

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. Here are your 2024 candidates (*alphabetically*):

MAYOR:

- ◆ Cathy Cotter
- ◆ Alec Dove

COUNCIL AT LARGE:

- ◆ Scott Cameron
- ◆ Donald Cullen
- ◆ V. J. Earle
- ◆ Nicole LeBlanc
- ◆ Stephanie MacKinnon
- ◆ Steven Stewart



YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE

HOW TO VOTE

All voting in the upcoming October 19th election will be electronic. Voters will have the option to vote online or by phone. Voter cards and more information on how to vote will be announced in future correspondence.

There will be two advance voting days on October 12, 2024, from Noon to 8:00pm and October 15, 2024, from Noon to 8:00pm. Advance poll kiosks will be set up at the Trenton Rink Annex where voters can have assistance with electronic voting.

Residents will be able to cast their ballots starting at Noon on October 6, 2024 through 7:00pm on October 19, 2024. This can be done with any electronic device, phone or at the kiosk (Trenton Rink Annex - 75 Park Road) between the hours of 8:00am to 7:00pm on October 19, 2024.

Unsure if you're registered to vote or have changes to update? Please contact the Returning Office with any revisions by October 7, 2024:
 Phone: 902-485-2253
 Email: Returning.Assistant@munpict.ca
 In-person: 46 Municipal Drive, Pictou NS (Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm)

For all the details about the Municipal Election visit: www.electionspictoucounty.ca

Fall Hydrant Flushing Schedule

The semi-annual flushing of water mains is scheduled for **October 16 & 17, 2024** commencing daily at 8:00AM. Loss of water pressure and water discoloration may occur. Residents may wish to turn off their hot water heaters and are advised to draw any necessary water to meet their requirements. We apologize for any inconvenience this necessary work may cause. If you have any questions, contact Robert MacLean, Water Dept. Manager at 902-752-1450 or call the Town Office during public office hours (Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm) at 902-752-5311.

October 2024 Meetings

Town Council - October 08 & Committee of the Whole - October 29
 Town meetings begin at 6:00pm in Council Chambers (upstairs at Town Hall).



Connect with Council *A Message from Mayor Hussher*

Well it is time and the polls will soon be open for voting. I would like to wish all candidates the best in the election. I am not going to say good luck as I know how much hard work it takes to campaign, and luck has nothing to do with it.

I would also like to thank the citizens of Trenton for the opportunity to serve you the past 19 years as councillor and then Mayor. It has been an honor and I am very pleased with the many successes we had over these years. With the hard work of all the councils I served with our town is in a better position to keep moving forward.

Over the years all this and more happened because our town had a dedicated team of council, staff, citizens and volunteers who worked hard. I would be remiss to not single out the CAO's that served us during these times and the contributions they made.

We lost our major employer Trenton Works at a time when it had a major impact on us. With everyone's dedication, hard work and planning we were able to make progress and today we are starting to see the results. Today we operate with a balanced budget and maintain proper reserves in case of emergency. We are showing positive ratings in the provincial performance indicators.

We also must thank our provincial and federal governments for the many roles they played assisting us. Without them, it would not have been possible. Today, Trenton is at a pinnacle point on the road to growth and success.

I trust in the future we will continue our Main Street development, invest each year on our streets, protect our park and the ecosystem within it, maintain our recreation facilities, get the school scheduled for 2027, support our local business, assist in whatever way we can developing our commercial park, promote housing development and be vigilant of the struggles our citizens realize when preparing the budget.

Donald Hussher

MAYOR, TOWN OF TRENTON

Civic Address Signs

Properly displaying your civic number ensures that emergency responders for fire, ambulance, and police can easily locate your home. It's also important for other services like home delivery, utility connections or for visitors to find you. Civic numbers should be reflective, displayed on the same side of the road as the property is located and be visible from either direction. Blue and white signs are the most visible. Here are some registered suppliers who sell civic address signs locally:

- ◆ **Auto Trim & Sign**
9917 Sherbrooke Rd, New Glasgow
902-922-2915
- ◆ **Little Harbour Fire Dept.**
8328 Pictou Landing Rd, Little Harbour
902-752-7668 or 902-755-4420
- ◆ **Sketch-It Design**
268 Munroe Avenue Ext., New Glasgow
902-754-7446
- ◆ **Thorburn Fire Dept.**
738 Marsh Rd, Thorburn
902-922-3419

Holiday Office Closure

The Admin Office (120 Main St.) will be CLOSED on Monday, October 14, 2024 & reopen for office hours (9:00am to 4:00pm) on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.



CAO Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current Council for their dedication and hard work during the past 4 years to ensure our Town continues to thrive. The work staff & I complete would not be possible without the relationships developed with the Mayor and Council. Knowing all Councilors wish the best for our Town and ensuring current and future projects concentrate on improving infrastructure within the Town means we are moving in the right direction.

Large capital projects completing this Fall:

- ◆ Reservoir project at the water treatment plant
- ◆ Booster Station project at the water treatment plant to improve water pressure within upper areas of the Town
- ◆ Seventh Street Sewer Separation project between Duke and Duchess Street
- ◆ New Skateboard Park
- ◆ Tennis court upgrades to include pickleball courts and multi-use recreational space

The process from deciding to move forward with a capital project, design, applying and waiting for approval for funding, and final implementation can take months if not years, so it is with great pleasure that so many projects that benefit our Town are coming to fruition this fall.

Election day for municipalities is October 19th and Trenton will be welcoming new faces. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a respectful campaign. Staff and I look forward to welcoming and working with a new Mayor and Council in November. It is a great responsibility and exciting opportunity to serve your community and represent their interests. We may be a small staff but certainly take pride in our work and providing quality service to our residents.

As fall is upon us, please take the opportunity to go outdoors, spend time with loved ones and enjoy the colors of the season. Stay safe & wishing everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

Alanna Grover

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



Stones RV New Glasgow is again hosting Coats For Kids. New or gently-used coats, hats, mittens, shoes & boots are being collected (infant to adult sizing). Clean items requested with working zippers and no stained or torn clothing. Collection will take place until November 7.

Donation Drop-off Locations:

- ◆ Stones RV New Glasgow
2689 Westville Road, New Glasgow
- ◆ United Way of Pictou County
342 Stewart Street, New Glasgow

Donation Distribution:

Saturday, November 9, 2024
 New Glasgow Fire Hall
 188 Dalhousie Street, New Glasgow
 Follow @StonesRV for updates.

2024/2025 Final Tax Billing Notice

The Town of Trenton invoices property tax bills to all property owners twice each year. The tax year covers the fiscal period of April 1st to March 31st. Your tax bill is made up of the Residential Property tax rate (currently \$2.04 for every \$100 of assessed value set by Property Valuation Services Corp. (PVSC)), the Fire Protection User Fee (\$0.145 for every \$100 of assessed value for every parcel of land), and the Solid Waste User Fee (this fee is for garbage collection by Pictou County Solid Waste and is currently \$146.00 annually for all residential dwellings, not for vacant lands or commercial properties). You can also find an "Understanding Your Tax Bill" section at www.trenton.ca.

The final tax bills were sent out the first week of September and are calculated using the current assessment with the current year's rates (above) less the amount you already paid from the interim bill. The total amounts billed must be paid by the due date to avoid interest charges. Interest will accumulate at 1.25% per month to all outstanding taxes following the due date: **October 31, 2024**.

Tips to avoid unnecessary interest charges:

- ♦ **Online Payments** may take 2-3 business days to be processed by your bank. For this reason, payments do not reach the Town on the same day the payment is made. This means you may be charged interest if you wait until the due date to make an online payment as we do not receive it until days later. Make your online payment several days prior to the due date to avoid interest.
- ♦ **Cheques mailed** to the Town are processed when they are received. This means the cheque date is not considered the actual payment date. If you mail your cheque payment, consider post-dating your cheque and mailing it early enough to be received and processed by the Town prior to/on the due date.

Trenton Fire Department

@TrentonFD19

Stay up to date by following the Trenton Fire Dept. on Facebook!

2024 Fire Prevention Week

The 2024 Fire Prevention Week (FPW) will be held from October 6 to 12, 2024. This year's FPW campaign, "**Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!**" strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home. Key smoke alarm safety tips and guidelines: Install, Test, Replace!

- ♦ **Install** smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.
- ♦ **Test** smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- ♦ **Replace** all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or stop responding when tested.

You could have as little as 2 minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly. Find more details and safety tip sheets at: <https://www.nfpa.org>



Trenton Parks & Recreation

The Trenton Parks and Rec office will relocate back to Trenton Rink (75 Park Road) & be open for public office hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm beginning Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

Trenton Park Off Season

The Trenton Park Office, splash pad and washrooms are now closed for the season and will reopen in the spring of 2025. For any recreational inquiries over the winter months, please contact Trenton Rink at 902-752-2382 or email craig.murray@trenton.ca.

Fall Program Guide Online:

<https://town.trenton.ns.ca/parks-and-recreation.html>

The Park & Rec fall program guide can be found on their Facebook page or on the Town website. Note: Future program guides will be made available on the website as well, the link there will be a pdf that can be viewed larger than the images on social media.

FREE Seniors Frailty & Fall Prevention Wellness Program

October 22 to December 12, 2024

Tuesdays & Thursdays — 11:00am to 12:30pm

Location: First United Church (81 High Street, Trenton)

This program is for anyone over the age of 65 who wants to improve balance, strength, and mobility, reduce the risk of falls, and improve longevity as they age. Sessions are held twice a week. Each session will offer a gentle exercise class followed by an information session on a variety of topics. To register, call 902-752-5311 or visit Town Hall (120 Main St) during office hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Free Adult Skating

Trenton Rink offers free adult skating every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:00pm to 1:30pm. Adult skates will begin on October 28th, 2024.

Trenton Rink Rentals

Trenton Rink is scheduled to begin ice rentals on October 25th. If you are interested in booking an ice time, call 902-752-2382 or email craig.murray@trenton.ca

Public Works Department

Preparing Your Property for Winter

Taking these simple steps now can help protect your property and ensure snow clearing goes as safely and smoothly as possible this upcoming winter season:

- ♦ Remove and store planters, lawn decorations and any other portable objects near the sidewalk before the winter.
- ♦ Remove and store portable basketball and hockey nets from the roadway or sidewalks near your property so they don't freeze and cannot be moved easily.
- ♦ Mark any permanent structures or objects with a reflector that will be visible above the snow. This helps crews identify obstacles.
- ♦ Trim any tree branches and shrubs that originate from your property. These can obstruct access and visibility for snow-clearing equipment. If you are not physically capable of completing this work yourself, residents are encouraged to contact a local landscaping company to provide the service as this necessary property maintenance is not the responsibility of the Public Works Dept.

902-752-2382

Recreation@trenton.ca

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New Glasgow Regional Police

Community Policing Office: 902-755-8318

Non-Emergency Inquiries: 902-752-1941

For Emergencies: Call 911



Halloween Safety Tips

Children will probably be more excited about their next candy score than traffic safety. Help keep little ghosts and goblins safe by following these tips:

- ♦ Pedestrians have the right of way at marked and unmarked crosswalks – even when they're approaching a stop sign or yield sign. Stop before entering the intersection so they can cross the street safely.
- ♦ Drive cautiously around young children. They're tiny and that makes them hard to see, especially in some costumes! They think cars can stop instantly.
- ♦ Reduce your speed, especially in school & playground areas.
- ♦ Never pass a stopped vehicle without first checking for pedestrians crossing.
- ♦ Keep an eye out when turning. Drivers often turn their heads to look for other vehicles and accidentally ignore pedestrians crossing in front of them.
- ♦ If you're attending an event that serves alcohol, plan a safe & sober ride home!

Tips for Home Owners

As a homeowner, you are responsible for the safety of people visiting your home.

Keep visitors safe with these tips:

- ♦ Turn on your exterior lights and replace burnt out bulbs.
- ♦ Remove hazards that trick-or-treaters could trip or slip on, such as extension cords, hoses, decorations, and leaves.
- ♦ Never leave candles unattended. For Jack-O-Lantern safety, use candle alternatives like flashlights or flameless candles.
- ♦ Keep pets indoors and away from visitors, even if they're well-trained – you never know if a particular pet or child will scare each other.
- ♦ Deter break-ins and vandalism by locking vehicles and buildings, putting away all garbage and keeping valuables out of sight. Contact the non-emergency line immediately if you see anything suspicious (see below for more details).
- ♦ If you're hosting a Halloween party where alcohol is being served, ensure no one drives impaired. Offer to call them a safe ride or to spend the night.

Police Non-Emergency Line

Please Note: 911 is for emergencies only. Call 911 if your health, safety or property is threatened and you need help right away. Use the Non-Emergency Line when you don't need an immediate response or dispatch of emergency services. The use of non-emergency lines keep the 911 lines available for emergencies.

If you witness/suspect suspicious or unlawful activity in the Town, please call the **New Glasgow Regional Police's Non-Emergency Line at 902-752-1941** (TIP: Add this number in your phone so you have it handy in times of need). This helps note occurrences or issues in our Town. Don't assume others know or that something is being done - when in doubt, call!

Examples of non-emergencies include: Parking complaints, noise complaints (music, dogs barking), minor thefts such as a stolen bicycle or car break-in, following up with police on a file, requests or complaints about car towing and witnessing suspicious or unlawful activity that is not considered an emergency situation.