

The beginning of “The Ignace Bulletin”

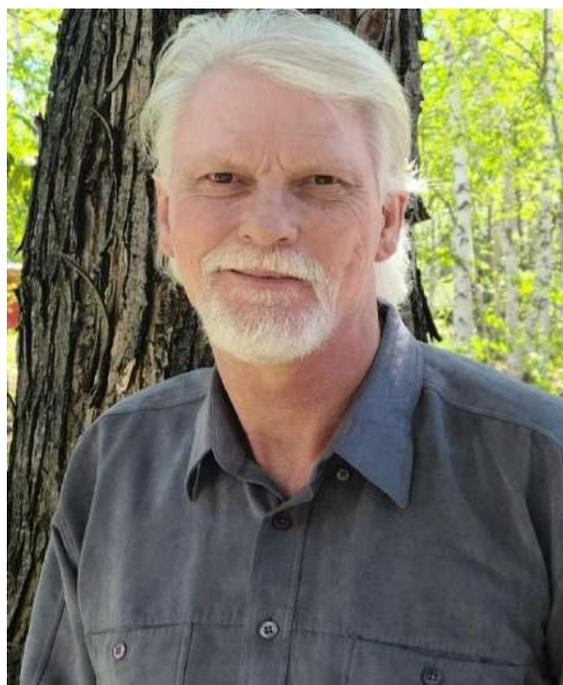
I have been a member of the Ignace community for 18 years. I retired in October, 2020 after 30 years of policing and was excited to start a new job four days later with the Township of Ignace as a communications specialist. I was asked to create a monthly newsletter and realized that that might not be enough. I found that I missed having a newspaper to hold in my hands and began to scour the 50 years of Ignace Driftwoods that we have in the library. I had an overwhelming feeling of nostalgia when I was going through them and wish I had taken more time to speak with Dennis Smyk about Ignace and the history here as he possessed so much knowledge. Unfortunately, I did not and now Jackie will have to put up with my many phone calls and texts of the hundreds of questions that I will have. I know she will be more than happy to help me though as she knows the value of the written word and having it saved for future generations. I know I am not the only person in Ignace to miss the newspaper, and although I don't believe I will come close to a “Driftwood”, I will try to capture some of Ignace and have it on paper for the years to come. The Township has given me the go ahead to try a couple months and I hope our community enjoys them. I'm always open for “constructive criticism” so feel free to reach out to me at the Township of Ignace office at 807.934.2202, ext 1040 or cell number 807.747.0327.

Petrina Taylor-Hertz
Township of Ignace

IGGY the WHITE OTTER

The first “Iggy” was named in 1984. Iggy is our White Otter, symbol of Ignace and was and has been the promoter of many events in the community. Former Reeve, Dot Defeo, wrote “In Latin, the name of the White Otter means the Inflammable, Ardent or Fiery. In French, the name translates as Ignace.” Gerry Urschel, in the Centennial year of Ignace, wrote a children's story entitled The Legend of Iggy the White Otter. The name of the white otter is Ignatius or Iggy for short. The designing and creation of the costume was done by Susan Savage of Thunder Bay and was done so at the request of the Ignace Economic Development Corporation. Iggy lasted many, many years, but the new Iggy will now be the promoter of many events for year to come.

IGNACE HAS A NEW BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WELCOME DAN ARBOUR



As a young man, Dan started his career in the Military, and after a number of years later he chose to pursue a second career in aviation as a commercial pilot flight instructor.

After 25 years in aviation and instructing he decided to take on the role of heavy equipment operator full time which led to an instructing position with a college in Southern Ontario.

Dan has recently completed the training necessary and has been accredited as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer through Burgess and Associates. Dan enjoys residing in Ignace and has been a resident of Ignace since 2017. He looks forward to contributing to the community and assisting the residents of Ignace in any By-law related matters. Dan will respond to community concerns through education and enforcement initiatives. If anyone needs to contact Dan, they can call the Township of Ignace office at 807-934-2202.



Highway corridor is looking good!

Kimberly Richards completed her Ignace series in the fall of 2020, which features nine scenes from Ignace's natural wonders and history. Some of the pieces required considerable research to capture the architecture and lifestyle of the time and place. After many conversations with Ignace residents and historian, and visits to the Dennis Smyk Heritage Centre, Kim was able to create glimpses into the past as accurately as possible. Kimberly's artwork revolves around her attention to detail and using vibrant colours and organic shapes to enhance the natural beauty and energy of her subjects. Kim's goal is to use her artwork to nurture the connection between community and nature; and to evoke a timeless sense of heritage in Ignace.

Kimberly Richards is a self-taught artist born and raised in Ignace, Ontario.

Picture below are public works employees installing the new highway corridor banners. The cost of the new banners was covered by the Township of Ignace through the Economic Development Department. There were some technical difficulties putting up the banners, but new brackets were ordered and the banners were installed on a later date.



Community members recently reached out to the Township of Ignace about the use of pesticides in the Ignace area and why it's done. Thank you to Mallory Miller who is an Acting Management Forester with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for the answers to my questions.

1. Why do we spray on Wabigoon and English River FMUs?

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2. What exactly is it that is being sprayed?

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3. What does it do for the forest?

It helps to meet the commitments of the Forest Management Plan to control herbaceous vegetation on sites where there is a high potential of seedling mortality or less growth in crop species. It enhances conifer reforestation success and contributes to maintaining biodiversity and habitat for a wide variety of wildlife.

4. What does it do to the plants?

Glyphosate is absorbed through foliage and is translocated throughout the plant. The glyphosate will inhibit growth and kill the plants within 4-20 days depending on temperature at the time of the application. Herbicides using glyphosates work by interfering with the metabolic processes that are unique to plants.

5. Who decides the area that gets sprayed?

A registered professional forester is responsible for all plans to renew harvested areas. If field surveys determine the need for herbicide use, a detailed herbicide plan is submitted by the Forest Manager to the MNRF for review and approval. The Forest manager is also required to obtain a permit from MECP. MNRF and the Forest Manager are responsible for public, First Nation and Métis consultation as described in the Forest Management Planning Manual (2020).

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OPP Briefs 31 May – 13 June, 2021



Members of the Dryden and Ignace OPP Detachments responded to 268 calls in this time period and laid 94 charges under the Highway Traffic Act & Criminal Code.

Traffic Complaints	29
Police Assistance	15
Assist Other Police Agency	9
RIDE	3
Fire	6
Motor Vehicle Collisions	19
Trespass to Property Act	4
Animal Complaints	7
Noise Complaints	1
Marine	1
Mental Health	2
Other Criminal Code	1

Do you want to get involved in your community? Committees are looking for volunteers.

Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee

Ignace Citizen Advisory Group

Contact the township office at 807-934-2202 to inquire.

If you are looking for a different type of volunteerism, there are many organizations in our community that you could get involved in.

A Township without a voice is a Township without communication.

Mayor Penny Lucas has a large voice for this community. That is great leadership.

IGNACE BULLETIN – The Ignace Bulletin is a monthly publication at this time. We will attempt to cover local events and the community can also advertise in the bulletin. We want our community to continue having a history on paper and not just social media.

JOB POSITIONS FILLED AT THE TOWNSHIP

The Township of Ignace was able to hire **ten** summer students this year over an eight-week period. In the past, some students started their employment with the Township in April, but that did not happen this year. There will be one student in Tourism Information at the Township office, four students in the recreation department and five students in public works.

Shirley Van-Vliet has been hired as the temporary fulltime arena attendant.

NAME THE BULLETIN CONTEST!

Do you have a name suggestion for “The Ignace Bulletin”, then email your suggestion to communications@ignace.ca or you can call the Communications Specialist; Petrina Taylor-Hertz at 1-807-747-0327.

Do you have suggestions about what you want to see in the bulletin? Call Petrina Taylor-Hertz at the Township of Ignace office at 807-934-2202 or call 807-747-0327.

Ignace Community - Save the Dates

Food Bank Days – Every second Thursday – 08 & 22 July

Meals on Wheels – Tuesday’s & Thursdays

Residential Garbage – Thursdays

Commercial Garbage – Mondays & Thursdays

Waste Disposal Site – Mondays, Wednesdays &

Saturdays 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Ignace Public Library – Curbside Pickup – Wednesday 3-7 pm and Thursday and Friday from 2-5 pm

The community garden is alive with their raised garden beds & animals. If anyone is looking to volunteer, there are always repairs that need to be completed.

Call Yvonne at 807-934-2251.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY 2021

June 21, 2021 is the national 25th anniversary of celebrating the heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievement of First Nation, Inuit and Metis peoples. The date was chosen because it corresponds to the summer solstice, the longest day of the year and a time of year that many indigenous groups have traditionally celebrated their culture and heritage.

It is a day to celebrate culture, but also to recognize Canada’s colonial history, the contemporary issues and realities of Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous futurism.



Looking Back Through the Years in Ignace

Ignace Driftwood
July 21, 1971
Several Business About to Open in Our Booming Town
A quick check about Ignace shows several businesses under construction, many due to open in the very near future.
Northwest Service, on the east highway, is currently seeling (Mileage) gasoline at the lowest prices in town. Also, it is the sole Liquid Air dealer in town. Mechanical servicing will follow shortly as construction progresses.
Rocco's Supermarket in the centre of town on the highway is ready except for a few late delays. Its opening is expected any day. As well, the adjoining **pool room** has four tables ready for use. The walls are going up east of town of the **D & W Drive In Restaurant**. Watch for its opening.
Across the highway from the Hiway Motel the cement blocks are going up for the walls of the second story of a **General Merchandise Supermarket** which will boast four suites upstairs. (Today's IGA-Ed.)
I've no word on the **New Dryden Lumber** construction up Highway 599 one half mile.
There are other business propositions in the minds of people that are waiting for the Town Plan to become official.



Ignace Mayor & Council members, at the invitation of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), travelled to Halifax to meet with a Swedish Delegation who talked about how their communities coming forward as will hosts for used nuclear

30 Years Ago

LONG-VACANT BUILDING IN PLAZA TO HOUSE AT LEAST THREE BUSINESSES

The building was to house the Dryden District Credit Unit, Sunset Country Gift Boutique and a Florist's Shop. (Driftwood 1984)



THE FISH ARE BACK

On June 8, 2021, the Ignace Nursery School put several fish back into the pond at the Township of Ignace office, just as they do every year. It is always nice to see the children's excitement when they see the fish swimming in the pond.



Letter to the Editor in the Chronicle Journal on April 28, 2021

Walking the medieval city of Krakow, Poland on April 29, 1986 was a magical experience. The blooming flowers and fruit tree blossoms were filling the air with a distinct explosion of aroma, oxygen and green landscape. Spring was in full swing.

However, seeing the military helicopters hovering above was disconcerting. It occurred to me that there must be another solidarity movement underway.

Later that day, I found out that there had been a nuclear power plant explosion three days earlier in the Ukrainian city of Chernobyl. The former Soviet Union tried to cover up the accident but when the radioactive plumes began spreading west and north, the Swedish government alerted the entire world.

Those helicopters were monitoring the radiation levels in the clouds.

I was unaware that the Polish government was calling for people to remain indoors. Six months pregnant with our first child, I began to worry about my exposure to radiation.

In a few days, I was scheduled to return to Canada.

The remaining days of my visit were filled with uneasiness and concern for the health of our unborn child and my family in Poland.

Boarding the airplane to Frankfurt, I felt happy to be able to escape from the radioactive contamination. The military officers in Frankfurt surrounded our landed plane and, using dosimeters, checked every passenger for exposure. When the arrow on the instrument measuring my exposure showed the highest number on that scale, I was shocked and worried. Fortunately, they let me board the next flight to Toronto.

Our first son, Patrick, was born healthy on July 29, 1986. Much to his dismay now, we had decided to record his pre-birth experience by giving him an additional name on his birth certificate — Nukefree. Over the years, there were numerous nicknames he had to endure. Growing up, Patrick had suffered from several childhood ailments, and each time our thoughts went back to his pre-birth exposure to radiation.

Four years after the disaster, childhood thyroid cancer was on the rise in all the areas highly affected by the radiation, especially in the Ukraine, Belarus, and Russia. In fact, thyroid and other cancers as well as genetic-related illnesses continue to increase.

As I ponder the devastation, death and sickness that Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Chernobyl, Fukushima and many other nuclear incidents (often not reported) have caused, I can't help but wonder why we continue to run nuclear reactors that produce deadly waste for eons of time.

Why would Northwestern Ontario even consider an underground dump for such contaminating waste? Those who are interested in learning about the reality of Chernobyl can watch Inseparable (with English subtitles) on Youtube. Yes, a love story is part of this very interesting and full-of-suspense drama.

Irena Filteau THUNDER BAY

Response to Chronicle Journal – Letter to the Editor

The words Fukushima, Chernobyl, Nagasaki and Hiroshima conjure up visions of horrible death and destruction, but what they have to do with Canada's plan for a Deep Geological Repository (DGR) is a mystery to me. Except for the word "nuclear" which is scary to most people in and of itself, there is no comparison. Chernobyl and Fukushima were power generating facilities. Nagasaki and Hiroshima were bombed. The DGR is a storage facility.

And make no mistake, the used fuel pellets that resemble licorice nibs are inert. They are inactive. They cannot be set on fire; they cannot be exploded; and, they cannot contaminate like a fungus or virus. They are however, hot. They can burn, make people sick and even kill. But first you have to get at them.

The sun too is hot. It can burn, make people sick and even kill if you get too much of it. But we have learned how to manage the side effects of too much sun. The same way, scientists from all over the world have been working on nuclear energy for decades, and are learning how to protect the human race from the possible negative impacts of anything "nuclear", including but not limited to medical applications and used fuel pellets.

Canada, like the world at large, has decided that the best way to protect the people from used nuclear fuel pellets is to store them underground in sealed caverns. Calling the facility, a "dump" makes my blood boil. It conjures up images of landfill sights with plastic bags blowing all around; rats feasting and eagles keeping watch while bears help themselves to lunch. Nothing could be further from reality.

Canada's one and only storage facility for used nuclear fuel pellet containers will be a state-of-the-art robotics plant on the surface with massive engineered storage rooms half a kilometer or more underground. The DGR project will bring sustainability and longevity to the host community and surrounding area, with jobs and people requiring housing and services.

The only contaminating going on around here is the fear mongering of people who neither understand nor want to learn about Canada's thoughtfulness and the energy they have put into a plan in owning up to their responsibility for the safe storage of used nuclear fuel pellets.

Penny Lucas, Mayor of Ignace



The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) is Canada's independent nuclear regulator and was created under the Nuclear Safety and Control Act (NSCA) in 2000. On behalf of Canadians, the CNSC regulates the use of nuclear energy and materials to protect health, safety, security and the environment; to implement Canada's international commitments on the peaceful use of nuclear energy; and to disseminate objective scientific, technical and regulatory information to the public.

The CNSC is composed of the Commission and CNSC staff. The Commission is an independent administrative tribunal set up at arm's length from government, with no ties to the nuclear industry. The Commission makes its decisions transparently, guided by clear rules of procedure. The commission is supported by CNSC staff, consisting of more than 800 scientific, technical and professional staff. CNSC staff review applications for licences according to regulatory requirements, make recommendations to the Commission, and enforce compliance with the Nuclear Safety and Control Act, regulations and any licence conditions imposed by the Commission.

Interested parties, members of the public and Indigenous groups are able to participate at public Commission proceedings as intervenors. Commission proceedings are webcast live and often held in the host communities in order to make them as accessible as possible to local residents.

The CNSC is an open and transparent regulator. We share information on the CNSC website, on social media, and through community outreach activities such as this one. As an Agent of the Crown, the CNSC is also responsible for meeting the Crown's duty to consult and uphold the honour of the Crown. We are committed to building long term positive relationships with Indigenous communities and advancing reconciliation. The CNSC invites the public and Indigenous groups to participate in our processes. We strive to engage in meaningful, ongoing discussion, to address concerns throughout the whole life cycle of a project, and to support their participations in CNSC processes.

The CNSC also has a Participant Funding Program (PFP) that provides funding to individuals, Indigenous groups, and other interested parties to enable their participation in the CNSC's regulatory processes. Some examples of how PFP funding may be used includes the hiring of expert consultants to review technical information related to environmental assessments and licencing processes, or travelling to a Commission proceeding to give a presentation. Applicants must have a direct, local interest in the project and bring new information relevant to the specific matter before the Commission. Additional information on the program, eligibility, and the application process can be found at: <https://nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/the-commission/participant-funding-program/opportunities/index.cfm>

Decisions, hearing transcripts, webcast archives and other documentation are publicly available on the CNSC website, and our Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages. You can also call our information line or email us anytime with questions, comments or concerns. The information email address is: cnsccinfo@ccsn.ca

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- Commission and staff work for Canadians, we are an independent regulator
- Staff review applications and Commission issues licences
- Commission's decisions based on best available information (i.e., science and Indigenous Knowledge)
- Staff verify safety and compliance – take action if needed



- We are **not** the NWMO, nor are we industry
- We do **not** select sites
- We do **not** own, manage, construct or operate projects
- We **don't** issue approvals for boreholes
- We do **not** promote the nuclear industry





In January, MBCHC received a generous donation from TC Energy

We are extremely grateful to TC Energy for the truck donation from one of their retired fleet vehicles. This will be very beneficial for use at the community garden, food bank and Christmas Cheer.



COVID 19 Update

COVID Testing

We continue to provide COVID testing at the health centre on a daily basis by appointment.

As of May 7, we are very pleased to have provided over 750 Moderna vaccines to our community members.

It is important to remember that even once immunized, you must continue to practice all COVID-19 prevention measures. The number of shots given will be closely monitored throughout the immunization process to assess when it is safe for prevention measures to be loosened in the region.

What you should know about the COVID-19 vaccines?

With Health Canada approval of some COVID-19 vaccines, we know that many people have questions about the vaccines and what this means for them. Here are answers to some of the commonly asked questions to help you make an informed decision about getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

How do the COVID-19 vaccines work?

Vaccines tell your body how to make a harmless protein found in the virus and start building antibodies that know how to fight the real virus if you come in contact with it.

How well does the vaccine work, can I still get COVID-19?

The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines are given in two doses using a needle in your upper arm. The same vaccine is used for your first and second dose. The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines are expected to be 94-95% effective after two doses.

Do I still need to wear a mask after I've been vaccinated?

Yes. Studies are still underway to determine the effectiveness of the vaccine in preventing asymptomatic infection and reducing the transmission of COVID-19. For now, and until scientific experts say it's safe to stop, it is important to continue to follow the advice of public health officials including maintaining a physical distance of two metres from people outside of your household, wearing a mask, practicing proper hand hygiene and limiting non-essential travel. These measures will help keep you, your loved ones and our community safe.

How long will the vaccine last? Do I need to get it each year?

Studies are still underway to determine how long the vaccine will provide immunity. The government will keep the public informed as new data becomes available.

Now Open

Second Chances and The Carousel are combining into one program and will be located at the Carousel site behind the skatepark. We are working on some building upgrades and are excited to be opening soon. Our sincere gratitude to Pam Flory for her many years operating the Carousel and countless number of hours she has so generously volunteered. We are grateful to all the volunteers who give their time to operate such a valuable program for the community.



Donna Jalbert will be taking over the "volunteer manager" position as of our Grand Reopening. Proceeds from the Second Chances Carousel will support the Ignace Food Bank.



Did You know?

In December 2020, the Mary Berglund Community Health Centre was awarded the

"2020 Canada's Healthy Workplace Month Great Employer Award"

For nurturing a physically and psychologically safe and health workplace in the following key areas of focus:

- Healthy lifestyles
- Mental health and workplace culture
- Physical environment
- Corporate social responsibility

The NWMO invites residents to participate in the Ignace community-based sampling program

What is the chemical composition of the plants and animals in your surroundings? You may think this a question only biologists are interested in, but at the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), a team of researchers, engineers and specialists have worked together with local residents to co-design an environmental baseline monitoring program to answer this very question, and more.

Starting this summer, the NWMO will launch a community-based sampling program that will test the baseline chemistry in various plants and animals in Ignace and the surrounding region. The program will collect donations of plant and animal samples from community members from their hunting, fishing and foraging activities (e.g., berries, mushrooms, etc.). To ensure that high quality samples are collected, training packages will be available for local residents.

“Understanding the rich and complex biodiversity of this area is critical in informing our work towards selecting a deep geological repository site for Canada’s plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel,” says Joanne Jacyk, Section Manager of Environmental Assessment at the NWMO. “The goal of this sampling program and the broader environmental baseline monitoring program is to establish enough information about the environment to make project decision that will protect people and the environment.”

The samples will be analyzed by an accredited third-party laboratory. The results will be released in a report once the analysis is completed later this year.

The community-based sampling program is part of the environmental baseline monitoring program that was co-designed with local residents last year. The program aims to analyze and understand the natural characteristics of the area around the potential deep geological repository site in the Ignace region: surface water, groundwater, air, soil, plants, and animals and their habitats.

“By incorporating local knowledge, we hope to better understand the current conditions of the local environment: what are the ways in which it is unique, resilient and vulnerable,” Ms. Jacyk said. “We heard during the co-design phase that community participation was a key element in collecting relevant and trustworthy data towards this goal.

The co-design phase included a series of virtual and in-person workshops facilitated by the NWMO with various communities in Ignace, Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation (WLON) and the surrounding region.

Bill Gascon, the NWMO Site Director for Ignace, is excited about how this program will unfold.

“It is an interactive and educational way for residents to learn about the environmental baseline monitoring program, says Mr. Gascon. “I encourage everyone of all ages and backgrounds to participate.”

Residents of Ignace, WLON and the surrounding areas can contact the NWMO Ignace Learn More Centre at 807.934.2472 or email iwenvironment@nwmo.ca to learn more about how they can participate in the community-based sampling program.



Samples of wild berries like these from the Revell batholith near Ignace and Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation will be analyzed as part of the community-based sampling program.

**Help us redesign the NWMO website:
Fill out the online survey**

Our website (www.nwmo.ca) is an important way we communicate with the public, communities and industry partners. We recognize the evolving needs of our audiences and remain committed to providing online information in an easy and effective manner. We are constantly seeking ways to improve our work, and that includes redesigning our website. We need your input to do this successfully. One of our core values at the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is transparency – we know the public has many questions about Canada’s plan and its implementation. We want to make sure we develop a website that provides you with the information you want and need in a format that is easy to understand and navigate. Our goal with this redesign project is to create a website for you that is engaging and accessible, across different devices and digital platforms.

This website redesign project will help us meet the changing information needs of a wide variety of users, including the general public, communities in potential siting areas, Indigenous peoples, public officials, the media, the nuclear and energy sectors, and more. We encourage you to complete the survey and share your opinions on the current website, as well as thoughts on what would help make the redesigned website a success. It should take less than 10 minutes, and your responses are completely anonymous. The survey will close on July 6, 2021.

Complete survey: [Fill out the NWMO website redesign survey.](#)

Your responses will help shape the new website, which is expected to be ready by spring 202. We will share the results of the survey closer to the launch date.

This survey is being conducted by an independent firm.

If you have any questions about the survey, please email us at contactus@nwmo.ca.

Congratulations to Katelyn Hamre who received her certificate in Recreation Management. Katelyn has been employed with the Township of Ignace as a Recreation Programmer since October, 2018. We are looking forward to all of the summer events.



Scoop for a Scoop - Helmet Safety Program Congratulations for Wearing Your Helmet"



Redeemable at the
"DAVY LAKE CAMP GROUND"
Coupon Valid for a
FREE One Scoop Ice Cream Cone

A coupon may be given to any child or adult observed wearing their helmet properly while biking, roller blading, skate boarding, etc...

Wearing a helmet while biking is the LAW

A special Thank You To...

Davy Lake Camp Ground, Ignace O.P.P.,
Ignace Community Policing Committee,
Ignace Nursery School, Ignace EarlyON Child and Family Centre,
Ignace School, École Immaculée Conception,
and the generous donation by the O.P.P. Association 17 Branch
Coupon Valid June 1 to September 3, 2021



Summer Fun Ideas: Keeping Cool –

Things to Do with Your Child

- Pack a picnic lunch & visit the local beaches at West Beach Drive,
- Agimac Beach, Sand Bar Provincial Park and/or Raleigh Falls
- Do some gardening or yard work together.
- Set up a tent in the back yard and go camping.
- Sit in your tent and read a book.
- Play with water, using pails, funnels, sprinklers, paint brushes.
- Play in the sand and build something grand.
- Find what is hiding in the grass - look for insects and bugs.
- Make a collection - Find some rocks, twigs... Put your collection of rocks in order from smallest to largest.
- Enjoy the summer rain - Splish, splash in your boots, bare feet & with your umbrella.
- At night catch fire flies
- Pick wild flowers and make a bouquet
- Visit a pond, lake or river; check out what is living in the water
- Get a bat and ball and play ball and/or kick around a soccer ball at the local fields.
- Go for a nature walk- follow the trails at Lily Pad Lake.

Why Community members should attend Council meetings?

1. Listen to the perspective of others in the community.
2. Hear exactly what's going on in the community.
3. Get to know your Council members.
4. Share your opinion.
5. Get involved.
6. Meet other community-minded residents.
7. Learn about new developments and projects in Ignace.
8. Better understand politics for possible future involvement.
9. Hear presentations from residents and organizations in the community.

Your involvement in Council meetings gives you the opportunity to be in the know. Council agendas and packages are posted on the Township of Ignace website one week prior to the council meeting and on social media the day of the council meeting as a reminder. Your participation can make a huge difference in your community.



The NWMO Learn More Centre is located in the Ignace Plaza and it will support local residents and those from neighbouring communities, including First Nation and Metis organizations and communities in the area, as they continue to explore Canada's plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel. Reach out to the Learn More Centre Staff at 807.934.2472 if you would like any information about the Adaptive Phase Management (APM).

Now is the time to Learn!!