



## Town of Niverville 2021 Planning Session Highlights

**November 24, 2020**

Last weekend Town Council and staff met at the Town Office to plan what the next year holds for the Town of Niverville. All aspects of the municipal realm were discussed and by the end of the weekend, a preliminary budget was presented to Council. A budget presentation which would normally be done through an Open House, will be available online in December ([www.wheretheybelong.ca](http://www.wheretheybelong.ca)).

Included in this presentation are some major capital projects for the Town:

- Completion of the Niverville Community Resource & Recreation Centre (CRRC) – anticipating an opening date of June 2021.
- Completion of another block of Main Street sidewalk.
- Improved landscaping of the Dog Park and Centennial Arena after completion of the CRRC.
- Continuation of Phase 3 of Hespeler Park pathway lighting which will also provide power at such a time as an RV park is built on the Southwest corner of the park, as well as reviewing for the future possibility of being able to put lights up at a soccer pitch or baseball diamond.
- Increasing the Town's tree budget for planting and maintenance.
- Continuing to advance two key utility projects: the expansion of the Water Treatment Plant and a regional wastewater treatment plant. Money is being set aside in savings accounts or reserves for the completion of these projects with construction planned to begin in the next couple years.
- Council is also looking at policing options and will have more information in the next couple of months as discussions have been initiated with the RCMP in regards to potentially securing additional police resources for Niverville. Discussions will also be taking place with Public Safety Canada with respect to Niverville potentially entering into a Municipal Police Service Agreement with Canada.
- In efforts to promote active living, a cross country ski trail groomer is being purchased in preparation for the 2022 Winter Games. They require a 3km loop and this trail will be groomed this winter in preparation for these games.



- Sewer Infrastructure Renewal - while Council's hope was to complete this renewal over fifteen years, due to the rapid growth experienced with Niverville residential building permits this year, which were up 14.5% (as compared to the same period last year), and due to the increasing interest from business in our community, Niverville's plans for a larger water treatment plan and increased septic capacity have had to be moved up the priority list. This means the sewer renewal will still happen, but will have to be stretched out of a longer period of time than previously hoped for.
- Installation of bulrushes for the first retention pond in Fifth Avenue Estates. Due to a recent study by Native Plant Solutions, it has come to Council's attention that the water quality in the Fifth Avenue Estates ponds is below acceptable levels in terms of both phosphorus and blue/green algae. The algae especially can be harmful to pets and children. While options like aerators, fountains, and other means would have been Council's first choice, science indicates that bulrushes are the better option as they absorb phosphorus and minimize algae growth. Council realizes there is no perfect option, but in this instance based on the science and health of our residents and their pets, it is the best value and option available to improve our lakes.

Thank you to residents for your continued support and investment in our community! Council hopes all residents of Niverville stay safe as we approach this holiday season and look forward to what 2021 will bring.