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NFRA - Kids On July 18th, seven young entrepreneurs set up a "Treat Stand" at Oliver Lake and raised nearly \$1300 in support of the NES

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ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

KEELAN AND KASHTON PICHE
PIPER, ANNIE AND BRADIE KUZMYCH
ALEXIS AND LOGAN MIRABELLI

TOGETHER, WE RAISED
\$1299.95
AT OUR TREAT STAND!

WE DIVIDED THE MONEY AND DONATED TO BOTH
NEEBING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS
GILLIES VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Location: 631 EAST OLIVER LAKE RD.
Time: SATURDAY, JULY 18 9-1

Thank you for your support!

FREE VENDOR REGISTRATION AND FREE TO ATTEND!

Neebing Recreation Committee is happy to host the

FALL HARVEST MARKET

Saturday September 26, 2026
10am - 1pm

OUTDOOR PAVILION 71 Blake Hall Road

Contact Katherine Hill to register for a table 807-631-1869

BRING IN A CANNED FOOD ITEM AND RECEIVE A BALLOT FOR PRIZES!



See pages 2-6 for
Candidate
information,
voter
information
and Election
2026:
Candidate
Nights in
Neebing!

The Recreation Committee wishes to inform residents that the Harvest Dinner has been cancelled for this year. This decision was not made lightly, and we sincerely regret any disappointment it may cause. Thank you for your understanding and continued support of community events.

☒ Municipal Election 2026

Election Day is October 26, 2026. Make your plan to vote and have your voice heard in shaping the future of Neebing.

For election updates, voter information, candidate details, important dates, and voting instructions, visit: www.neebing.org/election2026

Check back regularly as new election information becomes available.

FISH DERBY		
TEAM	WEIGHT (LBS)	
1. JAMES OLSEN	23.8	
2. ENOSTROM HARRIS	21.3	
3. CLOVIS SMITH	16.4	
4. BLUTH TAYLOR	14.4	
5. PEACOCK KATSON	14.2	
6. KENNER KENNER	13.7	
7. KUTYARD RIZZO	13.2	
8. KAPTON BARBER	11.9	
9. DENNARD SMITH TRIM	11.7	
10. DENNARD TOZER	10.5	
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A Reel Success: 2026 Fish Derby Brings Anglers Together at Little Trout Bay

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and the Municipality of Neebing were proud to host the 2026 Fish Derby at the beautiful Little Trout Bay Conservation Area. Anglers of all ages took to the waters for a day of friendly competition, camaraderie, and outdoor recreation, making this year's derby another memorable success. Participants competed by weighing their best two fish, with eligible entries including Lake Trout, Whitefish, and Salmon. Despite some rainy skies and windy conditions, anglers enjoyed a great day on the water, connecting with fellow outdoor enthusiasts while competing for a variety of prizes and awards.

Congratulations to Our Top Teams

After the final weigh-ins, the results were:

- **First Place:** Riley Jones and Paul Olsen – **23.8 lbs total**
- **Second Place:** Jon Engstrom and Gerry Harris – **21.3 lbs total**
- **Third Place:** Josh Claeys and Travis Smith – **16.4 lbs total**

Special Award Categories

In addition to the top team awards, prizes were presented in a variety of fun and exciting categories, including:

- Mixed Team Award
- Mystery Weights
- Biggest Salmon
- Youngest Angler
- Oldest Angler
- Lightest Fish
- Skunked
- Random Draws

These special awards ensured that everyone had a chance to take home a prize, regardless of where they finished in the standings.

Thank You to Our Sponsors

A special thank you goes out to our generous sponsors whose support helped make the derby possible and provided participants with some outstanding prizes:

- Canadian Tire (Thunder Centre)
- D&R Sporting Goods
- Mighty Mitch & Jungle Joe's Jigflies
- East Coast Lobster Thunder Bay
- Woody's Marine & RV
- A.J.'s Trading Post
- Dawson Trail Craft Brewery
- Payford Steel

Their commitment to supporting local events and outdoor recreation is greatly appreciated.

Looking Ahead

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and the Municipality of Neebing would like to thank everyone who participated, volunteered, cheered on competitors, and helped make the 2026 Fish Derby such a tremendous success. Events like these bring our community together and celebrate the incredible outdoor opportunities available throughout our region.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at Little Trout Bay Conservation Area next year for another exciting day on the water!

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Joey Busch

I am running for Mayor.

2. I purchased my property early in 2020 and have lived in Neebing since 2021. I started in a tent and have slowly been building my home and homestead. That experience has given me an even greater appreciation for the freedom, independence and rural lifestyle that Neebing offers.

What I enjoy most is the privacy, peace and quiet, and the beauty of the land and forest that surrounds us. I am also incredibly proud to live in a municipality where residents come together and stand up when action is required. That sense of community matters.

3. I am an autodidact and voracious reader. One of my greatest strengths is my ability to absorb, process, summarize and retain information, and then use it to make informed decisions. I am adaptable, resourceful and quick to learn new skills.

I understand that I do not know everything – and no one does. What I do know is how to ask good questions, listen to answers, challenge assumptions, consider options and work towards practical solutions. I also believe strongly that leadership requires accountability. Leaders must hold themselves to the same, or higher, standards than they expect of others.

4. The foundation of a good government is public trust, and that trust must be earned. My goal is to strengthen trust in our municipality through open communication, meaningful consultation and greater transparency in decision making. I will protect residents’ property and privacy rights, preserve the rural character and freedoms that makes Neebing special while maintaining our municipality’s strong fiscal position. Tax dollars should be managed responsibly, with decisions focused on providing value to residents and maintaining essential services.

5. I am not a politician. I am a resident who cares deeply about Neebing and the rural way of living we have chosen. I believe government should serve its residents, not unnecessarily interfere in their lives.

I am running because I believe Neebing deserves leadership that listens to residents, challenges the status quo and is willing to stand up when it matters. I am not afraid to ask difficult questions or have difficult conversations. If elected, I will bring common sense, independence and accountability to the role of Mayor—and I will always remember who I work for: the residents of Neebing.

Thanks,
Joey Busch

Election 2026: Candidate Nights

Residents are invited to attend upcoming **Candidate Nights** for the 2026 Municipal Election. These events provide an opportunity to hear directly from candidates, learn about their priorities, and gain a better understanding of the issues facing the Municipality.

Location: Blake Hall, 71 Blake Hall Road

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Candidates Night

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Councillor Candidates Night

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Candidate Nights are open to the public and offer residents an opportunity to become informed before casting their ballot in the October 2026 Municipal Election.

Don't forget to vote! Election Day is an opportunity to have your voice heard and help shape the future of our community. Whether you are a resident or an eligible non-resident property owner, make sure your voter information is up to date and take part in the democratic process.

Additional details regarding the format of the events and participating candidates will be shared closer to the event dates. We encourage all eligible voters to attend, ask questions, and make an informed choice on Election Day.

Davin Hankkio

1. Councillor at Large.
2. I purchased my property in 2021, where I built my home and a small farm. What I enjoy most about the area is the feeling of peace I have out here.
3. I work as a city Firefighter in Thunder Bay, and am an amateur farmer at home. I love to hunt, fish, and explore the outdoors. I believe these attributes will allow me to connect/relate to a large portion of the people in Neebing.
4. My vision/objectives for the municipality are to keep Neebing the affordable, laid back, personable, look after your neighbour community that it is. To virtuously be of service to the people of our community.
5. What encompasses my desire to be a candidate is to stand up for, and embody the “live and let live” mentality that is still alive and well in Neebing.

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Jerome Obinna Egbuchulam

1. I am running for Mayor of Neebing.
2. My family and I have been proud to call Neebing home for nearly a decade. I value the people, strong community spirit, independence, rural character, natural environment, open spaces, and quality of life. Neebing offers a peaceful environment where residents enjoy their properties, know their neighbours, raise families, and stay connected to nature.
I am deeply invested in this community, as I live here with my family. I want to preserve what makes Neebing unique while planning responsibly for its future.
3. I bring a diverse background encompassing municipal governance, organizational leadership, healthcare and human services, stewardship, community engagement, and project management. My strengths include building trust, bringing people together, managing disagreements, finding a way forward, reaching consensus on important issues, listening to perspectives, researching issues, and making informed decisions. In committee work, I ask, "Is this necessary?" "Are residents getting value for their tax dollars?" "Is this decision defensible?" Many would describe this as financial stewardship and responsible decision-making. I am an effective communicator, able to discuss unpopular issues, and I readily recognize and correct mistakes when I make them or when someone else has a better idea. I am accessible and embody a service mindset.
My background is in human and community services and healthcare. I hold a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership and a postgraduate degree in Business Management. I am pursuing a second Master's degree, a Master of Divinity, and training to be a counsellor and spiritual care provider. I have worked in healthcare project management, social and community services, and with Indigenous organizations, and have gained experience through volunteering.
My wife and I have served on committees advising Neebing's government. I have gained hands-on experience in municipal governance, budgeting, infrastructure, and community services.
4. My vision is to protect what makes Neebing special and to plan responsibly for the future, maintaining our rural character and natural environment while ensuring fiscal responsibility and reliable services. I also want to ensure each ward receives equal attention and appropriate infrastructure maintenance and planning.
I want to focus on safe roads, emergency and community services, prudent taxation, economic opportunities suited to a rural municipality, and value for residents' taxes. I also aim to improve communication between residents and government, so people understand why major decisions are made and have genuine opportunities to share their ideas. Growth should not compromise the qualities that drew us here.
5. My campaign is based on a straightforward principle: Service First. I believe government exists to serve people; a trust placed in us by residents.
I am committed to Neebing. My family and I live here. I respect everyone in this community and believe residents deserve an accessible, thoughtful, fiscally responsible mayor who listens and acts. For me, serving as Mayor is an opportunity to serve, make a positive difference, and contribute to our community's prosperity. Service First — Responsible. Responsive. Accountable.

Katherine Hill

My name is Katherine Hill and I am seeking re-election for Blake Ward Councillor. It has been a privilege to serve our community and to work alongside residents to keep Neebing a strong, safe, affordable and welcoming place to live and work.
I myself have lived in Neebing for 47 years, but have family generations dating back to the late 1800's. I choose to live in Neebing because of its vast natural rural landscape, grass roots habitat, outdoor recreation, good conversations and great neighbours.
My commitment and accountability to the residents of Neebing is a desirable strength for our future. It is about showing up, listening, communicating, understanding residents wants and needs, and engaging with all residents in Neebing. I also look directly to residents for their input and lived experiences in Neebing to aide in decision making when it comes to Municipal and Council decisions.
My vision for Neebing is to advocate for strong responsible growth while keeping tax dollars at work, sustainable and strong financial management, protection of our rural landscape, and to maintain open, transparent communication and respectful relationships. I am fully committed to working with a united Council and to continue to make valuable decisions while having constructive debates that puts personal politics aside with one common goal of working for the residents of Neebing!
Neebing is and will always be a special place to myself and family. I recognize how important it is to you the residents of Neebing. Your ideas, decision making, concerns and involvement help shape the community we choose to live in. I remain committed to being accessible, responsive and responsible to all residents of Neebing. I also want to ensure that all regulations respect our rural landscape, freedoms and privacy.
I would be honoured to continue serving you, and respectfully ask for your vote in the upcoming election.

Florence MacLean

Hello! Bonjour! Boozhoo! My name is Florence MacLean and I am a Mayoral candidate in the upcoming election for the Municipality of Neebing.

I was born and raised in Thunder Bay, moving to Rosslyn Village at the age of 14. Neebing has always been a recreational area for me when growing up -- from playing softball in Pearson to swimming at West Oliver Lake and hiking the many trails in the Municipality (a couple favourites being High Falls and James Duncan Trails). I have lived in several municipalities throughout my working career and hoped that I would eventually retire in Neebing. My husband, Marc Plante, and I were very excited to have purchased our retirement home in Neebing in 2021. Neebing is still my recreational playground -- we kayak at Sturgeon Bay, cycle the area roads, hike the area trails and walk our dogs daily in the Municipality. I am both a vendor and consumer at local markets and eager participant at crafternoons at Blake Hall. We especially appreciate our many neighbours and friends who have been so open to welcome us into the community over the past five years – we feel very fortunate!

The strengths I bring to the Municipality as a candidate are many! Having worked for all levels of government, I bring over 30 years of federal, provincial, First Nation and municipal experience. I have worked for two similar-sized municipalities as both an Economic Development Officer and Chief Administrative Officer. Having worked directly with municipal councils, I am very familiar with the role of Mayor and Council in the governance of municipalities. I fully understand, appreciate, and am able to separate the very different roles between administration and governance to effectively lead the Municipality of Neebing. As a Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) and part of the CEMC Control Group as a senior manager, I have both conducted training exercises in emergency management and participated in hosting evacuees during wildfire season.

Having worked for both the federal and provincial governments, I am familiar with economic development funding programs designed to assist municipalities in Northern Ontario. I have worked with many First Nation communities to assist them with economic development initiatives in their communities; coordinated economic development forums; drafted and implemented a First Nation/Municipal Friendship Accord; and delivered education programs to First Nations people.

My vision as Mayor for the Municipality of Neebing is to use my experience and knowledge to create economic growth for Neebing to ensure the community remains an affordable place to live and have the financial capacity to achieve its infrastructure needs now and into the future. Protecting the natural environment is key to any growth in the Municipality. Celebrating our community through social and cultural opportunities allows us to acknowledge our history while looking forward to a prosperous and affordable future.

Through my commitment to lead a transparent and accountable government with integrity, I bring new energy, fresh leadership and ideas that work. I would be honoured to be the Mayor of Neebing!

LANDFILL HOURS

Sand Hill:

Saturdays: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (All Year)
Tuesdays: 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm (Summer)
Tuesdays: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Winter)

Scoble:

Sundays: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (All Year)
Wednesdays: 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm (Summer)
Wednesdays: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Winter)

Summer Schedule: April 1 - September 30
Winter Schedule: October 1 - March 31

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1. David Lowe 4 Pearson, Pearson ward councillor
2. My home for over 20 years is on hwy 597. I enjoy my privacy, while being surrounded by great neighbours, community and the natural world.
3. I have had my own business/corporation for more than 30 years, am a millwright by trade with a mechanical engineering diploma. For the last 14 years I have worked full time, self employed from my machine shop (welding, machining, fabrication, design), located on my property in Pearson ward. I do my own accounting and look after my corporate minute book, giving me an understanding of corporate/business workings and contracts. I am continuously learning more about how our corporate governance system actual-ly works its structure and operation.
4. As Pearson’s ward councillor I will;
• Actively oppose bylaws or programs that do not serve the peo-ple of Pearson.
• Work to empower the community through referendum-enacted bylaws, ensuring council’s authority reflects the peoples will.
• Ensure full disclosure before signing onto any program or con-tract to oppose governmental over-reach.
• Work to deliver our core services efficiently and responsibly making the most of every dollar.
• Make decisions with the people of Pearson, while fostering transparency to ensure that their voices shape council’s actions.
5. Frankly I have no desire to be on council, however I will not stand by while we, the people of Pearson seemingly go without a voice. Presently we are being told how we may live, rather than the people of Pearson determining what is best for the people of Pearson!
In January 2026, I was the second speaker addressing the council in opposition to the proposed Property standards bylaw. During that meeting it was indicated that “the bylaw had to do with property values” even though “safety was the reason listed in the bylaw”. The bylaw was then later shelved till after this upcoming election, “seemingly due to backlash”.
Further concerns that should be corrected on all bylaws;
• serious infringement on property/privacy rights.
• vague language that is open to interpretation,
• cost of enforcing a bylaw that we will be required to enforce whether right or wrong
• obvious governmental overreach,
• duplication of other governmental agencies,
I believe we need a referendum enacted bylaw, to provide spe-cific criteria for council to operate under, particularly when writing and formulating bylaws or resolutions with specific non manipu-lative language, to place limits on council’s authority.
Finally I presented to council in 2023 and 2024 about NET ZERO policies and its use of SMART technology (surveillance monitoring and reporting technology), which at the time I believed would be implemented through the building code. The new federal building code is already in effect through automatic adoption. What I see as a complete lack of local representation, I am com-pelled to take action.
‘Be an informed Voter’

Gordon Cuthbertson P.Eng
I am running for the position of Councillor for Scoble on Neebing Council
My wife, Linda, and I have called Neebing home for over 33 years. Prior to representing Neebing as Councillor at Large for the past 8 years, I was your building inspector. One of the best things I enjoy about Neebing is the rural nature of our community. Very little traffic noise, beautiful sun rises as well as beautiful sun sets, and a great way to relax away from the hustle and bustle of a city. The strengths I bring to Neebing Council, in addition to my 2-term Councillor at Large is, my background as former General Manager of Planning and Building for the City of Thunder Bay, former Chief Building Official for Conmee, O’Connor, Gillies and Neebing. As a Professional Engineer and owner of an engineering firm, I have the experience, knowledge and ability to participate as a team member on various committees as well as on Council. As a Neebing Councillor I have been on the LRPB, TBDSSAB, Seniors Committee, and Neebing large purchase review committee. I have also participated in the design and construction review of the new Neebing Decontamination Facility.
Now that the Official Plan for Neebing has been approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, your Council will be able to approve the first 200 severance applications over the next 5 years. The severance applications must meet the rural zoning by-law, but also every severance has a public meeting where local citizens will be heard by Council, and we will debate every con-cern brought up before a final decision is made. The new sever-ances must be between 1 hector and less than 5 hectors and must also be on an open and maintained municipal road. We all want the rural nature of Neebing maintained but allowing for growth to increase our tax base. This process allows Neebing to continue to be the second lowest tax base in the Thunder Bay area.
Speaking directly to Scoble voters, I want you to know that I am working to a) resolving the issues on Podre’s Road East where the cottages are built on an unopen road allowance along Oliver Lake, b) Council is exploring the possibility of hiring a private firm to enforce Neebing’s by-laws such as the illegal parking along Podre’s Road, where a by-law enforcement officer can ticket ille-gally parked cars and if required, have the cars towed c) once the MNR finalises the sale of land at Oliver Lake West to Neebing, new washrooms will be installed.
I am very proud of our ability to acquire the funding necessary to assist in the development of a new rink at Alf Olsen Memorial Park, a new rink and covered roof at Blake Hall Park and money to restore Blake Hall and maintain a very low tax increase. As a side note, for every \$1000.00 in paid taxes, your increasv be this year was \$27.00 .

Joseph Zawada
1. I am running for councillor of Pardee Township.
2. I have lived in Pardee Township close to Cloud Lake for eight years.
3. I have a strong connection with neighbours throughout Neebing and understand their concerns and desires regarding the future of this community.
4. Build a Medical Clinic on corner of Hwy 61 and Boundary Drive using my own money.
Protect “Country Living” from further “Urbanization.”
5. Protect the rights of residents of Neebing from government overreach.

Election 2026: Check Your Voter Information

As preparations continue for the October 2026 Municipal Election, residents and non-resident property owners are reminded to ensure their voter information is accurate. The deadline to update voter information through Elections Ontario's Register to Vote service was **July 31, 2026**. Voter list changes are now managed through the Municipal Office. If you need to verify your voting eligibility or make changes to your voter information, please contact the Municipal Office directly. This is especially important for **non-resident property owners** who are eligible electors in Neebing. With responsibility for voter registra-tion having transitioned from MPAC to Elections Ontario, some non-resident electors may not have been automatically transferred to the new system. Checking your status now can help avoid delays or issues when it is time to vote.

If you need to:

• Confirm you are on the voters' list

• Update your name or address

• Correct any voter information

• Add yourself as an eligible elector

...Please contact the Municipal Office for assistance.

To learn more about the 2026 Municipal Election, visit: www.neebing.org/election2026

Ensuring your voter information is accurate now will help make the voting process smoother when Election Day arrives in October 2026. Every vote counts, and being prepared is the first step to having your voice heard.

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Carl Balyk
What position are you running for?
I am running for councillor in Scoble.
Tell people about your connection to your municipality: - How long have you lived here? - What do you enjoy best about the area?
I have lived in Scoble since May 2023, when my family relocated from Westfort. Since then I have enjoyed teaching my young sons about our property and all that it contains. I love the outdoors and I enjoy the trails we have cut. My oldest son has been teaching us all about the varieties of mushrooms we find and my youngest has a strong interest in the wildlife that we see in our yard. I also appreciate the community that welcomed us so quickly, from our neighbors to the parents of the friends my sons have made at school and the events at Blake Hall have helped facilitate a lot of the relationships my family has developed. We also love using the local skating rinks, swimming spots and playgrounds as a family.
What strengths/background do you bring to your municipality as a candidate for council?
My background has always centered on advocacy and putting the people around me first. I am a veteran with over two decades of service within the Army and Navy, I was a PSW for nearly two decades and I currently work as a Mental Health Nurse. Many of my PSW clients were residents of Neebing, which is when I first fell in love with the area. I now live just down the road from where one of my clients lived. I have been on and led panels and committees for change and improvements within all my occupations and I very much enjoy that aspect of my work.
What vision do you have/objectives would you like to achieve for the municipality?
Our move out here was for the peace and privacy of my family. I am raising Neebing's next generation and my goal is to maintain the integrity of this community which drew me here in the first place. I want a space in which my children can grow and thrive without significant concerns for their safety. I want to ensure that this privacy is something that remains affordable by keeping taxes low. I intend to be as transparent as possible and to ensure the trust of the community that I hope to represent.
If you could tell residents something that encompasses your desire to be a candidate, what would it be?
The driving force, for me, is my desire to maintain the true rural roots of Neebing. Safety and Privacy are foremost. I want to keep the true country living at the heart of our community. I want to maintain an open and efficient line of communication between council and our constituents. I also hope to encourage more of our community to get involved in the politics and planning. My voice will be your voice.

Curtis Coulson
My name is Curtis Coulson and I am running for the position of Councillor for Pardee.
I have lived in Pardee my whole life minus a few short periods in Thunder Bay. Neebing is my home. I enjoy living in Neebing because of the connection to nature and the lifestyle that country living offers.
Being raised on a farm in Pardee I developed a strong work ethic at an early age. My career as a chief process operator for 34 years prior to retiring helped develop my interpersonal communications, crisis management skills, and an analytical thought process. Being the councillor for Pardee for the past 16 years I have a proven record of my commitment to Neebing. It has also allowed me to develop an understanding of how municipal government works.
My vision for Pardee and Neebing is to continue to represent our residents to the best of my abilities. I will continue to develop a family focused community. Monitoring the maintenance and development of Municipal properties and infrastructure, keeping fiscal responsibility in the forefront.
My desire and objective is to continue offering infrastructure improvements and recreational facilities and opportunities for the residents of Neebing.

Brian Kurikka - Acclaimed
What position are you running for? Councillor, Crooks Twp.
Tell people about your connection to your municipality: - How long have you lived here? - What do you enjoy best about the area? I have been part of Neebing all my life, full time resident for almost 9 years.
What strengths/background do you bring to your municipality as a candidate for council? Practical operational experience, management and budgeting experience. I have a strong work ethic and many contacts in government and industry.
What vision do you have/objectives would you like to achieve for the municipality? Fiscal responsibility to the municipality and residents, maintaining our roads network, waste management (our landfills need to last 100 years!) and economic development that reflects the unique character of Neebing.
If you could tell residents something that encompasses your desire to be a candidate, what would it be? Being retired, it gives me time to give back to our community in a meaningful way.

Jill Cadieux 1. What position are you running for?
I am running for Councillor-at-Large for the Municipality of Neebing.
2. Tell people about your connection to your municipality — How long have you lived here? What do you enjoy best about the area?
I have called Neebing home since August of 2012, Neebing is a community I truly love. As a mother, business owner and taxpayer, I have an invested interest in seeing Neebing remain a great place to raise a family, enjoy rural living and seeing economical development.
What I enjoy most about Neebing is the sense of community, the space and privacy that rural living provides, and the people who choose to call Neebing home. We have a unique municipality with tremendous potential.
3. What strengths/background do you bring to your municipality as a candidate for council?
As a business owner, I understand the importance of accountability, responsible spending, communication and getting the job done. Running a business requires making difficult decisions, listening to people, managing people, managing finances and being accountable for the decisions you make.
As a mother and taxpayer, I also understand that municipal decisions directly affect families.
I believe council needs people who are prepared to step up and speak out when something isn't working and who will put the work into creating a positive change. That will help elevate all residents of Neebing.
4. What vision/objectives would you like to achieve for the municipality?
My vision is for a municipality that is responsive, accountable, financially responsible and focused on its residents.
We need to look carefully at how municipal funds are being spent and make sure our priorities reflect the needs of the people who live here.
Most importantly, I want residents to feel that their concerns are heard, their questions are answered and their voices matter.
5. If you could tell residents something that encompasses your desire to be a candidate, what would it be?
I am running because I believe Neebing can do better.
I am a business owner, a mother and a taxpayer, and like many residents, I want to know that our tax dollars are being spent responsibly and that when residents bring forward concerns, they are actually being heard and addressed.
I am running because I care about this community and I believe council should be accessible, accountable and willing to listen—even when the questions are difficult.
I will bring an independent voice, common sense and a willingness to ask the questions that need to be asked. My commitment is simple: to represent the residents of Neebing, not special interests, and to work toward a municipality we can all be proud of.

Candidate responses are published as submitted and represent the views of the individual candidates.
The accuracy of statements contained in the responses has not been verified.

Candidate contact information is not included in this publication. Residents wishing to contact a candidate directly may find candidate contact information on the Municipality's election webpage or by contacting the Municipal Office.

Candidates for the Neebing Election were asked 5 questions to help inform the public as to their backgrounds and their goals if elected.
1: What position are you running for?
2: Tell people about your connection to your municipality: - How long have you lived here? - What do you enjoy best about the area?
3: What strengths/background do you bring to your municipality as a candidate for council?
4: What vision do you have/objectives would you like to achieve for the municipality?
5: If you could tell residents something that encompasses your desire to be a candidate, what would it be?

Gary Gardner

1. My name is Gary Gardner and I am running for the office of councillor for Pearson.
2. I moved to Pearson Township 52 years ago as a first-time landowner drawn to the natural surroundings and rural lifestyle. I appreciate the abundance of crown land and logging roads that allow me to enjoy the many unspoiled fishing lakes. Living in this part of the municipality you benefit from the privacy and the peacefulness of your surroundings. Your neighbours are not too close but there for you if you need.
3. I have served the last 2 terms as councillor for Pearson where I benefited from the knowledge and guidance of our administration and am proud of the work council accomplished. I volunteered my time on many committees including Waste Management, Fence Viewer, Asset Management and Roads and held positions as Weed Inspector and Livestock Valuator. I owned and operated my own construction and logging business for 29 years and have been a Union Carpenter for 54 years. I am always willing to volunteer my time and experience whenever needed as shown, for example, with the work put into the maintenance of the Blake and Alf Olsen rinks.
4. The upkeep of our many roads, bridges and culverts is one of our biggest ongoing expenditures and council's support for the administration and public works in keeping on top of this is in constant focus. Our 2 landfill sites are filling up to capacity and there is a continuing need for solutions. A municipal wide awareness and effort to reduce, reuse and recycle is the easiest way to make our dumps more efficient and last longer. In this changing environment, the dangers of fires starting in and around the surrounding crown lands and the difficulties in fighting them is a reality we need to be prepared for. As we learned from Fire58 on the boarder with Pearson and Gillies, we need to work with government to ensure that we have the access to funding and support to fight future fires in these remote and hard to access areas.
5. I am a resident first. I know what it is like to live in a rural township like Pearson and the importance of maintaining the lifestyle my neighbours have come to appreciate. I will, as I have in the past 8 years, listen to all residents and work to find solutions. I believe in the democratic process where the people have the power to make change and as a council member I will continue to support the process for public input.

Brian Wright

Question#1 - Running for Mayor in Neebing
Question#2 - Lived in Neebing 30 years
Love being "rural"--friendly people,fishing,hiking,or just being outdoors.
Question#3 - After highschool, 2 years at business college.
Retired from Government after 35 years-supervised 100 people.
A Councillor here for 12 years(8 as Deputy Mayor)
On most of our committees including Vice Chair Lakehead O.P.P Police Services board,Vice chair of Rural Municipal Coalition, & Seniors' committee.
Working relationship with local MPP & MP.
Attended "AMO, NOMA, ROMA & Municipal League conventions
Net-worked with other Councils.
Question#4 - Keep taxes LOW by prioritizing capital projects.
Improve roads to accommodate "chip sealing".
"Evac-Helipads" - end of Sturgeon Bay Road/near U.S. border.
Town-Hall meetings at Blake Hall with Council present.
Recruit more volunteers for Fire Dept as well as for Committees.
Build a Seniors' Complex. Lobby for a Medical Clinic.
Like to hear from our farmers-their concerns. Attract more businesses to our area.
Question#5- Am dedicated & motivated
Have knowledge & experience to lead us thru next 4 years & beyond.

Ziggy Polkowski

Question #1 I am running for the position of MAYOR,
Question #2 I love the mountains, the lakes, the fishing and hunting, the people, the peace and quiet of the wilderness,and the country living!
I have lived here for 52 years and enjoyed every minute of it, especially the 17 years on Council, working for my neighbours, and the Municipality.
Question# 3 Due to my work experience, I am familiar with all pieces of equipment at the Garage, what we might need, and the work that they do, and can help Council and the Road Crew do what needs to be done, which should make the relationship with our Roads Crew very easy.
Question #4 Another reason why I am running is because of last January's Property Standards By-law which, in my opinion, is the most draconian by-law, I have ever seen.
Whoever authored this by-law forgot who they work for, Council should be working for their residents not against them.
I cannot picture Councillors running around the municipality telling residents their grass is too long or some other infraction has been discovered.
Be advised that this by-law will return for the next Council to decide. It will also take taxpayers money as not only is the By-law Standards officer required, but a secretary for him\her, a Committee of 3, all to be paid and all the structures in the municipality to be screened. Big job, lots of work and too much cost for the municipality.
In my years on council, I have to say that this by-law was probably lifted from some cityplan not a rural municipality where distances between buildings is often great. [usually far greater than the city.] It certainly does not belong here in Neebing, and I will work with all my strength and knowledge against it.
Question #5 My desire would be to make the residents financially able to live and work here as I have been able to do with an amazing lifestyle and whatever extras we need. IT IS A GOOD PLACE TO BE!
Sincerely, Ziggy Polkowski

John Salamon

1: What position are you running for?
Counsellor – Blake township

2: Tell people about your connection to your municipality: - How long have you lived here? - What do you enjoy best about the area? 3: What strengths/background do you bring to your municipality as a candidate for council?

My grandparents settled in Blake township over 80 years ago when they came from Europe to escape the war in Hungry. They came to Canada to escape prosecution and suppression and settled in Blake township which reminded them of home. Myself and my brother inherited property from them. I enjoy the area because of its privacy, quietness, family history and country living. The ability to go for a walk in nature untouched by city life.
I believe in privacy, independence and ability to do what you want with your own property.
I have a strong background in management and health care.

4: What vision do you have/objectives would you like to achieve for the municipality?
I believe in full transparency and disclosure. I will never allow a bill to be passed or run through counsel with out the full knowledge of all residents of the township and allow them to vote on it. I will keep all residents of Blake township informed of all potential upcoming bills/proposals.
No one has the right to tell you what to do with your property or put forward a bill that will interfere with your enjoyment of your property. You have worked very hard to pay for your land and contribute to the township via taxes. You have a right to say where the money is to be spent.
5: If you could tell residents something that encompasses your desire to be a candidate, what would it be?
Full disclosure and transparency. The right and opportunity to vote for what you believe is true and just. Your voice is important.



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What’s Happening at Council

Since the August edition, Council has held one regular meeting and one special meeting on August 12, 2026.

Key Highlights

Planning & Development

- Approved a severance and consolidation for Cloud Lake Road that corrects an encroachment.
- Approved a severance application for Highway 61 near Sand Hill Road (three lots).
- Approved a rezoning application for part of Mining Location K16, and a severance application (four lots).
- Approved a severance application for Oliver Creek Road (three lots).

Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness

- Discussed recommendations from the Fire Chief to strengthen wild-land fire preparedness, support FireSmart initiatives, plan future fire hall upgrades, review emergency access routes, and enhance Neebing Emergency Services administration

Transportation & Municipal Operations

- Approved the lowest quote for gravel crushing services at Fraleigh Pit.
- Approved the replacement of a culvert on Boundary Drive that crosses Oliver Creek near East Oliver Lake Road.
- Delayed chipseal on East Oliver Lake Road and Boundary Drive to 2027.
- Approved taking over a new road to be constructed off Cottage Drive.
- Approved taking over the maintenance of to be constructed extension of Boundary Drive.

Funding & Economic Development

- Approved additional expenditures related to this year wildfire season.
- Increased the Honourarium paid to Volunteer members of Neebing Emergency Services.

Community Services

- Approved the installation of an underground water cistern at Blake Hall which will make it easier to flood the rink in the winter.

Governance & Advocacy

- Passed the Highway control bylaw and set fine schedule.
- Supported resolutions related to Beacons of Light British Home Children & Child Migrants, and Extended Producer Responsibility for One-Pound Single-Use Propane Cylinders.

Upcoming Meetings

Next Council meetings:

- September 2, 2026
- September 16, 2026

Regular meetings are typically held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, with one meeting in January, July, and August.

Stay Informed & Get Involved

This summary highlights key decisions, full meeting minutes are available on the municipal website once approved.

- **Agendas** are posted the Monday before each meeting
- **Minutes** are posted after approval at the following meeting (draft minutes are available in the agenda package)
- **Attend in person or virtually** (links available in the online calendar)

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2nd PRIZE
4 full cords of birch firewood that will be cut, split and delivered to within 30 km radius of 36 Barrie Dr., Slate River, ON
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Total value of prizes - \$3,990.00 plus \$518.70 HST = \$4,508.70

Draw Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 1:15 p.m.
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Ticket price: \$10.00 each or 3/\$25.00 **Licence #:** M690549

Tickets cannot be purchased by, for or on behalf of persons under the age of 18
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NFRA news – September 2026

As we look to the start of another school year, and we enjoy the opportunity to once again sit around a campfire, we can look back on an eventful, and at times worrisome, summer. But through it all, our Neebing Emergency Services were there to help. And they are able to do their job because we, as a community, support them. It's a very positive feedback loop!

This past summer, NFRA was grateful for two events that contributed to our fundraising.

On July 18th, seven young entrepreneurs set up a “Treat Stand” at Oliver Lake and raised nearly \$1300 in support of the NES and the Gillies Volunteers Firefighters! They sold lemonade, slushies and baked goods supported by their parents and anonymous baker elves! Based on their success, I'd say we need to get these young people on our fundraising committee! What a fabulous contribution!

On August 23rd, the NFRA crew provided a BBQ to the hungry fisher people at the Annual Little Trout Fish Derby. Our thanks to the LRCA and the organizing committee for inviting us to participate. Thanks to donations from Superstore and Old Dutch, we were able to raise nearly \$500 at this event.

Thank you for your continued support There's still lots of good weather to enjoy!

N. Luckai, President NFRA

Upcoming and Ongoing Fundraisers in Support of Neebing Emergency Services

As we continue to support upcoming NES purchases, several fundraisers are on the go. More information can always be found on our Facebook page (NFRAevents) and our website www.neebingfirerescueassociation.com.

1. We continue to gratefully accept donations of aluminum and steel cans as well as beer, liquor and wine bottles at both our landfill sites. We continue to hold sorting events – contact nfraevents@gmail.com if you'd like to join us.
2. The firewood raffle is in full swing! Tickets can be found at several locations (see website and poster in this edition). The draw is scheduled for September 23 at the Municipal Office. Thanks to Chaschuks for supplying the birch wood!
3. Our next 5050 quarterly draw also happens on September 23. The average prize for the past few draws has been in excess of \$3000 with several pots closer to \$5000. But it doesn't get there without people buying tickets. This is a great way to support the NES and have a chance for some extra cash in your pocket!
4. The NFRA website also has a “storefront” designed to directly outfit the new Decontamination Facility (easily seen from the highway as you pass by the Municipal Office). Browse the array of large and small items, make your selection, donate the amount for the item you chose, and we will take care of the purchase and delivery to the facility. You will receive a charitable donation receipt in the mail after your purchase.
5. Finally, we are always thankful to those folks who make charitable donations. Recently, many people have responded directly due to the wildfire situation. Your donations and positive messages make a huge difference to our NES team and we thank you!

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September at the Library - Back to School!

Murillo branch of the library closed Monday, September 7 (Labour Day)

Please visit either branch for the following:

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a puzzle for a rainy day at camp – there are many different varieties to choose from at the Rosslyn Branch:

start a new exercise regime: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 – all are welcome

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Suggestions for programs are always welcome!

Trash Talk-Recycling – The Facts

TRASH TALK

For those not familiar with both landfills, **Sandhill Landfill at 35 Sand Hill Road**, is off Highway 61. It is the only landfill that accepts both household waste and demolition waste (with a tipping fee). **Scoble Landfill at 560 East Oliver Lake Road**, near Highway 608 accepts household waste.



It is free to drop off Recycling, Tires, Batteries, Scrap Metal, Electronic Waste, Compost, Ashes and Clean Wood and Brush. Both landfills have a sharing shed for items in good usable condition.

The Neebing Fire Rescue Association has separate bins at both Landfills for bagged aluminum pop cans, bagged beer cans, and liquor glass or plastic bottles. Proceeds from the return deposits and the aluminum help fund emergency equipment.

If you have any questions about using the Landfill or where to place specific items, our awesome Landfill Attendants can help.

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Location: Blake Hall, 71 Blake Hall Road

Fraud and scams continue to affect Canadians of all ages, making it more important than ever to stay informed and know how to protect yourself and your loved ones.

Join us at Blake Hall on **Saturday, October 3, 2026**, for a Seniors Information Session featuring a presentation from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC). While the session is part of our seniors information series, everyone is welcome to attend, regardless of age. A representative from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre will provide an engaging and informative presentation covering:

- Who the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre is and the role they play in combating fraud
- Common tactics used by fraudsters
- Popular payment and solicitation methods used in scams
- Current top-reported frauds across Canada
- How to recognize warning signs and protect yourself
- How and where to report fraud

The presentation will last approximately one hour and will be followed by an open question-and-answer period, giving attendees the opportunity to ask questions, share experiences, and gain practical advice directly from an expert.

Whether you want to protect yourself, support an aging parent, or simply learn more about the latest fraud trends, this session offers valuable information for everyone in our community.

Admission is free. We encourage all interested residents to attend and help spread awareness about fraud prevention.

For more information, please contact the Municipal Office.

Fraud: Recognize. Reject. Report.

Presented in partnership with the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, the OPP and the RCMP.



Bear Safety in September: Living Smart in the Country

By Fawn Cheesman, Public Information Officer
As the leaves begin to turn and the nights grow cooler, life in the country shifts into a new season—and so does wildlife behaviour. In September, black bears become especially active as they prepare for winter. This period, known as **hyperphagia**, is when bears eat nearly

nonstop to pack on weight for hibernation. For those of us living in rural areas, it's important to understand what this means—and how to prevent unwanted encounters in our backyards.

Understanding Bear Behaviour in Fall

From late August through October, bears enter survival mode. During hyperphagia, they may consume up to **20,000 calories a day**, and they'll go wherever they can to find high-calorie food sources.

Unfortunately, this can bring them closer to people, homes, and farms. Key things bears are looking for in September:

- Fruit trees (especially apples and crabapples)
- Bird feeders
- Garbage and compost
- Pet food or livestock feed
- Barbecue grills and outdoor cooking smells

Bears aren't being aggressive—they're just following their noses. But human food sources teach bears that properties equal easy meals, and this can create dangerous situations for both people and the bears.

Got Apple Trees? Here's What to Do

Apple trees are one of the **biggest bear attractants** in our area during fall. If you have them on your property, here's how to keep both you and the bears safe:

1. **Pick Apples Promptly**

Don't wait for apples to ripen fully. As soon as they start dropping, it's time to start picking—bears will be watching too.

2. **Clean Up Windfalls Daily**

Even one or two apples on the ground can attract a bear. Keep the area beneath trees clear of fallen fruit.

3. **Consider Electric Fencing**

If you have a small orchard or valuable trees, a properly installed electric fence can be an effective deterrent.

4. **Don't Compost Fruit Outdoors**

Rotting fruit in compost bins is like an all-you-can-eat buffet for bears. Keep compost secure or use a bear-resistant system.

5. **Harvest for a Purpose**

If you don't want or need the apples, consider donating them to local farms, cider makers, or animal sanctuaries.

Other Bear Safety Tips for the Fall

- **Bring bird feeders in until winter.** Bears will climb, reach, or tear them down to get at seeds.
- **Secure garbage and recycling.** Store indoors if possible, or use a bear-resistant container.
- **Feed pets indoors and clean up any leftovers.**
- **Keep barbecues clean** and stored securely when not in use.
- **Never approach or feed a bear.** This teaches them to associate humans with food—putting everyone at risk.

If You See a Bear...

If a bear wanders onto your property:

- **Stay calm.** Do not run or make sudden movements.
- **Do not approach** the bear.
- **Make noise** from a safe distance—clap, shout, or bang pots to scare it off.
- **Secure attractants** and report repeat sightings to local authorities if needed.

In an emergency or if the bear is behaving aggressively, **call 911**.

Coexisting with Wildlife

Living in the country means sharing space with wild animals. While fall brings more bear activity, simple changes to how we manage our properties can prevent conflict and protect both people and wildlife.

From all of us at **Neebing Emergency Services**, thank you for doing your part to keep our community safe—and wild.

For more bear safety tips, visit: Ontario Bear Wise Program



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Please note that on August 17, 2026, the LRCA declared a **LEVEL I LOW WATER CONDITION** for the

LRCA's Area of Jurisdiction based on three-month received precipitation, which was 64% of average (May, June, July), and observed flow conditions in area streams when compared to the lowest average summer flow (43% of average). Criteria for a Level I Low Water Condition includes:

- Monthly precipitation is below 80% of the average.
- In the spring, monthly water flow in streams is less than 100% of the lowest average summer month flow.
- At other times the monthly flow is less than 70% of the lowest average summer month flow.
- The potential for water supply problems is identified.

During a Level I Low Water Condition, water users are asked to voluntarily reduce their water consumption by 10%. Rural residents on wells should begin to monitor their wells and be prepared for low water levels.

The LRCA still has some spots available at our upcoming fall Watershed Explorer programs. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register, visit the events section of our website for details and registration. Programs are possible thanks to the generous support of the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. Additionally, please join us on Saturday, October 3 for Fall Migratory Birding Day at Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (generously supported by Ontario Power Generation).

NEW MERCH ALERT! The LRCA is proud to offer an entire line of new merchandise (including t-shirts, stickers, buttons, patches, and water bottles) featuring ten new logos unique to each one of our Conservation Areas! There is also an extremely limited number of hoodies and crew neck sweatshirts featuring the new Mills Block logo. Visit www.lakeheadca.com/shop to order now or come by our administrative office to browse the products!

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SEPTEMBER 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group	2 Mobile Clinic - Upsala Community Centre Footcare 10AM-3:00PM NP available for those without an MD or NP Walk-In Clinic	3 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	4
7 CLINIC CLOSED FOR LABOUR DAY Good Food Box Order Deadline	8 Flythe C.O.O.P Walking Group	9 NP available for those without an MD or NP Walk-In Clinic	10 Flythe C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	11
14 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor CC	15 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group	16 Good Food Box Pickup at KB Clinic Walk-In Clinic	17 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	18
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Meet at KB Park at 9:45am

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Good Food Box Program
Monthly access to a box of affordable fruit and vegetables. For more information visit www.goodfoodboxtb.org

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	Knitting 10-3	Quilting 10-3	Weaving 10-3	
	Choir 1-2:30	Cribbage 1-3	Knitting 10-3	
			Euchre 1-3	

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Thursday Yoga will start again on Thursday September 24th at 10am.

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KAKABEKA FALLS LEGION
SEPTEMBER 2026 Events

Friday, Sept 4th	Dance with Quest	7 pm
Saturday Sept 5th	Veteran's Drop-In	9 am
Saturday Sept 12th	Legion Executive Meeting	2 pm
Saturday Sept 12th	Legion General Meeting	3 pm
Sunday Sept 13th	Breakfast	8:30 to 11 am
Saturday Sept 18	Dance with Quest	7 pm
Sunday Sept 27th	Sunday Musical with Rusty Notes	2 - 4 pm

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Complaints, Concerns, or Questions: Want action on a problem? Want answers to your Municipal questions? Get accurate information right from the source: www.neebing.org or call the office at 807-474-5331. Report your concern, voice your complaint, or get answers to your Municipal questions with the click of a mouse or a phone call.
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2026 Neebing Burning Permits

Burn Permits are required for all open air burning in Neebing during the fire season beginning April 1st through to October 31st. Permits are available during the Fire Season 24 hours a day on our website:
www.neebing.org/firepermits

The Burn Permit Portal opens at 12:01 a.m. on April 1, 2026.



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By Meaghan Shruiff, Deputy Chief of Medical Operations

Bus Safety Tips for Students

- Wait in a safe spot, away from the edge of the road.
- Only approach the bus once it has come to a complete stop, with its red overhead lights flashing or stop arm extended.

- Find a seat promptly and remain seated, facing forward.
- Keep aisles clear of bags and other belongings.
- Keep arms, hands, and head inside the bus at all times.
- Follow the driver's instructions and avoid causing distractions.

- Exit in a calm, single-file line—no pushing or shoving.
- Always cross in front of the bus, never behind.
- Make eye contact with the driver and wait for their signal before crossing.
- Stay at least 10 giant steps (about 3 meters) away from the bus so both you and the driver can see each other.
- Walk — don't run — when crossing the street.

Approaching a School Bus

- Flashing **amber lights** mean the bus is about to stop. Slow down and prepare to stop.
- Flashing **red lights** or an extended stop arm mean the bus is stopped for loading or unloading. You must stop.

- From behind the bus: Stop at least **20 metres** back.
- **From the opposite direction:** Stop a safe distance away unless separated by a median.

Passing a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing or stop arm out can endanger children and carries serious consequences.

- First offence: \$400–\$2,000 fine + 6 demerit points.
- Subsequent offences: Up to \$4,000 fine, 6 demerit points, and possible imprisonment for up to 6 months.

Stop Arm Cameras

Many school buses are now equipped with **stop arm cameras**. If your vehicle is captured illegally passing a stopped bus, the **registered owner** may be charged and fined — even if they weren't driving at the time.

If you witness a driver failing to stop:

- Call 911 immediately.
- Provide the vehicle's license plate number, description, and exact location of the incident.

Every member of the community has a role to play in protecting our children. We at Neebing Emergency Services are always ready to respond in case of emergency — but we hope we're never needed for incidents involving school transportation.



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