

TRENTON talk

Municipal Election 2024

Town of Trenton residents, like all Nova Scotians, will choose their Municipal representatives on **October 19, 2024**. In addition to choosing a Mayor for the Town, voters will elect four (4) Councillors, each elected for a four-year term. Trenton voters elect the Mayor and Councillors, while the Deputy Mayor is selected and appointed through a Council motion annually. Councillors do not represent a specific district or ward, but rather each serves the Town as a whole.

If you are considering running in the municipal election, we recommend that you start by reading the *Candidate's Guide to Municipal & School Board Elections* to learn general information, key dates, and more. This guide can be found on the Town's website at www.trenton.ca and on the Elections Pictou County website. The final day to register to become a candidate is **September 10, 2024**.

The Returning Office which will manage the elections for the 6 municipalities in Pictou County is now open. If you are interested in running for office, contact:



Josephine MacDonald, Returning Officer

Tel: 902-485-2253
returningofficer@munpict.ca
46 Municipal Drive, Pictou, NS B0K 1H0

Stay up to date on the upcoming election by visiting the **Elections Pictou County** website:
<https://electionspictoucounty.ca>

“How to Become a Councillor 101” Session

August 7, 2024 at 6:00pm - MOPC Office (46 Municipal Drive, Pictou)

The Municipality of Pictou County will be hosting an information session for anyone interested in learning more about municipal politics and what's involved to run as a councillor in the 2024 Municipal Election. Former councillors, Returning Officer Josephine MacDonald and municipal staff will be present to answer questions about the roles and responsibilities of elected officials. Those planning to attend are asked to **RSVP to adam.macinnis@munpict.ca by August 1**.

Municipal Property Tax Exemption

Applications for the Town's Property Tax Exemption for the 2024-2025 fiscal year are now available at the Town Office (120 Main St.) and online at www.trenton.ca. This exemption is available to any person assessed to a taxable property in the Town of Trenton; currently lives in the home; and whose total income from all sources for the 2023 year was less than **\$28,797** (total income means total household income excluding war veteran's allowance or pension paid pursuant to the Pension Act). Applicants must provide proof of income and the application signature must be witnessed at Town Hall. The maximum exemption is **\$274**. All applications must be returned to Town Hall no later than **August 30, 2024**.

August 2024 Meetings

Town Council - No Meeting & Committee of the Whole - August 27
Town meetings begin at 6:00pm in Council Chambers (upstairs at Town Hall).



Connect with Council

A Message from Mayor Hussher

With the summer already half over, we are well on our way to another successful year. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the organizers and all the volunteers who made the 2024 Trenton Funfest a success. A lot of hard work goes into this event and the Council is extremely grateful for the outstanding work of the volunteers.

Over the past three years there has been a lot of interest from developers who want to invest in our community. Along with this commitment comes the requirement to invest. These entrepreneurs make this commitment in hopes that we will support them. Trenton needs growth and the only way to promote this is to support these entrepreneurs and shop local when you can. Supporting local promotes development.

We have awarded the tenders for the new skateboard park and put out the tender for the new pickleball and multipurpose courts. Work is expected to begin in this area this fall. We are sure this will be a well utilized space in our community.

With the election coming up this October, I encourage citizens to consider getting involved. Serving your community is an opportunity to be involved in the decision making process and a rewarding experience.

Donald Hussher

MAYOR, TOWN OF TRENTON



Express Yourself Café

Now Open at 131 Main Street (in the Caboose)!

Operating Hours: Monday to Friday 6:00am to 4:00pm
Saturday 9:00am to 2:00pm
Sunday 11:00am to 2:00pm

The Express Yourself Café held their Grand Opening in Trenton on Sunday, July 21, 2024! Business owners Elisa and Tim have worked hard to bring their take-out espresso café to our community. Other unique options that will be available at the Café are Hali Pops! (homemade natural fruit based popsicles), teas from the Eastern Tea Bar (Halifax), non-alcoholic soda drinks with natural flavours from Propeller Brewing Co., Schoolhouse Gluten-free Gourmet treats like vegan mint Nanaimo bars, carrot cake, and Creekside Farm Maple syrup. Visit their website at <https://expressyourselfcafe.ca>, and follow them on social media!

Trenton Station Fresh & Local Market

Weekly Sunday Market - 11:00am to 2:00pm
131 Main Street (at the Trenton Station)

Elisa and Tim have been passionate about coordinating a weekly market which will take place at the Trenton Station, next to the Express Yourself Café! Along with local food items, you will also find home-based items such as soaps from the Muddy Puddle Goat Farms and dog treats from the Cheesy Paws Dog Bakery!



First Customers on Opening Day!

PICTOU COUNTY SENIORS FESTIVAL

August 8, 9 & 10, 2024 at Trenton Rink - Registration Fee Only \$25.00

This event is specifically tailored for individuals aged 50 and above who are looking for a fun and engaging way to spend their time. They have an exciting lineup of activities planned that are sure to keep you entertained and engaged.

One of the highlights of the festival is the chance to win fantastic prizes! There will be a lively dance floor where you can let loose & dance the night away. Grab your dancing shoes and get ready to have some fun! From Bingo and Cribbage to a BBQ and a Dinner, there's something for everyone. You'll have the opportunity to meet new people and socialize with friends. Don't miss out on this incredible event. For full details or to register for the Pictou County Seniors Festival, visit their website at <https://pcseniorsfest.ca>

Public Works Department

Public Works Emergencies Contact Info

To report Public Works Emergencies, including but not limited to emergencies related to wastewater and storm water systems, (other examples: water line breaks, leaking water meters, etc.), please contact:

- ♦ **Public Works Superintendent, Darryl Marcott**
Available for calls during daytime office hours & for afterhours emergencies.
Tel: 902-752-6907
- ♦ **Town Administration Office** (120 Main Street)
Available for calls Monday to Friday (*excluding holidays*) - 8:30am to 4:30pm
Tel: 902-752-5311

2024 Paving Schedule

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.

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.

Pictou County Wellness Centre

902-755-8870

<https://pcwellnesscentre.ca>

@PicCoWellnessCt

2-2756 Westville Road, PC

Monday to Friday 5:30am - 9:00pm
Saturday & Sunday 7:00am - 5:00pm



1 lap = 169.4 Meters / 5.9 laps = 1 kilometer / 9.5 laps = 1 mile

If you're looking for a cool place to exercise, try out the walking track at the Pictou County Wellness Centre! Co-located around the perimeter of the Bell Aliant Arena is an all season, two lane, indoor walking track.



902-752-0202

<https://pcymca.ca>

@YMCAPictouCounty

Interested in Becoming a Certified Lifeguard?

In August, the YMCA of Pictou County (located in the Pictou County Wellness Centre) will be offering many of the courses you will need to become a certified lifeguard including:

- Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, & Intermediate First Aid (Prerequisite: Age 13+ or Bronze Star certification)
- National Lifeguard Course (Prerequisite: Age 15+, Bronze Cross, & Intermediate First Aid)

Registration is available online on the YMCA's website. If you are interested in their Aquatic Leadership Scholarship program, please email Aquatics Director Emma Dwyer at Emma.Dwyer@pcymca.ca before registering.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 29

Memorial Veteran Banners

Trenton Legion will be taking orders for Memorial Veteran Banners. These banners will be hung along Main Street. We hope to hang the banners mid October and take them down following Remembrance Day. These banners are double sided. The Legion will be responsible for putting them up and taking them down as well as storing them. The cost per banner complete with hardware is \$275.00 which will include the tax. The banners are two feet by five feet. If you are interested in purchasing a banner, please call Sandra Tupper at 902-759-3069 for details.



Holiday Office Closure

The Trenton Administration Office (120 Main Street, Trenton) will be CLOSED for Natal Day on Monday, August 05, 2024. Staff will return for public office hours (9:00am to 4:00pm) on Tuesday, August 06, 2024.

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Nova Scotia Works Pictou County



Career Connections - Employment Services Centre

Nova Scotia Works Career Connections is a one-stop job search and career advice resource, helping Nova Scotians reach their employment goals. They provide FREE employment related services, and can help access government sponsored programs designed to assist with employment, training, and supports. Looking for job postings? Visit their website at: www.novascotiaworks.ca or check them out on Facebook @CareerConnectionsPictouCounty. All services are available virtually or in person at 138 Campbell Street - Unit 202, New Glasgow - Phone: (902)752-6826.

Skills Online NS

Free Online Courses

SkillsOnlineNS is an online upskilling portal that provides all Nova Scotians with an opportunity to acquire today's in-demand skills from the comfort of their own home. Some of the available courses include Accounting Basics, Financial Literacy, Computer Skills for Job Seekers, and Improving Your Work/Life Balance. Visit their website at: www.SkillsOnlineNS.ca for hundreds of FREE online courses and more information. This program is offered through a partnership between the Department of Labour, Skills, Immigration and the NS Association of CBDCs.

Northern Opportunities for Business Limited - NOBL

Workplace Education Training Opportunities

Labour and Advanced Education in Partnership with CBDC-NOBL has been pleased to be able to offer training programs in Pictou County through the generosity of several organizations in the community. They offer programs that small and medium sized businesses can use to grow and prosper. Persons wishing to take part in Workplace education training MUST be employed or self employed, as per the provincial guidelines. Learn more of what NOBL has to offer by visiting their website at: <https://noblbusinessskills.ca> or find them on Facebook @CBDCNOBL.



902-752-5181

trenton@parl.ns.ca

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www.parl.ns.ca

Hours of Operation:

Tues/Thurs: 1pm-5pm & 6pm-8pm

Wed/Fri: 10am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

Sat: 10am-2pm

Sun/Mon: Closed

Library Programs

All library programs are free. Due to limited seating, we encourage you to register!

Drying Herbs with Mandy Sandbach - Wednesday, August 28 - 2:00pm to 4:30pm

Herb drying & tea making workshop. Join Mandy Sandbach of SOULfully SOIL to learn how to harvest, dry, & blend your own herbs to make delicious teas year round. Participants will go home with their own tea blend! Spots are limited; call to register.

Big Summer Book Club Ends August 31st

Read. Return. Share. Repeat! Pick up your summer reads & enter to win great prizes!

Trenton Library Monthly Newsletter

The Trenton Library offers a monthly newsletter which can be found on their website at <https://parl.ns.ca/locations/trenton.php> or get it at the Library or Town Hall!



STEP 1: Plan ahead to keep cool

Do-it-yourself - \$0

- Help vulnerable neighbors, family, and friends be prepared, and arrange to check on them during heat events.
- Sign up for heat alerts on your phone (e.g., WeatherCan).
- Learn how to best use windows and doors to naturally ventilate your home, particularly at night.
- Choose energy efficient lights and appliances that produce less "waste" heat.
- Temporarily arrange to work or sleep in cooler rooms (e.g., basement).

STEP 2: Complete simple upgrades

Do-it-yourself - Under \$250 (estimate)

- Plant & maintain shade trees, especially along south, east & west facing walls.
- Grow plants climbing up your walls and on decks and balconies.
- Improve home insulation and air tightness (e.g., draft strips).
- Install blinds, heat-resistant curtains, or films on windows.
- Use portable or ceiling fans that increase air circulation.

STEP 3: Complete more complex upgrades

Work with a contractor - Over \$250

- Convert paved areas to vegetation which absorbs less heat and more water.
- Install a green (vegetated) or reflective roof.
- Shade windows with outdoor shutters and awnings.
- Install windows and doors that have a low Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (let less heat in).
- Install and maintain a heat pump or air conditioning unit.

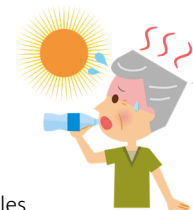
Information Provided by Intact Centre on Climate Adaption and the University of Waterloo. For additional resources, visit www.intactcentre.ca.

Protect Yourself from Heat-related Illness

We have experienced high heat and humidity this summer, which can put you at risk for heat-related illnesses, especially if you're working or exercising outside. It's harder for our bodies to maintain a healthy internal temperature when it's hot and humid. Our bodies usually cool down by sweating, but sweating is less effective when it's humid. Some people, like infants and young children, seniors, and people with chronic medical conditions, have a higher risk for developing heat-related illnesses.

Preventing heat-related illnesses:

- drinking plenty of water
- staying in shaded or cool areas
- taking frequent breaks if you have to work outside
- wearing lightweight, light-coloured clothing
- never leave children, infants or pets unattended in vehicles
- check on older neighbours and others vulnerable to heat-related illness, offer air-conditioned shelter and water if needed



For more information, visit <https://novascotia.ca/heat-related-illness>