



### CIRCLE THE DATE **FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025!!**

The Neebing Rec Committee is hosting a FAMILY SKATE DAY at the Blake Hall! All the exciting details will be announced in the February Neebing News!

Thank

The Neebing Recreation Committee hosted another successful Breakfast with Santa in December. The event sold out again! Fantastic breakfast, games, crafts and a special visit with Santa and Mrs. Clause. Special thank you to Dale and Cheryl. Much thanks goes to Toys R Us for their generous donation to the festivities. If you missed it in 2024, we will see you in 2025!







#### The Creative Company is coming to Neebing for an afternoon of painting!

Neebing Recreation Committee is honoured to be hosting an afternoon with Steve from The Creative Company. Sunday February 23,rd 2025. 1pm at the Blake Hall.71 Blake

Hall Road. You will choose one pre printed canvas, paint and brushes provided. Cost is \$50/person.

Must be prepaid by February 10th,2025.









minutes.



Since the December edition, there has been two regular meetings of Council on December 4 and 18, 2024. There has also been one special meeting of Council on December 18, 2024.

At the regular Council meeting on October 2nd, the following matters were considered:

- Council authorized Administration to register for e-filing with the Ontario Land Tribunal.
- Council approved an updated Investment Policy Statement.
- Council reviewed updates to the municipal insurance policy.

At the special Council meeting on December 18th, the Committee of the Whole reviewed an application for severance.

At the regular Council meeting on December 18th, the following matters were considered:

- Council had a presentation from Neebing Fire Rescue Association to acknowledge the contributions of Chaschuk Enterprises to their fundraising efforts.
- Council had a presentation from Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy regarding their activities in the region.
- Council approved the recommendations from Committee of the Whole to approve a severance application.
- Council approved an updated capital plan.
- Council authorized Administration to proceed with the work to obtain a Crown Lease for Fire Hals 4 and 7.
- Council approved the 2025 municipal insurance proposal.
- Council directed Administration to contact the Ministry of Transportation regarding the winter conditions of the provincial highways within Neebing.
- Council passed a by-law to regulate parking on municipal property.
- Council passed a by-law to adopt an updated multi-year accessibility plan and policy.

The next Council meeting will be held on January 15, 2025. Regular Council meetings are normally scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month; however, there is only one meeting in January, July and August. This article contains only highlights from Council meetings – visit the website to see the approved minutes from each of the meetings. The minutes of each meeting are approved at the following meeting and are posted on the website once they have been approved and signed. If you don't have internet capabilities, you can always contact the office for copies of approved

Meeting agendas are always posted online on the Friday prior to the Wednesday meeting. Come out and see what your Council is doing on your behalf. Feel free to contact the Municipal Office for further information or with input into any of the items that Council is considering. **The meetings** are now being held at the Municipal Office, but there is the option to attend virtually as well. The links to login to the meetings are posted on our website in the calendar details.













### **Looking for Committee Members**

There are vacancies on two volunteer committees: the Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee ("NEDAC") and the Cloud Bay Cemetery Board

The mandate for **NEDAC** is summarized as (for more detail, refer to By-law 2016-022, as amended):

- liaise with potential developers to provide information and encouragement;
- look for and identify opportunities for development;
- assist the Corporation with legwork and development work associated with these opportunities;
- assist the Corporation with research associated with development possibilities;
- make recommendations to the Corporation for marketing and developing the community; and
- liaise with, provide information to, and support local business endeavours.

NEDAC presently meets at 5:30 p.m., on the third Monday of each month, at the municipal office.

The mandate for the **Cloud Bay Cemetery Board** is summarized as (for more detail, refer to By-law 2016-022, as amended):

- To oversee the implementation and enforcement of all by-laws and policies enacted by the Corporation relating to the management and operation of the Cloud Bay Cemetery; and
- To make recommendations to Council for the appropriate maintenance and care of the Cloud Bay Cemetery.

The Cemetery Board meets quarterly on a Monday at 5:00 pm. The dates for 2025 are February 3rd, May 5th, August 11th and November 3rd

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

As at the time this article was prepared, there was 1 available seat on each committee. To apply, please communicate your interest to the municipal office. You can phone (474-5331), email (clerk@neebing.org), write to us (4766 Highway 61, Neebing, Ontario, P7L 0B5) or drop by during office hours (9 to 5, Monday through Friday).

The deadline to apply is Tuesday, January 14th at noon. If we receive more applications than there are available seats on these committees, Council will review the applications and make appointments at the January 15th Council meeting.

### Contact Us - Municipality of Neebing

Complaints, Concerns, or Questions: Want action on a problem? Want answers to your Municipal questions? Get accurate information right from the source: www.neebing.org or call the office at 807-474-5331. Report your concern, voice your complaint, or get answers to your Municipal questions with the click of a mouse or a phone call.

Emergency Road Condition Reporting: If you encounter an emergency road condition such as a washout, a sinkhole, etc., please call the Municipal Office direct 474-5331 even if you are calling outside of regular office hours (Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm). Leave us a detailed voice message as the municipal voice mailbox is monitored to help us act quickly when such emergency issues occur.

Municipal complaints or concerns posted on social media forums or website pages not maintained by the Municipality are not monitored or recorded. Please, contact the Municipal Office direct - we are here to help!

#### NEEBING LANDFILL NEWS



### Winter Landfill Hours

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



#### **Garbage Punch Cards**

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



#### Back to Bags for Plastics & Cans

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

### **Show Me the Money**

It's Municipal Budget time! Budgets are typically reviewed several times by Council before being passed, with the first review scheduled for Wednesday January 29th at 6 PM. This Public meeting can be joined online or in person at the Municipal Office. Meeting details are available online at www.neebing.org or from the office.

The first draft budget for 2025 will include:

- Projected revenue
- Projected operating expenses such as the costs for services
- Projected Capital Projects
- Projected Transfers into Reserve Funds for future large purchases (such as a replacement plow truck)

Legislation requires that Municipalities must have a balanced budget with what is coming in matching what goes out. However, at this first draft of the budget some of the sources of revenue can still change (for example a grant application may or may not be successful), so the focus in the first budget meeting is typically on identifying and prioritizing expenses, and most of the work to balance revenues and expenses occurs in future meetings.

# What Happens if Someone Falls Behind on Propterty Taxes?

Property taxes are due at the end of February, May, August, and October. A property owner also has the option to set up a monthly payment plan for their taxes.

Tax arrears are the amount that remains owing on a property after the tax due date. Arrears have penalties applied to them at a rate of 1.25% per month (15% per year), and the Municipality sends out arrears notices for balances that exceed \$5.00 to the property owner every month. The Municipal Act states that when the tax balance is two years old, the property becomes eligible for the tax sale process to begin. On January 1, 2025, a property that has arrears dating from anytime in 2023 is eligible for tax sale

The Municipality has a tax collection policy that directs actions that will be performed for accounts with overdue balances.

- For Arrears less than two years old, monthly tax notices are sent.
- For Arrears more than two years old, Neebing send a a letter to the Property Owner and follows the Ontario the Municipal Act.

The Municipality hires outside expertise to help with the tax sale process, and additional fees for the added costs are added to the property tax balance. The fees vary, but each step of the tax sale process on average adds an additional \$800 to the tax balance

Options for property owners to avoid the tax sale process include setting up a monthly payment arrangement, making a partial payment of the penalties and taxes more than one year old, or a combination of a lump sum payment and a monthly payment arrangement. and most of the work to balance revenues and expenses occurs in future meetings.

### **Strategic Plan Update**

In the latter part of 2024, focus was on receiving input from the Public, Volunteers, Staff and Council regarding potential goals to bring into the new 2025-2028 Strategic Plan. From this initiative, many new ideas and option were gathered. The next phase of the plan development process is to take the combined list of goals and prioritize them. The goals will then be incorporated into a draft plan that will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Council is holding a meeting on January 22nd at 6 PM at the Municipal Office and will begin the prioritization process. You are welcome to attend this meeting or any other Council meeting ei-ther in person or online.

# How to Contact the Neebing Municipal Office

Office hours: Monday – Friday (9:00am – 5:00pm) Phone: (807) 474 5331

Email: Neebing@neebing.org Website: www.neebing.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/neebing Instagram: www.instagram.com/municipalityofneebing/







Good Neighbour Sheds - What's In and What's Out

The Good Neighbour Shed provides an important service to the resi-

**GOOD NEIGHBOUR** 

ACCEPTED ITEMS

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Baby Furniture and Car Seats

**Items in Good Condition** 

(Gently used, unused,

unbroken and clean)

Upholstered Furniture

Clothing and Footwear

Electrical Items

Food and Liquids

**Encyclopedias and** 

Magazines

dents of Neebing while at the same time it helps to divert material from the landfill. Council does not what to lose this service but at the same time they must balance the popularity of the shed with the duty to maintain the landfill and follow the requirements of the environmental approvals.

To keep the Good Neighbourhood Sheds in compliance with environmental approvals and minimize the accumulation of unwanted items, Council is asking the public to be mindful of what is being deposited in the sheds.

#### What's In?

Only items in good condition

should be placed in the sheds. We can't possibly list all the items here that could be left in the shed, but if they are gently used, unused, unbroken, clean and don't fall in the "What's Out" list, then they're in.

#### What's Out?

Please do not deposit the following in the sheds:

- Upholstered furniture
- Baby furniture and car seats
- Electrical items
- Food and liquids
- Encyclopedias and magazines

Consider other alternatives for re-homing some of these items such as a thrift store or local online buy and sell sites.

Please contact the municipal office if you have any questions.



### Your donations at work – supporting NES and the Landfill!

This is primarily the tale of the cans (beer, wine, liquor, pop and steel) that the good folks of Neebing donate to the NFRA collection bins at both the Sand Hill and Scoble landfill sites.

(There's also a neat story about the glass bottles and other metal that are donated... but we'll leave that for another issue .) When you bring your recyclable

cans to either landfill site AND place them in the NFRA labelled bins (pix 1), YOU start the journey for a humble can to become a lifesaving piece of equipment for YOUR Neebing Emergency S ervices. Cans have become all kinds of marvellous things including –CPR practise mannequins, battery powered Jaws of Life (extraction tool), an EV fire blanket and reflective graphics, lights and radio for the new Rescue vehicle (R151).

One of our longest serving Fire Department volunteers, Kris Ligate, collects the donations and brings them to a central sorting area. Pix 2 shows the mountain of donations after one month in the spring of 2024. Our amazing volunteer can sorters (pix 3) go thru every bag separating the cans that have a deposit from those that don't. Another group of volunteers count the deposit cans into clear bags and label them (pix 4) so Kris can bring them to the return centre. Pop cans go into large mini bulk bags and steel cans go into black plastic. Kris takes these to the metal recyclers in town where their value is determined by weight.

In addition to the revenue generated (see this month's NFRA article for that info), we have calculated the volume of material NOT going into the land-fill in 2024 at 5248 cubic feet. Think of this as 4.5 Sea Can shipping containers each measuring 20' x 8' x 8'. That's a lot of volume!

Thanks to YOUR donations and our volunteer sorters, we call this a winwin!

### When to Contact the OPP

#### When to Call 911

If someone's health, immediate safety or property is threatened, call 911. When calling 911, be specific about what services(s) you need, ie: Police, Fire and/or Ambulance and provide as much detail as possible.

#### When to Call the Non-Emergency Line

For non-emergency events or minor crimes you can either:

- Call the 24-hour toll-free number at 1-888-310-1122;
- Call the detachment at 807-683-4200; or
- File a report online at https://www.opp.ca/index.php?id=132

### The following can be reported online:

- Theft Under \$5,000
- Mischief / Damage to Property Under \$5,000
- Mischief / Damage to Vehicle Under \$5,000
- Theft from Vehicle Under \$5,000
- Lost / Missing Property Under \$5,000 including a license plate(s) or validation sticker(s)
- Theft of any type of gasoline from a gas station
- Driving Complaints

### The following should be reported in-person by calling the toll-free or detachment numbers:

- the occurrence happened outside of OPP jurisdiction
- there are any identifiable suspects
- someone was injured
- the occurrence involves a weapon
- the occurrence involves any damage to a motor vehicle due to an actual or apparent collision, including fail to remain collisions
- the occurrence involves a break and enter (e.g. unlawful entry and theft from a house, a building or a structure)
- the occurrence involves drugs or gambling (including lottery tickets)
- the occurrence involves a passport

The OPP use the data from calls to track patterns and create operational plans for patrolling and staffing. Residents are encouraged to report non-emergency events to help the detachment plan for where the resources are most needed.

#### How is the municipality billed for OPP Services?

The municipality is not billed on a per call basis. The majority of the cost for OPP services is based on the number of occupied properties within the municipality. There is an annual flat rate charge for each household and business. The rest of the cost is based on a percentage of municipal calls for service across the entire province and accounts for a small portion of the annual bill. If you would like more details about the cost for policing, please contact the municipal office.

### Meet Your Neebing Emergency Services Officer Team!

### Dedicated to Service, On and Off the Scene

We're proud to introduce our dedicated fire department officers, the individuals who are always ready to respond when duty calls. To give you a better understanding of who we are, we've included two photos of each officer. The first features us in formal dress, as you would see us at community events, engaging with and supporting the wonderful people we serve. The second shows us in full bunker gear, the way you would see us on scene during an emergency, focused and prepared for action. These images capture the versatility and commitment of our team—always ready to serve, no matter the situation.



How long have you been a part of the Fire Service?

I have been in the fire service for 4 years.

Why did you join NES?
Upon moving to the community, I wanted to get involved.
The Fire Department seemed like the perfect fit, and I was welcomed with open arms and immediately felt as a valued member. Helping others and keeping people safe is something I have always felt strong about. I am able to give back to a great community and help those during their times of

#### What do you love the most about being part of the team?

Since joining the Fire Service I have met so many amazing people who I can proudly say are brothers and sisters. NES allows you to learn new skills and perform tasks you never thought possible, and there is room for growth within the Fire Community. The best part of being on the department is the people. Whether it is fellow firefighters, or the members of the community. You're a part of something bigger than yourself.



## How long have you been a part of the Fire Service?

I joined the fire service in an official capacity 4 years ago after being a "fire fighter girlfriend" for a few years prior, spending ample time at the fire halls and even attending a call or two to bring additional supplies and equipment when my other half was on scene at a structure fire for long periods of time.

### Why did you join NES?

My fiancée had been a

long-time fire department member and even after declaring time after time that I would NEVER get out of bed at 3am for the pager, here I am. Rather than sitting alone at home while he was out helping the community, I pitched him the idea of joining the department and he was incredibly supportive of the idea—the rest is history.

#### What do you love the most about being part of the team?

What I like best about being in the fire service is how our whole team treats each other as equals, regardless of race, gender, size or ability—everyone is an asset. It's not about who you are, what you look like or what skills you have—it's about teamwork, learning new skills together, and dedication to serving our community. Being a part of the fire service is a unique feeling—there's nothing quite like the sense of purpose, adrenaline, and camaraderie that comes with being part of a team dedicated to serving and protecting others. It's truly awesome to be a part of something so impactful, where every day brings new challenges and the opportunity to make a real difference in people's lives.

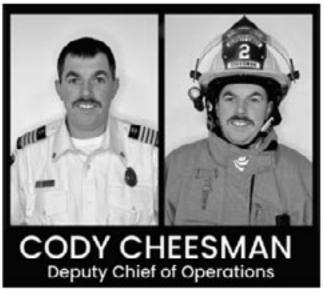


How long have you been a part of the Fire Service? July 2025 will be my 27th year on the department. I started with fire when I was 16 and at 19 joined the EFR side.

Why did you join NES? My mom was the community nurse and everyone called her prior to calling 911. She would respond and most of the time my dad would drive her. I naturally followed suit.

What do you love the most about being part of the team?

I help my community, without the need for recognition—just help people who are in need. I have made some great friends on the team, even met my significant other (which is awesome) being on the team has taught me that no matter how bad things can get there are people out there who will run in to help. It has made me a better mother, sister, daughter, friend, and has shown me that even though I'm tiny I can still hold my own on any scene. I never wanted to be working in health care it seemed crazy, but in my professional and volunteer life I'm in health care.



# How long have you been a part of the Fire Service?

I have been in the fire service for 14 years.
I joined Terrace Bay
Emergency Services in 2010 and was a member of that department until moving to Thunder Bay in 2017 and have been a member of Neebing Emergency Services ever since.

### Why did you join NES?

After already being in the fire service for 7 years, I knew it wasn't something I was willing to give up when moving to Thunder Bay. As soon as I moved to Neebing, I reached out to the department to join and be able to serve my new community.

#### What do you love the most about being part of the team?

I love the sense of community and teamwork that comes with the role. Being part of a fire department means working together in high-pressure situations, relying on each other's skills, and forming strong bonds. The brotherhood and camaraderie within the team are unparalleled—it's a unique feeling to know that you're all striving toward the same goal: saving lives and protecting the community. I'm motivated by the chance to make a real difference while being part of something greater than myself.



## How long have you been a part of the Fire Service?

I have been with the fire service for 33 years. I joined the First Response Team in 1991 when we started the service, and then started fire response a few years after that. I have been a captain, deputy fire chief, training officer, and district chief. Why did you join NES? I had been going out to calls since I was 16 with my father. I was very interested in first response

calls because of my prior first aid training with the Canadian Ski Patrol. I really liked giving back to my community, and finally built my house in Neebing in 1993. After that, I wanted to help with the fire department side as well to help protect the houses and people in the Municipality.

#### What do you love the most about being part of the team?

I like the teamwork and the co-operative spirit of the department. I also liked the learning new skills and taking the Company Officer and Fire Prevention Officer college courses. I like the changes in the team over the years, and always look for new ways to do things, and the growth of the fire department. Knowing that there are good people out there to help the community members at any time of day is very reassuring, and I am honoured to be part of this team.



### How long have you been a part of the Fire Service?

I've been a member of the fire team for 35 years. Why did you join NES? I first learned I was the newest member when my wife read about it in the Scoble Scoop. A former resident and colleague had recommended me for the team when he learned I was moving to Scoble Township in 1989.

#### What do you love the most about being part of the team?

I'm a solitary person by nature but being a member of the fire team has helped me be an active member of the community.

### Neebing Businesses



5 Star Electric are electricians who provide services in residential, commercial, and industrial buildings. Some of their work includes solar panels, equipment installations, renovations and additions.

Website: www.fivestarelectric.ca Email: inquiries@fivestarelectric.ca Phone: (807) 475-7827



Neebing Businesses

### **Canada West Maple Products**

Canada West Maple Products is a manufacturer and distributor of Northern Ontario sourced maple syrup. Canada West Maple Products has a sugar bush and a sugar shack within Neebing to make quality maple syrup. Canada West Maple Products are extremely passionate about premium quality products and the age-old Canadian staple that is maple syrup. The making of maple syrup is a process that brings family, friends, and even strangers together to tackle the tasks of splitting wood to fuel

the boilers, carrying buckets of sap from the sap lines that seem to go on forever, and staying up late watching the syrup cook away. It is an amazing experience and yields a very sweet reward.







Website: www.canwestmaple.com







Neebing, ON

### **January is Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month**

By Meaghan Forneri, Deputy Chief of Medical Operations

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

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

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

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

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

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









### VOLLEYBALL DROP-IN CO-ED 18+ FUN LEAGUE





START DATE: October 3, 2024- May 15, 2024

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

WHERE: Valley Central School gym

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



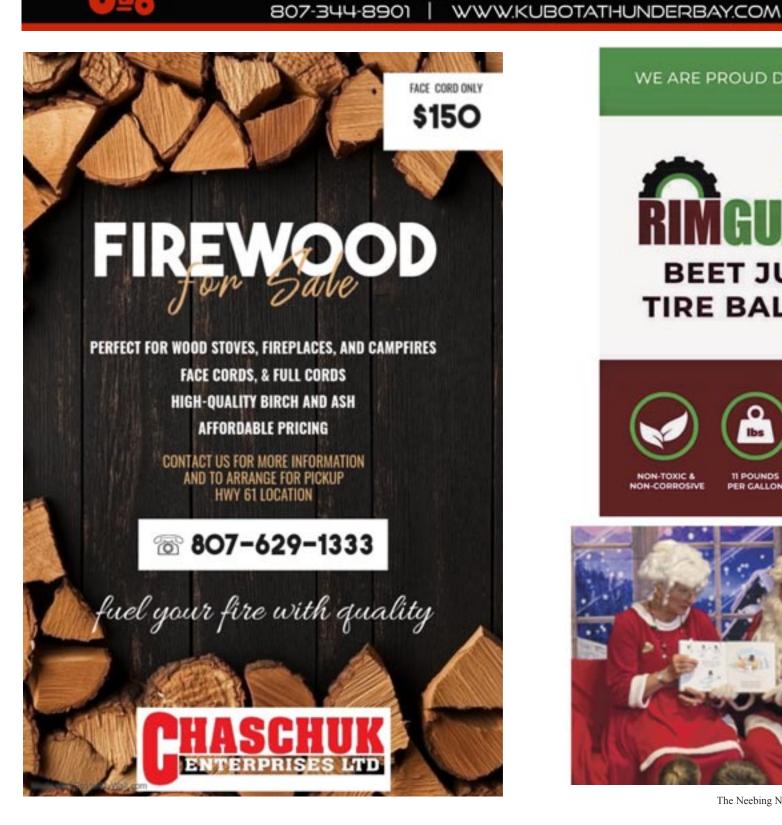






**NOW OPEN** 















Happy New Year! May your 2025 be filled with happy moments.

This is the wonderful time of year where we can show you what an incredible difference YOU have made in our community!

Where you helped	What was raised
Cookie Sale & Penny Auction event	\$ 2,366
Can/Metal Donations & Sorts	\$ 10,433
BBQ's	\$ 486
Rafflebox Online 50/50	- \$ 12,000
Firewood Raffle	\$13,328
Personal Donations	\$ 6,087

You have made a **HUGE** difference in your community just by baking a batch of cookies, donating your empty cans, buying our Raffle tickets (firewood or 50/50) or stopping by our BBQs!

Cans and Metals - 2024						
Pop Cans	Canned Good	Scrap Metal	Beer Cans			
	Cans					
\$1820	\$314.71	\$1317.9	\$6980.90			

These numbers are incredible!

This is all from your waste and returnables that you have donated to IFRA!

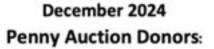


Autohome

NFRA's Holiday Cookie & Treat Sale, an annual fundraiser to support Neebing Emergency Services, is entirely supplied and supported by baking donations from the community.

To all the wonderful BAKERS...

Thank YOU!



The Bakeshop on Boundary
Bean & Olive
Bonzi Wuebben – The Tiny Gift Shop
Borderlands Farm
Canadian Tire Arthur St
Chatters
Clara Butikofer
Copperfin Credit Union
Delma Stajkowski
Edith Tivendale
Elaine Mackenzie - Mountain Stream

Orchards Equipment World Ltd Evergreen Pharmacy

Forelinks Restaurant Group (Montanas/

Giant Tiger Glassafras Stained Glass- Tracy Stewardson H & P Jams and Jellies Hamata Creations Metal Art Heartbeat Hot Sauce

Helena Laidler Home Depot

Kelseys)

Home Hardware - Arthur St Jeordi Pierre- School of Indigenous Learning Julie and Steve Elliott Kam River Fighting Walleye **Karen Davies** Katherine Hill **Lakehead Regional Conservation Authority** Marcel Tardiff Mary Ann Beckwith Metro - 505 Arthur St Metro- 1101 Arthur St **Municipality of Neebing** My Blooming Business Pottery NAPA Northern Turf

NAPA
Northern Turf
Nova-Pro Industrial Supply LTD
Randle's Candles
Shoppers Drug Mart - McIntyre Centre
Real Canadian Superstore
Thunder Bay Co-op Farm Supplies
Thunder Oak Cheese Farm



Prize number	Winner	winning tkt	Prize number	Winner	winning tk
1	April Newman	936492	23	Lori Wronowski	936466
2	Dawne Kilgour	233147	24	Cheryl Sereda	936446
3	Cheryl Jaspers	233138	25	Deborah McKay	233160
4	Meaghan Forneri	233099	26	Meaghan Forneri	233114
5	Adele Edgeson	233015	27	Fred Keller	936474
6	Meaghan Forneri	233108	28	Brian Kurikka	830528
7	Ann Galley	936462	29	Katherine Hill	233087
8	Alex Howie	936470	30	Sherry Savard	830624
9	Kat McFarlane	233065	31	Katherine Hill	830984
10	Sherry Savard	233023	32	Barbie LeBlanc	929550
11	Tracy Stewardson	233080	33	Alex Howie	830410
12	Penny Shott	233094	34	Jessica Gerrits	929532
13	Nita Heerema	936422	35	Angela Harasen	830911
14	Margaret Lex	233038	36	Deborah McKay	929587
15	Karina Lapointe	936426	37	Linda Cuthbertson	830313
16	April Newman	936496	38	Joel Manherz	830801
17	Kevin Adams	936479	39	Heather Murray	830323
18	Karen Mitchell	233121	40	Teresa Savard - Maki	830607
22	Debby Fawcett	936467	41	Joel Paquet	830553
23	Lori Wronowski	936466	42	Donna Patterson	936451











Neebing Fire/Rescue Association

METAL AND

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION

No plastic bottles or garbage please.

Thank you

for your donations!



Be safe, be well and be kind.

Joy Harris NFRA – President



## Chix in the Stix

### Best Foot Forward

I'm starting off 2025 by counting my blessings. Like this hot cup of early morning coffee in an almost quiet house. If I was gonna have a list of New Year's Resolutions, more early mornings would be on the list. But I really don't want a list. I 've learned from experience that it doesn't go well for me. Putting all those goals on paper is just setting myself up for failure. But it's hard to not think about resolutions when everyone else is talking about them and when my social media feeds keeps telling me that I should be losing weight, eating better, sleeping better, decluttering, moisturizing, learning a second language, dancing or doing chair yoga or wall pilates, making terrariums, growing my own food, eating microgreens, detoxing, hydrating and the list goes on and on. It's no wonder New Year's can seem overwhelming. But for some resolutions are all part of their usual holiday season traditions. And I do love traditions. But frankly the holiday traditions in our home have always been a bit divergent and I don't see them reflected in anything really. Take foot care for instance. You don't see that in Hallmark movies. Yet I think one of our favourite traditions at Christmas is when our middlenow-adult-child gives us pedicures. Amidst the wrapping paper, Christmas oranges and chocolates there are feet soaking in bins of epsom salts. Nothing says Christmas like callus scraping, toenail trimming and the sound of a dremel. And screaming. That's me. I hate having my feet touched. But I do love the end results. But while I may be going into the New Year with my best foot forward there are still other parts of me that need attention. They're not body parts, or things that can be buffed away or measured with a list, a scale or a mirror. I mean I totally should be eating less, exercising more, moisturizing and all those other things. But I'm going to devote my energy this year to internal improvements. Like being

kinder to everyone I cross paths with - no matter what. Even if they cut me off in traffic or push my buttons and make me crabby. I will strive to always take the high road. You never know what's behind someone else's actions and kindness always wins. I'm gonna keep trying to not take life too seriously. I can be way too intense sometimes so this one will take some work. I love sayings like 'YOLO' (you only live once) or 'we're here for a good time not a long time'. There is some wisdom in those sentiments and I hope I can hang onto these mantras in the year ahead. I'm gonna try to always be hopeful and optimistic. Another one that's easier said than done and will take deliberate effort and practice every day. To not be afraid to say no sometimes and to take joy in saying yes when it makes sense and will nourish my heart to do so. To recognize that it's okay to have a year that leans heavy on softness and compassion and taking care of me this time around. Celebrating self care. Guilt free naps. Because we are all worth it. To focus on family first. To love completely and unconditionally. To smile at strangers but not in a creepy way. And that about covers it. And I will be happy when I do these things well, and forgiving when I fail. And I will fail. I will embrace ME and all my weirdness and all my faults and will accept and celebrate YOUR weirdness too. Because we are all unique and that diversity just makes the world a better place! Nobody's perfect and in all that imperfection lies all the amazement. And we are all just trying our best. So your holiday traditions may have nothing to do with ingrown toenails or calloused heels, but plantar warts and all we are in this together so let's make 2025 count and be a year full of personal revolutions! Fast furious fundamental changes that impact our lives and those around us for the better! My feet look great by the way and the future looks bright!









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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
		Closed for New Year's Day	2 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	3	
6 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor C.C 10:00 am	7 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group  Good Food Box Order Deadline	8 Walk-In Clinic 4:30pm - 8:30pm	9 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	10	
13 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor C.C 10:00 am	14 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group	15 Good Food Box Pickup at KB Clinic Walk-In Clinic 4:30pm - 8:30pm	16 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Mobile Clinic - Upsala 10am-3:30pm LifeLabs	17	
20 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor C.C 10:00 am	21	22 Hearing Clinic Call 807-473-5528 to book an appt Walk-In Clinic 4:30pm - 8:30pm	23 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	24	
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### Kakabeka Site

4785 ON-11 Unit B, Kakabeka Falls, ON POT 1WO

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#### **PROGRAM INFO** Call KB Clinic Reception at (807) 473-5528 or email Shaun at speirce@norwestchc.org

to register for all programs Fly the C.O.O.P Indoor Walking Group

Starting at 10am at the KB

Chair Yoga In Person & Virtual Hosted at O'Connor C. Centre at 10am.

HistorTea - Jan 29th Join us at 1-3pm. Bring your photo albums. All ages welcome. Refreshments will be served.

New Program - Dementia Cafe coming on Feb 28th at Rural 60+. Watch for more



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- 10 to 3 Monday - Carving - Disking - 1 to 3

**Tuesday** - Weaving -10 to 3 -10 to 3 - Knitting

- Choir

Wednesday - 10 to 3 - Carving - Quilting - 10 to 3

> - Cribbage - 1 to 3

**Thursday** - Weaving - 10 to 3 - 10 to 3 - Knitting

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- 1 to 2:30

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Your donations enable the food bank to remain open

**Next Food Bank** Wednesday January 15

Registration 9 am to 11 am Drive-Thru Pick-up



submitted by LRCA Staff

The 2025 Explore Card Parking Pass is now on-sale. Explore Card Parking Passes permit day-use/parking at our ten Conservation Areas for one calendar year. Visit as often as you like. Enjoy one calendar year of recreation activities! For the low price of \$40.00 +HST, it's convenient for frequent users! All Explore Card revenue goes directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of our Conservation Areas.

The LRCA has many exciting events workshops planned for 2025! Be sure to keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more information and for when registration opens, etc. Visit us on Facebook and Instagram @lakeheadregion





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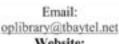
#### Murillo Library

Monday 10 - 8:00 pm Wednesday 10 - 8:00 pm Saturday 9 -12:00 935-2729

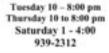
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It's always special when an anonymous donation connects a community or a cause to someone's memory.



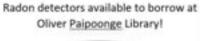
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Rosslyn Library









It is recommended that you test for radon during furnace season.

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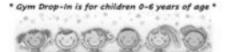
https://www.ecosuperior.org/homeenergy

### Gym Drop-In Jurillo Community Hall ~ 4569 Oliver Rd ~

Join the Rural Family Centre-EarlyON staff for some active play upstairs in the Murillo Community Hall.

We'll have some fun with balls, hoops, parachutes and each other! Indoor shoes are required to participate as we'll be running, spinning and jumping.

When: Monday, Jan. 13th 1pm-1:45pm What to Bring: Indoor Shoes & Water





as a member at www.keyon.ca For more information, please call



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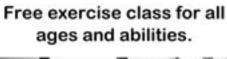
### CRIBBAGE

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At Rosslyn Hall from 11:30 to 12:00

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Please come out and join us at Pinegrove United Church 100 - Hwy 130 Admission is free and all are welcome!

Luncheon cafes are from 11 - 1 -No coffee Cafe for January or February

**January 23 -** come in from the cold and enjoy

**February 20** - Spaghetti and meatballs

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### Kakabeka Legion Events

### **JANUARY**



For Hall bookings call Diane Harrison 807-577-6549

#### KAKABEKA FALLS LEGION JANUARY EVENTS

January 11, 2025 - Executive Meeting - 2 pm

- General Meeting - 3 pm

January 12, 2025 - Breakfast 8:30 - 11 am January 25, 2025 - Dance with Quest 7 pm

Wishing all of our dedicated members, volunteers, and event attendees a safe and healthy 2025.

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Deadline for the FEBRUARY 2025 issue of The Neebing News is FRIDAY JANUARY 24!!! Get your info off your desk and onto MINE! :)

(Early submissions are always very welcome!)

Submissions and photos of community events and articles of interest are welcome!

Send to Chris Vaclav at designhouse@tbaytel.net 807-628-7271



