

Reader Alice Rice of Gollop Cres. has noticed many fire hydrants on the neighbourhood boulevards have "disappeared" into the snow banks. Recently her husband dug out the buried hydrant a few houses down from their home. She snapped this photo, submitting it to The IFP, in the hope more people will dig out the fire hydrants. Rice also urges residents to be courteous to all residents by clearing the sidewalk in front of their houses, providing safer conditions for children and adults alike.

Fire Chief urges residents to dig out the fire hydrants

With this latest bout of ice and snow over the past week, the quick visual identification of fire hydrants has been greatly hindered. Residents are being asked to uncover fire hydrants near their homes.

"The co-operation of all residents and private snow removal contractors is crucial to ensure emergency services can quickly access the fire hydrants in the event of an emergency," said Fire Chief Brent Marshall. "Keep in mind, that this emergency access may be necessary to save your home or that of your

neighbours'. Please spread the word and where possible, help a friend or neighbour if necessary."

Mayor Rick Bonnette added, "Residents and businesses can make a big difference by ensuring fire hydrants are clear of snow and are accessible. During an emergency, valuable seconds can be lost by firefighters trying to locate a buried hydrant. Residents and businesses are strongly encouraged to keep this in mind when clearing snow from sidewalks and driveways."

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