

## IGNACE COMMUNITY NUCLEAR LIAISON COMMITTEE (ICNLC)

The ICNLC hosted a presentation on the Journey of Water. It is a series of presentations about water's role in the environment and what it can tell us as part of our ongoing studies. The presentations show how a repository located deep underground is isolated from water sources near the surface and water bodies above ground. Tune in for the next meeting on January 19, 2021 when the Mayor of Pickering, Ontario will share his experience of living in a Nuclear Community.

## LET'S MEET OUR STAFF



Meet Richard Parsons and Guillaume Belanger of our Public Works Team. Richard is the Townships most senior employee; not in how old he is, but he has 12 years at the Township of Ignace. Guillaume has been at the Township of Ignace for 1 year, but he brought with him a wealth of experience as he has operated heavy equipment since he was a young adult.



Callie Essiembre has been with waste management since she started with public works, but has now been promoted to Arena attendant. Congratulations to Callie on her new venture. Bil Amos is also part of the waste management team and the Township is currently looking for another person to fill the part time position in waste management.

## IN THE KNOW – NUCLEAR WASTE

For decades, Canadians have been using electricity generated by CANDU nuclear power reactors in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. Used nuclear fuel is a by-product of this process.

**Did You Know?** Canadian used nuclear fuel is not a liquid or a gas – it is a stable solid. Under Canadian and international regulations, it is not classified as a flammable, explosive or fissile material.



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# The Township of Ignace “Let’s Talk”

Issue 2

## STAFF ACTIVITY UPDATES

Our public works staff has been busy training all of the employees on equipment they operate and made sure to brighten our world by fixing 15 street lights around town as of November 24<sup>th</sup>. The highway corridor is also aglow with the snowflake decorations.

Katelyn Hamre continues to knock it out of the park in the recreation department. Our Christmas contests are running until December 24<sup>th</sup> and the categories include: Creative Xmas tree, best snowman, and Christmas light display. An inspection by the local health inspector showed that our canteen passed the inspection and received a green certification. We received overwhelming reassurance that we are providing safe programs and have a well-kept facility.

Presentations made at the November 30<sup>th</sup> council meeting included an NWMO update from Rachele Davenport and Chantelle Gascon of the NWMO. The report can be seen on the Townships website. Jeff Lederer and Rachele also presented on Ignace Project Visioning – Community Conversations.

There are so many exciting things happening in and around our community that it would be advantageous for everyone in the community to try to sit in on the zoom council meetings. Council meetings will be held monthly beginning on January 18, 2021. We hope to see everyone out at the meetings.

The Township office staff is working hard to make the internal office workings much more efficient. More about that in the next issue!

## WHAT IS THE TOWNSHIP OF IGNACE EXPLORING?

The Township of Ignace is exploring a new and exciting project; the building of a 20-unit Senior's Complex adjacent to the Ignace Silver Tops Centre. A senior's housing committee has been formed and is made up of members from the Silver Tops Senior's Centre, the Township of Ignace, Mary Berglund Community Health Centre and the Kenora District Services Board. This is an exciting time for Ignace as this will allow our seniors to be able to stay in their own community surrounded by family and friends. Stay tuned for more information on this amazing project.

*“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much”*

## Town Office

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

## Office Xmas Holiday Closure

December 24 @ Noon until January 4 @ 9:00 am

**Emergency Contact # over the holidays: 220-0888**

## Arena Holiday Schedule

**Rec Hockey** - December 20, 23, 30 -2:00 – 3:00 pm

**Public Skating** – December 20, 23, 30  
2:00 – 3:00 pm

**Old Timers** – December 20 - 7:00 – 8:30 pm

## Garbage Pick-up Over the Holidays

### Residential & Business –

23 & 30 December resuming to regular pick-up the week beginning January 4, 2021.

## Waste Disposal Site Over the Holidays

Mondays – 28 December & 04 January  
returning to Wednesdays & Saturdays  
beginning on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2021

## Library is returning to Curbside pickup on December 9, 2020.

Wednesday: 3:00 – 7:00 pm  
Thursday: 2:00 – 5:00 pm  
Friday 2:00 – 5:00 pm

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## The Ignace Driftwood Throw Backs

After perusing through many Ignace driftwoods over the last couple of days I realize what a little gem we've lost. For many years, Dennis Smyk, or Mr. Ignace as he was crowned; kept this community informed of all the goings on and captured all of our loved one faces and events. We thought it fitting and fun to do a throw-back page in our township newsletter. It's pretty entertaining and heartwarming to look at the past, so for this month we are focusing on some Christmas stories from some very young promising writers.

### The Night Christmas

On Christmas Eve I wanted a picture of Santa Claus and St. Nicholas. 'Mom can I stay up all night?' I asked. 'Yes,' Mom said. 'Nicole, it is time for bed,' said Dad. 'Mom said I can stay up to see Santa and St. Nicholas.'  
Nicole Berube Gr. 202

### DECEMBER

In December as the harsh winds blow,  
One or two carollers sing a solo.  
As you open a present,  
Sant Claus says, remember I sent it.

Brad Etherington

### THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

C is for Christmas so good and so fun.  
H is for holly for a fun time.  
R is for ready and willing to work.  
I is for incredible Santa who makes elves work.  
S is for Santa who is big and jolly.  
T is for trees that we hang things on.  
M is for Mistletoe we stand under.  
A is for apples we eat on Christmas night.  
S is for songs we sing to people.

...and what do we get?  
CHRISTMAS

Sandy Zappitelli

### THE OTHER PLANET

It was a week before Christmas and I was all alone in my house. My parents were coming back from Florida in two days. I knew my brothers would be excited since Santa was coming. Suddenly I heard a loud crash and lots of chattering came in the kitchen! When I with long white beards and little shoes that jingled. The biggest one came near me and took me by the hand and a sleigh appeared in it and took off. When we landed I found out I was on Mars! Then the big elf whispered to me, 'Santa has been kidnapped.' Then a big green thing came over and grabbed me by the arm. I screamed! Then I felt someone shaking me. It was my sister! I was only dreaming. My sister told me to stop acting silly and go get the wrapping paper. We were going to wrap Christmas presents!

Sonya Puskas

### The Case of Santa's Lost Sack.

On Christmas Day Santa's sack was lost. So detective Bryan went on the case. I found a clue - foot print. I followed them. Then I lost the tracks. But I found another clue - four foot prints. Now there was two people. It was going to be hard but it had to be done. So I followed the tracks. I found another clue - a sign that said sack for sale. So I went to that place. I said I want to buy it. Then I brought it to Santa. Santa said thank you. So he packed up and left. And all the children were good all year.

Brani Lynn Bryan Gr. 201

I went to my Christmas tree but there was no present for me from Santa Claus. Then I went back to bed. I looked for Santa Claus but he was not there so I went to bed. I woke up in the middle of the night at 12 o'clock. There was Santa Claus sitting on the chair. I was shocked and I fell down on the floor. It was morning. I was happy! Merry Christmas!

Tammy Bechard Gr. 202



## Recreation Department Fun

IGNACE RECREATION

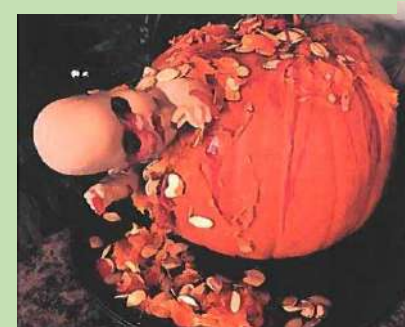
# CHRISTMAS Contests

Deadline to apply is December 24, 2020

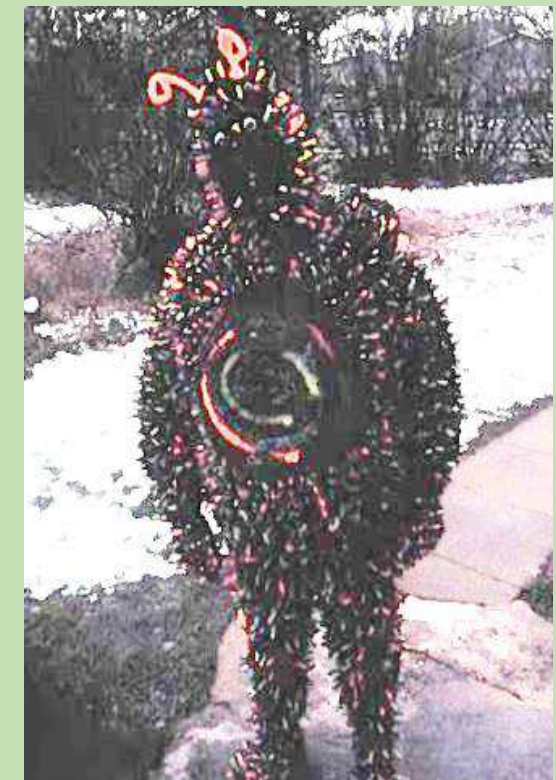
Creative Christmas Tree  
Christmas Light Display  
Best Snowman

To register contact [reprogrammer@ignaceca](mailto:reprogrammer@ignaceca) or 938-7749

Great Job by Sherry Graver for best Pumpkin



Best costume by Brenda Murray as the Corona Virus.



Natalie Kolbelka for most haunted house