



Machin Messenger

Serving Minnetaki, Eagle River, Vermilion Bay



Municipal Notes

COUNCIL NEWS

Mayor and Council hope that everyone has been enjoying their summer; all the rainfall we've received lately has helped lift the restricted fire zone for our area but we hope everyone continues to be cautious when burning or having a campfire.

July was a busy month for us as we had many meetings for different projects we are working on. On July 11th staff from N1 solutions visited Machin to host a strategic planning session for our update to the Economic Strategic Plan which included Mayor, Council, staff, members of the Economic Development Committee, and business stakeholders. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend! The session reviewed the previous Economic Strategic Plan, looked at an overview of our Municipality through the consultant's perspective, reviewed our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, and discussed what our future goals are and how we can achieve them after 6 months to 5 years.

Staff from N1 Solutions and Fotenn also joined municipal staff and members of Council for a Community Improvement Plan meeting where potential incentives offered through the plan were discussed. As a reminder, a Community Improvement Plan is a planning tool that allows the Municipality to offer incentives to increase development in defined areas of the Municipality. This is a public process and members of the public will be notified when the drafted plan is ready for public review. We are hoping this will be sometime in October of this year.

Workers from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks travelled to the Vermilion Bay Landfill on July 14th to review current operations at the landfill, discuss any work that should be done, and talk about what's needed to confirm the landfill capacity. Confirming the landfill capacity has been an issue that the Municipality has been dealing with for many years. The tests/studies needed to confirm the landfill capacity are costly and something we don't feel the taxpayers should subsidize. Until we receive funding from the government to cover the unincorporated areas that use our landfill, we do not plan on completing these studies.

The Kenora District Services Board and Urban Systems has been working on a Regional Housing Strategy over the past two years for the Kenora District. Part of this process included public meetings to gather community feedback and we thank those who were able to attend! The final document can be found on

the Kenora District Services Board website www.kdsb.on.ca. If you click "About Us" and then "Reports and Plans" you'll be able to access the document. The document is very useful especially for our Municipality since it included relevant information that can be used for future development attraction or funding opportunities.

Economic Development:

The Municipality has remained in contact with staff from Associate Minister Cho's (MTO) office that we met at NOMA where we discussed various issues we've faced with the Ministry. After these talks, we've been put in contact with staff from Minister Mulroney's office (MTO). We have a meeting scheduled at the beginning of August where we'll continue to bring light to the red-tape/challenges that we've encountered with the Ministry of Transportation. Some of these issues include permits for our digital speed signs, specifically the cost; our main goal/issue is to advocate for Cascade Bridge being a connecting link because of its use, especially on detour routes, when Highway 17 is closed between Machin and Dryden. With repairs needed for the Cascade Bridge in the future it's crucial that we're able to apply for funding to help with these through the Connecting Links Funding program.

MNRF UPDATE AFTER WEDNESDAY MORNING MEETING

We're looking for volunteers to help with the Junior A hockey games at the Woodland Arena this upcoming season! We're hoping to have help with the scorer's sheet, time clock, penalty boxes, and other help. If you're willing and able to help please reach out to economicdevelopment@visitmachin.com or 807-227-3005.

Any help is greatly appreciated!

Max Nagy, EDO

Recreation:

Where did July go? Summer is flying way too fast for me, and with this being said, I have been keeping busy. Eagle River rec night has been going well, we even had some of our neighbours from the states come to visit and play a game of volleyball. I encourage everyone of all ages to come and join us. Yoga has been a hit as well at the Eagle River Recreation Centre, please look for the Events calendar for information on the dates and times. Don't forget to remind your friends about Disco Roller Blading as well!

I'm excited to say we are hosting a pontoon ride for the seniors on August 19th and after that we have a fish fry and live entertainment at the pavilion and it is open to all! Please get a hold of the municipal office if you'd like to purchase a ticket for the fish fry. I am hoping for a great turn out and a beautiful evening of family fun and laughter.

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MESSENGER DEADLINE

Submissions for the Machin Messenger must now be in by the **LAST WEDNESDAY** of the month, by noon. **The deadline for the September Messenger will be Wednesday August 30.** Send your submissions to pilmar@sympatico.ca, subject line "Machin Messenger". Ads will need to be pre-paid prior to insertion in the Messenger. **Please note that there are price changes for ads. Call**

MESSENGER ADS

If you wish to advertise in the Machin Messenger, please

Thumbs up 👍 👎 Thumbs down

Thumbs up 👍 to Sue Pelland for whipper-snipping the lawn around the septic field at Eagle View Terrace.

We have a wonderful bunch of ladies who have been entertaining our community with their talent, Sunset Country Ukelele Group plays at the Pine Tree Park Pavilion every Tuesday from 2-4pm. You are welcome to join in our just come and listen.

Kids camp is under way at the Pine Tree Park Pavilion this week and Friday the 4th is the big day. For graduation we will have bouncy castles available to the public for a cost of \$10 and this goes towards future kid's camp activities. Hot dogs, chips, and water/pop will also be available for sale that day.

Have a great August everyone and keep your eyes out for new events.

Thank you,

Carman Brignall, Recreation Facilitator

Public Works:

You'll notice our digital speed signs out in the Municipality shortly. Our speed sign facing North located at the Eagle River Rink is placed there to help track the number of traffic that pass through the Cascade Bridge. We'd like to use these numbers for any future funding that may be available so that we're able to show how often it's used. Bridge inspections will also be done at the beginning of August for the Cascade Bridge and the North Minnitaki Bridge. We require these inspections to properly assess how we proceed with the maintenance of these bridges.

Volunteer Fire Department:

The month of June was a busy one for our Volunteer Fire Department! They responded to 8 medical calls, 2 fire calls, and 3 vehicle collisions as well as held 2 practices, attended the Lillian Berg School Water Fun Day, did more door-to-door outreach to ensure everyone has working smoke and CO alarms, recruit volunteers, and answer any questions.

Art Mural:

We'd like to start by saying THANK YOU to Cindy Palermo who spent over 100 hours of volunteer time to complete an art mural for our community! The Revitalization Committee began the project in 2022 and focused in on the theme of a former CP Steam Train and the former Eagle River Train Station. Cindy took those concepts and created the beautiful mural that is now up on Gloria Vezina's building across from the Eagle River Historical Park! Thank you to Gloria for allowing us to use her building! We'd also like to thank the Revitalization Committee members for their help on this as well as Bob Hampe, the Sunset Country Ukelele Group and all the many other volunteers involved! We encourage you to take some time and go check out the hard work that was done to complete this mural!





Do you need your water tested for lead?

The most common sources of lead in drinking water have been found in lead pipes, faucets, and plumbing fixtures. Certain pipes that carry drinking water from the water source to the home may contain lead. Household plumbing fixtures, welding solder, and pipe fittings made prior to 1986 may also contain lead. Because no safe blood level has been identified for young children, all sources of lead exposure for children should be controlled or eliminated. If you would like to have your household tested for lead, please contact Shawna Alberts at the Vermilion Bay Water Treatment Plant (227-2064) and you will be added to a list to be sampled in 2023.



Thank You to the OPP and their officers for hosting “Popsicles with the Police” at the V. Bay Dock on July 26th! We appreciate you taking the time to meet with the community members, answer any questions they had, and hand out free popsicles.

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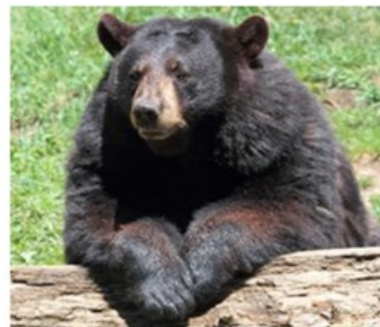
NO DAY BURING!

Fires can only be ignited 2 hours before sunset, or later and must be extinguished 2 hours after sunrise, or earlier.

If it is windy, don't burn!



Machin Mayor, Council and Staff hope everyone has a safe and fun day. The Machin Office will be closed on Monday August 7th



For Bear Sightings call:
1-866-514-2327
only dial 911 if it is an absolute emergency.



Important Fire Safety Reminders

FIRE ESCAPE PLANS – In a fire emergency, everyone must know what to do and where to go

Make sure everyone knows two ways out of each room, if possible.

Choose a meeting place outside, where everyone can be accounted for.

Make sure all doors and windows open easily and are kept clear of obstructions.

Make sure all designated escape routes are always kept accessible and free of clutter.

Determine who will be responsible for helping anyone in the household that may need assistance.

To decrease the risk of smoke inhalation, get low and go under the smoke to the nearest safe exit.

Call 911 from outside the home.

Once out, stay out. **Never** re-enter a burning building.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY:

Outlets in bathrooms or within one metre of the kitchen sink should be the Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) type.

Use of extension cords should be avoided. If extension cords can't be avoided, use multi-outlet power bars that are approved and provide surge protection and a circuit breaker.

Extension cords should not be linked together.

Do not run electrical cords under carpets or rugs where they can be easily damaged and cause a fire.

Regularly check cords for damage such as fraying or nicks. A damaged cord can expose wires and result in a potential shock or fire hazard.

Air conditioners and other heavy appliances should be plugged directly into an outlet.

COOKING SAFETY – Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires

Always stay in the kitchen and stay alert when cooking.

Keep anything that can catch fire a safe distance from the stovetop.

Keep a proper fitting pot lid near the stove when cooking. If a pot catches fire, slide the lid over the pot and turn off the stove. Do not move the pot.

Wear tight-fitting or rolled up sleeves when using the stove. Loose dangling clothing can easily catch fire. If your clothing catches fire, stop, drop to the ground and roll over and over to put out the fire.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:

Inspect the fire extinguisher once a month and have it serviced by a certified technician every year.

Many stovetop fires can be safely extinguished by covering the pot with a lid and turning off the stove and without the use of a fire extinguisher.

Fire extinguishers should be used **only** by people who have been trained to use them.

Fire extinguishers should be used **only** on small, contained fires. Never let the fire get between you and the exit.

Know when to go. If the fire does not go out after using one fire extinguisher, back out of the area, close the door if possible, and safely get outside and call 911.

In most cases, the best thing to do in a home fire is to get everyone out of the home immediately and call 911 from outside.

Contact the Machin Fire for information on volunteering, if in need of a smoke/CO alarm, or for more safety information:
Facebook / Instagram: @machinfire | email: machinfire@bellnet.ca | mail: PO Box 249, Vermilion Bay, ON P0V 2V0



Regarding renovating your home or perhaps new build, as a Municipality of Machin resident, it is your responsibility to acquire a building/demolition permit **before** you start your building/demolition project. It is also your responsibility to be aware of the Machin Zoning Bylaws.

The following is a list of items to help you determine whether a permit would be required for a renovation project in the Municipality of Machin:

- Constructing accessory buildings with an area of more than 15 square metres (160 square feet), or an addition to an existing building
- Constructing attached or detached garages
- Structural alterations
- Excavating, repairing, or underpinning a foundation
- Heating ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, or electrical work
- Constructing one or more new separate dwelling units within a building
- Finishing previously unfinished spaces within a building
- Adding new entrances or windows, changing the size of entrances or windows, or closing entrances or windows
- Constructing chimneys or fireplaces
- Installing swimming pool enclosures, constructing detached decks more than 60.96 centimetres (24 inches) above ground, or building any deck attached to a building.

Demolishing or relocating all or part of a building.

You are not required to obtain a permit for these renovations:

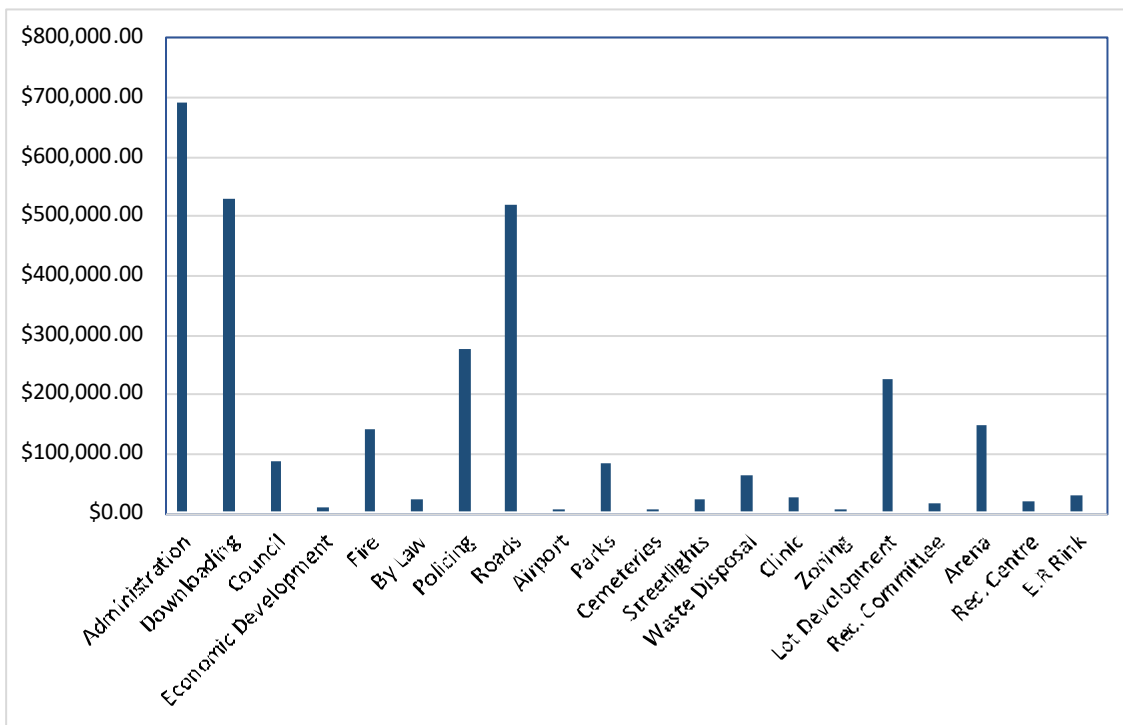
- Replacing stucco, siding, or shingles with the same material
- Replacing doors or windows without altering the opening,
- Constructing fences (except pool enclosure fences)
- Patching, painting, and decorating

Installing cabinets or shelves

Prefabricated accessory buildings are becoming more and more popular, and they do require a permit when over 15 square meters in size. These types of buildings have usage limitations in the Ontario Building Code and in the Machin Zoning Bylaw. If you are unsure whether your situation requires a permit, please feel free to contact Shawna Alberts, CBO at 807- 216-8285 or cbo@visitmachin.com.



Where do your Tax Dollars Go? 2023 Municipality of Machin- Budget



Downloads – Government Downloads – Health Unit, Home for the Aged, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation and Kenora District Services Board.

Administration – includes costs for all departments – Audit, PSAB, and Service Agreements.

Please note that this is a net for each department. Showing where your tax dollars go!

Full Budget document is available for pick up at the Municipal Office.

The 2022 Municipal Financial Statements can be picked up at the Municipal Office and they will also be available on the Municipal website www.visitmachin.com

AUGUST EVENTS

Free Tiny Totts Tball

Every Tuesday evening, 5:45—6:45, around the ages of 2-5 @
Coopers Park Behind The Woodland Arena

Free Eagle River Rec Night

Wednesday nights 5-7 pm @ The Eagle River Recreation Centre.
Everyone welcome, canteen will be open.

Disco Roller Blading/Skating

Every Thursday 6-8pm @ The Woodland Arena. Adults \$10, 12 and
under \$5, Roller blade/skates rental is \$5. 12 & under require a
helmet. Birthday Partys or Events available call Carman
@ 807-227-2633

Free Yoga

August 5th,12th &19th 9-10am @ The Eagle river Recreation Centre.

Fish fry & Live Entertainment

August 19th, 4-7pm @ The Pavilion by The Vermilion Bay
Government Dock. Please see poster for details
or call Carman @ 807-227-2633





Fish Fry & Live Entertainment

@

The Pavilion by The Vermilion Bay Dock

August 19th, Age 10 & under \$5, Age 10 & up \$25, 55+ \$20

Free Senior Pontoon Rides to start at 3pm

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Limited spots available for the boat ride.



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Summer

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Licence # M587435 Draw July 1, 2023

2022 Honda Side by Side & Cash Draw Winners



Ticket #3445 Side by Side winner Thomas Lethbridge – Cochenour, ON

Ticket #2656 \$5,000 cash winner – Marie Lavalley – Kenora, ON

Ticket #1628 \$2500 cash winner – Marissa Barker – Dryden, ON

Ticket #0120 \$1,000 cash winner – Rick Froome – Dryden, ON

Ticket #3084 \$250 cash winner – Wade Best – Torbay, NFLD

Ticket #3695 \$250 cash winner – JoAnn Robinson – Dryden, ON

Ticket #3776 \$250 cash winner – Ron Kunza – Dryden, ON

Ticket #1734 \$250 cash winner – Glenn Patterson – Dryden, ON

Ticket #3655 \$250 cash winner – Blair Thivierge – Hudson, ON

Ticket #0789 \$250 cash winner – Ken Fox – Vermilion Bay, ON



[Need a Ride to Dryden?](#)

[Try Out Our Seniors Bus.](#)

This is a Door to Door Service – you do not have to worry about parking or walking. We drop you off right at the door of your medical appointment or essential shopping and return to pick you up.

The cost is \$10.00 per person to ride to and from Dryden on Tuesday or Thursday. Should you have mobility issues both getting on and off the bus or shopping and carrying your items, thanks to the Happy Go Lucky Seniors Club they have provided funding for an Assistant to ride on the bus to help with these issues. We welcome Gord Canan as the new assistant.

Please call the Municipal Office at 227-2633 to book your ride or if you have any questions.

You do not have to be a senior to use this service. Any adult can ride, however seniors do come first for this service.



AUGUST 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bus to Dryden Tuesday's & Thursday's. Pick up 9 a.m. call 807-227-2633 \$10.00		1	2 COFFEE	3	4 COFFEE MAHJONG 10 a.m.	5
6	7 COFFEE <i>Civic Holiday</i>	8	9 COFFEE Lee Wall	10	11 COFFEE Mahjong 10 a.m.	12 Ruth Londry
13	14 COFFEE	15	16 COFFEE Joann Doherty	17	18 COFFEE Mahjong 10 a.m.	19 Pat Earl, Sandy Peters. Pontoon Rides, Fish Fry Tickets @807-227-2633
20	21 COFFEE Betty Gauthier	22	23 COFFEE	24	25 COFFEE Mahjong 10 a.m.	26
27	28 COFFEE	29	30 COFFEE Bill Londry	31 Irene Ollis		To Rent Seniors call: 529-4611

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The Vermilion Bay Co-op would like to let the shoppers know the following monthly dates for 2023

STORE HOURS: 9 A.M.— 6 P. M.
MONDAY—SATURDAY
CLOSED SUNDAYS

Shareholder Days	Senior Days	Flyer Days
August 11th	August 16th	August 4th— August 10th
PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS		August 18th— August 24th.

Just a reminder that you can view the Co-op Flyers online at
www.coopconnection.ca
Thank you for your patronage.

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Lion's Hall Foot Care Clinic

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2nd and 4th Wednesday
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for info and appointment

Amy Woolfrey, RN
Foot Care Nurse



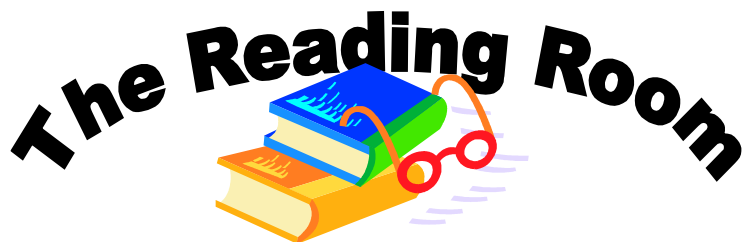


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during Municipal Office business hours.

**Contact Information for
Mayor & Council**

Mayor:
Gord Griffiths 227-2074, 221-8717 (cell)
Deputy Mayor:
Dennis Peterson 220-1558 (cell)
Councillor:
Tony Blair 227-5410 (cell)
Councillor:
Ray Pilkey 755-1701, 220-1502 (cell)
Councillor:
Greg Swanson 220-3615 (cell)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Machin Council Meeting: Monday August 14th immediately following the Public Works meeting, and Monday August 24th, **6:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers, Machin Municipal Office
Public Works Meeting: Monday August 14th at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers in Machin Municipal Office
Revitalization Committee: TBA
Lions Club—First and third Wednesdays of every month, 7:00 p.m., Lion’s Hall.
Happy-Go-Lucky Seniors:
Friends of Pine Tree Pathways: TBA
TOPS—Now meeting Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. at the Evangelical Church.
AA - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Sundays at the Evangelical Mission Church, 55 Willow St., Vermilion Bay. Social distancing rules apply.
AL-Anon Family Group: Every Thursday 630 p.m., at St. Mark Lutheran Church. For more info call Darlene @938-7061.
Kinettes—The first **WEDNESDAY** of each month, 7:00 p.m. in the Bayview meeting room.
Seniors Friendship Club of Eagle River—Second Wednesday of each Month.
Police Services Board—TBA
Waldhof Wranglers—Contact Emma Benham at 807-220- 0554, waldhofwrangles2011@gmail.com , or check out the Waldhof Wranglers Facebook page.

Building Permit Applications and general inquiries are available at the Machin Office. Any questions on building, please call the Chief Building Office, Shawna Alberts at (807)-216-8285 or the Municipal Office at 227-2633.



Area Church Services



Our Lady of Fatima
Roman Catholic Church
Hwy 17 Vermilion Bay
Mass on Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

Vermilion Bay United Church
97 Spruce Street
Vermilion Bay
Worship Services:
Easter to the end of September

Eagle River (Ebenezer) Baptist Church
Services at First Baptist Church
58 King Street, Dryden, Ontario
Morning Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

St. Mark Lutheran Church
Hwy 17 Vermilion Bay
Services: Sundays 11:30 a.m.

Evangelical Mission Church
55 Willow Street, Vermilion Bay
Services: Sundays 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

Upper Falls Baptist Church
Hwy 105 North
Worship: Sundays 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School/Bible Study:
10:00 a.m. (all ages)

SUMMER DUMP HOURS
Effective Tuesday May 2, 2023

	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
VERMILION BAY	2 p.m.— 6 p.m.	9 a.m.—1 p.m.	9 a.m.—1 p.m.
EAGLE RIVER	9 a.m.— 1 p.m.	2 p.m. - 6 p.m.	2 p.m.—6 p.m.

Copies of the water systems monthly summary, annual reports and the financial plan are available for viewing at the Municipal Office if any of the general public would like to review them. Also available at the Municipal Office the public may access the Water Quality System Policy for the Vermilion Bay water treatment plant and distribution system which forms part of the Operational Plan. Should anyone have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Shawna Alberts at 227-2064.