

The Neebing News

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Half Load Restrictions in Effect on Neebing Roadways

March 17, 2021

The Municipality of Neebing has restrictions in place prohibiting heavy vehicles on municipal roadways. Effective immediately, half load restrictions have been placed on all municipal roads.

It is normal for spring thaw conditions to warrant weight restrictions on municipal roads. Such restrictions may be imposed at any time when the thaw starts and will continue to be in place until the frost has left the roadbed. Historically, restrictions are in place from approximately mid-March to mid-June annually. Changes in the freeze/thaw patterns may lengthen or shorten this time frame. It is the Working Roads Foreman who will make the call on the duration of the load restrictions. Monitor the Neebing website and Neebing's Facebook page for updates and information on load restrictions.

Except as otherwise permitted under Section 122 of the Highway

Traffic Act no person shall operate, or cause to be operated, a vehicle having a weight of greater than 5,000 kilograms per axel on all municipal roads. A link to the Act is available on the Neebing website.

Exemptions to the load restrictions include:

- a) vehicles operated by or on behalf of a municipality or other authority having jurisdiction and control of a highway, where the vehicles are engaged in highway maintenance, including the carriage and application of abrasives or chemicals to the highway, the stockpiling of abrasives or chemicals for use on a highway, or the removal of snow from a highway;
- b) vehicles used exclusively for the transportation of milk;
- c) fire apparatus;
- d) vehicles operated by or on behalf of a municipality transporting waste; or
- e) public utility emergency vehicles.

Does this Appeal to Your Inner Adventurer? The Great Trail of Canada

Submitted by Clara Butikofer

Question: What do Deer Lake, NFLD; Neebing, ON; Elbow, SK and Stewart Crossing, Yukon have in common?

Answer: They are all communities on Trans Canada Trail.

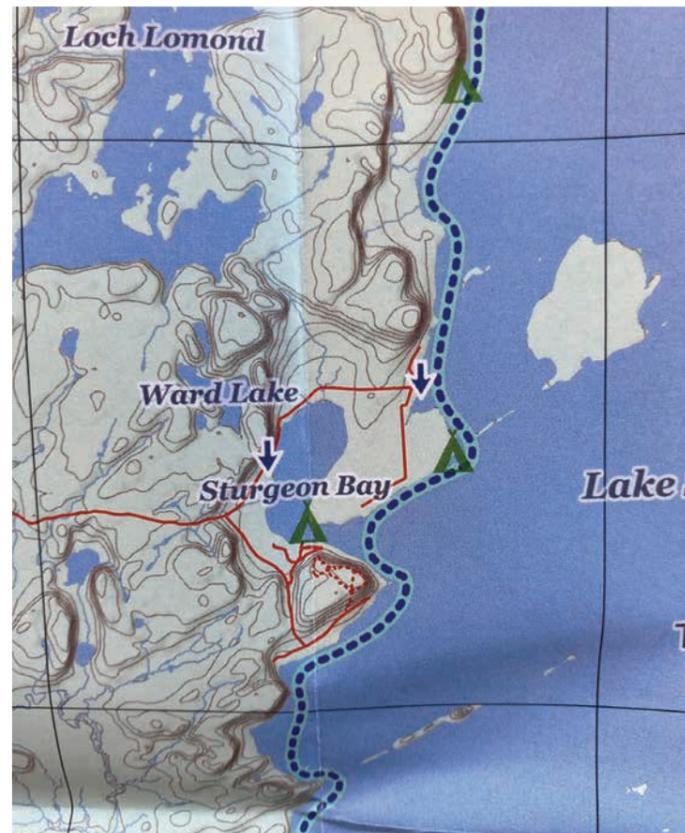
Neebing's section, maintained by Path of the Paddle Association, is a water trail on Lake Superior hosting 6 campsites accessible by water. These sites are in the proximity of the Carp River, Flatland Harbour, Sturgeon Channel, Jarvis Bay, McKellar Point and the south end of Spar Island. These well marked sites also include a "thunder box" and a bench. For more concise details you can purchase a map for \$12.95 from <https://www.pathofthepaddleassociation.com/shop> or arrange for curbside pick up in Neebing by contacting Clara at info@pathofthepaddleassociation.com.

This over view map shows the route from Fort William Historical Park all the way to Whiteshell Provincial Park. It's an 1100 km trek that has had a few full distance paddlers over the years, but it is really meant to be enjoyed for any distance.

An example adventure would be to set out at Margaret St boat launch and hug the shoreline north over sunken barges and along cliffs. Find the campsite and enjoy a picnic before returning. Similarly, travel south and pull into the campsite at the small bay before entering Sturgeon Channel. This beautiful spot is a goldmine for shore glass collectors. As you venture further into Sturgeon Channel you will find a campsite that was formerly used by commercial fishermen. Across from

it is a spot where you can access the Mink Mountain hiking trails. So many possibilities for day or overnight trips with adventures on water and land.

The local Regional Trail Committee is interested in collecting contact information if who wish to get involved as a volunteer grooming the trails or serving on the Board. Check out our website and find out more about the organization



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING NOTICE LOAD RESTRICTION



Road users are requested to take notice that Load Restrictions were applied to all municipal roads within Neebing, effective Thursday, March 17, 2021 at 8 a.m. and will continue until further notice.

Check with the municipal office or check Neebing's website for updates.

Barry Livingston, Public Works Foreman

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 text-enabled 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



Notice of a Public Meeting being held to consider an application for a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment
(Application Number Z01-2021)

As the Province of Ontario continues to take significant steps to limit the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, the Municipality of Neebing is focusing on protecting the health and safety of the public, staff and Council while at the same time processing Planning Act applications to ensure services that support community development can continue. Therefore, in accordance with Procedural By-law 2020-012, the Municipality of Neebing will hold an electronic public meeting in accordance with the Planning Act and the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act.

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, April 7, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., via electronic meeting 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 Wolfwood Enterprises ULC as the property owner. The land which is the subject matter of the application, is made up of three vacant parcels with no municipal address, located at the end of Little Trout Bay Road, and legally described as "Part of ML 11B, Parts 1 to 16 on Reference Plan of Survey 55R-12762, in the geographic Crooks Township, in the Municipality of Neebing and Province of Ontario".

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment seeks to add tourist commercial resort as a permitted use. This is a site-specific amendment that will apply only to the subject property. 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 Local Planning Appeal 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: Although in-person meetings have been cancelled, there are several ways in which the general public can provide input on the application, such as:

- a) Submit comments in writing by email, to clerk@neebling.org or by regular mail to the address below. Comments shall be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021.
- b) Register to speak at the electronic Public Meeting in advance by email, to clerk@neebling.org. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting by following the link provided through email. Please note that neither a computer, nor a video sharing device is required to participate in the electronic meeting. 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 zoning amendment is available for by calling the Clerk-Treasurer at 807-474-5331.

DATED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING this 15th day of March, 2021.

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

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Neebing News articles often suggest visiting a website for more information. Starting April 2021, all of the weblink suggestions will become active links in the electronic editions of the Neebing News.



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Once you open the April 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.

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Pastor Rob Cain Office: 475-5140
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Neebing Emergency Services

by Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief, Neebing



This is no JOKE

APRIL is actually HERE!

Following an interesting winter (with some extreme cold, and very little snow), the arrival of April allows us to transcend into the pleasures of Spring weather. Sightings of numerous hikers and bikers were reported out and about in Neebing - enjoying an early start on Spring activities, breathing lots of fresh air and absorbing sunshine (to assist their bodies in producing necessary Vitamin D). Although winter appears to be making a quick departure this year, unfortunately the now more than one (1) year old **COVID 19 virus** pandemic remains with us! We have seen a spiralling number of new cases appear in the region throughout March. While we are all feeling weary of the pandemic situation - with its hazards and restrictions - now is not the time to let our guard down.

A year ago, the behavioural triad of social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing at every turn and wearing face masks was a new and often awkward behaviour pattern deemed necessary to avoid infection from the virus. A year later, face masks, hand sanitizers and social-distancing are all 'old hat' and part of our social etiquette, and necessary supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) are much more easily available. And yet, the numbers rise and new variants of the virus are invading what we once thought of as our 'safe space(s)'. In the past month alone, we have transitioned from being fortunate to live in an area that had a very limited number of COVID cases to being identified as the Canadian 'hotspot'.

Last year someone sent me a phrase which I thought to be both cautionary and supportive with reference to our COVID situation, and its management. Wanting to share it with our residents, I posted the message on our highway signs. People called and said it was helpful and meaningful. This morning I once again posted the phrase up on the south facing sign at the municipal office, to serve as a reminder to travellers to 'follow the rules' as they head in to town. We are fortunate that we are now being offered an opportunity to be vaccinated against the COVID virus, but we all still need to be very careful. "Unless everyone plays the COVID-avoidance game, no one is safe". You may want to direct your attention to a piece on page 5 in this NN edition by Wendy Ligate, which provides insight and advice as to how to main-

tain your life-balance, even as the pandemic appears to be rebuilding (the Third Wave). A final note to share is that even people who have been vaccinated can still contract and spread the virus to others. To protect the health of those who have not yet been vaccinated, maintain your vigilance in following pandemic protocols until the pandemic is declared fully over!

Oh, by the way, for those who don't drive by the office, the message on the community sign board says

"THINK POSITIVETEST NEGATIVE"



Some FIRE SEASON Safety Reminders

A reminder to all that **April** is the start of the **Fire Season**, and burning permits will be **required** for **all burning** from now until Halloween. A word of caution to all, that it has been a **very dry** fall and winter with very limited snow cover and unless we receive additional moisture in the form of late snow or generous spring rains to start the fire season, fire bans may be the order of the day. As you may recall the 2020 fire season started with a province wide fire ban due to the impacts of COVID and without receiving more moisture, especially locally fire restrictions may be necessary again this year to start the season.

While spring is in the air, April is still a heating season and care should still be taken to ensure that your heating system is working properly and if you use portable space heaters on cool nights, ensure they are located a safe distance from combustibles. If the weather holds there will also be a rush to open **seasonal camps** this month and a reminder to ensure you **check your stoves and chimneys** before you light a fire and **test your Smoke and CO** alarms to ensure they are working. And a reminder that cold batteries will often not generate sufficient energy to power an alarm. Make sure they are warm before you try testing them.

April is a great month to get back outside and start working on the garden and landscaping and as you do keep in mind what improvements you can make, especially in the area around your home to reduce the threat of fire. FireSmart <https://www.ontario.ca/page/firesmart-landscaping#section-0> is a great reference for understanding and taking steps to improve your homes resistance to wildfire threats.

And a reminder to all who have campfires, incinerators and outdoor wood stoves, be sure that you maintain the area for at least **2 metres** around any campfire, incinerator or woodstove **clear of flammable materials**. You would be surprised how easy it can be for a fire to start and spread from a bit of dry grass or fine kindling materials located too close to a fire.

Remember- fire needs fuel to spread and if you break the path of material to support the spread of fire around your home you will increase its ability to survive a wildfire threat.

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Enjoy the seasonal change, stay vigilante with COVID protocols and Enjoy the outside life. Stay Safe.



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What's Been Happening at Council Meetings?

Since the March edition, there have been two regular Council meetings on March 3 and March 17. A Special Council meeting was also held on March 24.

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

- A report regarding referrals from Superior Country for the purposes of attracting tourists.
- Administration was directed to discontinue the subscription to the Localintel Business and Investment Assistant website service.
- Administration was directed to apply to the Healthy Communities Initiative for park improvements.
- Council reviewed a draft letter to Superior North Emergency Medical Services regarding their proposed Master Plan.

At the regular Council meeting on March 17, the following matters were considered:

- Council had a second review of the 2021 budget.
- Administration was directed to begin work on a new video project with Epica Pictures.
- Council reviewed a proposed turnaround on Valley Road West.
- Administration was directed to prepare NOHFC grant ap-

plications for outdoor rink improvements and an addition to the municipal office for fire services.

At the Special Council meeting on March 24, Council sitting as Committee of the Whole considered the following matters:

- Revisions to the draft Official Plan
- Amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law

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.

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Make a Plan

Build an Emergency Kit



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Covid-19 and Your Mental Health *by Wendy Scott-Ligate*

This past year has certainly been a trying time for all. Not only has it been affecting every day life, but those things many took for granted before as well.

Spending time with friends and loved ones. Having a 'cold one' around the campfire. Hugging your children, grandchildren or even parents.

Our lives have taken a drastic turn, and these many changes have especially impacted our mental health.

Outlined below are some of the things to look out for, not only in yourself, but in others as well. Know the 'signs', and don't be afraid to reach out.

Reactions during an infectious disease outbreak can include:

- Fear and worry about your own health status and that of your loved ones who may have been exposed to COVID-19
- Changes in sleep or eating patterns
- Difficulty sleeping or concentrating
- Worsening of chronic health problems
- Increased use of alcohol, tobacco, or recreational drugs
- Feelings of helplessness, boredom, loneliness and depression due to being isolated
- Common symptoms of other health problems (e.g., a cough) can be mistaken for COVID-19 and lead to fear of being infected
- Some people may become more distressed if they see repeated images or hear repeated reports about the outbreak in the media.

Some of these fears and reactions spring from a realistic understanding of the dangers of a virus pandemic, but many reactions and behaviours are also fed by rumours and misinformation.

Some people may have positive experiences, such as pride in their contributions to community and in finding ways of coping and resilience. Community members often show great altruism and cooperation, and people may experience great satisfaction from helping others.

Things you can do to support yourself and your family:

- Stay informed, but avoid excessive exposure to media coverage of COVID-19. Periodically check the news and recommendations from trusted sites such as Corona virus disease (COVID-19) and local health authorities. Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories. It can be upsetting to hear about the crisis in a constant stream.
- Take care of your body. Take deep breaths, stretch or meditate. Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep and avoid excessive alcohol and recreational drugs.
- Accept that there may be disappointment or frustration at changing plans such as cancelled or postponed vacations, or family visits. Acknowledge and accept strong emotions.
- Try as much as possible to stick to a daily routine, or create new ones to get through this period. If possible, make opportunities for children to play and relax.
- Connect with others in your social networks virtually through e-mail, phone calls or social media. Share your concerns and how you are feeling with a friend or family member. Maintain healthy relationships.
- Draw on skills that you have used in the past during difficult times to manage your emotions during this outbreak. Relaxation techniques may work for some people, others may find engaging in enjoyable hobbies or activities is effective.
- Maintain a sense of hope and positive thinking.
- Focus on the positive aspects of your life and things you can control. For situations that are beyond your control, you may want to shift your emotional response by distracting yourself with another task (cooking, cleaning), going for a walk, taking a bath, talking to a friend on the phone or meditating.
- Stay prepared and apply social distancing and preventive measures such as frequent hand washing and cough etiquette. If you are sick, stay home

and reach out to medical help as appropriate to your situation (e.g., military compared to civilian).

During times of increased stress, most individuals will use their own positive coping strategies to manage the increased demands, and it is important to maintain an ongoing awareness of your health and well-being during this period. Note any significant changes in behaviour, including listening to friends and family members if they express concern for your well-being, and ensure that coping strategies remain positive and effective

Ask for help if you feel overwhelmed or concerned that COVID-19 is affecting your ability to care for yourself or your family. Reach out to a family member, friend or a professional.

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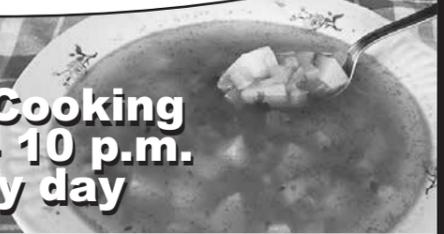
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The Rural Pharmacist: Goodbye IDA, Hello Evergreen Pharmacies!

by Devon Myers, Pharmacist/Owner of Kakabeka and Rosslyn Pharmacies

Over the past four years patients have become accustomed to the level of care and service provided at the Kakabeka Falls and Rosslyn IDA pharmacies. We strongly believe that our staff exemplify what it means to represent our community as healthcare providers. Although our patients may recognize the IDA name, our pharmacy staff is the true driving force behind our two local community pharmacies.

It is with great excitement that Henry and I have the opportunity to announce that beginning April 1, 2021 we will be moving forward with a new pharmacy name. This is not an April fool's joke! Welcome Evergreen pharmacies! Don't worry. We have not picked up our buildings and moved them to Arthur Street! In fact, other than a few modifications inside the pharmacies there will be few changes to note. Out with the blue and red. In with the forest green. What will remain the same is the level of service you've come to know provided by the same staff you've come to trust.

When someone welcomes your phone call with "Thank you for calling Evergreen Pharmacy, how can we help?" do not be afraid! You're calling the right pharmacy. In fact, you can help us out. It's no secret that word of mouth goes a long way in our community. If a neighbour asks about Evergreen Pharmacy you can let them know it's the same team from Kakabeka Falls and Rosslyn IDA. If they've got further questions they can always give us a call; the phone numbers haven't changed!

Speaking of phone calls, we've had a lot of inquiries as to whether or not we will be participating in the Covid-19 vaccination program offered through community pharmacies. The short answer is yes. The long answer

is a bit more complicated. We have reached out to the Thunder Bay District Health Unit for guidance on the rollout of this program. Unfortunately, at the time of writing this article the health unit was unable to inform us on how they will be working with community pharmacies to distribute a vaccine in our region. Our pharmacies are ready to help however we can. We're just waiting for a green light!

Have you signed up for our email newsletter yet? If not, you may want to consider it. Once we are given direction on the vaccination program we will be using our email newsletter as a handy way to communicate with our patients. As mentioned in our previous article, there's a few ways to get on our email list. You can call us directly, you can message us on Facebook or you can email us at pharmacyupdates2021@gmail.com. This newsletter will also serve to inform out patients about general happenings in the pharmacy.

We thank everyone in the community for your business and support ever since we opened our doors in Kakabeka Falls and Rosslyn. For some, it is a tough decision to move on from their pharmacy in town and transfer their prescriptions to us, but we have truly strived to offer the best patient-centred service that we can offer. Nobody is just a number in our store. As in any business, there may be some hiccups here and there, but we value the opportunity to make things right so that you are comfortable and satisfied with the level of care and service we strive to provide. We are excited to continue to grow with Evergreen Pharmacies and we hope that that name becomes synonymous with people you and your family can trust. There are some more really exciting changes coming in 2021. But, I'll leave you on that cliff hanger.

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Neebing Fire/ Rescue Association NFRA News

Respectfully submitted: Joy Harris, President NFRA

Our EXCITING news is the outstanding success of the our "Fill the Fire Hose" campaign! Many, many thanks to you, the residents of Neebing as we support Neebing Emergency Services. Through your donations, big and small, the new Pumper Fire Truck will be well equipped to respond when needed.

Following this year's AGM in February, elections were held and surprisingly I found myself in the position of president. With the tremendous support of Past President Carole Aitken and the encouragement of our current board members, I have stepped into this role. I have lived in what is now Neebing for over 30 years. Having recently retired, I looked for an opportunity to give back to our community. Supporting our Neebing Emergency Services through membership in the NFRA presented as a perfect fit. I hope to serve you well.

I would like to introduce the new executive board of your NFRA for 2021.

- President** - Joy Harris
- Vice President** - Mary Ann Beckwith
- Treasurer** - Clara Butikofer
- Secretary** - Karen Davies
- At Large** - Delma Stajkowski
- Kris Ligate

You will recognize the names of several experienced board members who have, once again, selflessly taken on roles. My sincere thanks to them all.

Thank you also to the 2021 donors to date: Joseph and Leah Salini, Dr. Bill and Beverly Mercer, Robert and Jacquie Nunn, Michael Nunn and others that wish to remain anonymous.

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.

Latest NFRA fire hose graphic and photos submitted by our Treasurer, Clara Butiofer

Here we have it The new Neebing Emergency Services pumper. Watch for updates when signage and hoses are added! Thanks one and all and especially to Copperfin Credit Union for bringing us to the top of the hose!



Help us ...

FILL THE FIRE HOSE

\$47,000

ITEMS TO PURCHASE:					
Back Up Camera	\$ 2,500	✓	Automatic Tire Chains	\$ 3,000	✓
Booster Reel	\$ 3,000	✓	Folding Access Ladder	\$ 3,500	✓
Hard Hosebed Covers	\$ 8,000	✓	Generator and automatic electric cord reel	\$12,000	✓
Deck Gun-remote control	\$15,000	✓	TOTAL	\$47,000	

Firetruck Wrap Up.....

The Fire Hose is Full!

by Clara Butikofer

It's an exciting month in Neebing. The new truck arrived as well as the last donations needed to fill the firehose! Neebing Fire/Rescue Association started 2021 with \$14,329 of the \$17,000 goal. So far in 2021, we celebrate the continued generosity of Neebing citizens who provided \$1349 in donations and Cop-perfin Credit Union's contribution of \$1322 to complete the goal! The \$47,000 total included funds raised at events pre COVID as well. Let's not forget the dollars that came in through bake sales, barbeques, metal sales, donations, Donate a car, tailgate rentals and silent auctions. A number of items have been bought for this truck from our lottery accounts as well and not included in the \$47,000 total. The ticket you bought for the 5050 in 2019 or at a penny auction may have paid for one of these items.:

- 2 Gated wyes (water flow controllers) \$ 1,389
- Nozzles & suction hose for new fire pumper \$ 4,774
- Fire hose & couplings for new fire pumper \$17,369

TOTAL FROM LOTTERY FUNDS \$23,532

Our Fill Fire Hose Campaign is complete. We will keep you posted of what our next project will be.

Below is a collage of some of the items we collected funds for.



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Every day, we are conscious of our duty to be accountable to Canadians— this includes taking action to address the challenges associated with COVID-19 and to contribute to community well-being in the areas where we live, work and engage.

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Beyond Books: Connecting Through the Pandemic

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

While the Library facilities remain closed to the public, Library staff have found creative ways to engage the public, connect with them, and provide services in a safe way. None of us could have imagined the service delivery changes that we are experiencing today.

Staff have responded to these unique challenges and continue to provide for learning opportunities, recreational reading, and other areas to meet community needs. Curbside services are loaning out about 200 items weekly to Library members. Curbside is held from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays at Rosslyn Library and Wednesdays at Murillo Library. Each week the Library also sends to, or receives from other libraries, about 25 items weekly through interlibrary loans. Since the beginning of January 2021, over 1350 ebooks and audio books online have been provided. In response to increased demand for ebooks, Library staff increased the choices of books available. In addition, staff developed some programs and craft activities for younger children and families. Information on all of these services can be found on facebook.

None of the services provided through the Library would be possible without the significant support of the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge. The Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge is the primary funder of your Library services. In January, 2021, Council approved funding in the amount of \$70,117.38 towards the Library operations. In addition to this direct contribution of funding, the Municipality provides facility space at both the Rosslyn Community Hall and Murillo Community Hall for the Library to operate. Our thanks to the Mayor and Council and township Administration for their continued and important support of this community service.

As well, the Library receives provincial funding from the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture. In 2021, the amount of \$12,338.00 will be received for Library operations. Further, adjacent municipalities and townships contract services from the Oliver Paipoonge Library. These areas apply to and receive funding from the same Ministry which is then turned over to the Library in exchange for use of all Library services. Funding received from these contracts includes the Municipality of Neebing (\$4992) and the Townships of Gillies (\$984), O'Connor (\$1220), and Conmee (\$1225). Finally, the Library has also been seeking ways to improve its facility use and increase accessibility for when the doors open again to the public. The Library was successful in receiving an Investing in Canada Infrastructure Grant (ICIP) for an accessible customer service desk to be built for each facility. The ICIP grant is a collaborative funding opportunity provided by the Federal Ministry of Infrastructure and Communities (40% of the total project cost) and the Provincial Ministry of Infrastructure through its Community, Recreation and Culture funding stream (33.33% of the total project cost). The federal government provided \$3419.14 and the provincial government provided \$2849 towards the project. In addition to the government funding, the Library is providing \$2279.70 from funds raised through events such as the Whiskey Tasting Fundraiser which was hosted prior to the pandemic.

Your Library continues to connect with residents during this time by providing valuable services to residents: It is just connecting very differently. Give your Library a call or send an email to find out more about what it has to offer.

Neebing Municipal Services During COVID-19

Updated April 1, 2021

Municipal Buildings:

All Municipal Buildings are **CLOSED** to the general public during the **RED-CONTROL** and **GREY-LOCKDOWN** phases of the Provincial COVID-19 Response Framework. At the time of writing (March 18, 2021), Neebing is currently in the **GREY-LOCKDOWN** phase.

The Municipal Office will re-open when we enter the Orange, Yellow or Green phases of the Provincial COVID-19 Response Framework. COVID-19 safety measures are in place for both the public and staff. Entry restrictions include:

- Only one visitor at a time is permitted inside the building
- Active and passive health screening of individuals
- The wearing of face masks is **MANDATORY**

Municipal Council Meetings:

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

Municipal Services:

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

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

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

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

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Rural Family Centre



Child and Family Centre

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!

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Hymers Fair News

by Shannon Dodd-Smith

Yes! April has arrived!

South-facing rooms and greenhouses are bursting with new life....lawns, gardens and fields will start showing some green....and growers, producers and gatherers will be back into the busy life.

Earth Day is also in April; and I recently saw a quote that said something like, "**what we do to our earth, we do to ourselves**". So succinct and *so personal*.

It's a blunt reminder that even as growers and producers...no, especially growers and producers, **every choice we make matters so much!** We are lucky to have conscientious growers, producers, restaurants, and merchants here in Northwestern Ontario.

In fact, the Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy (TBAFS) has created a new digital directory that makes it much easier for consumers to connect with these folks.

The benefits to supporting local and ecologically-sustainable are multifold....and you guessed it - come right back to you and/or your kin.

The TBAFS embraces this con-

cept; and describes itself as being "committed to creating a healthy, equitable, and sustainable food system that contributes to the economic, ecological, and social well-being and health of the city of Thunder Bay and Area". Right on!

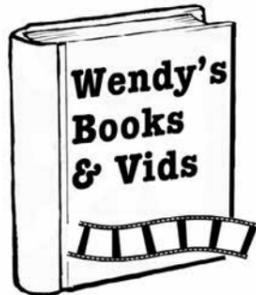
In the future, the new digital directory will also include information on agri-food-related events such as festivals and fairs, and resources and learning opportunities. Definitely something we'll watch for!

The Hymers Fair plan is pending for Fall 2021, but we know for sure there will be exhibits!

So, hang onto those homecraft masterpieces you created during lockdown. Be ready to feature your pandemic pet! Get your membership if you didn't have one in 2020 (we are honouring 2020 cardholders); and keep checking the website for news and updates!

The Agricultural Society Board of Directors meets once a month; and **all members are welcome to attend**. Please contact Debbie: info@hymersfair.com; 475-8586.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



by Wendy Galbraith O'Connor

Book Reviews ~

Our Darkest Night - by Jennifer Robson (2021, trade paperback)

Canadian author Jennifer Robson pleases yet again with a war-themed novel (her specialty)! Our Darkest Night follows Nina Mazin's plight during the closing two years of World War II. The story seems sad but sedate as the book opens. Nina's Jewish family has been Italian for generations, making their lives near Venice. Her father, a physician, has recently been forbidden by government authorities to practise medicine, and he and Nina must make clandestine forays to the homes of his patients. As the wartime days darken, Dr. Mazin arranges for his daughter to travel to the Italian countryside north of Venice, to live with a trusted family. Soon, the storyline is no longer bland. The family's eldest son, Niccolo, with whom Nina has travelled to the family farm in the guise of his new wife, is very active in ferrying numerous people and families to relative safety either in the adjoining countryside or further, in Switzerland. His own family supports him in this endeavour. We follow the story as a romance develops between Nina and Niccolo, and as their lives are fractured and imperiled by increasing Nazi activity. I won't give away more than that - make sure to put this novel on your list!

Video Reviews ~

Death at a Funeral (2007, British, Comedy)

I like funny films, and this is one of my favourites. Impeccably directed and refined, at the same time this movie features brilliant physical and situational comedy. Funerals are fraught occasions at the best of times, with bickering siblings, old rivalries revived, and genuine grief. Among the pageantry at this particular funeral we detect awkwardness, good-will, vanity, generosity and fear. And thus comes the comedy, especially with the appearance of a stranger - a little person with a salacious secret to share. Matthew Macfadyen of *Pride & Prejudice*, *The Pillars of the Earth* and *Howard's End* gives a stellar performance as the elder brother who must deal with this circus, while maintaining the dignity of the event.

All items reviewed in this column are available at the Oliver Paipoonge Public Library.

COVID-19: Know the facts

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Be extra careful around people who are at higher risk.

NEEBING LANDFILL NEWS



Summer Landfill Hours

A reminder that summer hours start at the landfill on April 1st

Saturdays: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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



Garbage Bag Tags

Regular household garbage requires a Municipal Garbage Bag Tag. Pick up your tags at the landfill sites directly during regular hours of operation. You must present photo ID to the attendant in order to receive your tags.



Back to Bags for Plastics & Cans

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Chix in the Stix

The Power of Critters

by Cindy Harasen

While I personally have not felt inclined to celebrate the Covid 1st year anniversary, I do see our clan potentially celebrating some things related to it in the months and years ahead. There are some great memories that we will likely hold tight to and talk about in years to come. Things which we never saw coming and which brought unexpected joy to our hearts and our home. Seems the big guy upstairs knew exactly what we needed to get through all this and made it happen. Because I know I never asked for rats. And yet there we were at midnight in a dark parking lot looking like we were embarking on some kind of illicit dealings when in fact it was the passing of the rats from one home to another. So that was the start of the fun. And 'the boys' - Bert and Ernie - have been a blessing beyond belief. There were honestly a few tears shed by my daughter who claimed she never knew how much she needed them in her life until she had them. And while of course fancy rats may not be everyone's cup of tea, that's okay. I don't think it's so much that they are rats as it is they are tiny critters. Critters that need you and depend on you. That require your attention every day. They have been the surprising perfect remedy on those less than sunny days when getting out of bed has felt like a challenge. When preparing healthy food has felt like a chore. When being productive felt almost out of reach. Bert and Ernie saved her. Days were spent building and designing the perfect home and habitat. They are spoiled little creatures. They even have their own miniature herb garden for digging and nibbling. And as Covid has continued, our menagerie has grown. First came Coco, a senior hedgehog who needed some extra attention. She had originally come from a less than ideal home and while on the mend still needed some extra care. And bit by bit with daily hands on care and exercise she has flourished. And so did my daughter. I still don't know how you cuddle a hedge hog but trust me you can. I've seen it happen. Next came Lola.

Another hedgehog. Much younger and tinier than Coco, and much more active. More habitat construction. More cuddling and play time. More spoiling. I swear they eat better than anyone in the house. Cocoa's teeth aren't that great so she needs mostly soft food. Scrambled eggs. Boiled salmon and chicken. They get lovely warm sink baths and belly rubs and floor time (in a giant plastic ball). They visit with the rats. They run on their exercise wheels at all hours of the night. And loving them and caring for them and the rats has been a gift. And while I do none of the work, I reap the rewards as they bring life and laughter to the house. Oh there's also the turtle. She's been around for ages and also gets great care. She's currently undergoing some shell-maintenance and I have come to expect seeing her in the bathtub on a regular basis. And just last week Dave the fish joined the family. I might be running out flat surfaces for cages soon. Seems we can't go to town without bringing home either a new plant or a new pet. And I don't mind at all. Because this caring for things. Things that would not survive without us. There is something to it. This outpouring of our time and energy does something to heal our hearts and minds. And it keeps us going. I think if you are feeling low, or a bit run down after yet another lock down, well you don't have to get rats or hedgehogs, but a \$5 fish, or a not-too-high maintenance plant could do the trick. Adopt them. Name them. Care for them. And suddenly caring for yourself becomes just as important and meaningful and the sun begins to shine again.

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Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

submitted by LRCA Staff

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All Conservation Areas Regulations must be followed while visiting, including payment of the mandatory \$5.00 per vehicle parking fee (payable online or via coin boxes at applicable areas), always keeping dogs on-leash and picked-up-after, and removing your own garbage. If you visit our Conservation Areas frequently, consider purchasing an Explore Card Parking Pass. For \$40.00 +HST, this pass will allow for unlimited parking at all Conservation Area and publicly accessible

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The beginning of March Lake Superior water level was 19 centimetres above the beginning of March average; however, 14 centimetres lower than the same time last year. The lake will soon begin its seasonal level increase into the summer. The 2021 spring freshet has been uneventful, with below average snow levels and water content when compared to typical averages at this time of year. Typical snow depths for March 15th range from 34 to 54 centimetres, where the actual depth measured on March 15, 2021 ranged from 15 to 42 centimetres. Warmer weather since the last survey has further depleted the snowpack. Low precipitation into the fall and below average snowpack may further lower the already low groundwater levels. Staff will continue to monitor spring conditions and issue Flood Messaging and Low Water Condition Statements when warranted.

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Rural 60 Plus

The current board of directors of Rural 60 Plus have all agreed to continue on in their current positions until such a time as we can have an AGM (annual general meeting).



To find out when we are able to re-open for dances, check the event hot line 473-9122 for announcements.

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

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



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

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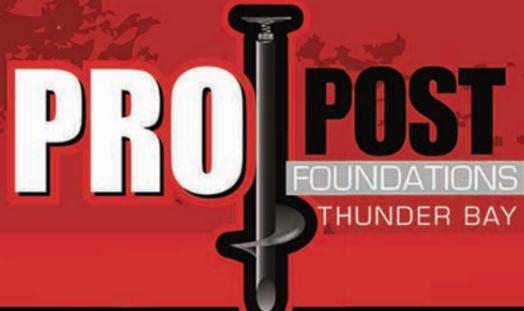
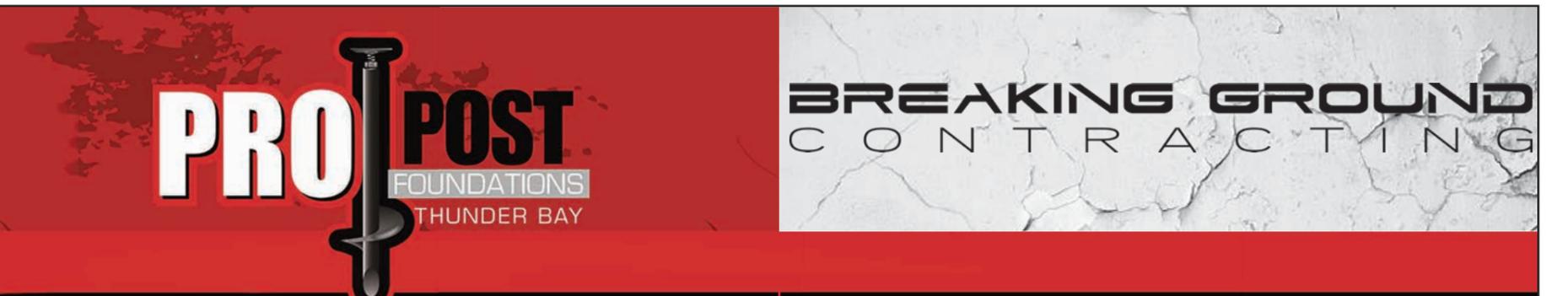
April Events at the Gillies Community Centre

Spring Craft & Vendor Market
 Saturday, April 10th 11-2pm
 Local Crafters & Artisans Unique Handmade Gifts
 Vendors and MORE! Admission is FREE!

BOOK SWAP
 Saturday, April 17 & Sunday, April 18
 11-5pm daily. 1000's of titles for every age! FREE event,
 monetary donations graciously accepted.

Attention all Green-Thumbs and Wannabees!
 The Gillies Community Centre has funding to develop a Community
 Garden but needs a volunteer committee to make it happen.
 All produce grown will benefit community members in need.
 Celebrate Canada! Célébrez le Canada!
 If you'd like to share or learn Ag. and Gardening skills this Spring,
 please contact us @ gilliescommunitycentre@gmail.com ASAP.

SAVE THE DATE!
 On May 29, 1-3pm the GCC will be hosting a tailgate Seedling Exchange.
 Book a spot (no charge) and bring what you have to trade, give, or sell!
 More to details to come. Follow us on FACEBOOK for info & updates!
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