

TRENTON talk

Municipal Election 2024

Residents across Nova Scotia chose their new municipal representatives this past October. In addition to choosing a Mayor, voters in Trenton elected 4 Councillors, elected for a 4-year term.

Mayor Results

Alec Dove 540
Cathy Cotter 488

Councillor Results

Scott Cameron 811
Nicole LeBlanc 750
Stephanie MacKinnon 647
Donald Cullen 602
VJ Earle 528
Steven Stewart 302

Congratulations to all of the candidates on a great election! The new Town Council will be sworn into office at the November Town Council meeting on **November 12**.



Remembrance Day Service in Trenton

Monday, November 11, 2024

Trenton Cenotaph on High Street

Formation at the cenotaph by 10:45am

Immediately Following the Service: Guests over 19 years of age are invited to attend the reception at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29 (94 Main Street) for wartime music followed by karaoke

with KGB entertainment. Kids can head over to the Trenton Fire Hall (122 Main Street) and anyone is welcome for a hot dog and a drink!

Street Closure Notice: Please be aware **High Street** will be closed to vehicular traffic from Hampson Street to Mechanic Street with Diamond Street blocked during the Remembrance Day ceremony from 10:30am until approximately Noon.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29 Trenton

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



Fundraising Draw - Tickets for 2 Anywhere WestJet Flies!

Tickets \$5.00 each available at the Trenton Legion; see bartender to purchase tickets. The draw will take place on November 17, 2024 at the Trenton Legion.

Trenton Legion Holiday Craft Fair - Thursday, November 7, 2024 - 4:00pm to 8:00pm

\$2 admission (Age 12 & under free). Entrance is located at the side of the building off the back parking lot. (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1231976494660590>)

Remembrance Day Office Closure

The Town Admin Office (120 Main Street) will be closed in respect of Remembrance Day on **Monday, November 11, 2024**. The office will reopen for public office hours (9:00am to 4:00pm) on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

November 2024 Meetings

Town Council - November 12 & Committee of the Whole - November 26
Town meetings begin at 6:00pm in Council Chambers (upstairs at Town Hall).



Don't forget to fall back! Daylight Saving time ends at 2:00am on **Sunday, November 3, 2024**, this is also the perfect time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors & carbon monoxide alarms!

Province of NS - Heating Assistance Rebate Program

Apply for a heating assistance rebate

The Heating Assistance Rebate Program helps low-and modest-income Nova Scotians with the cost of home heating. Rebates are \$600 for each household. You can apply from October 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Eligible home heating costs include: oil, electricity, natural gas, wood, wood pellets, coal, other heating sources. You need to pay for your own home heat. If you rent your home, the cost of heating cannot be included in the rent. Ineligible home heating costs include: heating that's included in rent and the cost of electricity usage that's less than 5,000 kWh per year.

To qualify for the rebate, you need to pay for your own home (residential) heat and meet 1 of the following criteria:

- have a 2023 net income of \$55,000 or less & live alone with no kids or dependents
- have a combined 2023 net household income of \$75,000 or less & live with kids, dependents or other adults
- receive Income Assistance from the Department of Community Services
- receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or Allowance from Service Canada

If your personal or financial situation has changed since last year, you still may qualify. Examples of changes include becoming widowed, getting divorced or legally separated, losing your job, turning 18, recently arriving in Canada, or having the custody of your children change. Contact the Dept. of Service Nova Scotia to find out if you qualify.

You need to apply by March 31, 2025. Applying online is easy and the fastest way to apply. You can apply online at: www.novascotia.ca/heatinghelp

BE SCAM AWARE - The Department of Service Nova Scotia will never text or email you for banking information or ask you to click a link to "deposit" your rebate.

Influenza Season is Here!

Flu Shot Appointments Available at Trenton Pharmasave

Flu shot appointments are now available for booking online!

If you need help booking your appointment, please call:

1-833-797-7772 (7 days a week, from 7:30am to 3:30pm).

To book your flu shot appointment online, visit:

<https://www.nshealth.ca/seasonal-vaccines>

Must be age 2 & over with a valid NS Health Card. Short sleeve shirts recommended.

Seniors Influenza Vaccine: Nova Scotia is offering seniors aged 65+ a new enhanced influenza vaccine, different from the standard flu vaccine and is shown to have better protection for people in this age range who are more likely to experience severe illness from influenza. Find out more at: <https://www.novascotia.ca/flu>

Trenton Pharmasave

138 Main Street, Trenton NS

Tel: 902-755-0202

Facebook: @trentonpharmasave

Hours of Operation

Monday/Wednesday/Friday - 9am to 5pm

Tuesday/Thursday - 9am to 6pm

Saturday - 9am to 4pm | Sunday - Closed



Province of NS - Seniors Property Tax Rebate

Submission Deadline Quickly Approaching: December 31, 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) and 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 to include with your application. To request a tax sheet, call Town Hall at 902-752-5311.

FINAL DATE to receive your Tax Sheet or fax from Town Hall is December 23, 2024. Applications MUST be received by the December 31, 2024 deadline.

Note: The Seniors Property Tax Rebate application form also allows applicants to opt in for the 2024-25 Heating Assistance Rebate Program.

Province of NS - Seniors Care Grant

Apply for help with household, healthcare and home heating costs

The Seniors Care Grant helps low-income seniors with the cost of household services (like lawn care, snow removal, grocery delivery, transportation, small home repairs and phone service), healthcare services (like physiotherapy and mental health support) and home heating. Grants are \$750 for each household. Receipts may be requested. To qualify for the grant, you need to be 65 or older by March 31, 2025 and meet all of the following criteria:

- have a household net income of \$45,100 or less
- live in your own home or apartment
- have your name on the property title, Land Titles Initiative Certificate of Claim or residential lease agreement
- have paid (or that you will pay) for household and healthcare services and home heating between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025

You can apply until March 31, 2025 (only 1 person per household can apply).

Consider applying online if you can - you could save on mailing time and get your grant faster. APPLY ONLINE at: www.novascotia.ca/seniorscaregrant

If you are not applying online, application forms are available at Town Hall (120 Main Street) during office hours Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Need help with your application?

The Seniors Care Grant can help you with the application process and answer questions about proof of income, home ownership or lease agreement, and receipts for household and healthcare services & home heating. Please contact:

Tel: 902-424-5200 | Toll-free: 1-800-670-4357 | Email: askus@novascotia.ca



www.pcwastemgmt.com
Waste Reduction Hotline: (902) 396-1495

Fall Leaf Collection - November 15, 2024

Fall leaf collection in the Town of Trenton will take place on your regular collection day: Friday, November 15, 2024.

- Leaves must be in clear, orange or paper bags
Unlimited number of bags of leaves accepted
- Leaves should be set out with but separate from garbage bags
- Leaves can be put in the green cart on a regular basis
- Leaves can be put in a backyard composter
- NO leaves permitted in black bags
- Bundles of twigs, no longer than 4 feet will be accepted.



Q&A with PCSW

Q: Can I put "plastic-looking" compost bags and cutlery in the green bin?

A: NO. PC has a cart-based organics program in which compost is produced very quickly. For this reason, these types of items do not have time to decompose in the process and are therefore not accepted in our program. Plastic bags labelled "biodegradable" or "compostable" are NOT accepted in green carts in Pictou Co.

Q: Do I have to remove labels and wash my material for blue bag recycling?

A: You don't have to remove labels; however, all material must be clean/dry.

Q: Do I put broken glass, dishes and ornaments in my blue bag or in the clear bag?

A: Neither. Broken glass is not recyclable and could injure our collectors. Place it in a sealed container/box marked "Broken Glass" & place it beside your clear bag.



What Goes Where

Amazon Plastic Packaging - GARBAGE

Currently these types of packaging cannot be recycled.

14th Annual Steeltown Christmas Craft Fair!

Hosted by Trenton Home & School

Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Trenton Middle School Gymnasium

\$2 Admission (Children Age 12 & under free)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/508806462080910>



We will have a variety of vendors with a wide array of unique products and homemade items you won't find anywhere else!

Enjoy our delicious hot cider while you shop. We will also have Chef Andrew Martell running our CAFE. If you have not tried his food, it is a must. Come out to support our wonderful students and talented vendors!

All proceeds from the door go directly to support our Trenton Elementary School and Trenton Middle School students.

Trenton Parks & Recreation

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

Keep up to date with everything Recreation on their social media pages (details above).

902-752-2382

Recreation@trenton.ca

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@TrentonRinkNS

Pictou County Christmas Fund

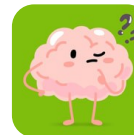
Christmas Sharing in Our Community for 50 Years!

Over the years, the Pictou County Christmas Fund has supported over 29 thousand families in Pictou County. Registering for assistance is once again required & can be done online by visiting: <https://pictoucountychristmasfund.ca> or by filling out a paper form, which will be available at all Pictou County Library locations. Deadline to register for assistance (online or paper) is **November 29**. Any questions about registration can be emailed to: pccregister@gmail.com.

Mental Wellness & Early Intervention

Families Overcoming Risks & Building Opportunities for Well-being

FORBOW is a research program from Dalhousie University and Nova Scotia Health now offering services in Pictou County. We work with families to prevent the cycle of mental illness through early detection & intervention.



Enrolment is open to **All Nova Scotian Families** with children aged 9-24, especially those with a family history of mental illness.

- Annual Meetings:** Talk with our team, answer questions, & complete activities.
- Time Commitment:** 3-5 hours per visit, including breaks.
- Ongoing Support:** Regular follow-ups to monitor & support wellbeing
- Prevention & Support:** Focus on supporting positive mental wellbeing in youth.
- Peace of Mind:** Regular attention to your child's mental health as they grow.
- Access to Interventions:** Potential eligibility for additional studies or our TIDE intervention program if needed.

FORBOW New Glasgow Office
690 East River Road, New Glasgow NS
Tel: 902-752-7600 x 3714

Learn more and find out if your family is eligible to participate!
www.forbow.org/pictoucounty



Stones RV New Glasgow is again hosting Coats For Kids. New or gently-used coats, hats, mittens, shoes and 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, 2024**.

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.

Public Works Department

Are Flushable Wipes Really Safe to Flush?

Wet wipes are marketed as "flushable" so there should be no problem with flushing them down the toilet, right? Wrong! Even though these wipes do eventually break down, they take a longer amount of time to do so compared to toilet paper. Since the breakdown of wet wipes aren't as rapid, clogged pipes and blockages occur more frequently. Wipes can also cause clogged sewers and get tangled in pumps and equipment. Thick toilet paper, paper towels, cotton swabs, dental floss, sanitary pads, and toilet cleaning pads are all commonly flushed items that contribute to clogs and backups. They ALL belong in the regular garbage. These items cause damage to the pumping system which results in expensive repairs to keep our public sewer systems working properly.



Storm Sewer Separation - Seventh Street (Duchess Avenue to Duke Street)

S.W. Weeks Construction has been contracted to complete work on the Seventh Street Storm Sewer Separation Project. Work on this project has already begun and is expected to take until December to complete. As a requirement for the completion of this project, there will be times when water services must be shut off temporarily at individual residences along Seventh Street. We will make every effort to notify residents of individual service disruptions.

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



Water Utility

High Water Usage on your Water Bill? Watch Out for Leaks!

A leaky faucet can waste up to 11,350 litres of water each year! Simple repairs can prevent water from being wasted. Leaks are commonly due to worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets and other leaking valves. Repair any leaky fixtures and check your toilet at least once a year for undetected leaks. Ensure that you know the location of your main water shut-off in case of an emergency water leak. Always check your water bill for abnormal consumption amounts. Each water bill will show your previous bills reading as well as your current consumption. Contact the Town Office at 902-752-5311 if you have any questions regarding your bill.

Meet Your Meter - Your water meter is the best detective in the home. It can tell whether you have sizeable leaks, as well as how much water various appliances are using. Your meter is mechanical, which means it only moves when water physically moves through the meter. For leak detection, turn everything off carefully, so no water is being used anywhere in the house then check the meter. If it hasn't moved, congratulations! You have a relatively water-tight home. If it has moved, you should start checking hose connections, faucets, and toilets for possible leaks.