



# Machin Messenger

Serving Minnitaki, Eagle River, Vermilion Bay  
And surrounding area

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January

## Municipal Notes

### COUNCIL NEWS

Mayor and Council would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and we hope everyone was able to enjoy their holidays! We are excited to begin the New Year, taking on new projects and progressing current projects as we try and continue to look at ways to better our beautiful community.

Mayor, Council, Municipal Staff, Chief and Deputy Chief of the Machin Volunteer Fire Department, and our Fire Department Secretary participated in an Emergency Plan Meeting/Training in December. These meetings are important as it gives us the opportunity to discuss potential emergency situations that the Municipality could face and how we're supposed to handle them. Knowing proper procedure and who's responsible to help during emergency situations helps keep us prepared and ready for any future unforeseen circumstances.

We talked with municipal staff in December and have asked that they begin working on preparing their budget for 2024. Our goal is to have our 2024 budget set earlier than previous years. Unfortunately with rising operating costs and municipal needs it takes time to complete this. We want to make sure we are giving a detailed review when completing the budget so that we are getting the best value out of our tax dollars.

Thank you goes out to Jamie Gould and Gould's BrandSource Home Furnishings in Dryden for donating a used fridge to the Eagle River Rink shack! The previous fridge was very old and no longer working, so thanks to Gould's we now have a useable fridge. We thank our Public Works department for working very hard at getting ice in this year and hope that residents take the opportunity to utilize the rink and warmup shack this year.

Please welcome and congratulate Gerald Roulston on his new role of Public Works Working Foreman. Gerald has been with the Municipality for 2 years now and started as a grader operator. Gerald has worked hard and helped Public Works on various different projects these past two years. Thank you, Gerald, for your hard work and your continued work with the Municipality!

#### Economic Development:

Happy New Year Everyone! It should be an exciting year as we already have multiple grants we plan on applying for to start the year. In 2023, we received a total of \$349,700 in grant funding that went towards projects/services like: rehiring a Rec Facilitator,

purchasing and installing playground equipment, purchasing a new hot water system at the arena, completing an Economic Strategic Plan and Community Improvement Plan, etc. We also have 3 grant applications that are still pending as of right now, which include: feasibility study for the Eagle River rink, rehiring an Economic Development Officer for another 3-year term, and community emergency preparedness equipment.

In January we will be applying for multiple grants, the first of which is the Hydro One Energizing Life Community Fund which awards recipients up to \$25,000 for eligible project activities. For this grant we will be applying for funding to purchase 2 Lucynt Interactive Projector Systems that come with over 150 games. The systems would be installed at each seniors living building in Vermilion Bay and Eagle River. Lucynt Interactive Projects are easy to use and help improve cognitive ability as well as eye-hand coordination. Our goal from the project is to increase activities in which seniors in both buildings can participate, leading to an increase in socialization, mental health, and physical health.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> program the Municipality plans to apply for is the Rural Enhancement Stream which is provided by the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund. In the past, Machin has applied to this stream for renovations/improvements at the Woodland Arena (grant was approved in 2021). This time around, we will be applying for costs to complete renovations at the Happy Go Lucky Senior Centre. These renovations include: acoustic improvements, door replacement, and window replacements. This particular program offers funding for up to 90% of eligible project costs.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grant the Municipality is applying for will be the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Fund. For this program our application is through the Programming Support where we are eligible to apply for the following areas: program leaders, facility rentals, equipment needs, and transportation needs. Our plan is to work with the Vermilion Bay Minor Hockey Association and apply for the costs of hockey equipment including sticks, pucks, helmets, pads, etc. If successful, we hope that providing hockey equipment for kids in our area will increase participation in minor hockey leading to increased physical activity and social activity for kids in our area.

I'm hoping there will be more news on some of our development projects like Ely Lake and Blue Lake Road Subdivision next month. Unfortunately, it is a slow-moving process but one we are committed to moving forward.

Max Nagy, Economic Development Officer

### MESSENGER DEADLINE

Submissions for the Machin Messenger must now be in by the **LAST WEDNESDAY** of the month, by noon. **The deadline for the February Messenger will be January 31st.** Send your submissions to [pilmar@sympatico.ca](mailto: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.**

### 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.**

### Recreation:

**Happy New Year** to Everyone, I hope your holidays were full of fun and excitement, and everyone was surrounded with family and friends. I enjoyed some much-needed time off and I am up for new and exciting things this year, bring on 2024.

I remember as a young adult being invited to attend the 'BIG' Fireman's Ball, and oh what an event it was! Everyone dressed in their best evening gowns and suits, a meal that was mouth watering and an evening of just pure fun and entertainment. An evening to recognize our local heroes that keep us & our families safe, our Machin Volunteer Fire Department. **"BRINGING BACK THE BALL"** On January 27<sup>th</sup> please come out and join us in acknowledging and celebrating these exceptional individuals who volunteer so much time and effort to keeping our loved ones safe. Tickets are available @ The Vermilion Bay CO-OP, Municipality of Machin, or ask our Machin fireman. Please help make this a spectacular event.

I would like to send a great big Thank You out to **Dryden Native Friendship Centre** (Charlene, Karen & Becky) for all the programs and this great partnership we have had throughout the past year. Our community has benefitted from the programming and everyone enjoys your smiling faces. We had a total of 55 people for our Winter Bingo in December.

**Chair Yoga** will be starting in the afternoons @ The Happy Go Lucky, Monday from 1-2pm, **Pickleball** @ Eagle River Rec Centre & Lillian Berg School Tuesday evenings 6:30 – 8:30. It's important to have participation at these programs to keep them running, so come out and have some fun. **Family Game Night** will continue @ The Eagle River Rec Centre from 5-7pm on Wednesday evenings.

Thank You to all my wonderful volunteers.

Carman Brignall

Recreational Facilitator

### Public Works:

We're very happy that ice is in and being used at the Eagle River rink! Thank you to everyone who helped improve the infrastructure at the rink and get us to where we're at now.

### Revitalization Committee:

We'd like to give a BIG THANK YOU to Gordon and Susanne Bastable for their extremely thoughtful donation to the Revitalization Committee. We appreciate your support and look for-

ward to bringing more projects to our community in 2024.

Reminder that we still have different items for sale including 2024 calendars and new clothing items! All pictures in our Calendar were taken locally and show the beauty that our area has to offer. Calendars are only \$20 and all proceeds go towards our future projects. For clothing, we have both t-shirts (\$30) and hoodies (\$60) available in sizes from medium to 3xl. If you're interested in purchasing any of these items, please reach out to a municipal office employee at [economicdevelopment@visitmachin.com](mailto:economicdevelopment@visitmachin.com) or 807-227-3005.

### Shoutout:

The Municipality would like to thank Hale Fisheries for their generous donation of whitefish to the CP Holiday Train! Each year we get to hear about how great the fish was and that it's something the train staff and musicians look forward to on their stop. Thank you Hale Fisheries for your donation!

Thank you to Gale Wise for volunteering and helping with the flooding of the Eagle River rink!

### Machin Volunteer Fire Department:

The Volunteer Fire Department had their yearly party at the Eagle River Recreation Centre in December where they handed out their Firefighter of the Year Award. Congratulations to both Ryker Robinson and Matt Coke for winning this year! Thank you goes out to these dedicated firefighters and to the entire department on for their hard work in keeping our community safe!





**Thumbs up** 👍 👎 **Thumbs down**

Thumbs up 👍 to Kathy Pippy Evans , Janet and Geoff Hartley and Ryan Hartley for putting our decorated tree ornaments back together in inclement weather!

Thumbs up 👍 to Joyce Gardner and Stan Blanchard for the Xmas trees at Minnitaki site; Ruete family and Eric Flickinger for the Christmas welcome on Airport Rd

**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

Under Water Ontario Regulation 453/07, the Municipality of Machin has been Legislated to increase the Water Rate by 2% for the next eight years.



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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.



**January is Alzheimer Awareness Month**

**A Resource for Caregivers of People with Alzheimer Disease or Related Dementia**

Alzheimer Disease is a progressive, degenerative brain disease that destroys vital brain cells. As a result of the changes to the brain, it no longer works as it used to. People with this disease become less and less able to make sense of information from the outside world. They become unable to think, remember, understand, and make decisions as before. If a fire were to occur in their home, people with Alzheimer Disease or other dementia would be extremely vulnerable to serious injury, or even death. The following fire safety information can help make a safer environment for persons with Alzheimer Disease - and those who live with them.

**Smoking:** Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths in Ontario. For people with Alzheimer Disease, the risk is even greater. As the disease progresses, they are less likely to follow safe smoking procedures making it important to supervise the individual while they are smoking. Purchase large, deep ashtrays and consider putting water in the bottom for added safety. Cigarette butts and ashes should be submerged in water before being dumped in the garbage. Placing a cookie sheet under the ashtray can prevent cigarette and hot ashes from falling onto furniture or clothing. Smoking outside, or while seated at a table, is safer than smoking on upholstered sofas or chairs. No one should ever smoke in bed, nor in a home where oxygen is in use.

**Cooking:** If the person likes to cook, it is important to provide supervision and assist where necessary. Removing the fuses or knobs from the stove will prevent its use during unsupervised times. Other appliances, such as toasters and electric kettles, should be unplugged and stored out of sight when not in use. Even though microwaves are less hazardous than stovetops, they can still cause burn injuries and fires, so should only be used with supervision.

**Heating Appliances:** If space heaters are used in the home, make sure they are kept at least one metre (three feet) away from anything that can burn. The surfaces of woodstoves and fireplaces get extremely hot, so keep metal fire screens around them to prevent contact burns.

**Candles:** All candles should be removed from the home of a person with Alzheimer Disease or related dementia as they can easily be knocked over or brushed against.

**Home Fire Escape Planning:** If a fire occurs in the home, caregivers need as much time as possible to assist the person with Alzheimer Disease to safety. Having working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas as required by law helps to ensure the earliest detection and warning of fire. Test smoke alarms once a month following the manufacturer's instructions and replace batteries once a year. If the alarm is more than 10 years old, it needs to be replaced.

In a fire situation, it is critical that everyone in the household knows what to do and where to meet outside of the home. Develop a home escape plan, indicating two ways out of every room, if possible, and review the plan with every member of the household. The plan should also identify who will assist the person with Alzheimer and any other vulnerable occupant(s) to safety outside of the home.

**When the smoke alarm sounds and there is smoke or fire, everyone must get out right away.** Call the fire department from outside the house on a cell phone or from a neighbour's house.

For additional tips, education and support on Alzheimer Disease visit [www.alzheimerontario.org](http://www.alzheimerontario.org)

Machin Volunteer Fire and First Response can be contacted on Facebook, by email: [machinfire@bellnet.ca](mailto:machinfire@bellnet.ca) or mail: PO Box 249 Vermilion Bay ON P0V2V0

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

During the month of December, the fire department responded to 3 vehicle collisions, 1 brush fire, 4 first response calls, 1 practice .





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.

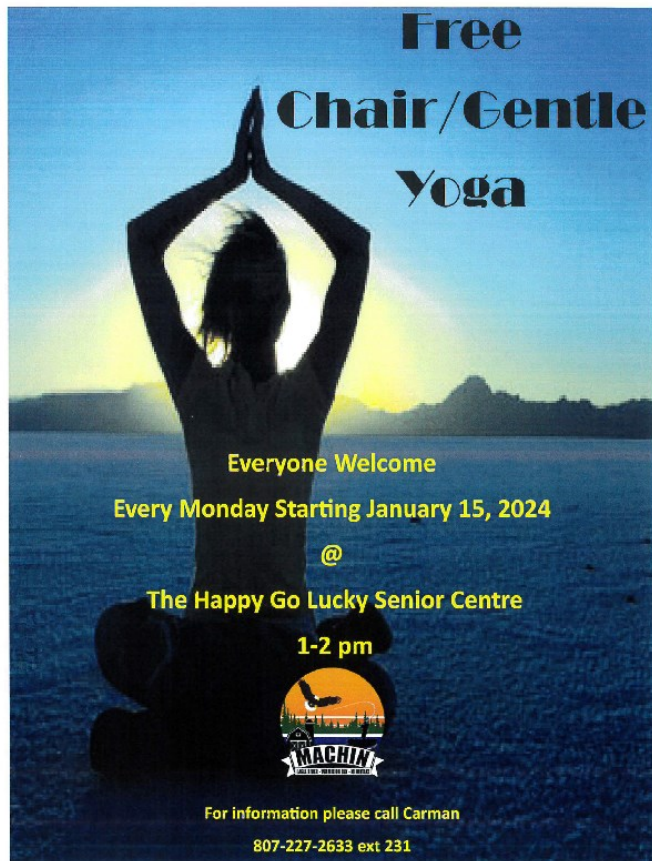
You are not required to obtain a permit for these renovations:

- 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](mailto:cbo@visitmachin.com).

# Free Chair/Gentle Yoga



**Everyone Welcome**  
**Every Monday Starting January 15, 2024**  
 @  
**The Happy Go Lucky Senior Centre**  
**1-2 pm**



For information please call Carman  
 807-227-2633 ext 231

# Lets Play Pickleball



**FREE**  
 @  
**Lillian Berg School & Eagle River Rec Centre,**  
**Starting Jan 9th 2024**  
**Every Tuesday 6:30pm-8:30pm,**  
**Adults & Seniors**





## Eating Disorder Quality Standard:

Tools and Resources  
for Caregivers



Supporting a person with an eating disorder can be very stressful for family caregivers as they navigate the health care system to find effective treatment for their care recipient.

This webinar provides caregivers with information, resources, and tools to help them support people with eating disorders receive high-quality care. Two caregivers will also share their lived experiences. Join the webinar and learn how to:

- Utilize the *Eating Disorders Quality Standard*, patient guide and caregiver guide to empower caregivers to access high-quality care
- Recognize key areas to better understand pathways of care
- Access additional tools and resources to support people with eating disorders and their caregivers

**Speaker:** Sarah McTavish, Lead, Clinical and Quality Standards, Ontario Health, supports the development of the *Eating Disorders Quality Standard*. She will highlight opportunities to improve care for people with eating disorders and their caregivers, including evidence-based psychotherapies and helpful resources.

Register for a chance to win an OCO water bottle! Learn more at [Eventbrite](#).

**Website:** [Eating Disorders Quality Standard](#)

**Date:**  
Thursday, February 8th, 2024

**Time:**  
12 p.m. to 1 p.m. ET

**Place:**  
Zoom (link provided via email to those who register)

**Cost:**  
Free

- Please note that this presentation is available in English only.
- Pour de l'information sur nos programmes et services en français, visitez [www.ontariocaregiver.ca/fr](http://www.ontariocaregiver.ca/fr) ou communiquez avec nous par courriel à [info@ontariocaregiver.ca](mailto:info@ontariocaregiver.ca).
- For any difficulty with registration or any other questions, please contact us at [info@ontariocaregiver.ca](mailto:info@ontariocaregiver.ca) or call 1-888-877-1626 X 1011




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## Communicating with People Living with Dementia



Communication is a vital part of our lives, and it is how we maintain our relationships. When dementia affects a person's ability to express themselves and understand, it can strain the bonds between caregiver and the care recipient. As a caregiver, you will want to be aware of these changes so the person you care for can feel supported. Join our webinar with the Alzheimer Society to:

- Understand the symptoms of dementia and how to respond to changes
- Learn how dementia affects communication
- Receive useful tips and strategies for your conversations with people living with dementia as they progress through the disease
- Find access to support and resources

**Who should attend?** Anyone who would like to learn more about communication tips and strategies for those living with dementia.

**Register** for a chance to win an OCO prize! Learn more at Eventbrite.

**Social Media:** [Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#)

**Website:** [Alzheimer Society](#)

**Date:**  
**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Time:**  
**12 p.m. to 1 p.m. ET**

**Place:**  
**Zoom** (link provided via email to those who register)

**Cost:**  
**Free**

For more information or support with registration, please contact [info@ontariocaregiver.ca](mailto:info@ontariocaregiver.ca) or call 1-888-877-1626 x 1011

**Register today**



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The North West Virtual Care Clinic is a Nurse Practitioner-led virtual care clinic that works with local health care providers to ensure patients can access more timely care. We serve patients within Ontario Health North West region who are experiencing an urgent medical condition.

The Ontario Health North West region spans from Kenora to Manitowadge and Thunder Bay to Fort Severn. We serve patients throughout the region, who require timely medical care. Examples of those we care for include:

- Patients with new or persistent cough, fever, rash or other similar symptoms
- Patients with imminent concerns but are not life or limb threatening


Patients with or without a primary care provider

-We work with hospitals to refer patients to their local Emergency Department if needed, and provide information on Health811 for patients seeking a primary care provider.

1-888-684-1999

[#virtualcare](#) [#healthcare](#)

Register at:

 1-888-684-1999

 [www.nwvirtualcare.ca](http://www.nwvirtualcare.ca)





Rick Lindmeier shared memories of his many years involved in building Eagle River's organized hockey haven. From Pee Wee to the Oldtimers level, he made things happen. This man is a real asset to our community.



## EAGLE RIVER JESERY WALL

(continued from the December issue  
of the Messenger)

Bob Hampe was part of hockey from the time he learned to skate. He couldn't wait to turn 35 so he could play with the ERO. He shared stories and antics of the Oldtimers trips on a reno'd old school bus and the notorious trip to Reno. Entire families joined them on that trip. Karen Kudlacek took her cabbage patch doll on the bus. What an experience!



Mayor Gord Griffiths played for the Oldtimers and shared his hockey experience with the team. A family oriented, cohesive bunch and everyone had fun playing. What a great memory!

Mark Pollard and Craig Calvert were unable to attend but shared their experiences via text. Mark played goalie for the Raiders and Oldtimers. Craig played on all three teams through the years. They both really enjoyed their time on the teams.

Eagle River is an all inclusive, proud community. Our local rink and games played on that ice surface has etched many happy memories in our minds.

The event attracted a crowd of 60 players and friends. The players reminisced and all enjoyed each other's company. Past rosters are full of familiar names. Unfortunately too many to list.

It takes a village and once again, our volunteers stepped up to the plate. Rick Lindmeier, Grieg Carter, Bob Hampe, Linda Carter, Spencer Myers, Carm Hampe, Graham & Donna Harrison, Connie Korzinski, Ursula Rhyner, Connie Calvert and Barb Harrison helped with set up, paraphernalia, baked goodies, sound, marketing, advertising, personal invites, photos, speakers and clean up.

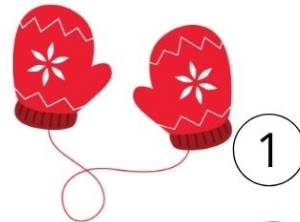
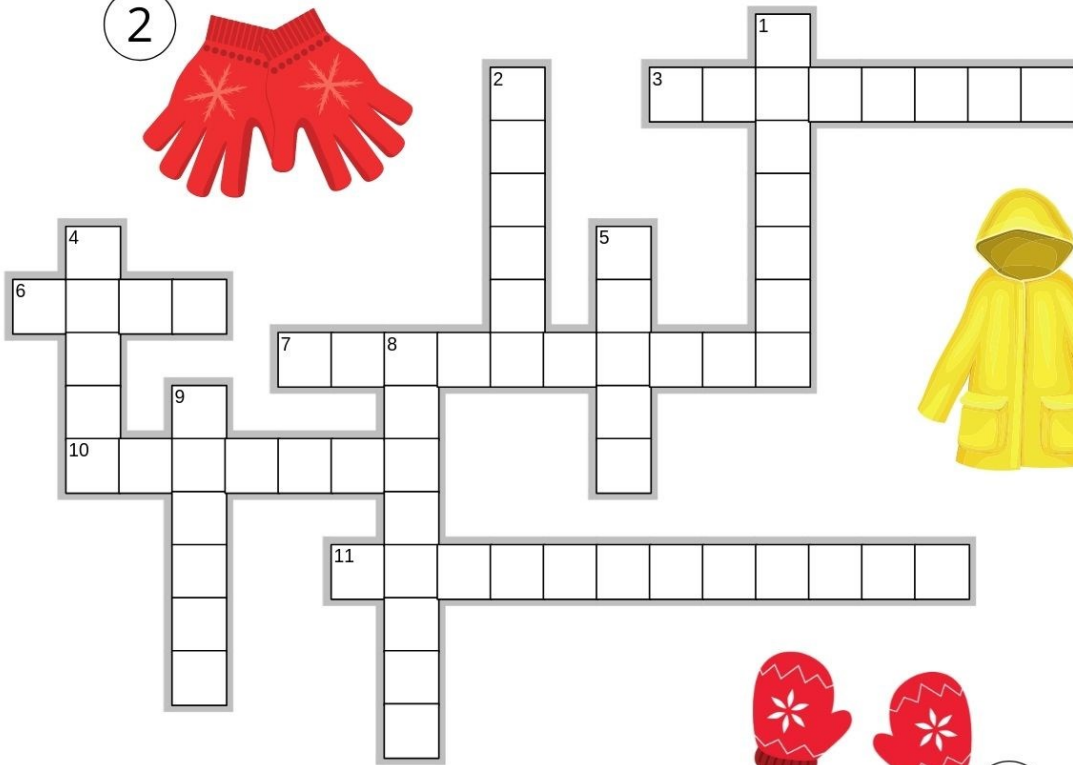
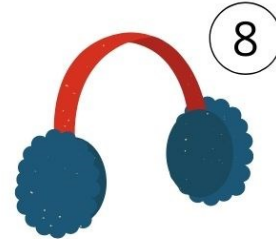
A huge thank you to all involved!

Photos Courtesy of Grieg Carter





# Winter Clothes



# 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 Lions

## Mothers Day Raffle

### PRIZE PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 2023 True North 12' Trailer with ramp gate
- 2023 Yamaha side-by-side Viking EPS Special Edition with winch



**\$20<sup>00</sup>**  
PER TICKET  
4000 printed

Total prize retail value \$29,118.<sup>24</sup> \*Includes HST

**Draw Date:** May 12th, 2024 at the Vermilion Bay Lions Hall at 5:00 pm  
76 Spruce Street, Vermilion Bay, Ontario

Prizes supplied by Dingwall Ford, and Canadian Tire in Dryden

**Proceeds Support:** Various Lions Charities • Winner will be posted at [vermilionbaylions.org](http://vermilionbaylions.org)

Tickets cannot be purchased by, for or on behalf of persons under the age of 18.

Licence #: M587436

Prize must be accepted as awarded.

Ticket #:

The **Vermilion Bay Lions Club** is raffling a Yamaha side-by-side Viking EPS Special Edition with winch and a True North 12' trailer with ramp gate. Winner takes all.

Tickets can be purchased at participating stores in Vermilion Bay and Dryden as well from Vermilion Bay Lions members. You may also contact the Vermilion Bay Lions by email: [vbaylions@gmail.com](mailto:vbaylions@gmail.com) and state your name, address, phone number and declare you are over 18 years of age.

Payment can be made by cheque, cash or EMT. Purchases must be done in the province of Ontario

The draw date is Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at the Vermilion Bay Lions Hall at 76 Spruce Street, Vermilion Bay, ON.

Proceeds support various Lions charities.

Ontario Lottery Licence # M587436



## Lillian Berg School

As this submission goes to press, it's quiet in the hallways at LBS! Our custodians are doing a deep cleaning of the classrooms and any other spaces, we have been decluttering and reorganizing lately. The little ones going to "Daycare" are probably wondering where all the noise has gone, and they finally can have a very quiet nap in the afternoon.

The last few weeks have been absolutely wonderfully busy! Barely a day went by without something being celebrated, even if it only was a special "Christmas Dress-Up" day! Grade 7/8 students took charge of "Hot Chocolate Fridays" treats, a "Bake Sale" and helping with anything that needed to be set-up & taken down in our Gym. What would we do without those helping hands, always willing to assist!

We were able to donate close to a "trunk full" of food items to "Machin Area Helping Hands"! Thank you to everyone, who brought in items to fill the boxes!

The last week truly was filled with wonderful events and special treats for everyone. Grade 1 & 2 students rolled up their sleeves and prepared a "GRINCH" breakfast: "Green Eggs and Ham". A Chef couldn't do a better job!


Everyone was invited to come and enjoy an awesome "Christmas Concert" at the school. A "Full House" enjoyed the musical presentations by our students.

We had a wonderful "Christmas Lunch" together. It was astonishing to watch our students, helping each other, having impeccable manners, and ensuring to make it truly memorable.

The last day of school we could go skating at the arena, and we say "THANK YOU" to the parents who came to watch and help out.

Hoping, everyone is enjoying the "Christmas" days and "Winter Break" with family and friends.

With sincere gratitude we send a "HAPPY NEW YEARS" wish to our school families and Community members.



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GAIN FRIENDS**  
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Join us for affordable, effective  
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Vermilion Bay TOPS will no longer be meeting  
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Lillian Berg School  
1 Main Street  
Vermillion Bay, ON

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Vermillion Bay EarlyON Child and Family Centre

# JANUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS



H A P P Y  
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# January 2024

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

	1 ARDITH BOOI	2	3 COFFEE	4	5 COFFEE MAHJONG	6 Rose Favelle
7	8 Catered Lunch	9	10 COFFEE	11 Marg Larson	12 COFFEE MAHJONG	13
14 Lonnie Tourond Florence LaPointe	15 COFFEE YOGA 1-2 PM	16 Lorraine Brechtfeld	17 HOT BREAKFAST serving breakfast at 8:30 COFFEE	18 Sharon Benoit	19 COFFEE MAHJONG	20 Robert Caquette
21	22 COFFEE YOGA 1-2 PM Anita Chandler	23	24 COFFEE	25	26 COFFEE POTLUCK MAHJONG	27 Gary Parkes
28	29 COFFEE YOGA 1-2	30	31 COFFEE			




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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
January 12	January 17	Jan. 5—Jan. 11 Jan. 19—Jan. 25
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## Contact Information for Mayor & Council

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**Councillor:**  
Ray Pilkey 755-1701, 220-1502 (cell)  
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Greg Swanson 220-3615 (cell)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Machin Council Meeting:** Monday January 8th, immediately following the Public Works meeting, 7:00 p.m. and Monday January 22nd in Council Chambers, Machin Municipal Office

**Public Works Meeting:** Monday January 8th 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:** Monday January 8th, catered lunch.

**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**—Third 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)



## WINTER HOURS

### WASTE DISPOSAL SITES

Effective **OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.