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Municipal Notes

COUNCIL NEWS

It's hard to think that the summer is already over and we're into early fall. This year seems to be going by too quickly! We hope students enjoy their first month of school and wish them all the best this school year.

Thank you to Minister Rickford and Staff for travelling to the Municipality on August 15th to announce the official grand opening of the Pine Tree Park Playground and Fitness Equipment. Thank you to everyone who was able to make the grand opening and listen to Minister Rickford talk about some of the history of our area and thank the Ontario Trillium Foundation for their funding to support this project.

We'd also like to thank MP Eric Melillo for making a visit to Machin to take part in the Fish Fry on August 19th. Thank you to everyone involved in making that day a success! It was great to see so many people out partaking in a community event and enjoying what our area has to offer.

We've accepted the final documents from Nelson Architecture for the Feasibility Study/Cost Projection of an EMS Base/Health Clinic in Machin. Thank you to the Points North Family Health Team/Clinic staff, KDSB staff, and Northwest EMS staff for taking time out of their busy days to provide opinions and help with this document. There are still more phases we must go through before we see this project completed but this was a big first step. Our goal is to have actual designs built for the building next, once it can be visualized combined with the cost projection document, we are optimistic we will be able to acquire funding to have this facility built.

After many meetings and help from public stakeholders and the Economic Development Committee we have a final draft document of our new Economic Strategic Plan. We are finalizing the document with staff from N1 Solutions and municipal staff before it's presented to the public. Staff from N1 Solutions are planning to present the document at the October 10th Council meeting, we will be sending out a reminder on our Facebook page for this date.

Economic Development:

I have some good news to start off with. We were accepted to Phase 2 writing for two grant applications in the month of August. The first is the FedNor Community Investment Initiative Grant. This grant will cover the costs of employing the EDO posi-

tion for another 3 years at the Municipality. The cost share is broken down so as each year progresses the Municipality contributes more to the position and at the end of the 3-year contract Machin should be able to financially sustain the position without outside help. The second grant was through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation's Rural Enhancement Stream where we applied for the costs of installing a new hot water system at the Woodland Arena. We were notified we can move onto the next part of the application which will be submitted at the beginning of September. This project is the same that we applied to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for in June of this year. We are applying again so that we have a back-up plan in case we are not successful with the Ontario Trillium Foundation application.

We were given good news from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks at the end of August. As you may know, we've been going back and forth with Ministry staff about the Lakeshore Capacity Assessment and the relevance to the Ely Lake Cottage Lot Development Project. We made it clear that we have to complete the assessment on our own since we don't have the funds to hire a consultant to complete the work. At the end of August, the Ministry informed us they are taking dissolved oxygen samples for lakes in our area and have added Ely Lake to the list. After the results are confirmed, we can plug the numbers into our Lakeshore Capacity Assessment and hopefully move forward on this project.

Municipal staff and public stakeholders have been working hard with N1 Solutions and Fotenn to complete our Economic Strategic Plan and Community Improvement Plan. Both documents will be presented by mid-October. The Economic Strategic Plan will be on October 10th at our Council meeting and our Community Improvement Plan at the end of September. The Community Improvement Plan will be a public meeting most likely held at the Eagle River Recreation Centre and open to all residents. Staff from Fotenn and N1 Solutions will present the document and open the floor to the public for questions or concerns.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the Junior A hockey games this year! We still need a few more volunteers to help with the penalty boxes, scorers' sheet, and timeclock for the season. We are hoping to have the finalized schedule this month. If you're interested in volunteering, please call 807-227-3005.

Max Nagy, EDO

Recreation:

It seems summer has come to an end. The leaves are changing and with that said, so are my programs. Hello to September, I'm excited to announce the start of Armchair Travel again, a great

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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 October Messenger will be September 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.**

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.

****Remember** 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!

successful program that everyone enjoys! Keep your eyes posted. Sadly, Rollerblading/skating has come to an end for another season, I hope everyone enjoyed it. I would like to thank Erika Spence for covering a couple evenings when I couldn't be there, great job as usual girl!

Kids camp was wonderful, I had a great bunch of kids and some great volunteers. The wind-up day was a huge success, plans are on the go for next years camp. I would like to thank the following people, businesses, and organizations for all they did to make this camp a success: Rose Rhyner Bruyere (for everything), Norbert Bruyere (ice & muscles), Sarah Neil (yoga & time), Vermilion Bay Kinsmen (fruit & water), Arrow (Dave & Holly) (Freezies), Sandra King (cooking) Tammy Rob (cooking), Cheryl Murray (cooking), Ministry of Natural Resources, Blue Lake Provincial Park (Kelsey Fenwick & help), Machin Public Works (Brendan Leach, Wayne Boomhower, Wade Reinhold, Conley Delorme), Shauna Alberts (face painting), Ontario Provincial Police (Constable Randell), Machin Fire Department (Dan Robinson).

The Senior Pontoon Rides went well, thankfully the wind worked for us on that hot day. The Fish Fry & Entertainment was excellent and I'd like to thank everyone who attended and also the following volunteers: Hales Fisheries (cooking and providing the fish), Rose and Bert Bruyere, Sandra King, Tammy Rob, Cheryl Murray, Tony & Cameron Blair, The Honky Tonk 2 (Lorne and Shannon), Ken Hatfield and our Public Works, Machin Volunteer Fire Department (Dan Robinson), and Connie Calvert. Thank you as well to all of the captains: Brent Woods, Rick Lindmeier, John Bratland, Geoff Hartley, Jack Rhyner, and Al Koroniak.

I am so very grateful for the attendance and for all the volunteers that continue to stand beside me in all my endeavors, THANK YOU!!! If I have forgotten anyone, my sincere apologies. Please keep your eyes open for posters on events happening this month. Have a good September.

Carman Brignall, Recreation Facilitator

Public Works:

Thank you to Cole Tourond for his many years of work with our Public Works crew. We wish you all the best at your new job! Thank you as well to Conley Delorme, Wade Reinhold, and Brandon Leach for their hard work this year.

We were able to gravel and grade Roussin Rd at the end of August and we have fall projects that are on the go. We plan on changing a culvert on Evergreen Rd, ditching and changing the

culvert at the end of Armstrong St and hauling gravel to Hanslips Rd, Cascade Rd, and Tower Rd.

Volunteer Fire Department:

In the month of July, we attended 2 practices, responded to 7 medical calls, 1 false alarm, 1 vehicle collision, and 1 fire from a downed Hydro line.

Thank you to all our Volunteer Fire Fighters!

Shout out:

A big shout out to the volunteers in Eagle River for their work and creativity at the Eagle River Rink! Thank you for taking the time to paint the hockey jerseys on the hut, your artwork looks fantastic.



Just a friendly reminder that elementary and high school started back on August 30, 2023. Please slow down and obey speed limits. In school zones it is 30km/h and in Vermilion Bay on both Spruce Ave. & Armstrong Street the speed limit is 40 km/h.

Be safe and have fun while learning!



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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.



Carbon Monoxide (CO) And Heating Safety

When a fuel-burning appliance does not get enough fresh air and fails to completely burn its fuel, carbon monoxide (CO) is produced. The symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu – nausea, headache, burning eyes, confusion, and drowsiness – except there is no fever. If symptoms appear, immediately get everyone outside to fresh air and call 911.

Heating systems that burn fuel (furnaces and fireplaces) need to be inspected and maintained annually. Be sure to only use a certified heating contractor for the inspection and any required repairs. To check if a contractor is certified or to find a certified technician, check COSafety.ca.

Examine the heating system occasionally for signs of deterioration, such as water stains, corrosion, or leakage. Look for corrosion or rust on the outer shell of a metal chimney. Watch for bulges or corrosion of the liner as well. Loose bricks, crumbling mortar, dark stains, and white powder all indicate problems with a masonry chimney, which should be repaired immediately by a certified heating contractor or mason. Check stove pipes and connections. Ensure that screws are located at every joint and that each connection is a tight, secure fit. Also, look for signs of dark staining or white powder at every joint. Rust is a clear sign that it is time to replace the stove pipe. Check walls for excessive heat. If the wall above the fireplace or wood stove gets very hot, it could be a sign of an improper chimney installation and a potential fire hazard.

Clean the furnace air filters in forced-air systems frequently, at least twice a heating season.

Keep the area around the furnace free from chemicals and materials that could catch fire or explode if they become too hot.

Ensure air exchange vents are free of debris and not blocked or covered.

Keep chimneys and vents for furnaces, heating appliances, fuel-burning appliances, and dryers free of debris and kept clear of snow and ice to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide build-up.

Burn dry, well-seasoned wood in fireplaces and woodstoves to reduce the risk of excessive creosote build-up in chimneys.

Open the flu before using a fireplace for adequate ventilation.

Protect walls and floors from heat and sparks. Always use a properly fitted fire screen around the fireplace, keep combustible objects away from wood stove or fireplace and protect floors and walls with non-combustible shields.

Allow ashes from your fireplace or woodstove to cool before emptying them into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Keep the container outside.

Keep children away from the glass barrier around a gas fireplace. It takes an average of 45 minutes for the glass barrier of a gas fireplace to cool sufficiently after a fire has been extinguished. Even the heat from the ignition light can be enough to heat the glass barrier enough to cause a burn.

Keep space heaters at least one metre (3 feet) away from anything that can burn. Never use an electrical space heater in an area that can be exposed to water. Never use fuel-burning portable space heaters in an enclosed space.

Make sure everyone in house knows to get out and stay out and where to meet outside if the alarm sounds.

Working smoke alarms must be installed on every storey of home and outside all sleeping areas. If home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage, a working carbon monoxide alarm must also be installed on every storey of home and outside all sleeping areas.

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 P0V

Machin Fire would appreciate any donation of big jars, like the ones you see around Machin for donations. Over the years the jars they have received have broken. Please bring the jars to the Machin Office or call Garry Parkes at 807-227-2895.



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.

Vermilion Bay Minor Hockey



Open to all kids in the area!!

If you are new to hockey and want to try it out and learn, this league is for you!

Hockey is Monday and Thursday evenings at the Woodland arena. Tentatively starting in November (but hopefully sooner!)

Registration fees are \$250 for the season, payable in 3 easy payments.

Registration is available online:

<https://page.spordle.com/vermilion-bay-minor-hockey>

There are also subsidies available through Hockey Canada and through other local organizations, like the Metis association and Jump Start.

Please reach out if you have any questions!

We are also seeking coaches! If you are interested please reach out to us.

Kristal -807-444-6943


Tasha -807-323-4494

Or vbayminorhockey@gmail.com

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EAGLE RIVER	8 a.m. - 1 p.m.	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.



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.




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New Lions Executive

As we embark on a new year, we welcome a new executive!

Past President: Lion Veronica Leray

President: Lion Jack Rhyner

1st Vice President: Lion Richard Leray

2nd Vice President: Lion Trish Paquin

Treasurer: Lion Susan Mann

Secretary: Lion Jennifer Cunningham

Directors: Lion Conrad Musyj, Lion Len Suomu, Lion Forrest Mann, Lion Veronica Leray,

Membership: Lion Marie Therrien

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Vermilion Bay Lions Hall:

The Lions Hall is available to rent for any event. These include:

- Trainings
- Birthday Parties
- Baby showers
- Family events
- Meetings

The hall is equipped with full kitchen, electronic white board, internet and sound system. Our hall is recently renovated with new lighting and acoustic tiles.



Contact Al at 807-220-1107 or rentals@vermilionbaylions.org

Funeral / End of life celebrations
Hall is available for Funeral / End of life celebrations by donation. Contact Helen @ blueberrybroad@gmail.com



Vermilion Bay Lions Club, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program



This program offers 1 free book monthly to children until they turn 5. Eligible postal codes are POV2V0, POV2J0, POV2E0, POV2X0, POV1S0

You can register at <https://imaginationlibrary.com/ca/affiliate/ONVERMILIONBAY/>

Lions medical equipment
If you need a hospital bed, bathroom equipment, stair climber, walker, motorized wheelchair, lift, etc. contact Gary at

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garyehutchison@gmail.com or

Conrad at 807-221-8055 or

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September

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					1 Drop In 10:00-1:00	2
3	4 CLOSED Labour Day	5 Walk and Roll 10:00-11:00 Drop In 9:30-3:00	6 Baby and Me 10:00-12:00 Drop In 9:30-3:00	7 Craft and Story Time 10:00-12:00 Drop In 9:30-3:00	8 Drop In 10:00-1:00	9
10	11 Preschool Play 10:00-12:00 Drop In 9:30-3:00	12 Walk and Roll 10:00-11:00 Drop In 9:30-3:00	13 Baby and Me 10:00-12:00 Drop In 9:30-3:00	14 Craft and Story Time 10:00-12:00 Drop In 9:30-3:00	15 Drop In 10:00-1:00	16
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September 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bus to Dryden Tuesday's & Thursday's. Pick up 9 a.m. call 807-227-2633		To rent Seniors Call : 807-529-4611			1 Coffee 8:30 Susan Hutchinson Mahjong 10 a.m.	2
3	4 Coffee 8:30	5 Val Taylor	6 Coffee 8:30	7	8 Coffee 8:30 Mahjong 10 a.m.	9
10	11 Catered Lunch	12 rented	13 rented	14	15 Don Sawatsky Coffee 8:30 Mahjong 10 a.m.	16
17	18 Coffee 8:30	19	20 Coffee 8:30	21	22 Coffee 8:30 Pot Luck Mahjong 10 a.m.	23
24	25 coffee 8:30	26	27 Coffee 8:30 Lloyd Chandler	28 Linda Huitikka	29 Coffee 8:30 Mahjong 10 a.m. Ron Booi	30 Sandra Altenburg


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MONDAY—SATURDAY
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September 8th	September 20th	Sept. 1st—Sept. 7th Sept. 15th—Sept. 21st
PLEASE REMEMBER		Sept. 29th—Oct. 5th

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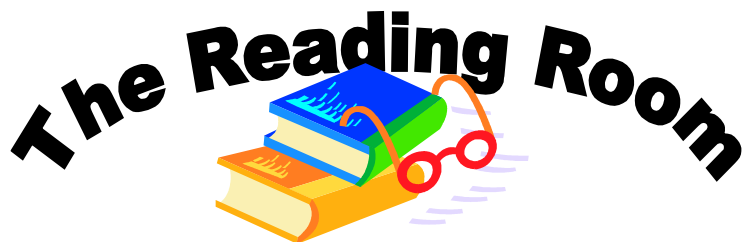


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Mayor & Council**

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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 September 11th immediately following the Public Works meeting, and Monday September 25th, **6:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers, Machin Municipal Office

Public Works Meeting: Monday September 11 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: Catered lunch, Sept. 11th

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.