are at their strongest.

With the proper preventative strategies, we should all be able to enjoy the beautiful summer weather that Northwestern Ontario has to offer.

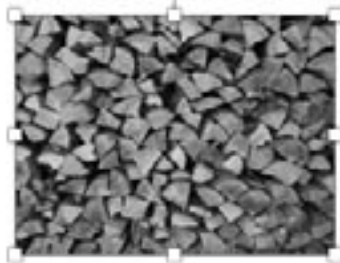


NFRA had a booth at the Municipal Office. Ticket sales for our Firewood Raffle were brisk on Canada Day. Thank you!

We are near to having 1/2 of available tickets sold already, if you'd like a chance in the draw don't wait. Tickets for the new Firewood Raffle are going quickly. Get yours now.

This year there are two firewood prizes:

- 1st prize will be 6 cords of cut, split birch
- 2nd prize will be 4 cords of cut, split birch!



Tickets are available at these fine outlets:

- Neebing Municipal Office
- Thunder Oak Cheese Farm
- Thunder Bay Farm Co-Op
- Chaschuk Enterprises office
- A.J.'s Trading Post
- South Neebing Variety
- Floyd's Glass
- Canadian Tire – Arthur St
- Lulu's Variety
- Green Acre Variety

This year, tickets are \$10 each or 3 tickets for \$25. With only 2000 tickets available, your chances of winning are GREAT!

submitted by LRCA Staff

Throughout May and June NFRA volunteers sorted, counted and bagged your donations of beer, pop and metal cans. Here we are at the end of June having just finished the mountainous stockpile from the winter collections!



If you'd like to donate metal to NFRA but would rather bring it to one of the recyclers yourself, we are happy to announce that both **Dutchak's and Harbour Metals are now accepting donations to NFRA!**

Those of you who know Kris, our intrepid metal & can guy, can get a donation envelope from him. There is a donor information slip inside to fill out to receive a tax receipt.

Just bring the envelope, with the completed slip inside, with your metal to your recycler of choice and they will ensure the value of your metal donation gets to NFRA. Thank you Dutchak's and Harbour Metals! And thank you for your donations.

Be safe, be well and be kind.

Joy Harris
NFRA - President





Firewood Raffle



In support of Neebing Fire/Rescue Association

1st Prize - 6 full cords of birch firewood that will be cut, split and delivered to within 30 km radius of 360 Barrie Dr. Slate River, ON Wood and Services donated 100% by Chaschuk Enterprises Ltd- Value \$2324.00 plus HST

2nd Prize - 4 full cords of birch firewood that will be cut, split and delivered to within 30 km radius of 360 Barrie Dr. Slate River, ON Wood and Services donated 100% by Chaschuk Enterprises Ltd- Value \$1666.00 plus HST

Draw Date: Wed, September 27, 2023



Draw Time: 1:00 p.m.

Draw location: Neebing Municipal Complex, 4766 Hwy 61 Neebing

Ticket price - \$10.00 or 3 / \$25.00 **Licence: 690544**

Tickets cannot be purchased by, for or on behalf of persons under the age of 18
Prize awarded as stated. No cash value. 2000 tickets printed

**New Name—
Same Great Place!**

Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park

is opened for the season each weekend from noon to 4:30 p.m. Pack yourself a picnic lunch and enjoy the view of the Nor'Westers or just relax in the country atmosphere. Visit the Duke Hunt Museum, The Village and Russ's Garage. Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park accepts cash only. Watch for upcoming special events.

July & August—Thursday-Sunday

September-Saturday & Sunday

Noon—4:30pm

Admission--\$5.00, ages 12 and under FREE! Donations in excess of the admission fee are greatly appreciated. To book a family reunion, birthday party, photo shoots, work or church group picnic or other event of your choice, contact Jean at opmuse2@tbaytel.net or phone 807 475 7424

We are pleased to announce that the parking lot and loop trail at Cascades Conservation Area have been re-paved! The work, which took place the first two-weeks in July, was completed one week ahead of schedule. In addition to the much-needed parking lot regrading and repaving, the existing paved loop trail has been regraded and repaved to AODA, wheelchair-accessible standards. Be sure to visit Cascades and check it out for yourself!

Cyanobacteria, also referred to as blue-green algae, is a microscopic plant-like organism that is naturally found within streams, rivers, and lakes. The organism thrives in warm, nutrient-rich (high in phosphorous and nitrogen) environments. Blooms occur when the populations rise rapidly, creating a large floating mass that can be bluish-green, brown, red, or yellow in color. Changes in cyanobacteria populations can be an excellent indicator of water quality.

The LRCA is taking progressive steps to further understand and analyze cyanobacteria within the conservation areas and the Lakehead Watershed. In July and August 2023, the LRCA will be conducting weekly testing to determine the absence or presence of cyanobacteria at Hazelwood Lake, Mission Island Marsh, Hurkett Cove, and Silver Harbour Conservation Areas. Testing sites were selected based on the frequency of visitor contact with open water. Baseline data will be collected to determine the type of algae and characterize the trends within the water bodies throughout the year. Positive test results that indicate an exceedance of algae guidelines will be reported to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) and the Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU). Confirmed exceedances may result in a beach closure as directed by the MECP or TBDHU. Any swimming advisories or beach closures will be posted on the LRCA's website and social media platforms and signage will be displayed at the site.

For more information or if you suspect the presence of Blue-Green Algae in a waterbody, visit www.lakeheadca.com/watershed/blue-green-algae for information on how to report it.

The LRCA has some exciting workshops and events planned for this summer, including Silver Harbour Day on Saturday, August 26 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Silver Harbour Conservation Area! This event, being hosted in partnership with the Municipality of Shuniah and Shuniah Emergency Services, is in celebration of their milestone anniversaries this year!

We are in the height of busy season at our Conservation Areas, and we would like to remind all visitors of the \$5.00 per vehicle fee. Better yet, Explore Card Parking Passes permit day-use/parking at our ten Conservation Areas for one calendar year. Visit as often as you like. Enjoy one calendar year of recreation activities! For the low price of \$40.00 +HST, it's convenient for frequent users, and a great gift idea! All Explore Card revenue goes directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of our Conservation Areas. Get out and Explore!



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Chix in the Stix
 The Gift of Frogs

The lazy days of summer! Such a lush and rich season. It usually feels like the time to rest, recover, recharge. But not always. Our family is in a difficult 'season' in our lives. Overgrown with grief and new challenges. Caring for our chronically ill child these past two years has impacted our lives in ways we never could have imagined. But there are still bright moments in our days if we look for them and we try to embrace the clarity our new perspective affords us. Like the beauty and warmth of the sun through the window today. One of the biggest struggles has been getting outside as much as I would like. Some days it just presents too many challenges. In the past our summers were filled with hikes, and exploring in the yard and nearby trails, ponds etc, hours on the swing or picking wild flowers. Just fond memories now. We have missed 3 summers and some days it feels like we are living in a bubble. But we try. Because it's all we can do. Instead of wallowing we are determined to still SEE that there is soooo much beauty around us here in the country. Determined to still experience it any way we can. Sometimes that just means talking about it. Acknowledging it. We pay attention. We notice the weather. We notice the temperature. We notice the clouds, wind, rain, the sky day and night, the moon and its cycles. And always the stars. We may not be as physically immersed in it as we once were, or as we still long to be, but we are trying to stay connected. Even if it means looking out the window. We can still see how fast the grass grows. Or how crazy the flower garden has become. We can still pop out and nibble some wild berries. We can still climb out of bed at night to stand briefly under the stars after a day of appointments, treatments or therapy. And for that we are so grateful. When you are suddenly NOT able to get out and do all the things you long to do, it makes you enjoy the small things even more. I drive with my windows down all the time. I don't want to miss seeing, feeling, smelling a single thing. On the sideroads someone will stick their arm out the window to feel the wind. We drive close to the shoulder if there are low hanging branches so we can sweep our hands over them when we drive by. We truly see and acknowledge every shade of green, every wildflower, every change in the clouds, every drop of rain. We sleep with the windows open and relish the cool night air. We refuse to have it all stolen from us. Even today, while in town and waiting in my car at the drive-thru line up I was stuck beside a planter of flowers. I wound my window down and savoured the scent. When there is a warm afternoon or evening rain shower we are easily convinced to step out and let it soak us or rinse us off without complaint. Even when I am heading out the door to an appointment, my pace is slower. I don't want to rush. I very deliberately make that walk to the car and back last as long as possible. Because before I know it I will be inside again tending to various duties and I don't want to forget that there is so much LIFE out there - from the annoying mosquitos, to the song birds, to the crows, to the chipmunks, squirrels, moths, butterflies and the list goes on. And some days there are extra gifts! Like when a cricket sneaks in the door and serenades us. And this past week it was all about frogs. Not sure where they came from and I haven't done a full investigation, but we had at least 5 teeny tiny frogs show up in the house. So small and so adorable. They get gently scooped up and taken outside but not without a moment to marvel at how tiny and cute they are and a few words to wish them well on their journey. These little occasions when the outside comes inside are sweet treats when your outside time is limited. And while I don't want TOO much nature in my kitchen and living room, I suspect my tolerance for what might creep in is a lot higher now than it once was. Come on in nature. We miss you. Thank you for still being there for us. For not forgetting about us. So we will keep on trying our best to see the gifts that come our way, to embrace what is left of the days of summer, whether it's inside or out, and find joy in every person, place and thing we can, and dream hopefully of better seasons of life to come.

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A Midsummer's View

by Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief, Neebing

The summer of 2023, with great temperatures and lots of sunshine has certainly been a wonderful summer so far to enjoy outside activities. Unfortunately, all that great weather saw fire danger levels rise quickly and remain at High and Extreme levels for an extended period triggering increased fire restrictions with Fire Bans being declared by both the province and local fire departments across all of Northern Ontario, for June and much of July.

While this created some frustration and changes to planned activities, it was encouraging to see how quickly and completely Neebing residents embraced the need to restrict open fires during the fire ban period. Only twice in the early days of the fire ban, while messaging was still getting out, was it necessary for NES to respond to and extinguish small fires. Neebing has been fortunate to have received sufficient rain to allow lifting of the fire ban but 2023 remains a dry year and residents should remain alert to changing weather conditions and rising Fire Danger levels. August can frequently turn up the heat and it only takes a few days of temperatures in the 30s and low humidity to put us back into High and Extreme Fire Danger conditions.

Weather experts are suggesting that hot dry summers may become more common in future and bring with it increased risks of wildfires. Information on wildfire threats and the actions you can take to reduce the wildfire risk around your property are available from **FireSmart**; Be FireSmart | ontario.ca, **The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)** also provides **Wildfire Risk Reduction Tips** on actions homeowners can take on their property to reduce wildfire risks. A synopsis, of the NFPA fire tips appear in this issue of the Neebing News, for your reference.

Times are changing and there are now products available that while not suitable for all locations or situations may provide an alternate and fire safe way to enjoy a residential campfire experience all year long. Gas fueled fire pits are growing in popularity and if properly installed are usually safe to use anytime as they do not produce the embers or sparks that are common with wood fuel fires and the fire can be quickly controlled by shutting off with the simple flick of a switch.

While wildfire dangers have been top of mind this summer it is important to maintain fire safety in all our summer activities, from **BBQs** and **recreational activities** to remaining aware of fire safety **when traveling**. If you are looking for a quick reference of seasonal fire tips a comprehensive list may be found at: **Spring & Summer Fire Safety Tips | Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (oafc.on.ca)**.

While summer activities focus largely on activities outside the house, Fire safety inside the home remains important throughout the summer, especially in regard to:

Cooking – cooking fires remain the most common fire start in homes- never leave your cooking unwatched and be ready to deal with a cooking fire if one does occur by placing a lid over a burning pot, or by exiting the building quickly and calling 911 for assistance.

Smoke Alarms – working smoke alarms are the first line of fire safety defense in your home and it is important to test them regularly to ensure they are working safely and are ready to alert you and your family to smoke and fire in your home 24/7 every day of the year. While smoke alarms have been mandatory in Ontario homes since 2006, a growing number of fire deaths in Ontario are occurring in homes that do not have a working smoke alarm. Be sure the fire alarms in your home are properly installed and working and remember that residential smoke alarms have a 10 year replacement cycle. Over the next few months both smoke alarms and cooking safety will be featured in provincial and nationwide fire safety campaigns.

Smoke Alarms - the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal is looking to ensure that there is a **working smoke alarm in every home in Ontario**. The OFM recently announced a first ever province wide **TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARM DAY on September 28, 2023**, see; Fire Marshal Announces "Test Your Smoke Alarm Day" (newswire.ca). Watch for other details and smoke alarm initiatives and check your smoke alarm regularly to ensure it is working.

Cooking Safety - will be the focus during **Fire Prevention Week this October 8-14, 2023**. **ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR SUMMER! STAY SAFE**

Wildfire Risk Reduction Tips for Around Your Home



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Increase your wildfire safety. Make simple low-cost changes to your home and

landscape starting today.

Action Items to Improve Your Home's Survivability:

- **REMOVE** leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **SCREEN** areas below decks and porches with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent material from accumulating underneath.
- **COVER** exterior attic and soffit vents with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent sparks from entering your home.
- **ENCLOSE** eaves to help prevent ember entry.
- **INSPECT** shingles, metal roofing or roof tiles. **REPLACE** missing shingles, damaged metal roofing or tiles. **COVER** ends of tiles with bird stops or cement and ensure fascia and soffits are in good repair to help prevent ember penetration during a wildfire.

Tips for Landscaping Around Your Home

- **REMOVE** dead vegetation and other **flammable materials**, especially within the first **5 feet** of the home.
- **KEEP** your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to help reduce fire intensity.
- **PRUNE** tree limbs so the lowest branches are **6 to 10 feet** above the ground to help reduce the chance of fire getting into the crowns of the trees.
- **MOVE** construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least **30 feet** away from the home and other outbuildings.
- **DISPOSE** of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings that you have cut to reduce fuel for fire


*Source – NFPA - WildfireRiskReductionSafetyTips.ashx (nfpa.org)



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By Erin Laforest

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