

TRENTON talk



Upgrades Announced for Outdoor Recreation Facilities!

The Town of Trenton is thrilled to announce the upgrading of three outdoor recreation facilities thanks to a one-time contribution of \$650,000 from the Province of Nova Scotia's Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage. The upgrades will include a new skateboard park, pickleball court and multi-sport court equipped with nets for both basketball and road hockey. These upgraded facilities will be located on the corner of Main Street/First Street and Duchess Avenue, down from the future home of the Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame.

In addition, Scotia Park Ball Field (Strickland Ave.) will be reviewed for necessary upgrades.

The Town understands that our recreational infrastructure plays an important role in our residents' quality of life, as well as our ability to attract visitors and new residents to our community. We continue to work diligently at promoting a healthier community, improve infrastructure and foster economic growth to create a Town where our residents' can live, work and play.

Work is anticipated to be completed in fall 2024.

Photo: Hon. Pat Dunn, Central Nova MLA, was in Trenton recently with Councillors Nicole LeBlanc, VJ Earle and Steven Cotter, Chief Administrative Officer Alanna Grover, and Recreation Director Craig Murray for the exciting announcement.

TOWN OF TRENTON Garden Club

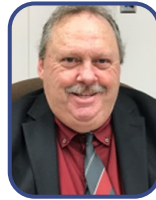
Members of the Trenton Garden Club got together on Main Street for a flower planting work party this June. You will see their hard work blooming in the various crocks around Town! **Photo (from left):** beautification student Emily Trowell, Councillor VJ Earle, Karlya Pye, Charmaine Jenkins, & Stephanie MacKinnon. *Members missing from photo:* Paula Richards & Albert Sampson.



Let's Get Growing! Do you have a passion for plants? Interesting in learning more about gardening? Hoping to make new connections in your community? The Trenton Garden Club is always open to new members and gardeners of all experience levels are invited to join our dynamic group. For more information, please contact Marilou at 902-752-5311 or marilou.sutherland@trenton.ca

July 2024 Meetings

Town Council - July 09 & Committee of the Whole - No Meeting
Town meetings begin at 6:00pm in Council Chambers (upstairs at Town Hall).



Connect with Council

A Message from Councillor Earle

Summer break is upon us and it's great to see so many already enjoying Trenton Park! The splash pad has been drawing crowds since it opened in June & Cohen's Cones is a favorite stop for a cold treat during the heat of summer.

We're also excited to see the progress happening at the Trenton Station & Caboose on Main Street with a new accessible ramp as the Express Yourself Café gets set for their grand opening on July 7th. There are lots of picnic tables available to enjoy the space!

We'll see everyone there for the Mayor's Tea to kick off the Trenton FunFest on July 11! The volunteer committee has been hard at work to plan another fantastic Trenton FunFest (July 9-14, 2024) for our community. Thank you to everyone on the volunteer committee and the event volunteers for making FunFest possible.

We would like to send out another thank you to the Trenton Fire Department and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29 Trenton for their generous donation of 84 new Canadian flags. This is double the number of flags that were flown last year and they look great flying along Main Street in celebration of Canada Day.

In June of 2023, the old skateboard park on Main Street was removed because it was found to be unsafe for public use. Of course this was not the ideal decision for Council, but we knew it was beyond our means and not fiscally responsible to bring the park up to the proper standards required. What a difference a year can make! We are thrilled to have the news finally out that a new outdoor sport and recreation facility will be constructed on this space with a new skateboard park, pickleball and multisport courts. Thank you to Province for making this work possible, and to residents for your understanding last year. We hope you are all just as excited as Council for this update.

New things are happening all around Trenton! We're excited to see Pictou County Transit on the move in Trenton now. We also want to welcome the new owner of Steeltown Takeout - Brian Harris. Many have been waiting for this Town favorite to reopen and we wish you the best of luck on your new adventure here in Trenton.

Congratulations to all of the Trenton students graduating this year, including those moving onto Trenton Middle School and North Nova next year. To all of the 2024 high school graduates, we wish you all success and best wishes in your future endeavors. Congratulations Class of 2024!

VJ Earle

COUNCILLOR, TOWN OF TRENTON



Holiday Office Closure

The Trenton Administration Office (120 Main St) will be CLOSED for Canada Day on Monday, July 01, 2024. Public office hours (9:00am to 4:00pm) will resume on Tuesday, July 02, 2024. Have a great weekend Trenton!



Fireworks By-Law No. 2022-01

Reminder to residents that **Canada Day (July 1)** and **Trenton FunFest (Friday/Saturday)** are three of only five days per year when consumer fireworks are allowed in the Town of Trenton. If you choose to discharge consumer fireworks on any of these days, please remember the following:

- ♦ Fireworks must be discharged and concluded prior to 11:00pm on:

Canada Day	Monday, July 1, 2024
Trenton FunFest	Friday, July 12, 2024 or Saturday, July 13, 2024
- ♦ Displays must last no longer than 5 minutes
- ♦ A person 18 years of age or older may only hold a display on land belonging to them or on any other privately owned land where the owner has given permission
- ♦ Fireworks cannot be discharged on any Town owned property (park, street, sidewalk, etc.)
- ♦ Firecrackers are never permitted

The complete Fireworks By-law 2022-01 can be found on the Town's website under the Government Section > By-laws or from Town Hall during public office hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm (excluding holidays).

Important Note Re: Burn Restrictions

When a Provincial burn ban is in place, ALL fireworks are banned.

Provincial Burn Restrictions

Always Check Before You Burn!

During wildfire risk season (15 March to 15 October), no domestic brush burning or campfires are allowed between 8:00am and 2:00pm. The BurnSafe map remains red during those hours every day. The map is updated at 2:00pm to show the daily restrictions and can be found online at <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe>. You can also check the daily restrictions by calling **1-855-564-2876 (BURN)**. Effective 16 May 2024, the fine for violating daily burn restrictions has increased to **\$25,000**. Always ensure your fire is fully extinguished, never leave it unattended. All campfires must be out by 8:00am the following day. Learn more about campfire safety online at: <https://novascotia.ca/campfire-safety>

Province of NS - Seniors Property Tax Rebate

2023 Property Taxes Program - Applications available mid-July 2024

Apply for the Property Tax Rebate for Seniors to help with the cost of your municipal residential property taxes. The program provides eligible homeowners with a rebate of 50% of the municipal residential property taxes they paid for the 2023 tax year, up to a maximum of \$800. Amounts for commercial property, resource property (non-residential land or forest) & municipal rebate ineligible (ex: the Town's Low Income Tax Exemption). To qualify, you need to be 65 or older in 2024, pay your 2023 municipal residential property taxes in full, lived at the property as your primary residence in 2023, receive/eligible to receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement or Allowance from Service Canada. You require a Municipal Property Tax Sheet completed by Town Hall. call 902-752-5311. **You must apply by December 31, 2024 deadline.**



<http://www.pctransit.ca>
info@pctransit.ca
[@PictouCountyTransit](https://www.facebook.com/PictouCountyTransit)

The **Pictou County Transit (PCT)** expansion to Trenton, Westville, Pictou Landing First Nation, and Pictou began June 17, 2024! Everyone will pay \$5 for a day pass to use as many times as needed on the day of purchase. *Schedule subject to change:*

2024 Expansion Schedule

Monday – Saturday 7:00am – 8:30pm

6:40am – Aberdeen Business Centre

Town of Pictou

7:00am Veterans Dr beside Dollarama
 7:10am Corner Water & Market St
 7:20am Corner of Union & Denoon St

Town of Westville

7:50am Porters Lane
 8:00am Post office
 8:10am Town office
 8:30am – Meet PCT at Wellness Centre

Pictou Landing First Nation

9:00am Firehall
 9:05am Church

Town of Trenton

9:30am Duchess Ave (before Second St)
 9:37am Maple St (near King St)
 9:45am Forge St (near Trenton Library)
 10:00am – Aberdeen Business Centre

Town of Pictou

10:40am Veterans Dr beside Dollarama
 10:50am Corner Water & Market St
 11:00am Corner of Union & Denoon St

Town of Westville

11:20am Porters Lane
 11:30am Post office
 11:40am Town office
 12:00pm – Aberdeen Business Centre

Pictou Landing First Nation

12:25pm Firehall
 12:30pm Church

Town of Trenton

12:45pm Duchess Ave (before Second St)
 12:55pm Maple St (near King St)
 1:00pm Forge St (near Trenton Library)
 1:10pm – Meet PCT at N. End Rec Centre

1:20pm – Aberdeen Business Centre

Town of Westville

1:50pm Post office
 2:00pm Town office
 2:10pm Porters Lane

Town of Pictou

2:30pm Veterans Dr beside Dollarama
 2:40pm Corner Water & Market St
 2:50pm Corner of Union and Denoon St
 3:25pm – Meet PCT at Highland Square

3:35pm – Aberdeen Business Centre

Pictou Landing First Nation

3:55pm Firehall
 4:00pm Church

Town of Trenton

4:20pm Duchess Ave (before Second St)
 4:25pm Maple St (near King St)
 4:35pm Forge St (near Trenton Library)
 4:50pm – Aberdeen Business Centre

Town of Pictou

5:40pm Veterans Dr beside Dollarama
 5:50pm Corner Water & Market St
 6:00pm Corner of Union and Denoon St

Town of Westville

6:20pm Porters Lane
 6:30pm Post office
 6:40pm Town office
 7:00pm – Aberdeen Business Centre

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7:25pm Firehall
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Town of Trenton

7:55pm Duchess Ave (before Second St)
 8:00pm Maple St (near King St)
 8:05pm Forge St (near Trenton Library)
 8:20pm – Aberdeen Business Centre

Trenton Parks & Recreation

The Trenton Parks and Rec office has relocated back to Trenton Park (119 Park Road) & is open for public office hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Trenton Park Splash Pad

Make a splash at Trenton Park this summer!
 Come enjoy the splash pad:
 Open Daily 9:30am to 8:00pm.

902-752-1019
 Recreation@trenton.ca
 @TrentonParksAndRecreation
 @trentonparksandrecreation



Trenton Park Swimming Pool

The Trenton Park Pool is now open for the season!

2024 Pool Schedule*

Weekdays (Monday to Friday)

10:00am to 1:00pm Morning Programming
 1:00pm to 2:00pm Trenton Camp Swim
 2:00pm to 4:00pm Public Swim # 1
 4:00pm to 6:00pm Public Swim # 2
 6:00pm to 7:00pm Pool Rental

Weekends (Saturday/Sunday)

10:00am to Noon Pool Rentals
 Noon to 2:00pm Public Swim # 1
 2:00pm to 4:00pm Public Swim # 2
 4:00pm to 6:00pm Public Swim # 3
 6:00pm to 7:00pm Pool Rental

2024 Pool Prices

2 Hours Swim - \$5 /person
 Ages 5 & Under - Free
 10 Swim Punch Pass - \$40
 Season Pass - \$100 / individual
 Pool Rental - \$100

***Note:** These hours may fluctuate daily. Please check our Facebook page for details/updates. There is a maximum of 40 people in the pool at a time. It is first come, first serve.

Swimming Lessons

Monday to Thursday, 11:00am to 1:00pm / Cost: \$95 per session
 Session Dates: July 8-18, July 22-August 1, August 5-15 (Note: Sessions 1 & 2 are FULL)
 Lessons are available for Parent & Tot Levels (ages 4 months-3years), Preschool Levels (ages 3-5), and Swimming Levels (ages 5+). Contact: emily.morton@trenton.ca

Senior's Swim (No Registration Required)

Fridays (July 5 to August 30) from 11:00am to 1:00pm / Cost: \$2 *If swim lessons are cancelled earlier in the week, Seniors Swim will be cancelled for make up day.

Aqua Fitness

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:00am to 11:00am - Cost: \$40 per 8 sessions
 July session is now full. For August waitlist, contact: emily.morton@trenton.ca
 Aqua Fitness is a low-impact exercise program that takes place in water. It combines elements of aerobic exercise, strength training, and flexibility movements to provide a full body workout.

Bikes for Kids

Application Deadline: Friday, August 2, 2024

The Bikes For Kids Pictou County Program is now up and running for the 2024 season! Follow on Facebook @BikesForKidsPictouCounty Complete the online application form at: <https://arcg.is/O1CmLi0>

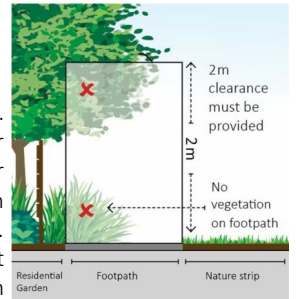


If you need assistance or additional information, please contact Bikes for Kids by calling 902-759-9523 or send an email to: bikesforkids@munpict.ca

Public Works Department

Removal of Dangerous / Obstructing Vegetation

Pursuant the Municipal Government Act, 1998, c.18, s. 321., the Town has the authority to require an owner or occupant of land adjoining a street to remove or trim a tree, bush, shrub, hedge, or other vegetation that is a source of danger to traffic on the street. Vegetation on private land should not obstruct pedestrians use of sidewalks or reduce visibility on streets or at intersections including signage. This necessary property maintenance is not the responsibility of the Public Works Dept. If you are not physically capable of completing this work yourself, residents are encouraged to contact a local landscaping company to provide the service. Where the owner of the land fails to remove or trim the vegetation within **fourteen (14) days** after receipt of notice from the Town, the Town may cause the vegetation to be removed or trimmed. Any costs incurred in this manner will be the responsibility of the property owner. For any questions, call **Darryl Marcott, Public Works Superintendent at 902-752-6907.**



Overhanging Trees from a Neighbouring Property

The Town does not have the authority to deal with vegetation overhanging from your neighbour's property onto your property. Disputes between neighbours about trees are a civil matter & best resolved by talking to your neighbour.

2024 Patching & Paving Schedule

As part of the Town's capital budget process, staff assess and evaluate streets through the development of an Asset Management Plan to determine which areas should be considered for inclusion in the annual capital program. Many factors come into effect when choosing which streets will make it onto the paving schedule. The Town's Public Works Superintendent and Engineer will provide their recommendations to Council for consideration during the budget process. We look at the current street condition, evaluate sidewalks and curbs, and the possibility of necessary work that would cause the street to be torn up again once paved (e.g. history of water main breaks, sewer system issues, etc.).

S.W. Weeks Construction has been awarded the tender by the Town to carry out paving of the following sections of streets in 2024:

- ♦ Park Street - from Duke Street to Bernard's Lane
- ♦ Ninth Street - from Duke Street to Duchess Avenue
- ♦ Dickie Street - from Mechanic Street to Grandview Avenue

Paving is expected to occur in August. Once the paving dates are scheduled, we will post the details on the Town's website (www.trenton.ca) & social media.

Webster Bros. Paving has been awarded the tender by the Town to carry out asphalt patching in Trenton. Work began in June & will continue through summer.

2024 Trenton FunFest!

Join us **July 9-14, 2024** for the **Trenton FunFest!** Like **@TrentonFunFest** on Facebook for event information, photos, and important festival updates. The event schedule will be sent out to Trenton mailboxes and can now be found on the Town's website at www.trenton.ca. You're in for a great weekend Trenton!