

Municipal News September 2023 E-Edition 2 Wawa, Ontario

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

September 19

October 3

October 17

November 7

November 21

December 12

COUNCIL DECISIONS

The following is a summary of decisions made by Council at the Regular Meetings held July 11, 2023 and August 15, 2023.

- · Accept Staff Recommendation and Submit Funding Application to NOHFC for Renovation of the Michipicoten Golf Club.
- · Accept Staff Recommendation to investigate Municipal Accommodation Tax.
- Approved proclamation for 23rd Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Education Appreciation Day on October 17, 2023.
- · Accept Staff Recommendation to replace the HDPE Feed Tank at the Water Treatment Plant.
- Accept Staff Recommendation MB 2023-20 - Sale of Surplus Equipment by Tender of a generator and shed to highest bidder.



All Council meeting agendas and minutes can be viewed on the Wawa Civic Web:

http://wawa.civicweb.net/Portal/

Watch Council Meetings! YouTube Channel: **Municipality of Wawa**



HEALTHY DEMOCRACY PROJECT



Wawa Mayor Melanie Pilon joined more than 2,000 municipal representatives at Association of Municipalities Ontario's 2023 Conference in London in August. While attending AMO, Mayor Pilon was proudly highlighted in a video segment shown to all delegates promoting AMO's Healthy Democracy Project. Mayor Pilon is working with an AMO Committee to attract more diverse candidates to Council positions in Ontario. The project will promote great civic engagement, greater awareness of the role of municipal government and will encourage increased voter turnout. View the video here:

AMO Healthy Democracy Video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QghTFt7qjl



KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED!

New electronic sign board at the Community Centre Coming Soon! Also watch for the Wawa Goose Nest Mural!



WAWA CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Cemetery Committee provides recommendations to Council regarding the operation and maintenance of all cemeteries owned by the Municipality of Wawa and to identify and raise additional revenues for the cemetery.

Current initiatives include:

- Memorial Benches
- Planter Box Repair
- Structure Built
- Ice Candle Celebration

SAVE THE DATES

Fall Fair September 9



North Algoma Seniors Expo & **Active Living Fair** September 13

> By-Hand Festival November 17-18





* Bundle Up Market December 1-3

> Festival of Lights December 1-17





Santa Claus Parade December 15

Ice Candle Celebration December 26



HOUSING ACTION PLAN

The Municipality of Wawa is pleased to share that the Draft Wawa Housing Action Plan (HAP) has been recently developed and Council is seeking community input into the Plan. The Plan aims to increase the supply of local accommodations housing working with partners to encourage new housing development.

the Wawa Housing Action Plan on the Municipal website here:

Wawa Housing Action Plan

http://www.wawa.cc/en/yourgovernment/resources/Docu ments/Wawa-Housing-Action-

Plan-2023--FINAL.pdf

WAWA STRATEGIC PLAN

The final version of the update to the Wawa Strategic Plan is complete.

The Plan can be viewed on the municipal website here:

Wawa Strategic Plan

https://www.wawa.cc/en/yourgovernment/resources/Documents/W AWA-STRATEGIC-PLAN-2023-2027.pdf



REMINDER - WATER BILLS DUE!

Don't forget to pay your water bill by Friday, October 6, 2023! Call 705-856-2244 ext. 233

WAWA FIRE SERVICES COMMUNITY SURVEY PRIZE WINNERS!

The Municipality of Wawa would like to thank everyone that participated in the Wawa Fire Services Community Survey. Your feedback will be integrated into the Community Risk Assessment scheduled to be presented to Council at the October 3, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting. A random draw for three prizes was drawn on Monday, July 24, 2023 and the winners were:



2nd - Alisha Allin - \$100 white Alan Mar. 3rd - Alan Mann - \$50

Prizes also included a smoke detector donated by The Loomex Group.

Happy 90th Birthday Jack Aikenhead!

Jack is a retired Wawa Volunteer Firefighter. The Municipality would like to thank him for his service and wish him a wonderful 90th birthday!



North Algoma Seniors Expo & Active Living Fair

Featuring 50+ exhibitors from Wawa, Sault Ste Marie and beyond.

Michipicoten Memorial Community Centre

- Door Prizes
- Resources & Publications
 - Active Living Demonstrations From Soup to Tomat
- Info Sessions
- - · Lunch by Judy Page Moore Catering
- Health Clinics
 - Blood pressure
- · Entertainment & Music



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between 1-4pm before Sept 6, 2023. Wednesday

Transportation To book transportation in Wawa, Hawk Junction,

White River or Dubreuilville

Centre 705-856-7394

September 13th 10am-3pm

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

26 Magpie Road - Public Works Yard (Gate Entrance) Saturday, September 9, 2023 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



For More Information:

Infrastructure Services 705-856-2244 ext. 251



THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER STAFF!

Summer has come to an end and with it we say farewell to our amazing

summer staff! This includes our summer students as well as our

Tourism Coordinator Isabeau Allard who managed the Tourist

Information Centre for another fantastic season! The Municipality of

Wawa would like to thank you all for your hard work and dedication this

MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATION TAX

Municipal Council have endorsed further investigation of the Municipal

Accommodation Tax (MAT). The MAT provides the opportunity to

collect a tax paid by visitors purchasing accommodations, including but not limited to hotels, motels, inns, lodges and short term

accommodations. If implemented, the expected revenue from the

program is estimated at over \$400,000 per year and would be split

between the Municipality and set aside for the creation of a

Destination Marketing Organization. Staff will work collaboratively with

accommodation-based businesses to determine the best course of

action for implementing the tax and to identify what supports will be

needed. To learn more about the MAT, contact Alex Patterson, Director

NEW RUNNING TRACK ALMOST COMPLETE!

of Community Services and Tourism at 705-856-2244 ext. 242.

The new track at the Wawa Community

Centre is almost complete! Thanks to

funding from the Ontario Trillium Fund,

the Municipality secured \$130,000 for the

replacement of the running track. It will

be ready in time for the school year and

features a new base and top layer built

from crushed rock. We're looking

forward to being able to provide Wawa

with a safer and better running surface

as we host a variety of school track and

field events, from local meets to regional

season, and wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

WAWA FALL FAIR

Wawa Community Centre Curling Rink September 9 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

30 + Vendors Food

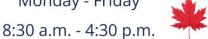
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HOURS OF OPERATION

Townhall - 40 Broadway Ave.



Monday - Friday



CLOSED: Saturday and Sunday



WAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY **Reading Helpers Program**

Volunteers are available to work with students and help them improve their reading skills. For more information or to sign up contact: 705-856-2244 ext. 290



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