



The Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls Community Newsletter February 2019



In Touch – P/C Karen RUSTIGE #8788

New Impaired Driving Laws

Impaired driving remains the leading cause of criminal death in Canada. The OPP remains committed to ensuring Ontario roads are safe from alcohol-impaired and drug-impaired drivers. The OPP is reminding drivers that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. We rely on the public to report crime and impaired driving is a crime that should be treated no differently. If you suspect that someone is driving or about to drive impaired, call 9-1-1 and report it.

As of July 1, 2018 drivers of vehicles requiring an A-F class licence, vehicles requiring a Commercial Vehicle Operator's Registration (CVOR) and road building machines are prohibited from having any presence of alcohol in their blood when behind the wheel of these types of vehicles.

On December 18, 2018, Part 2 of Bill C-46 came into effect. The law allows police to demand a roadside breath sample from any lawfully stopped driver to determine whether that driver has alcohol in their body. Part 2 of the Bill also includes increased penalties for impaired drivers (see Q&As).

If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture. The OPP can issue an immediate roadside driver's license suspension to drivers who register a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) in the "Warn Range".

Q: What new laws came into force on December 18, 2018?

A: The new laws form Part 2 of Bill C-46. The two main elements are new police authorities in relation to Mandatory Alcohol Screening and increased penalties.

Mandatory Alcohol Screening: In addition to existing legislation that allows an officer to make a demand for a roadside breath sample when they have reasonable suspicion, the new legislation effective December 18, 2018, gives officers who have an Approved Screening Device (ASD) the authority to make a demand for a roadside breath sample from any lawfully stopped driver to determine whether a person has alcohol in their body, without first having to suspect the motorist has been drinking. It is mandatory for drivers to comply with this demand or they can be charged with failing or refusing to provide a breath sample.

Increased penalties: Under the new laws, drivers who have been convicted of "Operate a conveyance with a BAC of 80 mg or greater" will also face higher mandatory minimum fines and some higher maximum penalties. First-time offenders with a BAC of 80 mg to 119 mg of alcohol per 100 mL of blood will pay a mandatory fine of \$1,000. Those with a BAC of 120 mg to 159 mg of alcohol per 100 mL of blood, the fine is raised to \$1,500. A first offender with a BAC of 160 mg or more will pay a mandatory minimum fine of \$2,000.

If a first-time offender refuses the breath test, they'll receive a \$2,000 fine.

The new legislation also makes it an offence to have a BAC of 80 mg or over within two hours of operating a vehicle — either before or after driving.

Q: Isn't this law unconstitutional and doesn't it violate charter protections against unreasonable searches?

A: Mandatory alcohol screening is currently in place in more than 40 countries, including Australia, France, Germany, Ireland and Sweden. The OPP supports any law that helps reduce the number of deaths that are linked to impaired drivers. Last year (2018), **48** people died in alcohol/drug-related crashes on OPP-patrolled roads. There were **46** such deaths the previous year (2017). Regardless of what the numbers are from one year to the next, one life lost to an impaired driver is one too many.

Q: What are the penalties for being in the Warn Range?

A: First time offence carries a 3-day licence suspension and a \$250 penalty. A second time offence within 5 years carries a 7-day licence suspension, a \$350 penalty and mandatory alcohol education program. Subsequent offences within 5 years carry tougher penalties. In addition to the above penalties, the driver will also face a \$275 licence reinstatement fee.



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Nestor Falls WINTER CARNIVAL

A Weekend of FUN Activities for the whole family!

Fri. March 1st - Sun. March 3rd

Sioux Narrows Winter Carnival

Fri. Feb. 15th-Sun. Feb. 17th

Family fun for all!



Nestor Falls Fish Cook-Off
Dinner & Dessert Competition
March 1st
5:00 pm—9:00 pm
For more info, call Pam at 807-484-2103 or
pam.edwards34@hotmail .com

SNNF FIRE DEPARTMENT
“SPAGHETTI DINNER”
Sioux Narrows Community Hall

Saturday, Feb 16TH, 2019
5:30 pm—9:00 pm
\$15.00 Adult, \$5.00 Kids Age 6-12, Kids under 5 eat free
“Cash Bar” by Rec. Committee
Dinner Proceeds towards SNNF St. 2 Fire Rescue Boat

WATCH BULLETIN BOARDS FOR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Lake of the Woods Chapel

The Christmas Bazaar held on December 1st was very successful.....thank you to all who volunteered baking, sandwiches, soup, and crafts. The proceeds, thanks as well to the many who attended, will benefit some of our local charities and their efforts. Church services continue on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. at Lake of the Woods Chapel United Church. Everyone is welcome. Our minister, Pat Chabluk, has been absent with health issues since last October so we continue with services led by guest worship leaders. Hope everyone stays warm!

New Books and DVD's at the Sioux Narrows and Nestor Falls Libraries



Duel to the Death- JA Jance	A Dangerous Game – H. Graham	Woman Left Behind
Third Victim- Phillip Margolin	Escape Artist – Brad Meltzer	Red Alert NYPD – J. Patterson
Family Next Door- S. Hepworth	Broken Girls- Simone St. James	Crimson Lake – Candice Fox
DVD		
Get Out	Foyle's War Season 8	Shape of Water
Only the Brave		
Nestor Falls		
Red Alert NYPD – J. Patterson	Flight Attendant-Chris Bohjalin	Third Victim- Phillip Margolin
Piecing Me Together Y.A.	Escape Artist – Brad Meltzer	
DVD		
True Detective – Season 2	Lady Bird	Get Out
I.Ttonya	Call Me by Your Name	Shape of Water
Carol	Ferdinand	

Nursing Station

DR. ROWENA LASS

Wednesday, February 13th 8:45 am -11:45 am
 Wednesday, February 20th 8:45 am- 11:45 am
 Wednesday, February 27th 8:45 am - 11:45 am

DR. KERRY ANDERSON

Wednesday, February 6th 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
 Friday, February 8th 11.00 am—2:00 pm
 Friday, February 15th 11:00 am—2:00 pm
 Monday, February 25th 2:00 pm—5:00 pm

DR. KIRILL SCHROTH, DENTIST

Saturday. March 2nd 9:00 am—3:00 pm

SUSAN MCLEOD, FOOT SPECIALIST

Thursday, February 28th—9:00 am—3:00 pm

CAITLIN CAMPBELL, RN

Please call 807-226-1081 for appointments and leave your name and phone number.
 You will receive a call back with your scheduled appointment date.
AMBULANCE, FIRE AND POLICE CALL 911