



COMMUNITY HEALTH HUB UPDATE

The Health Hub along with the additional services it brings to the community is part of our economic development plan. The addition of these services to the community help to support the growth, retention, and establishment of business in the community by providing additional supports and services available in the community.

The Sioux Narrows Community Health Hub is a growing initiative dedicated to expanding access to supplemental health and wellness services within our community.

Currently, the health hub provides naturopathic doctor services, Life Labs medical laboratory services, foot care practitioners, and mental health support through the Canadian Mental Health Association.

As demand for these services continues to grow, so does our vision. To support continued growth and future expansion, the Community Health Hub will be relocating to a new space. This move will allow us to better accommodate existing services while creating opportunities to introduce additional services and programs.

The official opening day for the Community Health Hub will be April 1st, 2026. We look forward to this new and exciting transition.

Scheduling and booking information will continue to be printed in the Township's monthly newsletter.
Community Health Hub Location: 5736 ON-71



NEW LOCATION

The new health hub office is located in the old NWHU building.

GET IN TOUCH

The Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls has adopted a number of plans and strategies that help to move our community forward. All of these plans and strategies including the Community Economic Development Plan, Highway Corridor re-development plan and others can be found under the Town Hall (community profile) tab on our website: snnf.ca

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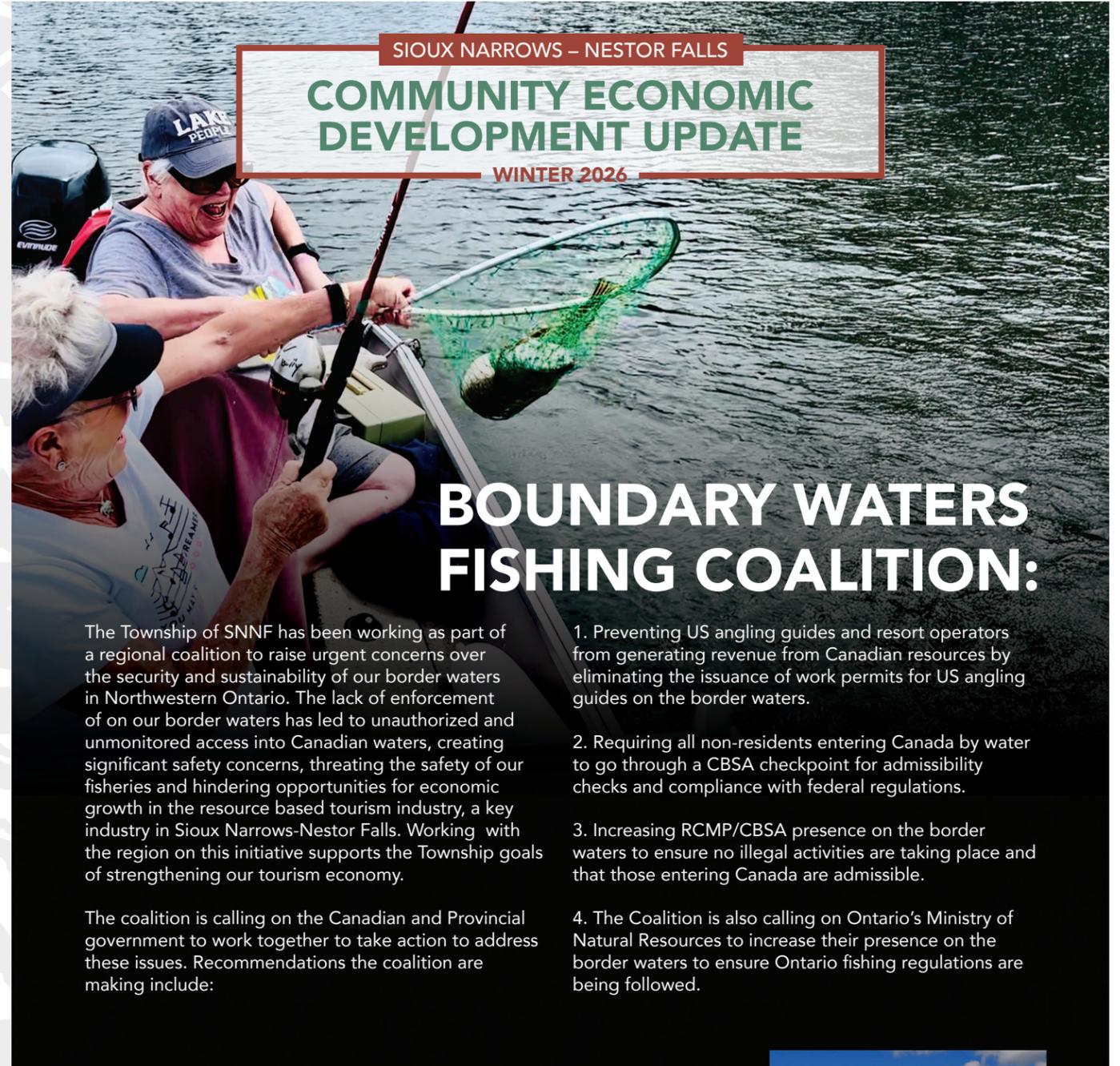
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SIoux NARROWS – NESTOR FALLS

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

WINTER 2026



BOUNDARY WATERS FISHING COALITION:

The Township of SNNF has been working as part of a regional coalition to raise urgent concerns over the security and sustainability of our border waters in Northwestern Ontario. The lack of enforcement of on our border waters has led to unauthorized and unmonitored access into Canadian waters, creating significant safety concerns, threatening the safety of our fisheries and hindering opportunities for economic growth in the resource based tourism industry, a key industry in Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls. Working with the region on this initiative supports the Township goals of strengthening our tourism economy.

The coalition is calling on the Canadian and Provincial government to work together to take action to address these issues. Recommendations the coalition are making include:

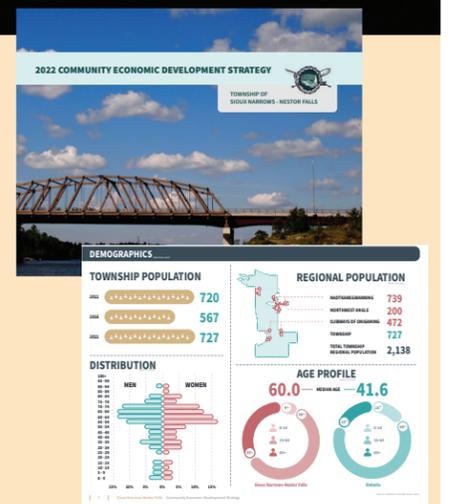
1. Preventing US angling guides and resort operators from generating revenue from Canadian resources by eliminating the issuance of work permits for US angling guides on the border waters.
2. Requiring all non-residents entering Canada by water to go through a CBSA checkpoint for admissibility checks and compliance with federal regulations.
3. Increasing RCMP/CBSA presence on the border waters to ensure no illegal activities are taking place and that those entering Canada are admissible.
4. The Coalition is also calling on Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources to increase their presence on the border waters to ensure Ontario fishing regulations are being followed.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

In May 2022, Municipal Council adopted the Community Economic Development Plan.

Since that time, Township staff have been working diligently towards its implementation. We have been tracking the implementation of the plan and are pleased to report that progress has been made on all areas of the plan. The completion rate of the items within this plan is high, sitting in the 65-75% complete range. A number of items are scheduled for completion by the end of 2026. This will bring this plan almost to completion (well over 80%), with the exception of tasks that will be continually ongoing and never truly complete.

Staff will continue to implement the outstanding items on this plan throughout 2026 as well as the Highway Corridor Development Plan (2019), which is currently sitting around 80% complete. We will review progress on these 2 plans in late 2026 and will look to engage the community on a new Community Development Plan in 2027.



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Coming together is a beginning;
Keeping together is progress;
working together is success.

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– Henry Ford

BUILDING PERMITS

The tracking of building permits serves as an important indicator of economic development, and overall economic health in a community. They are often used as a barometer to determine economic health and to predict future economic growth in communities. The building permits issuances in SNNF indicate strong and consistent growth and development in our community:

2022

51 permits issued valued at
\$6,121,100.00

2023

46 permits issued valued at
\$9,812,000.00

2024

43 permits issued valued at
\$5,985,000.00

2025

43 permits issued, valued at
\$6,171,700



SEASONAL RECRUITMENT EFFORTS AT CAREER FAIR

As a part of the Township's 2022 Community Economic Development Strategy, one of the identified tactics is the implementation of Township-led staff recruitment, outreach, and communications initiatives to support local businesses, particularly in addressing seasonal workforce needs.

This tactic directly advances the broader goal of recognizing the vital role local businesses play in the community's economic health and well-being by fostering effective growth and retention supports.

To support this tactic, a Township representative attended a career fair at the University of Manitoba on January 27th to promote employment opportunities within the community, with participation from nine local businesses. Job opportunities within the community were presented to university students, as students are particularly interested in seasonal positions.

Prior to the event, local employers were engaged to identify current staffing needs and available positions. This initiative represents a proactive and meaningful effort to promote local businesses, increase awareness of employment opportunities in the community, and demonstrate the Township's ongoing commitment to supporting its business community and economic development.

CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

We continue to enhance community infrastructure, and development opportunities to support growth in our community (Goal 1.1) by working on several Capital Infrastructure Improvement Projects. Currently we are working on the following improvements:

Bass Lake Park Redevelopment:

COST \$500,000.
NOHFC FUNDING \$375,000 (75%)
MUNICIPAL \$125,000 (25%)

The planning process for the redevelopment of Bass Lake Park is underway. The upgrade to this community infrastructure will include:

- a connector trail to the red pine trail network.
- new washroom facilities
- new playground
- landscaping enhancements
- improved beach access.

We expect construction to begin in the summer of 2026 with the entire project being completed by June 2027.



Housing Development Update

Phase I of the Housing Development on the property formerly known as Pioneer Park has begun.

This project includes 6 attached units on the eastern most point of the property, and a total of 8 dock slips located on Regina Bay.

In December we were informed by the KDSB that the proposed Sioux Narrows Seniors Housing next to the SN Community Centre was "currently on hold and in its current form is unviable" due to the low number of units (5) and the cost to build. We have been working diligently with the KDSB to find alternatives and look forward to sharing updates about a new project with the community in the very near future.

Surveying of the proposed Nestor Falls KDSB affordable housing project near the new ambulance base is complete. Council will be reviewing the opportunity to transfer the land to the KDSB for housing purposes in the coming months.

Exciting Grant News!

While not entirely economic development related, we are excited to share nonetheless that the Township received \$38,000 from the Ministry of Transportation (with no municipal contribution required) for road improvements to eliminate potholes. We are using this funding to purchase a Wing Plow and Dozer Blade to grade the roads in our community to eliminate washboard and Potholes.

We are also very excited to share that we have received approval from the provincial NORDS program to purchase a new excavator for the Sioux Narrows Landfill. This equipment will be useful at the existing landfill and will be able to be used in the future operations as well.

This is a considerable investment and improvement in our equipment that did not draw any funds from the municipality.

