



## The Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls

### Community Newsletter July 2022—2nd Edition

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From: Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls Community Emergency Management Team

#### *For Immediate Release*

Emergency Public Notification Update

The Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls declared a state of emergency on the morning of July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

An emergency was declared due to a super cell storm and possible tornado damages at Nestor Falls. Significant damages to property and downed trees were sustained during the early morning hours of July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. No known injuries have been reported.

The Township of Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls activated their Emergency Operations Centre on the morning of July 18<sup>th</sup> to coordinate communications with all available municipal personnel, volunteer Fire Fighters, the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre and the Ontario Provincial Police.

Available municipal personnel have been actively engaged at Caliper Lake Provincial Park, clearing roadways and evacuating approximately 50 campers, as well as ensuring that the road past the park, where several residential properties lie, is open. The hardest hit areas include, but are not limited to: a) Caliper Lake Provincial Park, b) the downtown core of Nestor Falls in and around where Pine (Kakabikitchiwan) Lake flows down into Lake of the Woods, c) in and around the Sabaskong Bay area of Lake of the Woods, including Sabaskong Bay Road, as well as islands in this vicinity.

Hydro One remains active in the area. A widespread power outage came into effect early morning, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Many areas had power restored by the evening of July 18<sup>th</sup>. However, power outages remain in some of the hardest hit areas. No estimated time of restoration to these areas is currently available.

Bell Telephone remains active in the area as well. There are isolated areas without telephone communications. No estimated time of restoration has been provided.

The municipality put in an urgent request on July 18<sup>th</sup> to a private contractor to assist with clearing Sabaskong Bay Road. Given the extent of the damage, the emergency management team has made an urgent request to the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre to deploy provincial forestry/fire crews to assist residents and businesses at the epicentre. As well, offers received by the municipality from various groups, including regional contractors with heavy equipment, were directed to the businesses and residents in the epicentre zone, in and around Nestor Falls.

We continue to ask for patience as we deploy our limited local resources. As soon as further assistance is made available to the Township, we will work in a coordinated manner to further deploy additional assets, if approved by the Province, to assist with private residents and businesses in need of assistance removing trees.

We cannot express enough how grateful we are for the efforts of our municipal/maintenance/parks staff, volunteer Emergency Management personnel, volunteer Fire department members, Hydro One, the Provincial Forestry Team at Caliper Lake PP, the Ontario Provincial Police, Bell Canada, ACEL Fire department, private businesses and residents who have donated their time/equipment/goods. As well, our hearts go out to all those affected who are coming to terms with this disastrous and devastating event. The Township will work alongside those who are tirelessly cleaning up their properties, businesses, and homes.

Please refer to the Township's Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/TownshipSNNE> for any updated information that becomes available to us.



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### 2022 Municipal Election

Nomination Day: August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Nomination and Eligibility: Anyone wishing to run for office on Council in the 2022 Election must file a Nomination Paper with the Clerk of the Municipality commencing May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, and the deadline to submit nomination papers is on Nomination Day by 2:00PM, Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A filing fee in cash, certified cheque or money order is required with the submission of your Nomination Paper

If you are interested in running as a candidate in the Municipal Election, it is recommended you review the Ministry of Municipal Affairs’ 2022-2023 Candidates Guide which is posted on the Ministry’s website.

A person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality if on Voting Day, he or she,

- resides in the local municipality, or is the owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant; and
- is a Canadian Citizen; and
- is at least 18 years old; and
- is not prohibited from voting under Section 17 Subsection 3 or otherwise by law.


More information is available at:

<https://www.snnf.ca/town-hall/municipal-council/2022-municipal-election/>

### New at the Northern Ontario Sport Fishing Centre

Science North Northern Nature Traders exhibit opened on June 30, 2022. Visit the centre to learn what this exhibit is all about and to start your trading. This exhibit is a new permanent display at the NOSFC



Come to worship our Creator God at Lake of the Woods Chapel United Church on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. We are an affirming congregation . Our building is wheelchair accessible. Everyone is welcome. You can find the church just south of the bridge on the west side of the highway.

### Sioux Narrows Arts Council Events

**July 21- Two Tenors and a Piano Opera**  
7:00 P.M. Admission by Donation  
Northern Ontario Sport Fishing Centre

**July 30—Sioux Narrows Arts Festival**  
Indoor Art Show & Sale  
Children’s Art Exhibition & Family Craft Tent  
Outdoor Concerts

**July 25—Young Artists Workshop**  
10:00 A.M.—11:30 A.M.  
Sioux Narrows Community Hall

**August 12—22Z Concert**  
7:00 P.M.  
Sioux Narrows Community Hall  
Tickets \$15.00

Further information available at [www.siouxnarrowsartsfestival.com](http://www.siouxnarrowsartsfestival.com)