

2022 SNOW DERBY A GREAT SUCCESS

The Ignace Otters Snowmobile Club hosted the annual Snow Derby on Saturday, February 19th. Over 120 registered riders of all ages from Ignace and around the region (including Dryden, Vermillion Bay, Red Lake, Sioux Lookout, Atikokan, and Thunder Bay) and even a few from Alberta, enjoyed the scenic trail loop from Ignace to the White Otter Castle (105km).

After a spectacular breakfast at the Ignace Tavern, riders embarked on the staked trail that starts at Agimak Beach, and heads south through groomed trails and across Second, Beresford, Elbow, Balmoral, Patricia, and Nora Lakes, to White Otter Lake. The highlight of the ride is the pit stop at White Otter Castle to warm up by the campfire, and enjoy roasted hot dogs (courtesy of Ignace Shop-Rite). Riders then traveled back north to Nora Lake, and headed east over Halfmoon, Elsie, and Campus Lakes before stopping at the Campus Warm Up Shack for hot chocolate (sponsored by NWMO). Riders then joined the A Trail which leads north and west to Ignace.

After pulling playing cards at the checkpoints, the best hands were awarded a cash prize. This year, there was a tie for 1st place (4 of a Kind - Q's and a 4) which went to Jody Waldock and Don Ferrara (\$922 each). In third place was Karen Dufault (Flush) (\$462). The winner of \$540 in the 50-50 draw was Don Wagar, and the door prize for those who bought dinner tickets was won by Judy McKay (a case of 24 AAA 8 oz. steaks courtesy of the Ignace Tavern).

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Planning is now in full swing for the 2nd Annual Frances Roy Memorial Ride to White Otter Castle with proceeds benefiting TbayTel Tamarack house in Thunder Bay which will take place on Saturday March 5th. This event is also planned to include the popular Monte Carlo night at the

Ignace Tavern on Friday, March 4th.

Despite the cold weather and a few mishaps (which make for the best stories), it was a fun and safe ride! This event would not have been possible without our sponsors and their generous donations, as well as the time, dedication and commitment of many volunteers - you know who you

The Groomer arrives at White Otter Castle Photo Credit: Chris Zarecki

A Penny Auction (Open to ALL!) will take place on Saturday, March 5th and includes some fantastic items that have been donated by retailers and organizations around the region! See Facebook for more details as the event gets closer!



Participants enjoy roasting hot dogs at the campfire - White Otter Castle

Photo Credit: Jody Waldock, WACU Productions

2022 Snow Derby Sponsors:

Platinum:

Resolute Forest Products, NWMO

Gold:

The Tin Man (Fort Frances)

Silver:

Esso, Rene Nadeau Construction, Ricci's Trucking Inc, Ignace Shop-Rite, The Gallery, Signal Weather, and SS Cutting

Bronze:

Crossroads, Mastrangelo Fuels, Davy Lake Campground, Whiskey Jack Lodge, Lone Pine Inn, Ignace Tavern, Bragg's, Subway, Brad's Water Treatment, Dryden GM

The club also benefits from the generosity of the following organizations to help maintain trails, assist with mechanical issues and other important club activities:

Resolute Forest Products, Ricci's Trucking, Sioux Lookout Signature Signs and Stitchery, WACU Productions, TC Energy, R&C Repairs, and our dedicated volunteers who clear, groom, stake and maintain hundreds of kilometers of trails! Many thanks to everyone else who helped make this weekend a success!

The Ignace Otters Snowmobile Club is a volunteer-led not-for-profit organization committed to ensuring trail access for future generations through planning and strategic allocation of club funding and resources to maintain and improve our trails. If you would like to volunteer for the club, or are a student looking for volunteer hours, please reach out! Chris Zarecki (President); Tanya Lederer (Vice-President); Diana Korkola (Treasurer); Donna Roy (Secretary) –



Participants draw cards at Campus Warm Up Shack
Photo Credit: Tanya Lederer

THANK YOU TO SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS OF IGNACE OTTERS

The Ignace Otters Snowmobile Club would like to thank the generosity of sponsors, donors and volunteers from Ignace and beyond. Without your support, our trails and club events would not be possible.

A best-wishes only birthday get-together will be held at the Ignace Silver Tops Centre on March 11, 2022 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Tea, Coffee & Cake

will be served



Happy 100th
Birthday
Virginio (Tony)
Taddeo. Enjoy
your special
day!!

March 11, 1922





Shades of Grey

Silver Tops Newsletter

Active Retirement Living

(also online on Facebook)

March 2022

January 31 Meeting Highlights

In case you missed them on our Facebook page:

- -a steering committee has been formed to begin hall renovations
- -a garage sale will be held in conjunction with the Mother's Day

Next regular monthly meeting will be March 7th

Bingo Report – Bingo and 50/50 draw were both suspended for January & February – no earnings, therefore no winnings to report.

Screen for Life Coach coming April 5-7. Call 807-684-7777 for an appointment.

Wellness – Welcome news for keeping fit – the exercise program with Yvonne Romas has resumed. It's a "not-a-boot-camp" exercise session, 3 times a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00 am, at the Centre. Drop in – it's free!

Remember, it's always wise to consult your doctor before beginning an exercise program. And...it's also wise to consult your doctor if you're **NOT** going to exercise.

Tell Me a Story

I started my teaching career on the Osnaburgh reserve. We were supervised from the Indians Affairs office in Sioux Lookout, and most of the personal contact with them was by bush plane. One Saturday in early summer, a Cessna180 arrived, dropping off supplies on the way to another reserve. The passengers were School Superintendent Mr. Shad and a diesel generator mechanic.

Mr. Shad was very professional and dignified in his manner. When on official business (and that's the only time I ever saw him), he wore a suit, dress shirt, tie, polished shoes – and he was dressed that way on this weekend visit. (Oh, oh – somebody's in trouble!)

There was room for one more passenger if one of us wanted to go along to see another community. Claiming seniority, I jumped at this rare chance.

We had to taxi across the lake for take-off. The pilot, new to our lake, turned to ask me if I knew of any hidden "hazards to navigation". At that very moment the plane slid up onto a large flat, underwater rock, and came to a sudden stop. Applying throttle did not work, the floats would not budge – we were stuck.

The right-hand float seemed to be the problem. Not to worry, just lighten the load and we'd float off.

Mr. Shad, by respect of his position as Superintendent of Schools, had claimed the front passenger seat by the door. He was the obvious one to get out and therefore release the plane from the rock, giving a little shove if necessary. So, this proper gentleman took off his shoes, socks, and suit jacket, rolled up his shirt sleeves and his pin-stripe trousers, stepped out onto the float, and from there to the underwater rock. Pushing and shoving did not help – we were still stuck.

The mechanic got out and pushed – we did not move. I joined the other two – still no luck. Finally, the pilot himself had to get out.

Picture it – all four of us (one in a suit and tie!), in the middle of the lake on a rock with water up to our knees, lifting and pushing an airplane – and trying not to fall into the lake.

Success at last. With careful and strategic maneuvering and without further mishap, we managed to get the plane clear of the rock but still hold it close enough to climb back in. We finally took off and were on our way. I encountered Mr. Shad several times after, of course, but he always maintained his professional dignity, never referring to the incident. I've often wondered if he was able to find the same humour in the situation that I did! - From Liz Russell

Silver Tops Hall Renovations What would be on the wish list for a Silver Tops dream kitchen?

According to our kitchen workers, the wish list looks like, but is not limited to, this:

-Pantry to store foodstuffs -Shelves to store equipment and small appliances

-Large stand-up freezer unit – can't reach the bottom of a chest freezer!

-6-burner natural gas stove -Wall oven at an easy height

-Lots of counter space -Small catering cooler

-Janitor's room -Upper cupboards that are not too high

Small stacking washer/dryer unit for towels and tablecloths

Long narrow island for food preparation, with drawers for knives

The Club is considering a proposal to add an extension to the back of the building for an updated kitchen, more practical and easier to work in. The old kitchen would then become part of the open hall. Together, the renovations would increase our capability to deliver our own club events and activities as well as offer more services to the community.

At our last meeting, a Steering Committee was struck to draw up a preliminary plan for the kitchen that would include the items on the wish list, and prepare a budget for the proposal. This preliminary plan is necessary to begin a grant application process. The Township of Ignace will partner with us to help with the renovation plan and to help find and access funding opportunities. We're looking ahead to exciting things!!

Soup Club

How would it work? Well, the group would set the rules, but it would be sort of like this, all ideas negotiable, of course:

- 4 or 5 people we could accommodate more, but would make 2 groups
- meet twice a month at the Centre decide which day and whether at noon hour, or supper time
- decide on the type of soup we were going to make
- decide who would bring buns and butter, crackers, etc.
- bring enough of your soup for all the group to have ½ cup(?) serving
- group would decide whether we wanted to judge the soups and declare a winner, or just taste
- all recipes would be shared

Interested? Call Liz, 403-688-6062, or leave a message on our FB page. (Silver Tops members only, please. Not a member, but want to participate? Age 55 and up, and \$20 gets you in!)

Book Club

Got a favourite heart-warming or thought-provoking book that you'd like to share your thoughts about? Let's start a book club. Like this: we'd all read the book, and then get together over beverages and snacks and discuss our reactions to the concept, the story, the characters, the setting, the author – whatever! The biggest challenge of a book club is making the book available to all the members in a timely manner, but ebooks should make it easier. Interested? Call Liz at 403-688-6062 (don't let the area code throw you), or leave a message on our FB page. We can set up an initial meeting, and get started. (Silver Tops members only, please. Not a member? Age 55 or over, and \$20 gets you in!)



Silver Tops Valentine's Potluck – a REALLY good supper!

Do You Remember??

Clamp-on roller skates – one size fits all. We had one pair in my family – an extendable metal contraption with 4 wheels. It clamped onto your shoes and tightened in place with a key, and not very securely, either. Needless to say, I never became a roller-blader. "Well, I got a brand-new pair of roller skates, You got a brand new key..." (Your song for the day!)

Join our club or renew your membership? Call Sharleen Warren 934-0503. (\$20 annual dues.)

Thank You...to Emmanuel Church for the Valentine's Day deliveries. They're very much appreciated. ...to Petrina Taylor-Hertz (Township of Ignace), for giving us this platform for our newsletter. It's a lot easier than printing and distributing it ourselves.

Warmer Weather is Coming!

Warmer temperatures are on their way and we are all excited to get outside to enjoy the great outdoors. Whether you are taking your dog for a walk or they are playing in your yard, please ensure they are not running at large. Also, be sure to clean up after your pets and keep them tied up or secure in a fenced in area on your property. It is your responsibility as a pet owner. Stop in at the Township office to purchase your 2022 dog tag



École Immaculée-Conception

Déjà 100 jours d'école! 100 Days of School Already!

Le mois dernier a marqué le centième jour d'école depuis le début des classes pour les élèves de l'École Immaculée-Conception! Les élèves ont pu déguster un bon déjeuner chaud, se sont bien emmitouflées pour participer au Jour de la marche hivernale, habillés à la mode lors de la journée thème « coton ouaté »... Et bien sûr, célébrer le 100e jour d'école avec des activités diverses!

Last month marked the hundredth day of school for École Immaculée-Conception students! They enjoyed a hot breakfast, bundled up for Winter Walk Day, and dressed up in their best hoodies for a "sweatshirt" theme day... And of course, they celebrated the 100th day of school with various activities!



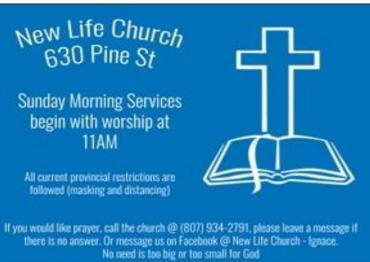














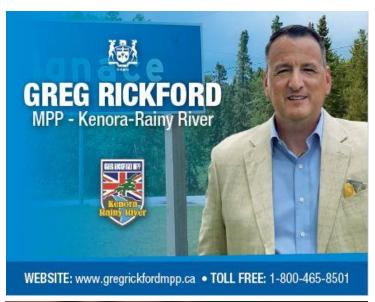
Ignace Food Bank

The Ignace **Food Bank** is a charitable organization dedicated to meeting community needs and ensuring no one goes hungry.

If you or someone you know could use a little help please contact Yvonne Romas, Health Promoter at 934-2290.

March Food Bank days March 3, 17 & 31 From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.







Empties are full of opportunity!

1.807.747.0318



Please save your empty alcohol bottles and cans.

Jim Gason collects and returns them and the money returned goes to support the Ignace Food Bank.

Please drop off the returns at 304 East Street or call Jim at 934-2393 and he will be happy to pick up them up.

Nuclear Information Sessions





Dryden Learns March 7th, 2022 6PM CST

Nuclear Waste: An Environmental

Nuclear Waste: An Environmenta Justice Perspective

Learn about the ways you can have a say and be involved

What is environmental justice and why is it relevant?
What is community willingness in the context of the NWMO's project and process?
Presentation Registration Link: https://bit.ly/312n819



Theresa McClenaghan
Executive Director and Counsel

Theresa holds an LL.B. from Western and an LL.M. in constitutional law from Osgoode, as well as a diploma in Environmental Health from McMaster. She was called to the Bars of Manitoba and Ostario.

Focussing on environmental health and environmental safety, particularly in the areas of energy and water, Theresa has practised public interest environmental law for over twenty-five years both in private practice and then at CELA as of 1998. In 2006-07, Theresa was the senior water policy advisor to the Ontario Minister of the Environment where she was responsible for overseeing the passage of the Clean Water Act, and implementation of the remaining Walleton Ionizing recommendations.

Theresa has represented clients at the Supreme Court of Canada, Federal Court of Appeal and Trial Division, and the Ontario Court of Appeal on a range of matters. Theresa was co-coursel representing the Concerned Walkerton Clitzens in both phases of the Walkerton Inquiry, and has appeared at a variety of environmental, land use and energy tribunals on behalf of her clients. Theresa is co-author of the recently published three volume annotated Ontario Water Law.

Theresa and her husband have four children and live in Paris, Ontario. Theresa has appeared before the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and Joint Review panels on a number of licensing and environmenta assessment matters, including extensive work on the topic of nuclear emergency planning.

Kerrie Blaise

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Kerrie is a staff lawyer at the Canadian Environmental Law Association and a member of the Canadian an International Nuclear Law Associations

Kerrie practices energy law specific to nuclear regulation and frequently represents public interest litigants at environmental assessment and licensing hearings before the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

Kerrie has also published in peer-reviewed, international law texts on the topics of civil nuclear emergency preparedness and sustainability impacts of small modular reactors.

The Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) is a non-profit, public interest organization established in 1970 for the purposes of using and improving existing laws to protect public health and the environment. Funded as a legal aid clinic specializing in environmental law, CELA represents individuals and citizens' groups in the courts and before tribunals on a wide variety of environmental matters.

Modernizing Canada's Policy for Radioactive Waste Management and Decommissioning. Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). Some great information; just go to the link https://www.rncanengagenrcan.ca/en/content/what-we-heard#esrfinal

VOLUNTEER POSITION

Outdoor Rink Attendant 2022-23 Winter Season

5-10 hours per week (flexible based on weather)

JOB DESCRIPTION

To work cooperatively with the Ignace Recreation Department to assist with the setup, maintenance and take down of the Township of Ignace Outdoor Rink and ensure safety regulations and standards are met

JOB DUTIES

- Work with a core group of volunteers to set up and take down the rink
- Provide regular snow removal, flooding and repairs as required to meet standards acceptable by the Township
- Complete regular inspections of the rink and communicate any updates or changes to ice conditions
- Store and maintain equipment to prevent theft and damage
- Follow Township procedures for Incident Reporting

REQUIREMENTS

- Wear appropriate protective clothing for warmth and safety
- Wear (as provided by the Township) a CSA approved hockey helmet when working on the ice
- Some physical strength is required
- Knowledge of rink construction and maintenance is an asset
- Hardworking and flexible individual who can work variable hours which may include evenings and weekends
- Training will be provided and must abide by the Townships Volunteer Code of Conduct

DID YOU KNOW!

TRUCK ROUTE SIGNS ARE COMING...





The Township of Ignace is proposing signage in order to restrict trucks and regulate truck traffic and parking on the Townships' vulnerable infrastructure.

If you reside in Ignace and wish to be heard, regarding Bylaw 40.2021 and any proposed truck routes/ signs, then please contact the Township Office, in writing expressing your questions, concerns and or any alternative suggestions you may have to offer.

You are encouraged to contact the Township of Ignace Municipal Law Enforcement Officer (MLEO) for any bylaw needs and also to familiarize yourself with the various Township of Ignace Bylaws. They are easily accessible and may be found on the Township of Ignace, Civic Web; https://ignace.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/347



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.
Ken Fralick in his 85th year, passed away peacefully at the Dryden Regional Health Centre, Dryden Ontario on Sunday January 16th, 2022. Beloved husband of Winnifred Fralick (McCabe) for 64 years, predeceased by loving daughter Yvonne Wagner, and survived by loving daughters Susan Watson (Graham) and Kimberley Baigrie. Loving grandfather of Tyler Wagner (Hillory), Theresa Muir, Jody Muir (Cass) and Amanda Muir (Cody).

Kenneth Crossley (Milissa) and Daniel Crossley (Melissa). Great Grandfather to Brynleigh Wagner and Brooklyn Scarr, Rundle Price, Oliver Taylor, Landon & Johnny Crossley, Matthew & Tyler Crossley. Loving brother to Joe Fralick (Barb) and sister Sharon and brother in-law of Done Graves. Predeceased by his parents Harry and Normand Fralick and his sister Kathy Graves.

Although Ken was experiencing health issues he always bounced back, he was a fighter which is why this so unexpected of him. He didn't win the battle this time, but we are at peace knowing he is resting peacefully now.

Ken always shared stories of his growing up, many times at family gatherings we would hear about Ken being a member of the rhythm band, h9is stock car racing days, his fishing and hunting trips and trapping experiences and we could never forget his and mom's construction business. On their 50th wedding anniversary all family members were asked if anyone had comments, his grandson Ken said I have something to say, "I was taught by the best and Grandpa when he did a job it was almost perfect, grandma came along with the rake afterwards then is was perfect." Everyone laughed but it was the truth. It was Ken's pride their Maple Orchard in Minesing, we can honestly say it was the best Syrup eve and all family members enjoyed helping when they could. He had that down to a T and he was the BOSS.

Our family is going to miss him so much, he was an important pillar in our family, we will not crumble but we will stumble until we get back on our feet. Until we meet again Kenneth, Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa RIP our love will never die and our memories of you will live on forever in our Hears.

A visitation and Funeral Service will be held at a later time with internment in Minesing Union Cemetery. Funeral arrangements entrusted to ADAMS FUNERAL HOME (445 St. Vincent Street, Barrie).

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation.

The Ignace EarlyON Centre is now open for in-person programs.

At this time we have a 10 person capacity , which includes staff and visitors to the centre.

Masks are required for ALL adults and children 5 years and older. Children 2 years and older are encouraged but not required to wear a masks and children 0-2 years are NOT required to wear masks.

All visitors to the centre are required to pass a Screening checklist.

We ask that everyone washes their hands prior to playing at the centre.

Please help us to keep our children safe and healthy

Making a Bedtime Routine

Children need routines so they know what is coming next. A bedtime routine that is used every night will help your child wind down, and know it is time to go to sleep.

It's a good idea for the rest of the family to have quiet time while your child is getting ready for bed. That way they don't feel like they are missing out. Give older children some choices at bedtime. For example they may choose what story to read or what py jamas they want to wear tonight.



Ideas for bedtime routine:

Bathing
Brushing teeth
Cuddle with mom or dad
Read a story or poem, or make up a
story
Sing a song, or play quiet music
Say the same thing each night, like
"Now it's sleep time"

Play Pals Ignace EarlyON Child & Family Centre

Wednesday's @ 10 - 11 am Ages 0 - 4 yrs. Please call ahead to register 934-6696

Friday Play Groups

© the Ignace EarlyON

Child & Family Centre

10 - 11:30 am and 1-2:30 pm
All Ages Welcome!!!
Please Call ahead to register for a time
and space 934-6696

Monday and Wednesday Drop In —
We invite families to come in to play
board games or do puzzles with staff
from 6-7:30.

Please call ahead 934-6696
We will provide hot chocolate



Ignace







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Winter Hours
Mon. & Wed. 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Tue. & Thurs. 1 - 5 p.m.
Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

P.O. Box 870 312 Pine St. Ignace, ON POT 1TO (807) 934-6696 Fax (807) 934-6124 nacenurseryschool@bellnet.ca March Break
Come out and enjoy
Climbing the
MOUNTAIN of snow
in our parking and do
the trail in the
PLAY GROUND area.
Warm up inside with
some hot chocolate
and cookies provided
by the
EarlyON
Centre.

Township of Ignace Properties for Sale

Number	Street	Short Roll	Number	Street	Short Roll
460	Burglund	140156	62	Boon	140284
456	Burglund	140158	64	Boon	140285
349	Tait	140185	66	Boon	140286
347	Tait	140184	72	Boon	140289
203	Wren	140251	97	Robinson Cr	140324
205	Wren	140250	99	Robinson Cr	140323
213	Wren	140246	103	Robinson Cr	140321
235	Wren	140085	105	Robinson Cr	140320
99	Tapsey	140277	107	Robinson Cr	140319
104	Tapsey	140256	109	Robinson Cr	140318
110	Tapsey	140259	117	Robinson Cr	140317
111	Tapsey	140271	119	Robinson Cr	140316
112	Tapsey	140260	121	Robinson Cr	140315
113	Tapsey	140270	122	Robertson Cr	140305
114	Tapsey	140261	123	Robinson Cr	140314
115	Tapsey	140269	125	Robinson Cr	140313
116	Tapsey	140262	127	Robinson Cr	140312
117	Tapsey	140268	129	Robinson Cr	140311
118	Tapsey	140263	306	East	121600
119	Tapsey	140267	303	Railway	104200
120	Tapsey	140264	309	Railway	104500
121	Tapsey	140266	311	Railway	104600
122	Tapsey	140265		2	
123	Tapsey	140050			
135	Tapsey	140056	S		

Residential	Properties
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Number	Street	Short Roll
740	Cedar	147113
741	Cedar	147112
744	Cedar	147111
746	Cedar	147110
751	Cedar	147124
752	Cedar	147107
753	Cedar	147125
756	Cedar	147105
758	Cedar	147104
104	Evergreen	147126
102	Evergreen	147127
100	Evergreen	147128

Commercial Properties





GRAND PRIZE: CANAM 2021 OUTLANDER 450

2nd Prize: \$300 3rd Prize: \$200

DRAW DATE

SAT MAR 5, 2022 **IOSC CLUBHOUSE** 733 CEDAR ST 6:00 PM

EFT: ignaceottersraffle@gmail.com pssd: raffle



There is also a 50/50 draw and penny auction at the Ignace Tavern after the 2nd annual Francis Roy Memorial Ride to White Otter Castle. Sounds like a great day. Must have a trail pass; you can purchase at ofsc.on.ca

Council Highlights

All Council Packages are on the website and available for everyone to look at. You can also join in on the council meetings on zoom. The link is posted on the Township website one week prior to the meeting.

The Finance Department has been moving forward with improved efficiencies, reconciliations are done on a monthly basis.

The treasurer is currently working with the Leadership Team to complete a detailed listing of 2022 Capital requests which will include projected 2022 new Capital Projects along with previous ears projects not completed. The Treasurer has had a meeting with the Auditors to co-ordinate a schedule to complete the 2020 Financial Statements. The Auditors are projecting to come to Ignace to do the Interim Audit in early March 2022 with a projected completion date of June 2022 for the 2020 Financial Statements.

NOTE: Due to issues with the billing of meters for February the next meter billing will be done on March 15th, 2022 for a two-month period" The Township apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused; you can still make a payment for the month of February and this payment will be applied to your March 2022 billing. Should you have any further questions regarding your account please contact Al Richards Accounts Clerk 807-934-2202 Ext. 1028.

The Planning, Development, and Engagement Services are busy working on Compliance Certificates, Senior Centre Complex, Plaza Redevelopment, Senior Walk/Urban Art Trail, Dog Park, Ignace Landfill Site, and Lily Pad Lake Walking Trails.

The Recreation Department worked on the EZ Outdoor Rink, Indigenous Course, Safe Food Handling Course, Winterfest Activities and the Ontario Ice Fishing Challenge.

There are five (5) community studies taking place: Economic and Finance, People and Health, Community and Culture, Infrastructure and Tourism. They are all underway.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee along with the Township have finalized a Request for Proposal for the Gardening Services. The successful contractor will provide gardening services from May until October with and expect work on average of 12 to 15 hours per week.

The Municipal Modernization Grant was completed and the Township of Ignace received \$106, 848 towards improvement for service and program delivery modernization. See the website for further description of the Municipal Modernization Grant.

A grant under the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund (NOHFC) is being applied for to assist with the construction of the Senior's Living Centre.

Public Works have recently hired new member to the arena, waste management and equipment operator/labourer.

The Municipal Law Enforcement Officer received a total of 147 complaints/calls or inquiries by the residents of Ignace during the period of December 8th, 2021 to January 28th, 2022 with the majority being of Parking and Animal calls. This number does not include any anonymous complaints that have been received.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee has asked council to consider the following motions through resolutions:

- -encourages the Town Council to develop a strategic plan which will address the urgent need to implement the FireSmart Program in a timely fashion.
- -encourages Council to recognize the problems associated to mankind because of "Climate Change" whereby Council could in this respect develop a solar energy plan.
- -recommends to Council to accept the design and installation of two 8' X 12" billboard signs located east (across from Northwoods Motel) and west (just passed West Beach Drive.
- -recommends to Council to approve the submission of the "Request for Pre-Qualifications (RFPQ) of Gardening Services.

To see the full council agenda and packages, visit the Township of Ignace website at www.ignace.ca.