



Machin Messenger

Serving Minnitaki, Eagle River, Vermilion Bay And surrounding area

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Municipal Notes

COUNCIL NEWS

Just like that we're all getting ready for the holiday season! It's been an eventful year for the Municipality as our current Council officially finishes the first year of a four-year term. In 2023 we've completed a new Economic Strategic Plan, Community Improvement Plan, welcomed and hosted a concert at the Vermilion Bay Airport, completed a cost projection/feasibility study for a new joint Health Clinic/EMS Base, installed new playground equipment at the Pine Tree Park, welcomed Junior A hockey to our Woodland Arena, advanced the subdivision development at our Blue Lake Road property, and advanced our Ely Lake Development. We can't forget all the wonderful recreation programs that are happening in our area and special events that provide social, physical, and mental benefits for our community. We've enjoyed being a part of municipal projects and seeing all that is happening in Machin this past year.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Kenora Devils Gap Islanders hockey team during the month of November and to our volunteers who help make each night a success. We owe a big thank you to our arena manager Tasha Doudiet and Councillor Tony Blair for their hard work on getting ice in this season. It's been a busy start to the arena season and we are grateful for all the work that has been done. We hope to continue to see increased attendance at each game!

Council would like to thank Randy and Kevin McGogy from Copperite Plumbing & Heating for their work at the Eagle River rink. Randy and Kevin installed a new jet pump at the Eagle River rink and fixed the existing water line that was experiencing intake problems in the river. We appreciate you coming out on such short notice to help us with these issues. We also owe a big thank you to Jim Welz from Jim's Electrical Service for donating his time and supplies to work on electrical issues with the pump at the Eagle River rink. Thank you Jim!

Mayor Griffiths and our EDO visited the MNRF office in Dryden on November 9th to talk about the Ely Lake development project. We met with MNRF staff to discuss our frustrations with the recent information that MNRF was asking for. More specifically, we were frustrated with the timing of the request of information since it pertained to a document we submitted last year. We have followed up and provided the Ministry with the information they have requested and will now move forward with their environmental screening process.

The Municipality received word that we are acquiring funding for accessibility upgrades at our municipal office. Some of you may recall that in October of 2022 we applied for the Enabling Accessibility Grant through the Federal Government to cover the costs of installing accessible doors at our office and a chair lift system. Unfortunately, we were declined in April of this year; however, we were just informed that there is funding left and that our project has now been approved. The Machin office will now begin the request for proposal process and look to start the accessibility work on our office next year.

Economic Development:

We are applying to the provincial government through the Emergency Preparedness Grant for costs to purchase a genesis telescopic ram and genesis e-pack power bank which will both be used by our fire department in emergency situations. Both pieces of equipment will aid the fire department when responding to vehicle collisions and help save future lives. This particular grant is looking to fund projects that increase community's emergency preparedness, in the Machin Emergency Plan the number 2 most likely hazard is highway transportation accidents.

Due to a busy spring/summer season and the development of our new economic strategic plan the Economic Development Committee met on November 6th for the first time since May. The committee discussed previous information including developing a local map/brochure for businesses in Machin as well as talked about implementing the new strategic plan. The committee went over the strategic action items in the plan, assigning duties for each item, and deciding that every meeting there will be an update on the progress of implementing the plan. Meeting minutes are available on our website if you'd like to stay up to date. If you're interested in joining the Economic Development Committee, please reach out to economicdevelopment@visitmachin.com or call 807-227-3005.

As a follow up to the November Messenger, we are still waiting to complete the draft plan of subdivision for the Blue Lake Road Property. In December our municipal planner intends to visit the property site and work with municipal staff on completing the actual subdivision document for Mayor and Council to review. If you have any questions regarding this project, or any others that have previously been mentioned (Ely Lake, Health Clinic/EMS Base, etc.) please feel free to give me a call or e-mail at the number and address listed above.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Max Nagy, EDO

MESSENGER DEADLINE

Submissions for the Machin Messenger must now be in by the **LAST WEDNESDAY** of the month, by noon. **The deadline for the January Messenger will be December 27th.** 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 the Municipal Office for details.**

Recreation:

Welcome to December everyone, tis the season! I hope you all enjoyed Christmas in the village. It was great to see everyone.

I'd like to take the time to mention we had our first Volunteer Recognition Event, what a great evening. These people in our lives and community go out of their way to make things better and run a little smoother, this should not go unnoticed. Thank you again .

Armchair Travel to Croatia was exciting, what a beautiful place to travel. Thank you to all 33 who attended, always lots of laughs, you're a great bunch. Next, we are off to China in February, if anyone would like to join us keep your eyes posted for the date.

Pickle Ball was such a hit we will be having it every Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 at the Lillian Berg School & Eagle River Recreation Centre. Yoga will be December 12th at the Happy Go Lucky Seniors Centre from 7-8pm. Also don't forget about Family Game Nights from 5-7pm at the Eagle River Rec Centre on Wednesday each week. All of these programs are free to the public so please feel free to join us.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets to the Fireman's Ball which is taking place on January 27th, 2024. They would make great gifts and stocking stuffers!

I hope everyone enjoys their holidays with family and friends, travel safe & have a very Merry Christmas!

Carman Brignall, Recreation Facilitator

Public Works:

We've completed our first flood at the Eagle River Rink at the end of November, we are hoping with the new work done at the rink that we'll have ice ready this year. All of our snow equipment has been put on and we are ready for what winter has in store for us!

Thank you goes out to our public works crew for putting up the Christmas tree outside the municipal office and decorating it as well as all of your work with getting the municipal float ready for the parade!

Revitalization:

The Revitalization Committee would like to thank Ursula Skene-Rufli for her generous donation to the committee and our ongoing projects! If you'd like to donate, or hear more about what we do, please reach out to municipal staff or check our meeting

minutes located on visitmachin.com.

Volunteer Recognition Event:

We hosted our first ever Volunteer Recognition Event on November 23rd at the Eagle River Recreation Centre. The Machin Volunteer Recognition Policy includes five categories that Machin residents and community groups can be nominated for each year to show our appreciation for all the volunteers in our community. This year, we had the following 5 award winners recognized at the event:

Rose Rhyner: Recreation and Senior Volunteer Award

Linda Carter: Beautification Award

Sara Neal: Recreation Volunteer Award

Connie Calvert: Beautification and Senior Volunteer Award

Pine Tree Pathways Committee: Recreation and Community Group Award

Thank you all for your hard work and the countless hours you've donated to the betterment of our community. Volunteer help is such a crucial part of our community and we are extremely appreciative of all that you do! We also owe a big thank you to the Volunteer Selection Committee for taking the time to review nominations and select award winners. Applications are open for next year's award categories. If you're interested in filling out a form, they are available on our website under the forms section or can be picked up at the municipal office.

MESSENGER ADS

If you wish to advertise in the Machin Messenger, please call the Municipal Offices at 227-2633 to find out the charge for your ad. Ads will need to be pre-paid.

Property Owners in Vermilion Bay with Aqua Flow units are reminded to turn them on to prevent your water from freezing. Please ensure that they remain on until the middle of April. Should you have any questions please call Shawna Alberts at 227-2064.



Machin Council approve of the following water rates for 2024 which is a 2% increase from 2023:

Residential Users	\$120.65 monthly billing
Residential Service Turned off	\$60.35 monthly billing
Minimum Meter Rate Under 10,000 gal	\$183.20monthly billing
Meter Rate for 10,000 to 50,000 gal	\$.018648 gal
Meter Rate for next 50,000 gal	\$.016683 gal
Meter Rate for next 999,999 gal	\$.007700 gal
Meter Service Turned off	\$91.60 monthly billing
Turn On and Off Charge	\$50.00
Sale of Water	\$.02 gal

Machin Council have approved the following hours of operation over the 2023 Christmas/New Year period as follows:

Municipal Office

Closed December 25 2023 to January 1 2024

Public Works Department

Will operate their regular hours but will be closed on the following:

December 25 (full day), December 26 (full day), 2023 and January 1, 2024 (full day). If it snows and is required, Public Works will be plowing.

Woodland Arena

Woodland Arena will be closed to the public from December 23 2023 to January 2, 2024 inclusive, but will accept private rentals upon request at the Manager's discretion.

Landfill Sites (Vermilion Bay and Eagle River)

Closed December 26 2023

Eagle River Rink

To be Announced depending on ice conditions



The Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990, C. H.8, S. 181 states: "No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or road authority responsible for maintenance of the road". The penalty on conviction is a fine of \$105.00.



Mayor, Council, Staff, and all
Committees of the Municipality of
Machin would like to wish everyone a
safe and happy Holiday Season.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year**



Christmas lights and decorations fire safety:

Choose the right lights and decorations for the job. Lights and other decorations are rated for indoor or outdoor use and should be CSA approved. Use GFCI outlets when plugging in outdoors. Read the package instructions, and never exceed the recommended wattage or the recommended number of light strings that can be strung together.

Check all decorations and lights before using, especially outdoor decorations as weather can deteriorate them over time. Do not use any electrical products that are damaged or have frayed or worn cords.

Staples and nails can damage electrical cords. Use the proper clips for securing lights and decorations.

Check for overhead power lines before using a ladder to put up decorations outside.

Do not overload electrical circuits – this can create overheating and result in a fire. Fuses that frequently blow and circuits that trip can indicate too many items are connected to the circuit.

Keep outdoor connections off of the ground and don't run cords across driveways or walkways.

Live Christmas Tree Safety:

If using a real tree – make a fresh cut across the trunk about 2cms (1”) from the original cut when you bring the tree into the house. Keep the stand full of plenty of water at all times. Trees can drink up to four litres of water per day. Place the tree away from fireplaces, radiators, electronics and other sources of heat. When large amounts of needles begin to fall off, it's time to get rid of the tree.

Fireplace Safety:

Never leave a fireplace unattended and always use a fireplace screen.

Use only seasoned and dried wood in the fireplace. Don't burn wrapping paper or ribbons or boxes or other types of packing in a fireplace. Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.

Don't hang Christmas stockings or other flammable materials on mantle when fireplace is being used.

Clean the ashes regularly, place them in a metal container and store it outside away from structures or other flammable materials.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms:

Install smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas. CO alarms are required outside all bedrooms. Test your smoke and CO alarms every month and install new batteries if needed.

Smoke alarms can be the difference between living or dying in a fire – Fire spreads so quickly that you may have less than 3 minutes to escape a fire in your home. That means you need as much time as possible to safely escape.

And just as important as smoke alarms, you have to make sure everyone in your home knows what to do when the smoke alarms sound in an emergency: Practice a home escape plan with everyone in the home, have two ways out of every room, if possible, make sure someone is responsible for helping young children, older adults or people with disabilities to leave the home, and choose a meeting place outside where everyone can be accounted for.

Contact Machin Fire for a smoke/CO alarm, safety information or for information on volunteering:

Facebook/Instagram: @machinfire | email: machinfire@bellnet.ca | mail: PO Box 249, Vermilion Bay, ON P0V2V0



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.

MESSAGE FROM THE MACHIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



January, 2024 marks one year since the Machin Economic Development Committee was officially established as a Committee of Council for the purpose of providing community input and support in the economic revitalization of the Municipality.

As one of their first tasks the Economic Development Committee assisted with the development of the updated 2023-2027 Strategic Action Plan and has committed to ensuring support for the Economic Development Officer in tackling the actions identified.

There is currently 2 vacancies on the committee, for any individuals who are either a business owner or work on the managing team of a business operating within the Municipality.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, December 4 at 6:00 pm in Municipal Chambers. Those interested in joining or wanting to share their ideas are welcome to attend.

We are currently discussing details of the newly donated mascot.



MISSION STATEMENT

The Machin Economic Development Committee is an advisory committee of Council with the directive to provide guidance in economic and tourism development initiatives within the community.

VISION STATEMENT

The primary role of the committee is to advise on and support the implementation of the Economic Development Strategy and the actions identified in the strategy. Council remains the approval authority for committee initiatives and activities.

MANDATE

The mandate of the Machin Economic Development Committee (EDC) is to support the development of and actions identified in the Municipality of Machin Strategic Action Plans.

To accomplish its mandate, the EDC will:

- Provide advice regarding the development of policies and plans around economic and tourism development;
- Provide advice on marketing and communications regarding economic development activity in the Municipality;
- Provide guidance on business retention, attraction and expansion opportunities in the Municipality;
- Provide support in promotion of community spirit, involvement, and engagement; and,
- Review the Committee Terms of Reference at minimum every four years, to ensure they remain current and meaningful.

CURRENT MEMBERS

POSITION | BUSINESS

Kennedy Maidment	Chair Vermilion Express
Lesley Tourond	Co-Chair Piston Ring
Joyce Gardner	Member Horseshoe Connection
Tony Blair	Member Buckeyes
Jeffrey Moreau	Member Temple Bay
Dennis Peterson	Council Representative Council Member
Max Nagy	Facilitator Economic Development Officer
Liz Norman	Government Representative Ministry of Northern Development / Ex-Officio

HAVE YOU CHECKED THE BUSINESS DIRECTORY?

For businesses that may not be listed on Google Maps or easily associated with the municipality's location online, we are reliant on word-of-mouth input to keep the list up to date. Wanting to ensure we have a complete list of local businesses to work with, as the committee takes on marketing initiatives, we are asking all businesses operating within Machin to take the time to ensure your business is accurately listed online.

Our main project of focus in the next year will be to release a new Municipal brochure, including a map of the area and information from the Business Directory.

Scan QR Code to visit Online Business Director



TO ADD A BUSINESS TO THE DIRECTORY EMAIL ECONOMICDEVELOPMENT@VISITMACHIN.COM

MACHIN MESSENGER FACEBOOK COMMUNITY GROUP

With Council's approval to use the Machin Messenger name, we as a committee established the Machin Messenger Community Facebook group. Creating our own community hub online, highlighting the local community of Machin.

One of the purposes of the group is to offer local business and community members a free place to post local jobs and events. Share news in the community, activities, celebrations or start an online discussion.

In terms of content monitoring, we are only looking to ensure content stays locally relevant to Machin and is family friendly.



Municipality

of

Machin

Santa Claus

Parade



Saturday

December 2, 2023





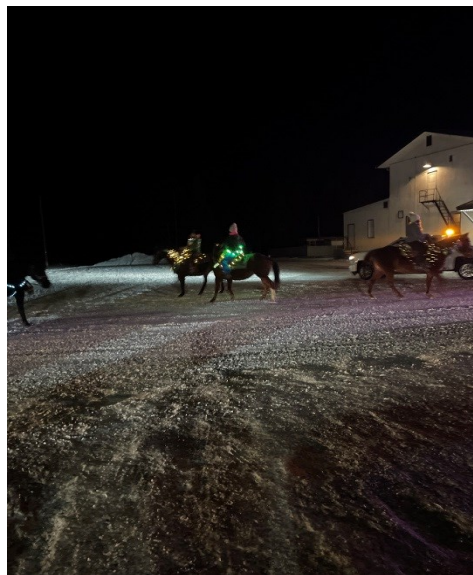
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Parade



Christmas in the Village 2023

Thank you everyone for coming out and making Christmas in the Village a success.

The Holiday Train came through our village and supported Helping Hands with a cheque for \$2,500.00. The spectators watching also contributed by donating food and money. Helping Hands cannot help the families in need at this time of year without the support we get from the community, Thank you. The performance was great, and Santa and Mrs. Claus visited the kids.

The Parade was amazing thank you to the community for taking part in this event. Thank you to Barb & Terry Tizzard, Emcon, Piston Ring, Turbo, Eagle Lake Skating Club, Emma Lang, Arrow, Nelson Granite, Awana, Ontario Provincial Police, Machin Volunteer Fire Fighters, Gen Walker, Dean Walker, Layla Caul, Lindsey Peeters, Julie Larson, Minor Hockey, Public Works Staff, Santa and Mrs. Claus and Mayor and Council.

Lets Play Pickle Ball



FREE

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**Lillian Berg School & Eagle River Rec Centre,
EveryTuesday 6:30pm-8:30pm,
Adults & Seniors**



Free Gentle yoga

Everyone Welcome

December 12th & January 2nd

@

The Happy Go Lucky Senior Centre

7-8 pm

For information please call Carman

807-227-2633 ext 231



Happy Go Lucky Seniors

The Happy Go Lucky Seniors and Machin Fire Department are no longer taking any aluminum cans, pop or beer.

Thumbs up 👍 🎧 Thumbs down

Thumbs up 👍 to Carol Kondra for doing such a fantastic job of cleaning the ER Rec Centre. Much appreciated!

Thumbs up 👍 to Ray Pilkey, Greg Swanson and Randy and Kevin McGogy a thumbs up for getting the water issues fixed at the Eagle River Rink

Thumbs up 👍 to Vermilion Bay Lions Club for Donating a bench for at the Eagle River Post Park, so that parents and grand parents have a place to watch the children play.

Thumbs up to Public Works Staff for the beautiful tree and float for the parade.

St. Mark Lutheran Church Christmas Ser-

Advent Services:

Wednesday December 6, 13, & 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve 24th, 11:00 a.m. with communion

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service:

December 24, 2023 at 9:00 p.m.

There will be a Christmas Day Service in Dryden at 10:00 am.



Holiday Party
At
The BAYVIEW
Sat., Dec. 16th - 9:00 pm
with MUSIC by
BUSH WHISKEY BAND
Late Night Snack Buffet

The BAYVIEW HOTEL
Vermilion Bay - 227-2603
Age of Majority - ID will be checked
Please don't drink and drive!
DD-ing by the KIN Club



*Our Lady of Fatima Church
Christmas Season Masses
Sunday December 24, 12:30 p.m..
(For Christmas Day)
Sunday December 31st, 12:30 p.m.*



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Hosted by Vermilion Bay Lions Club

- Turkey
- Ham
- Perogies
- Gravy
- Mashed Potatoes
- Veggies
- Fruit Crisp



DEC 17
2023

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Vermilion Bay Lions Hall
76 Spruce St.



PICTURES WITH MRS. CLAUS



DOOR PRIZE & AUCTIONS



\$15

10 years and younger -
FREE

Cash, Debit or Credit Card accepted





Bob Hampe had a vision and rallied the support of our resident artist, Linda Carter to help him turn 'The Jersey Wall' representing retired Eagle River/Minnitaki hockey teams into reality.

To commemorate the wall, we held an event involving hockey players from past teams and speakers sharing their insights and love of the game.



EAGLE RIVER OLDTIMERS

Back row left to right Doug Griffiths, Bill Hampe, Del Park, Willy Danielson (C), Rod Campbell, Al Skene, Bob Ayers, Garth Gunther, Gord Griffiths, Gunther Thiel, Paul Roussin, Rick Lindmeier

Front row left to right Clinton Breutsch, David Kelly, Jim Kelly, Bob Hampe

The name Eagle River Oldtimers was a simple outcome for the boys from Eagle, 35 and up. The name 'just happened' and the ERO handle was cool. No assigned author. ERO started around 1972 as pick up and a tad better organized and maybe official 74/75 and retired in early 2010.



The RAIDERS

left to right Rod Campbell, Jack Kondra, Wil Kondra, Paul Roussin
In 1984, four local guys, Paul Roussin, Kenny Kelly, Wayne Danielson and Yvon Marlon held a hockey meeting, picked the 'Raiders' name and ordered the jerseys. In the meantime, they held another meeting to put their team together and a dance to pay for the jerseys. Paul Roussin was Captain and GM. He spent so much time playing the game, his kids thought it was NHL hockey. The first year they played 64 games on the outdoor rink in Eagle River! They held many dances in memory of Berry Mol, one of their team members, who passed away at a young age. The team retired in 1995.



The Muskies left to right Clinton Breutsch, Jack Kondra Tim Kondra (missing)
The Minnitaki Muskies team came to fruition in 1985, Peter Egli was the GM. The team continued on and retired in 1995. Some of the players branched off from the Raiders to join the team which was not an easy decision for those involved in the transition.



EAGLE RIVER PEE WEES

left to right Heidi Mills Tim Kondra
Rick Lindmeier spearheaded the plan to bring organized hockey to the kids in Eagle River and give them the opportunity and experience playing against Dryden and area teams (including girls)! Willy Danielson taught Rick how to skate and collaborated with him to fundraise, buy equipment and uniforms for the team and as a result, a profound, everlasting experience for our little hamlet.



SUSANNE BASTABLE AND THE SUNSET COUNTRY UKEULELE GROUP

Left to right...Susanne Bastable Donna Hampe, Trudy Suka-va, Connie Calvert, Linda Anderson, Stacy Montgomery, Mary Lindmeier, Lisa Doro-cher, Carm Hampe, Barb Harrison
The Sunset Ukulele Group entertained the crowd with a few tunes including Stompin' Tom's 'The Hockey Game'.



It was our privilege to introduce and honour a member of our community, Warren Harrison. He is a Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame recipient. Warren shared his journey through the ranks at that level of hockey including team work and resilience. The game requires an impressive amount of skill and resulting accomplishments!

Machin Fireman's Ball



January 27th 2024

@

Vermilion Bay Lions Hall



Please come out and show your appreciation by joining us in supporting our local HEROS. They put a lot of time and effort in their lives for our communities, day in and day out they provide essential services to our neighbourhood's to help keep us safe. Please consider donating and coming out to support our Volunteer Fire Department who have dedicated their time for the past 63 Years. Any little support goes a long way.

Semi Formal Attire

Dinner, Dance, Live Entertainment Live Auction & Bar

Tickets \$60 per person

Available @ Municipality Of Machin, Vermilion Bay CO-OP

Starts @ 5pm-12pm, DD's Available

For more info or to make a donation please call Carman @ The Municipality Of Machin

807-227-2633 ext 231



[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. 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.

Vermilion Bay United Church
presents their annual

Kids Christmas Shopping Event

Sat., December 9 – 10am to noon

One stop shopping for kids.



Kids only . . .

- * All gifts are \$1 each.
- * Wrapping free.
- * Christmas elves assist
- * Make your list
- * Come to shop

New or gently used items that you would wish to donate to this project – particularly gifts suitable for boys, teen boys and men, may be **dropped off in the foyer of VBUC Dec. 4 - Dec. 8 from 9-5.**

Kind thanks for re-gifting.

-Vermilion Bay United Church-



Christmas Service

Sunday, December 10 - 7 pm

All are welcome to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus in this holy season.



FLU SEASON



Reminder to patients of Machin Medical Clinic/ Points North Family Health Team to let us know if you receive your flu shot elsewhere so we can update our records.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the staff at Machin Medical Clinic/Points North Family Health Team

Dr. Gagnon, Eileen, Elaine, Erin, Jessica, Nicole, Jessica, Jennifer and Mary

May the Christmas season fill your home with joy and laughter and may the year ahead be full of good health and joy.

The clinic will be closed

December 25th 2023 to January 1st, 2024

and

will reopen regular hours

Tuesday January 2nd 2024

Lillian Berg School

Are there any other weeks and days, that feel more wonderful than this time of year? Our big Christmas Tree is twinkling in the hallway, greeting students and visitors.

November is gone and to look back at all the events and special days makes one think: "How did we do it all?"

Every week we have special dress days, either just for fun, or to ensure we are aware and part of important issues in our society.

Intermediate students returned happy and proud from a "Basketball Tournament" in Dryden.

Teachers met parents / caregivers on "PT Interview" night last week, which was successful. It was encouraging to see that we have a caring and involved school community.

The "BOOK FAIR" will wrap up at the end of this week, and we would like to thank everyone who made a purchase. Our students will enjoy picking out new books to have in our Library with the "bonus" we will be receiving.

Students are in charge of "Hot Chocolate" Fridays and this week managing a "Bake Sale"!

We are super excited to be part of the LBS Parent Council's event at the school "A FAMILY CHRISTMAS" on Friday, Dec. 1st.

The days will fly by in December with all kinds of winter and Christmas activities being planned, baking, cooking and crafting and of course a Christmas Concert for everyone to enjoy.

The last "Hot Lunch" Thursday before Christmas Holidays, will be a celebration with a free lunch for all the staff and students.

As a school we are grateful to be part of this community and appreciate all our volunteers and helpers! THANK YOU and Merry Christmas!



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GAIN FRIENDS**
First visit is FREE!

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Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.
Evangelical Church
Marcia Pilipishen 227-2061

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Lillian Berg School
1 Main Street
Vermilion Bay, ON

(807) 227-5437









vbayhub4kids@gmail.com

Vermilion Bay EarlyON Child and Family Centre



December

**Machin
EarlyON**
Child and Family Centre

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	Drop In 12:00-3:00	Craft and Story Time 1:00-3:00	Baby and Me 10:30-12:30 Drop In + Supper 10:30-6:30 Please Register!	Baby and Me 10:30-12:30 Drop In + Supper 10:30-6:30 Please Register!	A Family Christmas @ Lillian Berg School 5:30-7:30	Christmas in the Village Drop In 1:30-4:30	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	Drop In 10:00-3:00	Craft and Story Time 1:00-3:00	Baby and Me 10:30-12:30 Drop In + Supper 10:30-6:30 Please Register!	Baby and Me 10:30-12:30 Drop In + Supper 10:30-6:30 Please Register!	Drop In 12:00-3:00		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	Drop In 10:00-3:00	Craft and Story Time 1:00-3:00	Christmas Gathering 10:30-12:30 and 3:30-6:30	Baby and Me 10:30-12:30 Drop In + Supper 10:30-6:30 Please Register!			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
		 FOR THE HOLIDAYS!	WE WISH YOU ALL A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY AND HOPE TO SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!				



DECEMBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 coffee	5	6 Coffee Harald Brechtefeld	7	8 coffee Mahjong 10 a.m.	9 Allan Kusano
10	11 Christmas Lunch 4 pm	12	13 Coffee	14	15 coffee Mahjong 10 a.m.	16 Rented
17	18 Coffee Gordon Beckman	19	20 coffee	21	22 coffee Joan Rusnak Pot Luck Mahjong 10 am	23 Rented
24/31 Christmas Eve/ New Years Eve Roy Dahl 31st	25 Christmas Day Don McDonald Joan Caouette Mary Ballantyne	26 Boxing Day	27 Coffee Thomas Wilson	28	29 Coffee Mahjong	30 Mike McDowell


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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
November 10th	November 15th	Oct. 27th—Nov. 2nd. Nov. 10—Nov. 16th Nov. 24th—Nov. 30
PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS		

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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Box 309 Vermilion Bay
 Phone 227-2895

REPAIRS TO MOST SPORTS EQUIPMENT
 ZIPPER REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR
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Comp 39, Site 316, RR#3
 Dryden, ON P8N 3G2

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Lion's Hall Foot Care Clinic
 Vermilion Bay

2nd and 4th Wednesday
 Contact Trischa 807 323-0134
 for info and appointment



Amy Woolfrey, RN
 Foot Care Nurse




Jim's Electrical Services

jimselectrical.ca
 807 323 1543 (cell)
 welzjim@gmail.com

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 227-2633**

The Reading Room



The Reading Room
will be open
during Municipal Office business hours.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Machin Council Meeting: Monday December 11th, immediately following the Public Works meeting, 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Machin Municipal Office

Public Works Meeting: Monday December 11th 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: Christmas Lunch, December 11th, 4:00 p.m.

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 2:00 p.m., at St. Mark Lutheran Church. For more info call Darlene @938-7061. **Please note time change!**

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.

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)

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)

WINTER HOURS WASTE DISPOSAL SITES Effective OCTOBER 1st, 2023

SITES	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
VERMILION	1 P.M.—5 P.M.	CLOSED	8 A.M.—NOON
EAGLE RIVER	8 A.M. - NOON	CLOSED	1 P.M. 5 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.