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Municipal Election 2024

FOR CANDIDATES

To run for a municipal position, you must be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of nomination, be a Canadian citizen & must be a resident of the municipality since at least March 9, 2024. Interested in running for office in Trenton? Contact:

Returning Officer Josephine MacDonald

Phone: 902-485-2253

Email: returningofficer@munpict.ca

Address: 46 Municipal Drive, Pictou NS

Nomination Days

Nomination days begin by appointment on August 29 through September 9. Returning Officer Josephine MacDonald will be in each of the municipalities over that time period, but those looking to become a candidate from any of the 6 municipalities can visit her in **any** of the locations.

Nomination by Appointment Schedule

Aug. 29 Municipality of Pictou County

Aug. 30 Town of Westville

Sept. 3 Town of Stellarton

Sept. 4 Town of Trenton

Sept. 5 Town of Pictou

Sept. 6 Town of New Glasgow

Sept. 7 Municipality of Pictou County

Nomination Day is September 10, 2024

Nomination Day will be held at the Returning Office on the 2nd floor of the MOPC Administration Building at 46 Municipal Drive in Pictou. Those seeking nomination that day will be seen on a first come, first serve basis.

Nominations Forms are available at www.electionspictoucounty.ca and Town Hall.

FOR VOTERS - Revisions to the Preliminary List of Electors

The preliminary lists of electors have been prepared for the upcoming elections. The revising officer(s) may make additions or corrections to the lists upon application by telephone, e-mail, mail or in person. Electors may find out if they are on the list of electors by:

- (1) Visiting the municipal office Monday to Friday between the business hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm from August 1st to October 8th.

MOPC Building (46 Municipal Drive, Pictou, NS)

- (2) Contacting the returning office, Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm from August 1st to October 8th.

Phone: 902-485-2253

E-Mail: Returning.Assistant@munpict.ca

You will be asked for your name, your address and your date of birth.

September 2024 Meetings

Town Council - September 10 & Committee of the Whole - September 24
Town meetings begin at 6:00pm in Council Chambers (upstairs at Town Hall).



Connect with Council

A Message from Deputy Mayor Cotter

What a wonderful summer we have had this year. Congratulations to the Trenton FunFest Committee on a very successful weekend with lots to do for everyone. Another congratulations going out to the Express Yourself Café for a successful first month. It has been great to see a steady stream of customers supporting this new business in Trenton.

I would also like to thank the Trenton Legion and Trenton Fire Department in the joint project of purchasing the rest of the Canadian Flags put up before July 1st, the flags were flown from the head of town along Main Street and onto Park Road. It was a great sight to see. The Legion will also be putting up Memorial Veteran Banners from the Legion to the Cenotaph. For more information contact Sandra at 902-759-3069.

Work began on this years paving projects in August, to be completed in September.

With the help of the Provincial Government, we are excited to see the new skateboard park and multipurpose court area developed at the old tennis court on Main Street. This work is expected to be finished by the late fall and will be great space for our community. The new Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame is in the design stages and we are hoping to see this project started soon in this area as well.

We have also seen the new water reservoir built this year and they are now working on connecting the distribution to the Towns water lines. A great asset for our Town.

The next Municipal Election will take place on October 19. As with the rest of Pictou County, voting in Trenton will be electronic. Residents who are interested in putting their name forward are encouraged to do so by getting a package from the Returning Office or you can access it on the Elections Pictou County website. The final day to register is September 10th. It has been an honor to have served the Town of Trenton for the past 4 years.

Steven Cotter

DEPUTY MAYOR, TOWN OF TRENTON

Council Meeting Live Streaming

The regular meeting of Council, held the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:00pm (year-round) can now be viewed online! The Live Streaming service will be available for residents by visiting the Town's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@TownofTrentonNS> or by searching @TownofTrentonNS on YouTube – it should be the top result for that search. You can also scan the QR code shown above and it will take you to the channel if you focus your phones camera on it.

Please be aware that residents will not be able to comment or ask questions during the live streaming. If you have any questions following the meeting, please reach out to Council by email at mayorandcouncil@trenton.ca or contact Town Hall during public office hours: Monday to Friday - 9:00am to 4:00pm at 902-752-5311.



Back to School Safety - School Zone Speed

In Trenton school zones where children are present, **speed limits are reduced to 30km/h**. Please slow down, watch for students & obey the crossing guards!

Rail Safety Week (September 23-29, 2024)

Together, we can #STOPTrackTragedies.

The ongoing "Stop Track Tragedies" public awareness campaign from Operation Lifesaver, Inc. and Canada Operation Lifesaver shows the impact that rail-related incidents have on families and communities. "Stop Track Tragedies" remains a major theme of Rail Safety Week. Each time you cross a railroad track irresponsibly there is a potential danger. The yearly average crossing accidents in North America is 2000+! We would like to remind residents to be aware of the dangers involved in ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property. Being mindful of these dangers will reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens. Safety advice for walking near railroad tracks:

- x The only legal and safe place to cross tracks is at designated public crossing.
- x Walking on or beside railroad tracks is illegal.
- x Stay off railroad bridges and trestles.
- x Always expect a train.

Know the Signs & Signals

Crossbuck - YIELD if a train is approaching. Trains always have the right-of-way.

Flashing Red Lights - STOP when flashing. DO NOT proceed until the lights stop flashing. If the lights begin flashing after you start crossing the tracks, keep going.

Multiple Tracks - Multiple tracks are present. Multiple tracks may mean multiple trains. Wait until you can see clearly down the tracks in both directions before proceeding.

Lowering Gates & Flashing Red Lights - A train is approaching (even if you don't see it yet). DO NOT proceed until the lights turn on & the gates go up. It's illegal & dangerous to go around lowered gates.



Low Ground Clearance Crossing - Raised crossing ahead. If you drive anything low to the ground (like a bus, truck, sports car or trailer), you're at risk of getting hung up on the tracks. DO NOT proceed until you know your vehicle will clear the tracks.



Advance Warning - Slow down, look, listen, and BE PREPARED TO STOP. Typically, this is the first sign you see when approaching a railway crossing.

Pavement Markings - A large "X" and a wide white line on the road mean you're approaching a railway crossing. Stay behind the white stop line while waiting for a train to pass. No stop line? Stop at least 5 metres from the nearest rail.



“New to the Crew” Initiative

Connecting Newcomers & the Community in Pictou County

“New to the Crew” is a new monthly social event specifically hosted for adults new to the community in the last year and community ambassadors!

Who are community ambassadors?

Do you love Pictou County and everything it has to offer? If you answered yes, YOU are a community ambassador! Come out to our next “New to the Crew” meetup to enjoy good food and good fun - you can help new community members build their own sense of community to Pictou County!

Why is this happening?

It’s hard to make friends as an adult, especially if you’re new to an area. We want to provide a safe space for new community members to meet and connect with others, all while exploring local restaurants, events and amenities Pictou County has to offer.

When is the New to the Crew meeting?

Events will be hosted once per month and rotate around Pictou County, with accessibility and transit routes in mind.

- ♦ **September 11** 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Mobility Health & Fitness (101 Lawrence Blvd, Stellarton)
Subway
- ♦ **October 9** 5:00pm to 7:00pm
deCoste Centre (99 Water Street, Pictou)
Alladin Syrian Kitchen

How do I learn more?

Email us at hello@pictoucounty.ca to learn more information and receive notices about upcoming events!

Made possible thanks to funding from the Office of Healthcare Professional Recruitment Community Fund and the support of a variety of community organizations and businesses.

Trenton Library Community Pantry

The Community Pantry runs in partnership with the Humble Harvest & is located at the **Trenton Library** (Forge Street entrance of Trenton Civic Building). Access is available during Library hours:

- ♦ Tuesday & Thursday 1:00pm to 5:00pm / 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- ♦ Wednesday & Friday 10:00am to 12:00pm / 1:00pm to 5:00pm
- ♦ Saturday 10:00am to 2:00pm

Take what you need, give what you can.

Donations are necessary and needed. We accept donations of non-perishable food in jars and cans. We recommend sauces, soups, beans, honey, peanut butter, and fish in oil, etc. Thank you for helping your community!



Trenton Parks & Recreation

902-752-2382

Recreation@trenton.ca

@TrentonParksAndRecreation

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@TrentonRinkNS

The Trenton Parks and Rec office has relocated back to Trenton Rink (75 Park Road) & is open for public office hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Trenton Park Pool & Splashpad

The final day for the 2024 season at the Trenton Park pool will be September 1, 2024. The splashpad will remain open daily with reduced hours (2:00pm to 7:00pm) until closing day of September 16, 2024. Thank you for another great summer!

Volunteers Needed for the Learn to Skate Program!

If you’re interested & available to help out, please contact Trenton Parks & Recreation.

Recreation Programming

Follow Trenton Parks & Recreation on social media (see above) for updated events, activities and programming for the upcoming fall and winter seasons!

Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 29 Trenton

Remembrance Day Update

Anyone looking to purchase wreathes or crosses for Remembrance Day **must** let the Legion know. Contact President Catherine Kelly at kellycatheriner63@gmail.com or call 902-921-1040.

Stay up to date with the Legion on Facebook [@RoyalCanadianLegionBr29TrentonNS](https://www.facebook.com/RoyalCanadianLegionBr29TrentonNS)



@BigBrothersBigSistersPictouCounty

@bbbspc

@bbbsofpc

Volunteer to be an In-School Mentor

Thinking about becoming a Mentor? In-School Mentoring could be for you! All it takes is just one hour per week to help a child gain the confidence to achieve more. Start making a difference in your community today! Call Big Brother Big Sisters of Pictou County at 902-752-5260 or email: bigbrothers@bellaliant.com.

Water Utility Notice

Cloudy or Discolored Water

Have you ever turned on your cold-water faucets and experienced cloudy or discolored water? This can be caused by many factors but in most cases, it may be as simple as your service line coming into your residence being dirty. Low flow shower heads, and faucets, as well as smaller water lines supplying these fixtures are all designed to conserve water, they also result in slowing the water velocity coming through your service line. The slower velocity of the water does not allow the water to scour the pipes on a regular basis causing a buildup on the interior of the pipes. This is the same principle that results in the hydrants having to be flushed. If you are experiencing cloudy or discolored water, try flushing your service line. To complete this turn on all “COLD WATER ONLY” faucets and flush your toilets. The more water you can move through your pipes the better. This may take 5 to 10 minutes, but should clean your service line, and improve your water quality. We recommend trying this before contacting the Town. If you continue to have a water quality issue, contact Town Hall during public office hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm) at 902-752-5311.



Intense rainfall events combined with aging municipal infrastructure, increased urbanization and a lack of flood protection measures at the household level have resulted in losses in billions of dollars for Canada’s insurance companies, governments, homeowners, landlords and tenants over the past decade. The Intact Centre has developed a list of top actions Canadians can take around their home to reduce their flood risk.

STEP 1: Maintain what you’ve got at least twice per year

Do-it-yourself - \$0

- ♦ Remove debris from nearest storm drain or ditch and culvert.
- ♦ Clean out eaves troughs.
- ♦ Check for leaks in plumbing, fixtures and appliances.
- ♦ Test your sump pump.
- ♦ Clean out your backwater valve.

STEP 2: Complete Simple Upgrades

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

- ♦ Install window well covers (where fire escape requirements permit).
- ♦ Extend downspouts and sump discharge pipes at least 2m from foundation.
- ♦ Store valuables and hazardous materials in watertight containers and secure fuel tanks.
- ♦ Remove obstructions to floor drain.
- ♦ Install and maintain flood alarm.

STEP 3: Complete More Complex Upgrades

Work with a contractor - Over \$250 (estimate)

- ♦ Install window wells that sit 10-15 cm above ground and upgrade to water resistant windows.
- ♦ Disconnect downspouts, cap foundation drains and extend downspouts to direct water at least 2 m from foundation.
- ♦ Correct grading to direct water at least 2m away from foundation.
- ♦ Install backwater valve.
- ♦ Install backup sump pump and battery.

Information Provided by Intact Centre on Climate Adaption and the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities. For additional resources, visit www.intactcentre.ca.

In the event of a flood or sewer backup, you should first contact your plumber and insurance company, then report the issue to Public Works at 902-752-6907.

Holiday Office Closures

The Trenton Administration Office (120 Main Street, Trenton NS) will be CLOSED for the following holidays in September:

Labour Day - Monday, September 02, 2024

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - Monday, September 30, 2024

The office will reopen for public office hours (9:00am to 4:00pm) on the weekday immediately following each holiday.