

BY-LAW BITS

Animal Control By-Law No. 3001

- Maximum of two (2) dogs and three (3) cats over the age of 3 months;
- All dogs and cats MUST be issued a license from the Town Administration Office;
- All dogs and cats MUST have their rabies shots;
- Dogs and cats may NOT run at large, or enter upon private property;
- Dogs MUST be on a leash, less than 6 feet in length, fully extended;
- Dogs may NOT bark or howl to disturb the quiet;
- Owners MUST clean up after their pets that defecate on public or private property.



Failure to abide by this By-Law is an offence. Your pet may be apprehended by Animal Control and you will be responsible for any applicable fines and/or impoundment fees.

Traffic Control By-Law No. 3155-16

- No person shall park or leave a recreational trailer, motor home, fifth wheel etc. on any street for more than 72 hours;
- A special permit may be granted under certain circumstances and must be attached to the vehicle.



Why?

Safety hazard to pedestrian/vehicle traffic;
Near-miss accidents involving children have occurred;
Fire and Emergency vehicles may be unable to travel down street, hydrants may be blocked.

Open Air Fires By-Law No. 3055

Acceptable Fire Pits MUST have:

- Enclosed sides made of brick, concrete, heavy metal, non-combustible materials;
- 5 feet clearance from buildings, property lines or other combustible material;
- Height of pit not to exceed 20in from ground to top;
- Spark arrestor screen, made of metal or equivalent, to cover the fire pit opening.



Highlights of By-Law:

- Do not leave fire unattended;
- Do not set a fire in windy conditions;
- Fire to be extinguished if it becomes too smokey;
- All fire pits shall be placed away/above grass or other vegetation by at least 16in, with dirt/earth, sand, gravel, concrete, non-combustible medium below;
- Burning of debris including non-wooden material, tires, oil, garden & household refuse is NOT permitted;
- Burning barrels/similar devices are prohibited.

*These “bits” represent highlights of given by-law only.
Please see the full by-law for details and to ensure you are not in contravention.*

*You may also call our office with any questions or concerns.
Failure to abide by the provisions of any Town by-law is an offence which is subject to applicable fees or fines.*

Property Standards By-Law No. 3166-16

Your property should be free and clear of:

- Litter or Rubbish;
- Unsightly property & structures including: fences, homes, porches, sheds, stairs, etc. not in good repair;
- The storage of any household appliances, whether or not the same are operational, and/or the storage of furnishings;
- The growth of weeds as identified in The Noxious Weeds Act, so that the same become a nuisance to neighbors;
- The growth of grass to a length in which, is unsightly, or of a height of no more than 25 centimeters;
- Wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled, inoperative, discarded, abandoned or unused vehicles, trailers and other machinery or any part there of.

Hedges/Trees/Plants shall NOT:

- Obstruct the safety of the public;
- Affect the safety of vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
- Constitute an obstruction of view for vehicular traffic;
- Conceal/interfere with hydrants/valves;
- Overhang or encroach on a sidewalk, street or highway.

This includes Businesses and Homeowners and Includes boulevards, and front, sides and back of property.



No Bicycles on Sidewalks

Traffic Control By-Law No. 3155-16: *“No person shall ride a bicycle on any sidewalk in the Town of Neepawa or park or abandon any bicycle in such a manner so as to create a hazard on any sidewalk, street or boulevard in the Town of Neepawa”.*

- Ensure you/your children look both ways BEFORE crossing any road;
- WALK your bike across the street at cross walks & intersections, for EVERYONES safety ;
- Under the MB Highway Traffic Act, helmets are to be worn at all times for all riders/passengers under the age of 18.



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LOOKING
ITS BEST!

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PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW NO. 3166-16

Neepawa’s Property Standards
By-Law states, in part:

PART TWO: STANDARDS

7.0 GRAFFITI

7.1 No person shall place graffiti or cause graffiti to be placed on any sidewalk, wall, building, fence, sign or any other structure or surface.

All vandals are subject to applicable fines and fees under the Enforcement By-Law 3165-16.

VANDALISM – HOW DOES IT AFFECT YOU?

Business Property:

Business owners take pride in their buildings and providing a nice place for all to shop, when something occurs, they have to pass the costs of vandalism onto customers through higher prices.

Personal Property:

You work hard for your property, you feel angry, sad, frightened when something of yours - an ornament, garden, a vehicle - is destroyed for no reason.

Municipal Property:

You, as a taxpayer, end up paying the bills for broken street lights, vandalized parks; stolen signs; cleaning up graffiti; repairing buildings; replacing vandalized equipment.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO DETER VANDALISM?

Eyes Open:

If you see something happening, ask them to stop (if you feel safe to do so) or report suspicious behavior to our local RCMP, Citizens on Patrol, or the Town Office.

Volunteer:

You can volunteer to be a member of the Neepawa Citizens on Patrol Program and help protect our Town! Call: 204-841-4180; or email: clint_lois@goinet.ca

Talk to your Kids:

Be aware of your children’s associates and activities. Remind them: Even if they don’t do the damage themselves, just by being there they have committed an offence and are as guilty as those who did the act.

Maintain a “Good Neighbor” policy:

Watch and keep an eye on your neighbor’s property, your own property as well as our Town property - many eyes make for less work and costs.

Vandalism is a community issue - We all need to do our part!

There are numerous Trail Cams that have been placed around Town; but as we all know - it’s expensive, impractical, impossible and unrealistic to have cameras around the entire town!

Other Impacts of Vandalism:

- ◆ A child can be injured because a stop sign was stolen;
- ◆ A person can’t use public restrooms that are closed for repair;
- ◆ A fun family activity may be cancelled due to destruction;
- ◆ Ruins the look of our Town, takes away enjoyment of what we offer;
- ◆ Our overall general sense of community security and safety is affected.



VANDALISM

SEE SOMETHING...
SAY SOMETHING...

Local RCMP:
204-476-7340 (non-emergency)
Town Office: 204-476-7600

BE AWARE - CHECK FOR WATER LEAKS!



“I don’t see any water on my floor, so I don’t have a leak.” ...**Not True!**

After water bills are sent out, we tend to see a large number of residents come into our office inquiring if something is wrong with their bill, as they have seen a significant increase and don’t know why.

Facts:

- The water meter will never “jump ahead”; it may stop or go backwards, but cannot increase by accident. Like the odometer on your car, the water must go through the meter to push the reading ahead.
- A typical home can lose 7600 litres to 76,000 litres (7.6 m³ to 76 m³) of water per year due to leaks. A faucet dripping slowly at only one drop every two seconds will waste more than 3700 litres (3.7 m³)/year.
- Water gets treated and leaves our plant, and if the water goes through your meter, it has been consumed and you must pay for it.

Leaks:

- In the vast majority of the cases, it turns out there is an undetected leak. Most people assume that if they don’t see water on their floor, then they don’t have a leak. That is not always true.
- A slow leaking tap, a running toilet, a leaking hot water tank, etc. can waste a lot of water and in turn, a lot of money is literally “going down the drain”.
- Unlike a sink tap, you can’t always see or hear a toilet leaking.

Checks to do:

- To check your toilets - we suggest you take some food coloring and put a few drops in the back of the toilet (the tank), and wait about 10-15 minutes. If color appears in the bowl, you have a leak and your flush mechanism may need to be replaced or adjusted.
- Be sure to closely check all taps, tubs and sinks in your house; water-cooled air conditioners, humidifiers, as well as all exterior/garden taps.
- If you are unsure or can’t find anything, you may wish to call a local certified plumber to do a thorough check for you.

**It is your responsibility to ensure you check for leaks in and around your house.
Be proactive – and save yourself some money and some headaches!**

SEWER BACKUP ISSUES?



When do you call a Qualified Plumber?

If you have clogs/slow drains/water irregularly backing up into your home.

When do you call the Town?

When a Qualified Plumber advises or there a continuous flow of water coming up through your floor drain. During Business Hours: Call 204-476-7600; After Hours: Call: 204-476-7626.

No Grease/Fat/Oil or ANY of the following in your drains:

Egg Shells; Food/Rice; Cotton Balls; Facial Tissues; Medicine; Baby Wipes; Coffee Grounds; Dental Floss; Loose Hair; Paint; Pads/Tampons; Condoms

**Place used grease/fat/oils into cans/jars & discard,
then wipe pots/pans with paper towel & discard.**

WATER SAVING TIPS!



When doing laundry, ensure you have a full load; or purchase a high efficiency washer to save you a lot of water and a lot of money!



Get a rain barrel. Water gardens and lawn early in morning or later in evening. Usage can add up quickly and is costly.



Install water saving shower heads and limit the amount of time you are in the bath or shower. Even 5 minutes saves you \$\$!



Replace your old or leaking toilet with a low flow toilet, this will pay for itself within a year with savings on your water bill!



Turn your tap off while brushing your teeth, shaving or washing your face.



Remove grease/food with a paper towel prior to washing, instead of rinsing in hot water. Turn off water while doing dishes.



LEAKS COST YOU MONEY!

- A hole this size wastes 0.77 m³ in 24 hrs, equivalent to **1,540 bottles of water!** And costs you \$2.71/day or \$325.20 in 120 days.
- A hole this size wastes 4.41 m³ in 24 hrs, equivalent to **8,820 bottles of water!** And costs you \$15.52/day or \$1,862.40 in 120 days.
- A hole this size wastes 16.27 m³ in 24 hrs, equivalent to **32,540 bottles of water!** And costs you \$57.27/day or \$6,872.40 in 120 days.



WATER BILLS VIA EMAIL:

If you haven’t already done so – kindly email us at: neepawa@wgcwave.ca with your account # and email address to receive your bills by email which will save time and tax dollars!

UNDERSTANDING YOUR WATER METER:

- Water meters are read by a drive-by remote frequency device every three months (quarterly) – March, June, September and December.
- Bills are sent out at the end of the quarterly reading month. The Town of Neepawa makes every effort to keep reading dates consistent so each quarter is based on a period of approximately 90 days.
- Water meters contain a nutating disc measuring chamber, which means that unless water goes through the meter, consumption is not recorded. If a meter malfunctions it will slow down or stop. Common issues with the remote frequency meters malfunctioning include a blockage due to sand/silt in the line (generally after hydrant flushing, or turning off in the home for repairs) or a dead battery.
- To read your meter you must shine a flashlight on the face of the meter to charge the reading panel. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure their water meter is accessible to Town staff at all times. The area surrounding the meter should be free and clear of debris. Damage to water meters caused by negligence will result in the homeowner being charged the replacement cost of the meter (starting at approximately \$350).
- If you notice an issue with your meter, you are to call the Town Office at 204-476-7600 as soon as possible.



Take time to access this video for information on reading your meter correctly!
https://youtu.be/_HXfIF01mMU