



The Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls
Community Newsletter
April 2023

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE
SIOUX NARROWS-NESTOR FALLS OFFICIAL PLAN
SECTION 17 OF THE PLANNING ACT, RSO 1990**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls will hold the following Public Meetings:

- **May 2nd, 2023 at 3:30 pm in the Community Hall in Nestor Falls**
- **June 6th, 2023 at 3:30 pm in the Community Hall in Sioux Narrows**

The purpose of the amendment is to add a policy to the Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls Official Plan for the regulation of Short Term Rentals (STRS).

The complete amendment is available for inspection at the Township Office in Sioux Narrows during regular office hours. Please contact Jeffrey Port, MCIP, RPP at 807-226-5241 to receive further information.

Public Notice for Official Plan Amendment

“Over the past 5 years, there has been a growing trend in the use of online booking services such as Air Bnb and Vacation Rental by Owner (VRBO) for residential homeowners to rent out their homes on a short term basis for the purpose of generating income. These are commonly known as Short Term Rentals, or STRS. The emergence of STRS as income properties is widespread, both internationally and in Canada and the United States.

However, while generating income for the owner, many of these rental properties have a negative impact on neighbourhoods and communities. They also generate land use conflicts in residential areas, and tend to create shortages in affordable housing as investors purchase modestly priced homes as commercial rental properties.

The Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls has not been immune to this trend, as many cottage owners have seen this as an opportunity to generate some additional income from their cottage when not in use. Further, many potential purchasers are now using this as a business model to assist in the financing of a new cottage purchase.

The Township has been attempting to manage STRS through the zoning by-law over the past several years. As a result, it has become clear that a more precise land use policy would be helpful to Council in making land use decisions on STRS. Planning staff have been directed to prepare a new policy in the Official Plan that will assist Council making decisions on the approval of future STRS, taking into consideration potential disruptions in residential neighbourhoods, the health and safety of the public and the impact on affordable housing in the community.

There will be two public meetings, in May and June, to review and comment on the proposed amendment to the Official Plan. The first will be in Nestor Falls on May 2nd, and the next on June 6th in Sioux Narrows. The Township looks forward to hearing from the public on this issue, and looks forward to hearing your comments.”

If you wish to review a copy of the proposed amendment, please contact the Township Office at 807-226-5241, or info@snnf.ca.

Lake of the Woods Chapel United Church

Happy Spring everyone! It is so nice to see the sun melting the snow. The nature of spring just requires smiles. We are moving into Easter, where our hope is gratified with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Palm Sunday will be remembered on April 2nd at 2:30 p.m. The Good Friday service, a somber time in history when all who loved Jesus, saw him crucified, will be on April 7th at 2:30 p.m. And then we arrive at Easter Sunday, April 9th, the day when Jesus returns to life as promised, and we say and sing, Hallelujah! Join us for these special services with our minister, Pat Chabluk.

On April 16th, we will have a guest worship leader, Dean Woodbeck, the Chaplaincy Leader at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Kenora. Again, the service is in the afternoon at 2:30. And on April 23rd, our guest worship leader will be Rev. Cathy Giroux.

All are welcome at these services. See you there!



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SIoux NARROWS ARTS FESTIVAL 2022 PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNERS

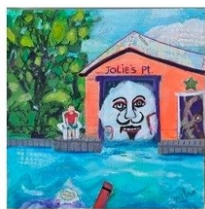


Wanda Kabel-Easton
PHOTOGRAPHER

FIRST PLACE - WANDA KABEL-EASTON, SIOUX NARROWS



KIEFER FLOREAL, WINNIPEG



LOU GOODWIN, KENORA



TERRY TILLBERG, KENORA

Congratulations to the 2022 People's Choice winner Wanda Kabel-Easton, and to the top three runners up Kiefer Floreal, Lou Goodwin and Terry Tillberg.

NOR-WEST ANIMAL CLINIC

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Nestor Falls Community Hall

For appointment, please call 807-274-7393



2023 APRIL

Mobile and Mental Health and Addictions Clinic

Sioux Narrows: Monday, April 3rd and Monday, April 17th

Nestor Falls: Wednesday, April 5th and Wednesday, April 19th

For appointment, call 807-468-1838, press 5
www.cmhak.on.ca

Burning Permits Required
April 1st—October 31st

Seasonal permits are \$10.00 and can be purchased online at snnf.burnpermits.com or visit the Sioux Narrows Municipal Office weekdays 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Summer 2023—Landfill Hours—May 1st to September 30th

Open 5 Days per Week, Closed Mondays and Tuesdays

Sioux Narrows: 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Nestor Falls: 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



TOWNSHIP OF SIOUX NARROWS-NESTOR FALLS FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATION SESSION

APRIL 25TH, 2023 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. SIOUX NARROWS FIRE HALL

Come out and meet the team, have a look inside our fire trucks and fire hall. We will be having demonstrations of the tools that we use. Learn more about what we do and join us.

Open to all neighbouring residents. Bring your family, the kids will have lots of fun.

We will be serving up hamburgers, desserts, coffee and drinks.

SIOUX NARROWS NURSING STATION

Schedule was not available at the time this went to print. Please call 807-226-1081 for appointments

AMBULANCE, FIRE AND POLICE—CALL 911