



**APRIL  
2026**

## TOWNSHIP OF IGNACE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Progress and Partnership with NWMO and the Community

### MESSAGE FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

We are excited to provide an update on the many initiatives that Council and staff have been working on during the term of this Council. Recent developments in this community have set the compass in the right direction and we sit on the cusp of so much new construction and excitement for all the residents of Ignace.

In 2026, the Ignace landscape will start to change, and we thank and congratulate this community, its residents, and members of Council and staff for the work we have all embarked on. The Ignace DGR story started 15 years ago, as we laid the groundwork with the willingness process, then progressed to selection of Canada's first ever Deep Geological Repository (DGR) site and a municipal Hosting Agreement with NWMO.

Recently, NWMO purchased 67 acres of land in Ignace for the development of a world class Centre of Expertise, and in late March they began clearing this land beside the Township office parking lot. Visible progress has started, and this will continue with the Township's agreement with Bruno's Contracting and so much more on the horizon.

Government stakeholders are taking notice. We have placed Ignace on the international nuclear industry map. Our stories have been positive, our progress has been incredible, and our ability to attract new investment opportunities in housing, retail, commercial and future industrial is springing new life into our community.

The efforts of Council and staff at the provincial level have propelled us to new heights. We have strategically been working with Ministries to ensure that Ignace has access to grants and annual income, and securing future infrastructure funds to assist with the development, capacity and capability of our community to take advantage of the economic prosperity around the DGR and the Hosting Agreement.

We maintain a great relationship with NWMO as we move through the regulatory process for the DGR project. We have engaged peer review consultants to ensure we have the best interests of Ignace at hand during the review period. We also value and continue to connect with our First Nation neighbours from Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation. We appreciate and support the important work ahead in their parallel assessment of the DGR project.

Also, on this note we want to ensure everyone in the community is ready to come out and support a milestone announcement in mid-April regarding the establishment of the Centre of Expertise next to the Ignace Township Office. Please watch our website and Facebook page for that invitation.

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### TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY  
TO FRIDAY  
9:00 - 4:30**

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**TOWN OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 3, 6 & 10**

# INFO IGNACE



## LANDFILL HOURS

**CLOSED MONDAYS**  
Nov. 1 to May 25\*

**WEDNESDAY**  
12 - 4 PM  
All year

**SATURDAY**  
12 - 4 PM  
All year



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As we move through these next few months, leading into a municipal election on October 26, we encourage residents to run for Council to make a positive impact on our future community. The democratic process for municipal government continues to be a top priority across Ontario.

To conclude, Ignace is in a very positive position with huge opportunities for community economic development, and we want to thank everyone for their interest in the direction of the Township as we move forward to a prosperous future.

## Town Hall Meeting Update



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Town Hall Meeting at Ignace Recreation Centre on Monday, March 23, 2026. Our CAO, Aaron Gullins, and Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Sterling, provided a detailed update of Township projects and operations and Council and staff answered questions from the public. Topics included:

- New residential housing
- NWMO Centre of Expertise
- KDSB seniors' housing
- NWMO Deep Geological Repository project
- Upcoming grants for the water treatment plant and arena repairs
- Economic development opportunities
- Resources for entrepreneurs and small businesses
- Business incentives through the Community Improvement Plan
- Surplus property sales
- Financial management and a fiscal recovery plan
- Strategic planning and asset management
- NWMO funding through the Hosting Agreement
- Community Well Being Fund
- October 2026 municipal election
- Questions from the public

**The full presentation and a link to the video recording of the meeting is posted on the Township of Ignace website at <https://www.ignace.ca/town-hall/council-meetings/town-hall-meeting-march-2026>.**

## Financial Update

As reported at the Town Hall meeting, responsible financial management is a top priority for Council and staff and is essential for long-term community sustainability. The 2022 audit is underway, preparation of the 2023 financial records has begun, and accounting firms KPMG and MNP are working to complete these two years of audited financial statements and provincial Financial Information Returns (FIRs) in 2026. If the 2024, 2025 and 2026 audits can be completed next year, the Township will be up to date by the end of 2027.

The Township of Ignace anticipates receiving approximately \$2.35 million in property taxes to fund operations in 2026 (based on the 2025 budget, pending approval of the 2026 budget and tax rates). We are also scheduled to receive \$6.8 million from the NWMO Hosting Agreement annual and milestone payments to fund hosting and regulatory expenses, capital projects, and reserves, and have requested a lump sum payout of the \$10 million Discretionary Benefit for infrastructure projects.

The Clerk Treasurer recommends strategic investment of the funds to generate wealth and grow the Township's required reserves for future infrastructure projects including road repair, facilities maintenance, and eventual landfill closure. The Township's Asset Management Plan shows that we should be setting aside \$2.6 million each year to establish sufficient reserves for future projects.



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## Local Property Values

The Township of Ignace has **667 single-family residential properties** (excluding vacant properties, those owned by the Township, and those missing data on MPAC). Of these, MPAC assessed property values (2016) range from a low of \$3,800 to a high of \$296,000, and the **average house value is \$74,838.23**.

It is important to note that these assessed values do not indicate the prices at which local homes are actually selling. Those values are significantly higher than the provincial assessed values, because MPAC last assessed values in 2016—10 years ago! However, MPAC values provide a comparative measure of all the properties in the municipality to guide how the total amount of tax dollars needed to balance the budget is divided amongst property owners.

## Property Tax Distribution

The property tax distribution in Ignace is not equal. The lowest valued 485 properties (72.7%) pay half of the total taxes, while the highest valued 182 properties (27.3%) pay the other half—for the same basic services.



**It costs more than \$2,350 per year to provide services to a property in Ignace.** However, 135 residential properties pay less than \$1,200 per year in municipal taxes and 35 residential properties, many of which are on Agimak Lake, pay over \$5,000 per year.

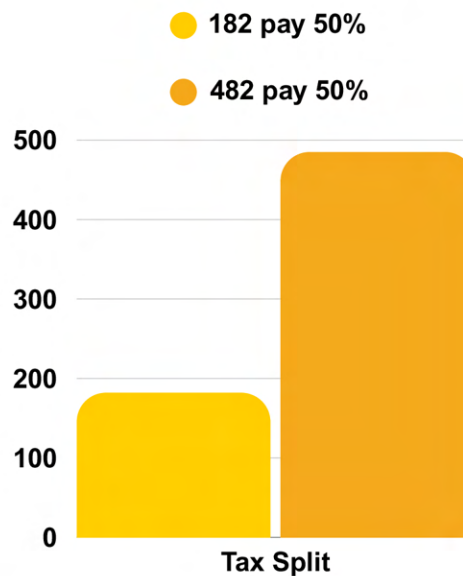
## Municipal Tax Analysis

The cost to service a property in Ignace is **more than \$6.44 per day** for:

- OPP police coverage = \$1.09
- KDSB health services = \$0.35
- Northern Waterworks = \$2.20
- Fire protection = \$0.34
- Public works (includes snow plowing, garbage, etc.) = \$1.77
- Recreation facilities = \$0.69

This calculation does not include administration, insurance, town buildings, etc.

Calculations are based on 1,361 total properties including residential, multi-residential, commercial, industrial, pipeline, vacant land, and tax exempt (institutional, parks, etc.), using 2026 service rates if known and 2024 actual expenditures for departments.



## Ignace Fire Department Update

The Ignace Fire Department would like to remind all property owners of fire exit maintenance.

**The Ontario Fire Code requires that all fire exits remain unobstructed at all times.** Property owners need to make sure all exits, stairways and escape routes are shovelled and de-iced in the winter.

Winter conditions can turn a fire emergency into a more perilous situation. By maintaining clear escape routes, preventing ice build up, and updating fire escape plans, individuals and property owners can significantly improve fire safety in winter conditions.

The Ontario Fire Code and the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) emphasize the importance of maintaining clear and accessible escape routes year-round.



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## 2026 Municipal Election

**Are you interested in running for Council?** The next municipal election is **Monday, October 26, 2026!** Nominations open on Friday, May 1 and close on Friday, August 21 at 2 p.m. Please contact the Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Sterling, at (807) 934-2202 ext. 1026 or email [clerk@ignace.ca](mailto:clerk@ignace.ca) to get on the list to receive information about running for Council.

**Are you registered to vote?** Individuals may confirm, update, or add their information to the municipal and provincial voters lists online at [www.registertovoteon.ca](http://www.registertovoteon.ca).



**Get on the  
voters list today.**

**RegisterToVoteON.ca**  
1.866.242.3025

## Major Funding Announcement

On Wednesday, February 18, 2026, on behalf of the Government of Ontario, the Honourable Greg Rickford, MPP for Kenora-Rainy River, hosted a chili lunch at Silver Tops and appeared via Zoom due to weather conditions to announce **\$4,827,125 in funding for the Ignace Water Pollution Control Plant Upgrade** through the Health and Safety Water Stream (HSWS) under the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP).

This funding provides up to 73% of the cost of the entire repair project; the other 27% will be funded by the Township of Ignace using monies provided by NWMO through the Hosting Agreement.



At right: Minister  
Rickford announced  
\$4.8M in funding for  
Ignace.  
Photo credit: Alicia  
Anderson for  
[NWOnewswatch.com](http://NWOnewswatch.com)

## More Grant Funding Coming

The Township of Ignace continues to apply for provincial and federal grants and funding programs to help improve the quality of life in Ignace. Recent approvals include monies for arena repairs, pothole repairs, and the creation of an economic development position, as well as free consulting hours for asset management planning. We have also applied for Canada Summer Jobs Grants to hire summer students and Rural Ontario Development program funding to restore the floatplane and create an inviting attraction to increase economic activity in the Plaza.

## UPCOMING COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS

Monday, April 13, 2026 @ 6 p.m.  
Monday, May 11, 2026 @ 6 p.m.  
**NEW!** Monday, June 15, 2026 @ 6 p.m.  
Monday, July 13, 2026 @ 6 p.m.  
Monday, September 14, 2026 @ 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 13, 2026 @ 6 p.m.

**Reserved dates for Special Meetings if needed:**  
May 25, June 29, July 27, Aug. 10, Sept. 28

**All meetings are held in the MPR at Township Office and on Zoom.**



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## March Council Meeting Highlights

### March 9, 2026 Council Meeting

- Loomex presented the Fire Station Location Study and recommended Lily Pad Lake Road.
- Council clarified that employment income over \$100K as reported to the Province includes salary, overtime and vacation payouts.
- Council confirmed that approximately 25% of the CAO's salary is paid from NWMO funding.
- Administration apologized to a bride-to-be whose wedding booking at the Rec Centre needs to be cancelled because of construction.
- Council proposed purchasing an event tent for weddings and White Otter Days.
- Approved \$1,000 sponsorship for Ignace School yearbook.
- Appointed RSM Building Consultants to provide Chief Building Official services.
- Approved procurement for landfill study.
- Received two resignations and will be accepting applications for the Community Engagement Committee.
- Approved revisions to Community Well Being Fund (CWBF) policy and application form.
- Approved \$13,200 from CWBF to Ignace Otters Snowmobile Club for storage container.
- \$9,500 from CWBF to 2026 Ignace Safe Grad.
- \$2,000 from CWBF for Mary Berglund Health Centre 2026 Senior Symposium.
- Administration to negotiate expanded land sale to KDSB for seniors' housing complex.
- Administration to negotiate sale and development of abandoned Taddeo Construction property on Hwy. 17.
- Approved new contract terms for Summit PCG for Communications Lead services.

### March 19, 2026 Special Meeting

- Awarded NRFP 001-2026 - Ignace Floodplain Mapping to KGS Group.
- Approved the purchase of an outdoor event tent through the Community Well Being Fund.
- Approved the use of the tent and event equipment for a wedding on August 1 at no cost to the bride and groom due to cancellation of their hall rental contract due to construction.
- Directed Administration to negotiate two-year development agreements and sell the following surplus properties for \$1,500 each: 115, 117, 119, 121, 123 Tapsay Street and 72 Boon Street.
- Allowed North Shore Quality Homes to temporarily store two modular homes on the Ignace Public Works yard.

### March 26, 2026 Special Meeting

- Declared 308 Main Street, 301 McLeod Street, and 940 Humphrey Road as surplus properties.
- Directed Administration to seek real estate appraisals for these three properties along with the south section of the plaza parking lot.
- Accepted a confidential staff report, letter of intent and business plan for commercial development.
- Directed Administration to negotiate sale and development agreements for the properties listed above and return to Council for final approval.



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## Residential Subdivision Development

The Mayotte Agimak Terrace subdivision was registered in the late 1970s and includes 46 serviced lots (Plan M670) on Superior Avenue just north of the apartment building, 213 unserviced lots (Plan M674) behind the houses on West Street and land for multi-residential buildings across from Ignace Public School.

Bruno's Contracting Thunder Bay Limited was awarded the contract for subdivision development based on a competitive Negotiated Request for Proposals (NRFP) process and the offer they submitted to purchase and develop the vacant land, and they will be responsible for clearing the lots, building model homes (starting in 2026, if all goes according to schedule), and selling and building new homes in Ignace. Lawyers for the Township of Ignace and Bruno's Contracting are negotiating the final agreements for sale and development of the land.



Mayotte Agimak Terrace  
subdivision lots

**For clarification, the Township of Ignace is not responsible for selling these properties to individuals.** We are selling all of the land in the subdivision to Bruno's Contracting, and they will be building homes and selling lots to individuals. Like any new housing development, this is a risk that requires a large financial investment. Most residential developers build several model homes for potential buyers to view different options and finishes, then sell individual lots in a subdivision and take orders from homebuyers for future construction.

If you are interested in ordering a new home in Ignace, please contact Bruno's Contracting directly at (807) 623-1855 or [contact@brunoscontracting.com](mailto:contact@brunoscontracting.com).



## Share Your Ideas for Community Well Being Projects

If you have a great idea for a project that could be funded through the Community Well Being Fund, let us know! The project must support arts, culture, heritage, sports, recreation, social or physical health, the environment, or other initiatives that improve the quality of life in the Township. Email your suggestions to [info@ignace.ca](mailto:info@ignace.ca).

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## Surplus Residential Properties

If you are interested in building a house in Ignace, surplus properties are once again available. At the Regular Meeting on February 23, 2026, Council declared 40 residential properties as surplus and updated the guidelines for sale and the Expression of Interest forms through the approval of By-law 08.2026. The properties currently available are:

- 97, 99, 103, 105, 107, 109, 122, 125, 127, 129 Robinson Crescent
- 66 Boon Street
- 99, 102, 104, 108, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 116, 135 Tapsay Street
- 203, 205, 213, 235 Wren Street
- 347, 349 Tait Street
- 456, 460 Berglund Street
- 303, 309, 322 Railway Street
- 306 East Street

If you are interested in purchasing a surplus residential property, please contact Keith Roseborough in our Planning department first at (807) 934-2202 ext. 1034 or email him at [cds@ignace.ca](mailto:cds@ignace.ca) to find out which properties are still available and discuss lot sizes, current assessed values, and the development agreements required to ensure new homes are constructed on the properties within two years.

After you have spoken with Keith, please submit an Expression of Interest form with a 5% deposit to the Clerk in a sealed envelope, following the instructions on the form. The next intake deadline for Expressions of Interest is Monday, April 13, 2026, for consideration by Council at a Special Meeting. Forms received after April 14, 2026, and at least two weeks before the next Regular Meeting of Council, will be considered at the next Regular Meeting, or a Special Meeting may be called.

## Commercial Properties

Several commercial and industrial properties are available in Ignace and we are in the process of declaring them surplus and seeking professional real estate appraisals.

If you are interested in a business location in Ignace, please contact Keith Roseborough at (807) 934-2202 ext. 1034 or email him at [cds@ignace.ca](mailto:cds@ignace.ca) to discuss plans and options.

## Business Incentives

Please see the Ignace Community Improvement Plan for details about business incentives to spark economic development and beautification in the Township.

At the Special Meeting on March 19, 2026, Council approved Administration to negotiate two-year development agreements and agreements of purchase and sale for the following transactions:

- 115 Tapsay St. to be sold to Artur Lobes for \$1,500
- 117 Tapsay St. to be sold to Artur Lobes for \$1,500
- 119 Tapsay St. to be sold to Jason Lavallee for \$1,500
- 121 Tapsay St. to be sold to North Shore Quality Homes for \$1,500
- 123 Tapsay St. to be sold to North Shore Quality Homes for \$1,500
- 72 Boon St. to be sold to Jason Lavallee for \$1,500.

Council also allowed North Shore Quality Homes to temporarily store two modular homes on the Ignace public works yard until such time as they can be moved to 121 and 123 Tapsay Street in Spring 2026.



Map of many of the surplus residential properties in Ignace

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## NWMO Career Opportunities

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is currently recruiting for the following positions. Visit the website at <https://www.nwmo.ca/Careers> for details.

- Technical Officer - Regulatory Permitting and Approvals (Location: Toronto)
- Associate Engineer/Scientist/Technical Officer - Site Characterization (Location: Ignace)
- Senior Engineer/Scientist/Technical Officer, Mining and Repository Engineering (Location: Toronto)
- External Relations Officer (Location: Toronto/Ignace)
- GIS Analyst (Location: Toronto)
- Senior Specialist Estimating (Location: Toronto/Ignace)

## Regulatory Process Update

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) has posted the following on the Registry:

- [Notice of Early Decision with Reasons](#)
- [Notice of Referral to Review Panel](#)

These are expected steps in the federal regulatory process and mean that we are one step closer to completion of the Planning Phase. The first document outlines IAAC's decision that a further assessment is required for Canada's Deep Geological Repository for Used Nuclear Fuel Project. The referral to a review panel aligns with regulatory requirements for projects under the Nuclear Safety and Control Act, which mandate such a referral. The review panel will be established jointly by IAAC and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC).

The IAAC has also released the audio summary (April 1, 2026) *Beneath the Surface: The Deep Geological Repository Project*, which provides an overview of the proposed Deep Geological Repository (DGR) for Used Nuclear Fuel Project and how the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission are working together to assess it.

- [Beneath the Surface: The Deep Geological Repository Project - Canada.ca](#)

The NWMO will be hosting Get To Know sessions on International Collaboration and Projects Around the World, featuring the UK's Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) May 4-9, 2026. Watch for further details!

**IAAC and CNSC will be in Ignace on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 to address the Community Engagement Committee at 6 p.m. There will be a public luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at Silver Tops.**

## NWMO Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Join NWMO at these upcoming events to learn more about the safe, long-term management of Canada's intermediate- and high-level radioactive waste, in a manner that protects people and the environment for generations to come.

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| • April 7, 2026           | Northwestern Ontario Regional Science Fair             |
| • April 9, 2026           | Thunder Bay Open House                                 |
| • April 21, 2026          | Monthly Community Engagement Committee Meeting         |
| • April 22-24, 2026       | NOMA Conference (Thunder Bay)                          |
| • April 28-30, 2026       | Canadian Nuclear Association (CNA) Conference (Ottawa) |
| • April 29 to May 1, 2026 | OSUM Conference (Parry Sound)                          |

Or visit us at the Ignace Learn More Centre at 304 Main Street, Ignace, Ontario.

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## NWMO Staff Spotlight

This month we are taking the opportunity to spotlight Lee Ann Malley, Real Estate Associate for the NWMO. Over the course of her 18-year career, Lee Ann has experienced many facets of environmental management and project delivery spanning sectors such as mining, forestry, consulting and the public service. Her work has brought her to the tundra of the Northwest Territories, Ontario's James Bay Lowlands and many places in between.

Lee Ann was born and raised in Red Rock, Ontario and obtained her Honours Bachelor of Science in Forestry at Lakehead University in 2008. In September 2025, Lee Ann accepted a role with the Nuclear Waste Management Organization as a Real Estate Associate. As a northerner, Lee Ann finds herself at home here in Ignace with her six-year-old son.

Prior to joining NWMO, Lee Ann spent 8 years dedicating herself to project management, environmental assessment and regulatory planning work in roles such as Manager, Environmental Impact Assessment with the Government of the Northwest Territories, or as a Senior Environmental Planner in the consulting sector. Prior to this, Lee Ann also spent 4.5 years working for De Beers Canada's environmental team.

Today, Lee Ann draws on her technical foundation and a values-driven approach to advance real estate priorities at NWMO. Currently, her key project involvement is to support development of the Centre of Expertise, which will become an important landmark and international destination in northwestern Ontario. Beyond this, Lee Ann is also responsible for identifying and developing real estate opportunities and solutions, providing strategic advice and expertise for property management, transactions, and other projects and initiatives.

Lee Ann works Monday to Friday at the NWMO Learn More Centre, where she's available as a local resource for real estate or Centre of Expertise inquiries. As a newcomer, she'd also love to exchange ideas about where to take her son fishing or camping this summer!



**LEE ANN MALLEY**  
NWMO Real Estate  
Associate

## NWMO Centre of Expertise Update



Tree clearing, excavation, and geological and environmental testing took place in late March at the future site of the NWMO Centre of Expertise in Ignace, located immediately west of the Township Office along Highway 17.

The public is reminded that this is private property and a NO TRESPASSING sign is posted.

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## Community Engagement Committee Update

The CEC has been hard at work over the last year, having completed a few major activities and having hosted some significant engagement opportunities for the residents of Ignace as well as its youth population.

The CEC hosted the Nuclear Youth Symposium, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, NWMO guest speakers, a review of the municipal Hosting Agreement with its lawyers, and strategically discussed new opportunities and activities for future engagement of residents in Ignace.

Minutes and reports for this committee can be found on the Township of Ignace website, in agenda packages for Council meetings, or by inquiring directly to the Township office.

One of the activities of the Community Engagement Committee in 2026 will be to highlight our Committee Members. In this edition of the newsletter we are spotlighting Mr. Roy Fuller.

## Community Engagement Committee Spotlight

Mr. Roy Fuller has been a dedicated member of the Ignace community since moving here in 1967. He holds a Grade 12 diploma and a three-year college diploma in electronic technology, along with specialized training from TransCanada Pipeline, where he worked for 34 years. His commitment to public service is reflected in his extensive community involvement, including 10 years with the Ignace Fire Department, 17 years on the Ignace Police Services Board, and 7 years on the Ignace Council Liaison Committee. He also contributed to the Council Ad Hoc Committee reporting on the Deep Geological Repository (DGR) vote and continues to serve on the Ignace Council Engagement Committee. In addition, Mr. Fuller has completed various training programs, including policing, firefighting, and Radiation 101 sessions through NWMO.



**ROY FULLER**  
Community Engagement  
Committee Member

**The Township of Ignace is now accepting applications for two Community Engagement Committee members.**

## Kids Can Sew Report

In September 2025, Four Seasons Quilters requested funds from the Youth Training Initiative Fund (allocated in the hosting agreement with NWMO) to cover the cost of six sewing machines to be used in an after-school class for Ignace grades 4-8 students, both public and separate schools. At the October 14, 2025, municipal meeting, Council approved the expenditure of \$3,100 for our training initiative. Six beginner level sewing machines were purchased locally.

Both schools opened applications in January and received 19 expressions of interest. We began classes Jan 15 with 13 students using the six new machines, four additional sewing machines from Ignace Public School and three privately owned. Sessions are held Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Members of Four Seasons Quilters share fabric, instruction and mentorship. Over the past several weeks, the kids have made reversible fabric baskets, round coasters, pieced heart quilt blocks, and tote bags for Palliative Care patients in Dryden Hospital.

Four Seasons Quilters and Ignace youth are grateful for the support of the Township of Ignace.



At right: Photo submitted  
by Four Seasons Quilters

## Township Employment Opportunities

The Township of Ignace is currently recruiting for a Chief Building & Compliance Officer. In the near future, we will be posting for a project manager, an economic development officer, a public works employee, and several summer student employees, or similar positions. Please check the website at [www.ignace.ca](http://www.ignace.ca) for details.

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## KDMA Conference Update

The Township of Ignace hosted the 2026 Kenora District Municipal Association conference on February 19-21, 2026 at the Ignace Recreation Centre, with approximately 60 guests and speakers from across Ontario. Municipal Council representatives from Ignace, Dryden, Ear Falls, Kenora, Machin, Pickle Lake, Red Lake, Sioux Lookout and Fort Frances attended the event. Topics included:

- Federal government update from Mr. Eric Melillo, MP for Kenora-Kiiwetinoong
- OPP billing changes
- FedNor economic development programs
- Rural Ontario Development programs
- Northwestern Health Unit update
- DGR regulatory process discussion by IAAC and CNSC
- District of Kenora Homes and Community Support Services update
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing update
- Kenora District Services Board update
- NWMO Centre of Expertise and Deep Geological Repository information
- Presentation from Northern Policy Institute about immigration, highways and nation building priorities in Northwestern Ontario
- NOMA update and discussion about twinning Highways 11 and 17
- ROMA update
- KDMA Annual General Meeting



At left: Township staff member Keith Roseborough and Councillor Jodie Defeo at the KDMA Conference in Ignace  
Photo credit: Laura Myers

Thank you to Laura Myers and the team from Swag Events for making the event a success! Also many thanks to The Von Bulows for a wonderful evening of live entertainment at our banquet, to our caterers from Clooch's, Katie's Kitchen, Laine's Kitchen and Silver Tops, and to our generous sponsors for their support for this important regional gathering.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

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At left: Township CAO Aaron Gullins, Clerk/Treasurer Lesley Sterling, Councillor John Taddeo and Mayor Kim Baigrie at the KDMA Conference in Ignace  
Photo credit: Laura Myers



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## Save the Date for White Otter Days 2026!

The Township of Ignace Recreation Programmer, Isabelle Colby, is hard at work planning a wonderful line up of activities for White Otter Days 2026. Please mark your calendars for the following events and watch for more details for kids' activities and Iggy's birthday party!

- Friday, June 26 to Sunday, June 28 – Hockey tournament
- Saturday, June 27 – Street Party
- Wednesday, July 1 – Canada Day celebrations and fireworks at dusk
- Friday, July 3 to Sunday, July 5 – Slo-pitch tournament

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** Ignace Recreation Centre will be closed during renovations beginning in late spring or early summer 2026. Please watch for details.

JUNE 26-JULY 5



  
**IGNACE**  
*Explore Our Possibilities*

**JUNE 26-28, 2026**

## White Otter Days HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

**ENTRY FEE- \$700.00**  
**Deadline to enter!**  
**May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
A \$300 non-refundable deposit must be made.  
All players must be 18+ to play!  
Please read the rules before registering your team!

**Contact Isabelle at**  
[recprogrammer@ignace.ca](mailto:recprogrammer@ignace.ca)  
or 807-938-7749

**Divisions:**

- Women's
- Men's novice
- Men's senior

**80% Payout!**

Please note that while we hope you enjoy the planned festivities, be aware that the Corporation of the Township of Ignace does not assume any liability for loss or injury during this event.



**2026 WHITE OTTER DAYS**

## SLO-PITCH Tournament

**JULY 3-5**

**PLAYERS MUST BE 16 AND OLDER TO PLAY**

**\$600.00 per team**  
**Registration Fee must be paid in full by June 19, 2026**

**90% PAYOUT!**

**Minimum 3 women to a team**

**TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT ISABELLE AT 1-807-938-7749 OR [RECPROGRAMMER@IGNACE.CA](mailto:RECPROGRAMMER@IGNACE.CA)**

Please note that while we hope that you enjoy the planned festivities, be aware that the Township of Ignace does not assume liability for any loss or injury during this event.



  
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