



The Neebing News

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**THE NEEBING REC COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO**

Family Skate Night

**FEBRUARY 7th, 2025
OUTDOOR PAVILION AT CENTURY PARK
TIME: 5pm - 7pm**

Popcorn, s'mores, hot chocolate and coffee will be provided free of charge. Hot dogs will be \$2 each. Crafts and a movie will be held inside the hall. Come on out and enjoy our first family skate night!

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Volunteers Needed for Outdoor Rinks

The Municipality of Neebing is looking for volunteers to help keep the rinks at the Outdoor Pavilion at Century Park and Alf Olsen Memorial Park clear of snow for the upcoming skating season. If you're interested in helping this season, please contact the office at 807-474-5331.



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winter safety

what you should know about
winter weather

- Add warm clothes & blankets to your emergency kit
- Bring your pets inside during cold weather
- Stay connected by radio, TV or online

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what you should know about
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- stay off the road before, during & after storm
- stay informed
- be prepared at home, at work and in your car

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VOLLEYBALL DROP-IN CO-ED 18+ FUN LEAGUE

Event Details

START DATE: October 2, 2025- May 14, 2026

WHEN: Thursday nights from 7pm - 9pm (except during school holidays)

WHERE: Valley Central School gym (563 Candy Mountain Dr)

Please enter through the side door

Please send an email to Joel at vman814@gmail.com **to be added to the mailing list.**



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 voice mailbox 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!

Looking for Committee Members

Council is seeking members of the public to join the newly created Neebing Senior's Development Steering Committee and the Neebing FireSmart Committee.

The mandate for the Senior's Development Steering Committee is as follows:

- Oversee the planning and design of a new senior's living development;
- Ensure the design aligns with the municipality's strategic plan and meets the needs of the community;
- Explore potential funding sources and strategies to support the development; and
- Explore possible facility operational management opportunities.

The current committee members have been meeting on once a month on a Wednesday at 4:30 pm.

The mandate for the FireSmart Committee is as follows:

- Direct and lead the implementation of the Neebing FireSmart Plan;
- Support FireSmart public education and awareness within the Municipality of Neebing and the Thunder Bay District;
- Promote community involvement in the FireSmart Program;
- Advocate for broader vegetation management throughout the Northwest Region;
- Develop and support strong partnerships between all stakeholder groups in the municipality as well as regional entities; and
- Organize and/or participate in community programs promoting FireSmart objectives and initiatives.

A regular meeting schedule will be established once the committee has been appointed.

For both committees:

General information about participating on volunteer committees is set out in By-law 2016-022, which includes a Volunteer Code of Conduct. Volunteers are paid an honorarium of \$25 for each regular meeting of the Committee which they attend.

To apply, please complete the application form at <https://www.neebing.org/committees>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk-Treasurer at 474-5331 or clerk@neebing.org.

The deadline to apply is **Thursday, January 28th at Midnight**. Council will review the applications and make appointments at the February 4th Council meeting.

Winter Road Maintenance Standards in Neebing

Municipality of Neebing's Roads Maintenance Policy sets out detailed, standards-based procedures for winter road maintenance that are designed to balance safety, affordability, and practical service levels for residents.

Road Classifications Matter

The level of winter maintenance depends on the classification of each municipal road. You can find the full list of classifications in the Road Maintenance Policy at: www.neebing.org/snowclearing.

Winter Maintenance Standards Overview

Winter Season: October 1st to April 30th

Surface Condition: Municipal roads are maintained as snow-packed surfaces, not bare conditions.

Acceptable Snowpack Thickness: 0.5 cm to 5 cm

Snow Accumulation Removal

When the Working Roads Foreman is aware of snow accumulation (snow or slush covering more than half a lane width to a depth of 10 cm or more), resources are deployed as soon as practicable.

Removal times by road class:

Class of Municipal Road	Time
Class 5	24 hours
Class 6	48 hours
Class 6A	72 hours
Class 6B	Once per month
After the storm ends, roads must be cleared to less than 10 cm depth and a minimum width of 5 meter	

Ice Prevention and Treatment

The Municipality actively attempts to prevent ice formation through weather monitoring, patrols, and inspections. If ice formation is likely, roads are treated with a salt and sand mixture within these timeframes:

Class of Municipal Road	Time
Class 5	16 hours
Class 6	24 hours
Class 6A	36 hours
Class 6B	N/A

Salt and sand are not applied to Class 6B, 6C, Seasonally Maintained, or Unmaintained Municipal Roads.

When sand and salt is applied simultaneously with plowing, the sand/salt is applied to inclines and corners on municipal roads, and not on the portions of road in between those areas, on the first pass of the plow truck. Vehicles will return to place sand and salt on the longer stretches of road when the plowing is completed, which may not be until the following day or two. Plow trucks require the weight of the sand/salt in order to be able to plow. Accordingly, the sand/salt mix is applied sparingly until plowing has been completed. Otherwise, the plow truck would need to leave a municipal road partially unplowed in order to re-fill the truck when it becomes empty. This is inefficient and causes undue delays in plowing operations. Users of the municipal roads must adjust their driving accordingly.

Other Standards Contained in the Policy

- **No Prioritization:** Resource limitations mean prioritization cannot be given to specific roads based on school buses, illnesses, or unusual working hours.
- **Weather Monitoring:** Current and forecasted weather conditions are checked a minimum of three times per day during winter.
- **Unmaintained Roads:** Unmaintained and Seasonally Maintained Roads, including Class 6C, receive no winter maintenance services, and users access them at their own risk.

Seeking assistance with cleaning and general upkeep for a seasonal resort near Ignace. We are looking for either an individual to help with cleaning duties or a pair who can assist with cleaning and additional tasks. If you have your own camper to park and spend the spring, summer, and fall on the lake, that would be a plus.

Please contact Gayle at: gkadleresorts3@hotmail.com for more information

Winter Safety Reminder: Adjust Driving to Road Conditions and Travel Safe

As we are in the midst of winter weather, the Municipality reminds residents of important practices to ensure safe and efficient snow removal and driving conditions.

Before You Travel

- Avoid unnecessary travel during severe weather. If conditions look bad, delay your trip if possible.
- If you can't delay your trip, consider leaving early and stay somewhere closer to your intended destination.
- Check for closures on municipal roads at <https://www.facebook.com/Neebing/> and www.neebing.org.
- Visit www.511on.ca to check on provincial highway conditions and road closures.
- Clear ice and snow from your windows, lights, mirrors, and roof before driving.

On the Road

1. Slow Down and Stay in Control

Many winter collisions happen because drivers are going too fast for road conditions. Avoid cruise control on wet, snowy, or icy pavement because it reduces reaction time and control. Steer gently on curves and slippery surfaces. Hard braking, quick acceleration, and sudden gear changes can cause skids. If you skid, release the brakes and steer in the direction you want to go carefully, to avoid spinning.

2. Give Space

Stopping takes longer on slippery roads. Leave extra space between your vehicle and others.

3. Focus and Stay Alert

Put down the phone and avoid distractions. Watch the road surface closely. Grey-white asphalt is normal in winter, but black and shiny may indicate ice. On gravel roads, look for areas that appear wet or polished, as they can be icy or packed snow. Remember that shaded areas and bridges freeze first.

4. See and Be Seen

Use your full lighting system in poor visibility or whiteout conditions. If conditions become dangerous, pull over safely and wait for the weather to improve.

Avoid Parking on Municipal Roads

Please avoid parking on roads. Parked vehicles interfere with snow plowing operations, creating snow windrows that negatively impact traffic flow. When plows must return to clear these areas, it results in additional costs and inconvenience for neighbors who often must clear their driveway windrows again.

Every Snow Event is Unique

No two storms are alike. Different areas of the Municipality can experience varying amounts of snow, rain, or ice. These unique conditions determine the response required, and predicting the timeline for final cleanup is often difficult in advance. Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Keep Snow on Your Property

While the Municipality devotes significant resources to clearing roads, residents sometimes deposit snow and ice from their property onto public areas without realizing the impact. This practice contravenes municipal by-laws, creates unsafe driving and walking conditions, and increases winter maintenance costs.

When you're clearing snow from your driveway, please keep this snow on your property. Your efforts in making winter driving and walking safe for everyone are appreciated.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our roads safe this winter!

NEEBING LANDFILL NEWS

Winter Landfill Hours

A reminder that winter hours start at the landfill on October 1st
Saturdays: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sundays: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm



Garbage Punch Cards

Regular household garbage requires a punch on your Municipal Punch Card. Be sure to bring your punch card to the landfill each time. No punch card means you will not be permitted to dump your garbage.



Back to Bags for Plastics & Cans

Please BAG your plastics and cans. Clear and blue bags are recommended. Bags help to keep the mountain of recycling much more manageable. Cardboard does not have to be bagged, only flattened.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PASS A PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW

TAKE NOTICE THAT, at a public meeting to be held at the Municipal Office (4766 Highway 61, Neebing) on January 21, 2026, commencing at 6:00 p.m., Council for The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing will consider passing a by-law to adopt property standards.

The purpose of a property standards by-law is to:

- Prescribe minimum standards for the maintenance, repair, and occupancy of properties to ensure they are safe, habitable, and free from hazards.
- Require any property that does not conform to these standards to be repaired or, in some cases, cleared of all structures.
- Establish a Property Standards Committee to hear appeals from property owners or occupants who are not satisfied with an order issued under the by-law

The draft Property Standards By-law is available at www.neebing.org/notices or by contacting the municipal office at 807-474-5331.

Any person who wishes to comment on this matter in person may attend the meeting and will be invited to make his or her input orally.

Any person who wishes to comment on this process in writing may do so via mail, fax, hand delivery or e-mail to:

Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer
Municipality of Neebing
4766 Highway 61, Neebing, ON P7L 2B9
Fax: 807-474-5332
Email: clerk@neebing.org

Written comments will be accepted until 6:00 p.m. on the night of the meeting.

Seniors' Independent Living Housing Survey Your Input Matters!

The Municipality of Neebing is exploring the possibility of developing Seniors Independent Living Housing to better serve the needs of our aging population. Your feedback is essential in shaping a housing solution that reflects the preferences and priorities of our community.

Whether you are a senior yourself, a caregiver, or a resident planning for the future, please take a few moments to complete the survey, which covers key topics, including:

- Preferred dwelling types and unit sizes.
- Financial models (e.g., subsidized, rental, or ownership).
- Essential support services like snow clearing or healthcare access.
- Opportunities for community involvement and expertise.

The survey is available online at <https://forms.neebing.org/Seniors-Development-Survey>

or you can pick up a copy of the survey at the municipal office at 4766 Highway 61.

Your responses will help us understand what matters most to you and ensure that any future development aligns with the needs of Neebing's seniors.

You are also invited to attend the **Public Open House at the Blake Hall, 71 Blake Hall Road, on February 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm.**

Thank you for taking the time to contribute to this important initiative.

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/neebing

Instagram: www.instagram.com/municipalityofneebing

January is Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month

by Meaghan Forneri, Deputy Chief of Medical Operations

January is fire fighter cancer awareness month, and we would like to take this opportunity to share some information with our community about the health risks firefighters face when choosing this line of work. As firefighters we race to emergencies at all hours of the day, rain or shine, snow, or sleet. We consistently run towards danger while others are running away from it. While we can typically see the dangers we face as fire fighters, there is one that strikes fear in all fire fighters nation wide that we cannot see—the dreaded “C” word. Cancer is a frightening word for anyone, but have you ever thought about the weight it carries, or the risks associated with it in the fire service?

When the average person thinks about the risks of being a fire fighter they think about the physical ones. Burns & inhalation, cuts & scrapes and over exertion injuries from battling structure fires and rescuing patients from motor vehicle collisions. However, Fire Fighter Occupational Cancer is the leading cause of death in the fire service and is responsible for an astounding 85% of line-of-duty deaths.

Fire fighters can be exposed to hundreds of known carcinogens in the form of gases, vapors, or particulates throughout their career. Some of which are known or suspected of causing specific cancers, for example Formaldehyde. Formaldehyde-based resins are used in wood products such as plywood, particleboard, and fiberboard, which are used in so many areas of the home both inside and out. Formaldehyde-based resins are used to make sheathing and cladding, asphalt shingles, furniture and paneling, insulation, and flooring systems, paints & varnishes, laminated countertops, cabinets & moulding and more! This is only an example of ONE toxin that fire fighters are guaranteed to encounter at an active structure fire –there are hundreds more!

Neebing Emergency Services works extremely hard to help reduce the exposure to its fire fighters. Our first line of defence is the basic PPE we wear to any fire or motor vehicle collision: turnout gear and SCBA's (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus). Turnout gear provides a barrier between our skin and the chemicals & heat being emitted by the fire. However, after the emergency is over and our gear has done its job in keeping us safe—it is now considered contaminated. Contaminated gear is equally as much of a risk for us as the fire it's self! We have a second line of defence which encompasses decontamination of our gear. All contaminated turnout gear is bagged in special HAZMAT bags on scene and transported back to the fire hall in the box of a truck (never inside a vehicle) for decontamination. Special Extraction Washing Machines are used to remove all the contamination from our gear, while cleaning solutions are used on our SCBA's, boots, helmets, and hoses. The last line of protection is cleaning our own bodies. Immediately after any structure fire it is imperative that all firefighters take a shower as soon as they can to ensure all toxins are removed from our skin and hair.

There are many hours of clean-up and equipment decontamination after what would seem to be a simple fire call. Once the fire is out, we still have hours of clean-up and decontamination to do. This years Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month is focussing on strategies to reduce cancer risk throughout a fire fighter's life. This includes implementing best practices in station design to limit exposures to carcinogens, emphasizing precautions during firefighting measures and designated decontamination zones and procedures.

Firefighting may not always be glamorous, but the dangers are real, and the dedication to keeping our community safe makes every risk worth it. Neebing Emergency Services would like to thank all fire fighters past and present, both front line or behind the scenes, for your unwavering service and commitment to keeping our communities safe!



Ontario Expands Carbon Monoxide Alarm Rules Effective January 1

by Fawn Cheesman, Public Information Officer

Starting January 1, 2026, Ontario is implementing expanded carbon monoxide (CO) alarm requirements under the Ontario Fire Code, strengthening safety standards for homes and residential buildings across the province. The updated rules are designed to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning by ensuring earlier detection in more areas of a building.

Understanding the Risk of Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless, and tasteless gas produced by fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, water heaters, fireplaces, and gas stoves. Vehicles running in attached garages can also generate dangerous levels of carbon monoxide. Because it cannot be detected by human senses, exposure can occur without warning, making properly installed and maintained CO alarms critical.

What the New Rules Require

1. CO Alarms on Every Storey of the Home

Under the new regulations, any home that contains a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace, or attached garage must have carbon monoxide alarms installed:

- Near sleeping areas, and
- On every story of the home, including basements and levels without bedrooms

Previously, alarms were typically only required outside sleeping areas. The updated rule ensures full-home coverage, reducing the risk of carbon monoxide building up unnoticed on other levels.

2. Expanded Requirements for More Building Types

The new rules apply to a wide range of residential buildings, including:

- Single-family homes, semi-detached homes, and townhouses
- Apartments and condominiums
- Multi-unit residential buildings
- Homes heated by fuel-burning equipment located outside the dwelling
- Care occupancies such as group homes and residential care facilities

In multi-unit buildings, CO alarms may also be required in common areas and shared corridors, depending on building layout and the location of fuel-burning equipment.

3. Responsibilities of Homeowners, Landlords, and Tenants

- **Homeowners** are responsible for ensuring their homes comply with the updated alarm placement requirements.
- **Landlords and building owners** must install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms in rental properties and multi-unit buildings.
- **Tenants** are encouraged to test alarms regularly and report any problems or missing alarms to their landlord immediately.

Carbon monoxide alarms may be battery-operated, plug-in, or hard-wired, but they must meet recognized safety standards and be installed according to manufacturer instructions and Fire Code requirements.

Maintenance and Safety Best Practices

To ensure carbon monoxide alarms work effectively:

- Test alarms monthly
- Replace batteries as needed
- Replace alarms when they reach the end of their lifespan (typically 7–10 years)
- Have fuel-burning appliances inspected annually by a qualified professional
- Keep vents, ducts, and chimneys clear of snow, ice, and debris

Why These Changes Matter

The expanded carbon monoxide alarm rules reflect a growing awareness of how quickly and quietly carbon monoxide can become deadly. By requiring alarms on every level of a home and in more building types, Ontario aims to provide earlier warnings, giving residents more time to respond and potentially saving lives.

As the January 1 effective date approaches, homeowners and property managers are encouraged to review their properties now to ensure compliance and improve safety for everyone inside.

SOURCES OF CARBON MONOXIDE IN A HOME



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- Knitting – 10 – 3

- Good Company Choir – 1 – 2:30

WEDNESDAY – Craft Room 10 -3

- Beginners Carving – 10 – 3

- Quilting – 10 – 3

- Cribbage – 1 – 3

THURSDAY – Craft Room 10 – 3

- Weaving – 10 -3

- Knitting – 10 – 3

FRIDAY - Craft Room open – 10 -3

Good Company Choir starts again Tuesday January 13th
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continue to build with new ideas. Interested in volunteering and participating in the society? Come find out what it's all about, the society will be having its **Annual General Meeting** and board elections on **January 28th, 2026, 6pm in the Murillo Hall**. Follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/ murillofair) or our website (<https://oliveragriculturalsociety.com/>). - Thanks Geoff, OAS Secretary

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 <https://www.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 807-474-5331. Your personal information is kept strictly confidential.

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DATE	EVENT	TIME
Saturday, Jan 10th	Executive Meeting	2 pm - 3 pm
Saturday, Jan 10th	General Meeting	3 pm
Sunday, Jan 11th	Breakfast	8:30 - 11 am
Friday, Jan 16th	Dance with Quest	7 pm - 10 pm
Sunday, Jan 25th	Sunday Music	2 - 4 pm
Friday, Jan 30th	Dance with Quest	7 pm - 10 pm

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What's Been Happening at Council Meetings?

Since the December edition, there have been two regular meetings of Council on December 3 and 17, 2025.

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

- Council passed a resolution to oppose the proposed consolidation of the conservation authority boundaries.
- Council approved updates to various human resources related policies.
- Council reviewed reports regarding establishing a FireSmart Committee and appointing a Fire Department liaison.

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

- Council reviewed a draft Property Standards By-law.
- Council approved the annual municipal insurance renewal proposal.
- Council approved an updated capital plan.
- Council approved updates to the Road Maintenance Policy.
- Council passed by-laws to establish a FireSmart Committee and to appoint a Fire Department liaison.

The next Council meeting will be held on January 21, 2026. Regular Council meetings are normally scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month; however, there is only one meeting in January, July and August.

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.

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2026 Municipal Election

The next municipal election will be held Monday, October 26, 2026. Watch for more details over the coming months in the Neebing News and on the Neebing website at www.neebing.org/elections

To get ready for the election, eligible voters can check, update or add their information to the voter's list.

Anyone can vote in a municipal election who, on the day of the election, is:

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NFRA News
Respectfully submitted: Joy Harris NFRA President

JANUARY

Happy New Year!!

2026, doesn't that sound like a date from a Sci-Fi novel? We are here. May this year bring you health, happiness and new opportunities into your life.

While January is the usually the coldest month of the year, it is useful for some things. It gives us the opportunity to rest and reset, or catch-up on tasks and projects inside. In our free days, with the wind howling outside the window, there is very little pull to go out. Instead, we are given guilt-free days to spend how we like.

January feels like a meditative or self-reflective month. Things slow down from the December busyness. A precious afternoon with a cup of tea and a good book does wonders for the soul. We have permission to do little but enjoy much.



In December, NFRA was pleased to present **Meaghan Fornier**, the winner of NFRA's 50/50 Draw #4 for 2025, a cheque for **\$4305.00!**

Meaghan is Neebing Emergency Services very own Deputy Chief of Medical. One of our very hard-working volunteers who this draw supports with equipment, training supplies and other gear.



We will catch up with Meaghan and get her photo with the Big Cheque to include in next month's Neebing News.

CONGRATULATIONS MEAGHAN!!
And Thank You for your Service.



While NFRA were at the Municipal Office for this last draw, we were given a Sneak Peak inside the Decontamination Bay, being constructed:

It is HUGE inside, bigger than it looks from the outside (is it a Tardis? 😊) The top section will be gear and equipment storage while the floor level will contain the HD washer and

dryer for dirty bunker gear, washer/dryer for contaminated base layer clothing, showers and change rooms for NES personnel to progress through until everything, and everyone, is clean. What an amazing facility to help our brave, dedicated volunteers stay healthy and safe.

Well done Neebing!

Your purchase of NFRA 50/50 tickets helps us supply needed equipment and supplies for this incredible building and this incredible team. Get yours today!

2026 NFRA 50/50 Draw Dates:

2026 #1 Spring Draw- March 25th @1pm

2026 #2 Summer Draw – June 24th @1pm

2026 #3 Autumn Draw – September 23rd @ 1pm

2026 #4 Winter Draw – January 6 2027 @1pm

FOR DETAILS AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
www.neebingfirerescueassociation.com/events/draw

!! RECORDS HAVE BEEN BROKEN, AGAIN!!

YOU helped us set 2 new records in 2025!

1) Metal and Cans!! 2025 was our biggest year ever in proceeds from Can Sorts, Metal collections, and more that Kris coordinates for us! Here is the proof!

POP CANS/METAL/BATTERIES MANAGED BY KRIS LIGATE			
	REVENUE	EXPENSES	NET
2010	\$ 388		\$ 388
2011	496		496
2012	682	\$ 140	542
2013	776		776
2014	1,001	103	898
2015	1,264	37	1,227
2016	770		770
2017	608	106	502
2018	1,860	227	1,633
2019	958	188	770
2020	949	75	874
2021	5,221	284	4,937
2022	6,527	527	6,000
2023	7,636	283	7,353
2024	10,453	1,467	8,986
2025	11,438	489	10,949

'Can' you believe this?? It's thanks to **Kris**, quietly working on this project for the past 15 years, that's it's become so successful. Of course, we couldn't do it without the wonderful volunteers that come out to sort and count cans. What a year!!

Thank you.

2) Bake Sale events.

NFRA's first recorded Bake Sale event in 2008 had net proceeds of **\$354.98**.

Our incredible 2025 Cookie & Treat Sale event, with a very successful Penny Auction netted us **\$3,807.46!**

Another new record! WOW Neebing, you made this happen! Your baking, your donations, your time, your purchases. **Thank you!**



All monies raised support purchases for **Neebing Emergency Services** and the new Decontamination Bay 😊

What a year we just had! Neebing Fire/Rescue Association would like to thank everyone who supported us throughout the year. Neebing really is an amazing place to live.

We Thank You

To be notified of upcoming Sorts or other functions, and to join in the camaraderie, email nfraevents@gmail.com.

We'll let you know what's happening! No pressure, we promise 😊

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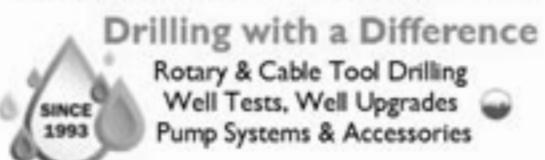


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31	705873	Joel Paquet	winter jacket and pants	Ron & Terry Crudge
32	706517	Faith Trelinski	\$250 Gift Card Neebing Roadhouse, cutting board, cup, speaker	Northern Credit Union
33	706512	Greg Rose	Paint, t-shirts, hats	Auto Home Paints
34	706482	Meaghan Ashbee	Jam and Jelly Basket	H & P Jams and Jellies
35	706358	Henrietta Breukelman	Fishing kit - filleting knives	Nova-Pro Industrial Supply LTD
36	706617	Gerald Breukelman	Brad Nailer	Equipment World Ltd
37	706086	Nancy Blomquist	Stihl Garden Pruner	Northern Turf
38	706349	Henrietta Breukelman	Air Fryer	Canadian Tire Intercity
39	705702	Sandra Harasen	Rice Robot	Home Hardware
40	706092	Nancy Blomquist	Stool	Fort Garry Industries
41	705706	Sheila Haniak	Driftwood Angel	Bonzi Wuebben
42	706503	Sherry Grau	Painting	Mary Ann Beckwith
43	706438	Angela Harasen	top and bag	Tashya Orasi
44	705898	Fred & Donna Keller	Vase	Arlynn Nobel
45	706641	Melody Aalto	Metal Art	Hamata Creations Metal Art
46	705647	Sylvia Tilson	Certificate for firewood, hat and cup	Chaschuk Enterprises Ltd.
47	705999	Brien House	3 month swimming pass	Best Western Nor'Wester Hotel
48	706154	Alice Miller	Overnight Stay	Delta Hotel Thunder Bay
49	706570	Deborah McKay	Overnight Stay	Valhalla Hotel Thunder Bay
Silent Auction				
Tree #1	Mink Mountain Lodge		\$100 Highest Bid	Donated by Ron & Terry Crudge
Tree # 2	Dustin & Albert Floreancig		\$105 Highest Bid	Donated by Bob Felbel
Door Prizes - Wreath donated by Mary Ann Beckwith won by Real . Pointsettia donated by Delma Stajkowski won by Nikki Utakovic				

Penny Auction Prizes and Winners , December 13, 2025 Licence number 690548

#	ticket	Winner	Item	Donors
1	233341	April Newman	Candies , \$25 Montanas Gift Card , \$25 Gift Card	Randles Candles, Forelinks Restaurant Group, Metro
2	233367	Tina Depres	Cozy Package , solar Light	Clara Butikofer, Gerry VanDyn
3	233416	Shelly Millman	pottery mugs, Wolfhead coffee, basket, \$50 gift card	Sandra Burns, Metro
4	233470	Meaghan Ashbee	Kids Basket , Bah Humbug mug	Pickled.Pike.Crafts. Custom Signs and T-Shirts , Home Hardware
5	233337	Madison Newman	snowman tree topper , Reindeer , wreath	Elaine McKenzie, Helena Laidler, Mary Ann Beckwith
6	233485	Sherry Grau	Barbie Chest , Dinosaur hoodie , \$25 gift card Montanas	Nancy Blomquist, Chrystal McKay , Forelinks Restaurant Group
7	233332	Elaine Machin	Fighting Walleye Flex pass	Kam River Fighting Walleye
8	233231	Alex Howie	Gift Basket Shoppers Drug Mart Beauty Dept	Shopper's Drug Mart , McIntyre Centre
9	233412	Barb LeBlanc	Red plaid blanket , Green Hoodie	Helena Laidler, Chrystal McKay
10	233440	Karina Polson	Wooden Cutting Board, Bottle, Coasters, \$ 10 gift card	Laura Gresch, Bean & Olive Coffee Bar
11	233267	Fred & Donna Keller	Block light , \$50 gift card	Edith Tivendale, Home Depot
12	233333	Alice Miller	Headlamp & Cap Light, Dopp Kit, \$ 10 gift card	Warrior Power Supplies Ltd, Chatters, Bean & Olive Coffee Bar
13	1612014	Meaghan Ashbee	6 hot sauces	Heartbeat Hot Sauce
14	233339	April Newman	Conservation pass, LRCA swag	Lakehead Regional Conservation Authority
15	233472	Adele Edson	Soft blanket , Coca Cola Santa \$ 10 gift card	Home Hardware, Edith Tivendale, Bean & Olive Coffee Bar
16	233263	Fred & Donna Keller	Snowman, Hat & Shirt , \$ 10 gift card	Edith Tivendale, Excaliber Motorcycle Works, Bean & Olive Coffee Bar
17	233298	Brien House	Baking making basket, Lion King Beach towel	Pickled.Pike.Crafts. Custom Signs and T-Shirts, Gerrie Van Dyn
18	233440	Karina Polson	Mug, Sweatshirt, t-shirt - sleeping Giant , \$ 10 gift card	Evergreen Pharmacy, Bean & Olive Coffee Bar
19	233193	Gordon Cuthbertson	Neebing Swag / sweat shirt, t-shirt , touque, \$ 10 gift card	Municipality of Neebing , Bean & Olive Coffee Bar
20	1612026	Melody Aalto	Fighting Walleye Flex pass	Kam River Fighting Walleye
21	233185	Lynn Soromaki	Baking and Gift certificate , Cheese wheel	The Bakeshop on Boundary ,Thunder Oak Cheese Farm
22	233318	Nancy Blomquist	Toy truck, Sparky	Giant Tiger and Neebing Emergency Services
23	1612036	Penny Shott	Assorted snacks and \$25 gift card , Tree topper	Neebing Variety , Elaine McKenzie
24	233224	Debbie Fawcett	Baking and Gift certificate , \$50 gift Card, Pottery Christmas Tree	The Bakeshop on Boundary, Home Depot , My Blooming Business & Pottery
25	233428	Erika Kromm	\$100 gift card	Thunder Bay Cooperative Farm Supplies
26	233466	Meaghan Ashbee	\$100 Gift Card	Real Canadian Superstore
27	233472	Adele Edson	baking tray	Neebing Bakers
28	233448	Alice Miller	\$50 gift certificate , Painted picture	A.J.'s Trading Post , Bradley LeBlanc
29	233309	Sara Soucy	10 lbs of Ground Beef , wooden bowl	Dr. Dan's Divine Bovine, Sumac Hill Creations
30	705744	Linda Cuthbertson	Mukluks	Ron & Terry Crudge

The Enhanced Blue Box Program is Here!

Needing's recycling program is managed by Circular Materials, the administrator of the common collection system and a not-for profit organization that is committed to building an efficient and effective recycling system across the province.

As part of an enhanced recycling system, you can now recycle more than ever before and the same materials no matter where you are across the province. For local recycling information, please visit the Circular Materials' website at <https://www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-communities/needing/>.

What can be recycled?

Category	Description/Examples	Notes
Paper and Fibre		
Cardboard Boxes	Pizza boxes, direct mail boxes, moving boxes, shoe boxes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flatten. No larger than 60 x 60 cm.
Boxboard	Cereal boxes, tissue boxes, egg cartons, rolls from toilet paper and paper towel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flatten Empty
Paper Laminate Packaging	Pet food bags, food service paper bags, and plates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty and free from food residue.
Paper Laminate Containers	Spiral cans, cookie dough package, ice cream containers, and hot and cold beverage cups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty and free from food residue. Remove lids.
Cartons	Beverage cartons, juice and milk cartons, coffee creamers, and sugar cartons, soup and sauce cartons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty and free from food residue. Keep lids on. Do not include alcoholic beverage containers.
Paper	Any colour, including flour bags, prescription bags, paper produce bags. Notepads, white or coloured loose paper, file folders, other printed materials. Community newspapers, flyers, brochures and magazines. Greeting cards and envelopes, gift boxes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty. Place shredded paper in a tied clear plastic bag. Separate from plastic bags used to cover items, remove elastic bands. Remove rope handle from bags. Do not include soft or hard covered books/novels.
Plastic and Foam		
Hard Plastic Containers	Laundry detergent and household cleaner jugs, shampoo, body wash, salad dressing, condiment, dish soap, mouth wash bottles, plastic beverage bottles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty and free from food residue. Keep lids on. Do not include alcoholic beverage containers.
Plastic Packaging and Containers	Food trays, salad, yogurt, peanut butter, bakery and egg containers, plastic cups, plastic tubs and lids, black plastic containers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty and free from food residue. Keep lids on. Do not include alcoholic beverage containers.
Tubes	Toothpaste tubes, deodorant, hand cream tubes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty and free from residue. Keep lids on.
Small Item Plastic Packaging	Hand sanitizer bottles, medication bottles, blister packs, plant pots.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty and free from food residue. Keep lids on.
Flexible Plastic Packaging	Bags used for dry cleaning, bread, newspapers and flyers. Overwrap (paper towel & toilet paper, beverage containers). Coffee bags or deli pouches, chip bags, bubble wrap, snack wrappers, cereal liner bags, plastic gift bags.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty and free from food residue.
Foam Packaging	Meat trays, takeout containers, cups, plates, bowls, foam packaging for products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty and free from food residue. Remove film wrap and absorbent pads from meat trays.
Metal		
Metal Containers	Food cans, metal lids, cookie, coffee and tea tins, beverage cans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty and free from food residue. Do not include alcoholic beverage containers.
Aluminum (Foil and Trays)	Aluminum foil, pie plates, frozen food trays.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty and free from food residue. Ball up aluminum foil.
Aerosol Containers	Food spray, hairspray, air fresheners, shaving cream, deodorant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty. Lids on. Aerosols with toxic, corrosive or flammable symbol are not accepted with the exception of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooking oil sprays and products designed for food Hairsprays, cosmetics and products designed to be used on hair/skin
Glass		
Glass Containers	Clear and coloured glass. Food containers, jars and bottles, cosmetic containers, spice bottles, oil and vinegar bottles, non-alcoholic glass beverage containers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty and free from food residue. Lids off. Do not include alcoholic beverage containers.

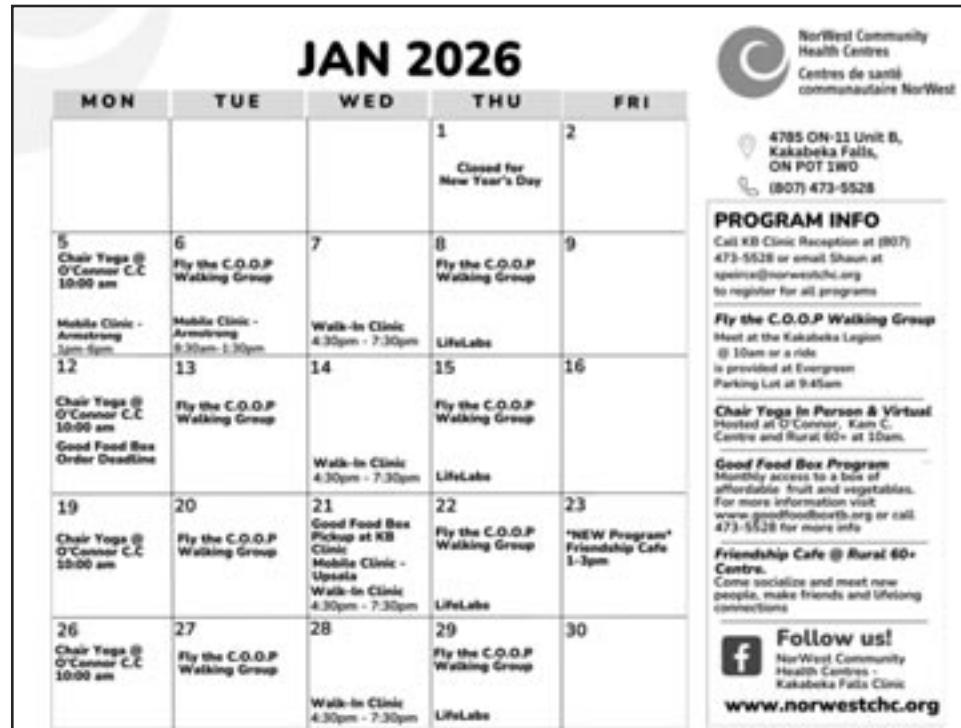


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The LRCA has many exciting events and workshops planned for 2026! Be sure to keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more information and for when registration opens, etc. Visit us on Facebook and Instagram @lakeheadregion and at www.lakeheadca.com. Sign up for our e-newsletter as well, and we will send you information about upcoming events, job opportunities, and more!

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Pennock Village Rural Seniors Development: Looking Back on 2025

The year in which Pennock Village began to take shape has proven to be an incredible journey. Early 2025 saw the completion of rezoning and approval conditions. Property cleanup and stump removal began in February, allowing for the startup of construction in July, which then continued on for the remainder of the year. On-site roads were shaped and defined according to plans. Presently, there are four Garden Homes under construction, which include installed utilities and services.

Here are six important milestones to share that took place during 2025:

- The layout and shaping of roads, establishing base gravel grades along with culvert installations for crossing LRCA (Lakehead Region Conservation Authority) waterways
- The installation of conduit for hydro and fibre communication. HydroOne set up transformers which included primary and secondary wiring to each home, while Enbridge installed gas lines
- The hosting of a Ground Breaking Ceremony which saw over 100+ community members in attendance to support & celebrate of the beginnings of construction
- The hiring of all subtrade contractors; actual construction began in July towards the first four Garden Homes.
- The special privilege to host the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Robert Flack, on-site. A walking tour and discussion took place with the Board, who shared the vision and plans of Pennock Village and what the project meant to this rural community
- The sales of the first four Garden Home units. These Residents are planning their moves for spring 2026

As the year closed, construction continued and the first four Garden Homes took shape, an encouragement to all who have been involved in planning and working towards this first year of infrastructure & development.

There are many details and a significant amount of planning which has taken place behind the scenes to reach this point. It has taken many hands, all playing a role in striving for the long-term success of Pennock Village. It has been a true community project; so many have stepped forward and contributed to where things are today, and helped shape where things will lead into tomorrow! Please continue to spread the word by sharing our e-newsletter & social media postings, asking questions and volunteering.

This past year we have made big steps forward and, by God's grace, we'll continue into this next year and many years to come.

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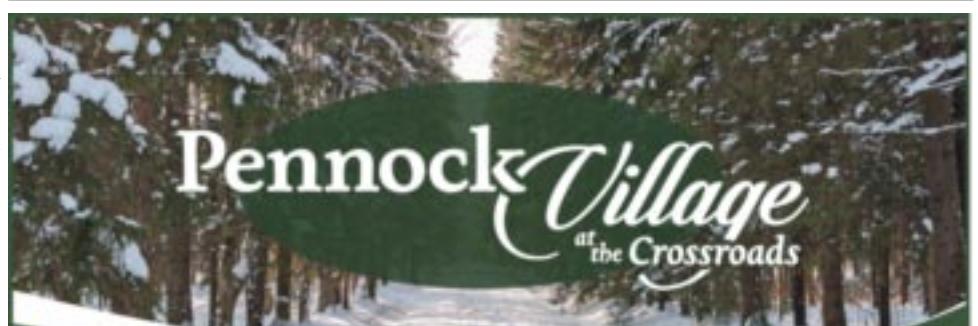
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