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Did You Know?

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Special points of Interest:

- * Local Nomination
- Woodstove Ashes
- Snowmaking Efforts

<u>Community Rebranding</u>

Manitouwadge is currently undertaking a **Community Rebranding** exercise to better prepare for marketing and outreach to attract new businesses and residents to our wonderful community. Branding is an important aspect of how people view the community before making a decision to come here.

We want to hear from our residents about what they like about Manitouwadge. You can participate by completing a short online survey (or pick up a paper copy at the Municipal Office) and by attending the Public Open House on January 23rd.

Link to the Rebranding Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9Y98KP5

Public Open House:

Thursday, January 23, 2020 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm Township of Manitouwadge Council Chambers 1 Mississauga Drive



Like and follow us for current events and notices: https://www.facebook.com/townshipofmanitouwadge

<u>Community Revitalization</u> Advisory Committee

The Manitouwadge Municipal Council recently established a new Committee of Council known as the **Community Revitalization Advisory Committee**.

Members were recently appointed to the Committee and two vacancies still exist. Please consider volunteering your time for this important Committee!

Please welcome Community Revitalization Advisory Committee members:

- Jim Moffat (Council Representative)
- Kevin Turner (Manitouwadge Economic Development Corporation Representative)
- Simone Donaldson
- Coady Keough
- Eric Robert
- Vacant (Youth member between the age of 15 and 34)
- Vacant (Indigenous member)

More information can be found on the Township's website:

https://www.manitouwadge.ca/call-forvolunteers-community-revitalization-advisorycommittee/

Municipal Office Hours Revised:

The Municipal Office Reception is open to the public daily from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, including lunch.

At the March 27th, 2019 Meeting of Council, a resolution was passed that the Municipal Office be open from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm on the due dates for tax and utility payments. After tracking these new hours for several months, it was determined by Council in December 2019 to revert back to the regular hours of 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, due to very low amounts of people visiting the office during the new hours.

Staff work from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm; Monday to Thursday and 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Fridays. Appointments can be made with staff if necessary outside of the hours we are open to the public.



<u>NOTE</u>: Payments are only accepted between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. However, other methods of payment include: the drop box, mail and for taxes, water and lot rentals on-line with CIBC, TD Canada Trust and the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Safety First with Woodstove Ashes!





The Manitouwadge Volunteer Fire Department has responded to a few calls in the last couple of years regarding dumpsters set alight due to people dumping woodstove ashes into them. Please be advised that the dumpsters are intended for household garbage only!

Ashes from a woodstove may sit for two days and may appear to be completely extinguished, however, the ashes can act like an insulator and once the cinder is exposed to the air can easily reignite. It is highly recommended to dispose of woodstove ashes outside

into a medal can and soak them with water to ensure that they are properly extinguished.



Snowmaking at Kiwissa Ski Centre

In early December, you may have noticed that snowmaking was in full swing at Kiwissa Ski Centre for three nights!

Many factors influence an efficient snowmaking process; the colder the better. A minimum of -16 degrees in temperature is required to effectively make snow. The

Ministry of Environment mandates the amount of water and duration we can pump from the pond, which only allows for us to make a certain amount of snow each year.

Many hands and committed hours are required for the snowmaking process. A minimum of 3 people for set up/tear down of the snowmaking equipment is needed. The shifts are ran each for 12 hours to efficiently maintain a 24 hour operation, thus cutting down on the potential for equipment failure. For example, the freezing of hoses, snow guns or the pond pump will stop all snowmaking efforts. The continuous operation really helps to eliminate these potential problems.

In addition to the cold weather helping to make snow, the other reason to operate during the night is to capitalize on the off peak hydro prices. The cost of hydro to operate the 600 hp pump, condenser and lights reflects as the highest ski hill hydro invoice.

We look forward to seeing our community members and surrounding participants enjoying our snow!

New Landfill Site Schedule

As of January 6th, 2020, please be advised that the Landfill Site will be closed on Monday's until March 9th, 2020.



During this time, the landfill site will remain open on Wednesdays and Saturdays only from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. As of March 9th, 2020, the landfill site will be open once again on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Landfill Site cards may be purchased at the Municipal Office and at 2 Doors Down.

Congratulations on a Recent Nomination Katie Simoneau!!

Congratulations to Katie Simoneau, Vice President, Manroc Developments Inc. for her recent nomination for a Northern Ontario Visionary Award (NOVA)! The NOVA's were established by Thunder Bay's Young Professionals Network to recognize and celebrate Northwestern Ontario's brightest starts under 40 years of age.



Ms. Simoneau was nominated under the "Business and/or Professional Achievement" category. Five awards will be given to the most significant movers and shakers in their field. These young professionals excel in business and/or their careers. Their work is impactful – creating jobs, improving quality of life, driving innovation, and propelling advancement. Twenty nominees were received under this category.

We are proud that Manroc Developments continues to call Manitouwadge home and look forward to hearing the outcome of the award following the banquet in Thunder Bay on Saturday, January 18, 2020.

