BURPEE & MILLS NEWSLETTER

**March 2022**

**Council Report:**

The next regular meeting of municipal council will be held **Tuesday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m.**

The Burpee & Mills Township office is open to the public. During regular business hours please press the intercom button or call 705-282-0624 for assistance.The office is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is closed from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. for lunch.

The gym, hall and public washrooms remain closed**.**

**Fire Team Report:**

March break on March 14-18 is a great opportunity to practise your home escape plan.

* **Plan your home fire escape**

If a fire occurred in your home tonight, would your family be able to get out safely? It is important that everyone know what to do and where to go when the smoke alarm sounds. Take a few minutes to make a home fire escape plan, by following these steps.

* **Draw a floor plan of your home**

Draw a plan for each level of your home.

* **Include all possible emergency exits**

Draw in all doors, windows and stairways. This will show you and your family all possible escape routes at a glance. Include any features, such as the roof of a garage or porch, that would help in your escape.

* **Show two ways out of every room, if possible**

The door will be the main exit from each room. However, if the door is blocked by smoke or fire, choose an alternate escape route, which could be a window. Make sure that all windows can open easily and that everyone knows how to escape through them to safety. If windows have security bars, make sure they have a quick release.

* **Identify anyone who needs help to escape.**

Decide in advance who will help the very young, older adults or people with disabilities in your household. A few minutes of planning will save valuable seconds in a real emergency.

* **Choose a meeting place outside.**

Choose a meeting place a safe distance from your home that everyone will remember, for example: a tree, a street light, a neighbour’s home. In case of fire, everyone will go directly to this meeting place so they can be accounted for.

* **Call the fire department from outside your home.**

Don’t waste valuable seconds calling the fire department from inside your home. Once you have safely escaped, call 911 from a cell phone or neighbour’s home.

* **Practice your escape**

Review the plan with everyone in your household. Walk through the escape routes for each room with the entire family. Use this walk-through exercise to check your escape routes, making sure all exits are practical and easy to use. Hold a fire drill twice a year and time how long it takes. In a real fire, you must react without hesitation as your escape routes may be

quickly blocked by smoke or flames.

**Municipal Snow Removal:**

Residents are requested **NOT** to push any snow from their driveways onto municipal roadways. These snow banks may freeze and create a serious hazard to the municipal snow plow and any other vehicles when they hit these obstructions. Residents are also reminded not to park vehicles on the road allowance that could hinder the snow plow.

**Recreation News:**

Your gym committee is considering the opening of our municipal centre facility to assist you with your personal exercise regimen. Since the gym facility has been closed for such a long period because of COVID restrictions, the gym supervisors will be spending some time assuring that the gym is clean; all equipment is functioning satisfactorily; and necessary health and safety procedures are considered and established prior to opening. Opening information will be available in our April Newsletter.

Note: Opening of the gym facility during April is dependent on current Sudbury and District COVID-19 Protocols.