

TRENTON talk



Trenton Christmas Tree Lighting!

Sunday, December 1, 2024

The holiday season is almost upon us! We are excited to once again be planning our annual Town Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony for Sunday, December 1st, 2024 beginning at 6:00pm at the Trenton Station (across from the Fire Hall) followed by treats downstairs at the Trenton Fire Hall. The Trenton Library will also be on site with Adopt-a-Library books to give away! We hope to see

everyone out to listen to the Trenton Elementary School choir, help light up our Town Christmas tree, and of course visit with the big man himself – Santa Claus! Non-perishable food donations for the Town’s Holiday Food Drive will be accepted at the Fire Hall during this event.

Street Closure Notice

Please be aware Forge Street (from Main Street to High Street) will be closed to vehicular traffic on Sunday, December 1, 2024 beginning at 5:30pm for the Town Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. This closure should last until approx. 7:00pm.



Cenotaph Renovations
THANK you!

The Town of Trenton would like to express our sincere gratitude and recognize the following businesses and organizations for their assistance in renovating the grounds of the Trenton Cenotaph on High Street:

- ◆ Arsenault Monuments
- ◆ Casey Concrete
- ◆ I. Matheson & Co. Ltd.
- ◆ Keltic Concrete
- ◆ Kent Building Supplies
- ◆ MV Sod
- ◆ Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 29 Trenton
- ◆ S.W. Weeks
- ◆ Tupper’s Trucking
- ◆ Trenton Fire Dept.
- ◆ Trenton Public Works
- ◆ Westville Mobile Wash
- ◆ Veteran Affairs

Thanks to the in-kind donations and work provided by these businesses/groups, we were able to renovate the sidewalk, walkway and reinstate new sod around the cenotaph. The work looks fantastic and could not have been done without the help of these generous donors!

December 2024 Meetings

Town Council - December 10 & Committee of the Whole - *No Meeting*
Town meetings begin at 6:00pm in Council Chambers (upstairs at Town Hall).

Connect with Council

Your new Town Council was sworn into office on Tuesday, November 12, 2024! Have a question or concern you want to send to Council? Email: mayorandcouncil@trenton.ca



Photo (from left): Councillor Donnie Cullen, Councillor Nicole LeBlanc, Mayor Alec Dove, Councillor Stephanie MacKinnon, & Deputy Mayor Scott Cameron



Wishing all Trenton residents a
Happy & Festive Holiday Season!
Town of Trenton Mayor, Council & Staff

Trenton Water Utility

Will Your Property be Vacant over the Winter?

If you plan to keep your property vacant over the winter, you should consider a temporary water shut off. Even though you might shut the water off inside your home, pipes can still freeze between your shut off and your foundation wall, leaving you open to major water damage. There is no cost for the utility shut off; however, there is a \$60 fee to have the water turned back on in the spring during our regular working hours. Call the Town Office at 902-752-5311 to arrange a water shut off.

Newsletter Mailout Issue: Due to the Canada Post strike, the December newsletter cannot be mailed to residents at this time. Paper copies are available for pickup at the Town Office and Trenton Public Library during regular operating hours.

Public Works Department

Town Snow Removal Policy

During a snow storm, the emergency routes are plowed first for the safety and security of all Trenton residents. This route consists of Main Street, Forge Street, Park Road, Seventh Street, Strickland Avenue, Fourteenth Street, Duke Street, Maple Street, and part of Oak Street. These streets MUST be kept open for emergency vehicles. Multiple trips are required depending on the width, severity of the storm and whether it’s a major or minor route. Emergency routes require more passes while minor streets are typically opened up and later widened as the storm diminishes. Parking lots are plowed after the storm or when all streets are plowed.

Snow Removal Challenges

One of the biggest challenges faced by our snow plow operators are obstructions in the street. Cars parked on the street, garbage cans, basketball and hockey nets, and manmade snow drifts create unnecessary hazards. Keep in mind our plow trucks are wider than a typical car. We ask that you keep your vehicles off the street so we can effectively clean the street for safe passage. The New Glasgow Police Traffic Authority sets the Winter Parking Regulations Act annually. Please be cautious, keep the streets clear and clean off your vehicles before travelling. Together we can keep our streets, staff and residents safe this winter!

Administration

Property Taxes

Town of Trenton 2024/2025 final property tax bills were due October 31, 2024. Outstanding balances accrue interest at 1.25% per month. In accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, the Town is required to take properties with outstanding balances to tax sale. Per the Tax Sale Policy (ADM-20230711), tax accounts two (2) years in arrears are subject to Tax Sale Proceedings and may be sold at a Public Auction. This process commences at the beginning of each calendar year, with a Public Auction taking place each June. To inquire about payment arrangements or options, contact Town Hall at 902-752-5311 during public office hours: Monday to Friday (excluding holidays), 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Change of Address

If you have not received your recent tax or water utility bills, please update your mailing address now. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure that the correct mailing address is on your customer accounts. To update your mailing address, please call the administration office at 902-752-5311.

It is also important to ensure that your mailing address is up to date with Property Valuation Services Corp. (PVSC) to ensure that you receive your Notice of Assessment which they mail out to property owners in January annually. You can call PVSC at 1-800-380-7775.

Holiday Office Closure

The Town Office (120 Main Street) will close for the holiday season at Noon on Tuesday, December 24, 2024. We will reopen for public office hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm) on Thursday, January 2, 2025.



'Tis the Season of Giving

Town of Trenton Annual Holiday Food Drive

This holiday season the Town will once again be collecting non-perishable food items, toiletries and baby items to donate to the Pictou County Food Bank East. Final day to donate will be **Friday, December 13, 2024.**



Donations accepted now at Trenton Rink (75 Park Rd.) during operational hours or at the Town Hall (120 Main St.) during public office hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm. Consider dropping off your donation in reusable bags which are always needed. Some of the high demand items include:

- ◆ Rice
- ◆ Soup & Stew
- ◆ Canned Fruit
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Canned Meat & Fish
- ◆ Canned Vegetables
- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Baby Food

According to a recent CBC article on the Food Bank, food orders jumped more than 30% from 5,750 in 2020 to 7,549 in 2023. Those orders fed 17,688 people last year, Pictou County has only 43,000 total. Between Jan. 1 and Oct. 11 of this year, there were 6,117 orders already. The food bank has had to cut back on certain food items this year due to rising demand and soaring expenses, this includes canned meat, canned tomatoes, corn and juice.

All items will be donated to the **Pictou County Food Bank East:**

Located at 410 Granville Street, New Glasgow

Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8:30am to 11:30am.

For more information, visit their website at www.pcfoodbank.ca, follow them on Facebook @pictoucountyfoodbank or contact 902-755-2906.

Municipal Concerns

Online Submission Form Now Available

On the Town's website (www.trenton.ca) there is now a "CONCERNS" link on the main category bar at the top of each page. This will take you to a submission form where you can submit a concern or complaint, complete with a photo if needed. Submissions are monitored Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 3:30pm and assigned to the appropriate department for review. Please note, this submission form should not be used in emergency situations.

Public Works/Water Emergencies (including After Hours): To report Public Works Emergencies, including but not limited to emergencies related to wastewater & storm water systems, (other examples: water line breaks, leaking water meters, etc.), call Darryl Marcott (Public Works Superintendent) at **902-752-6907.**

NGRP Non-Emergency Line: 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.** *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.

Trenton Parks & Recreation

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.

902-752-2382

Recreation@trenton.ca

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2024 Holiday Events Guide

- ◆ **Christmas Tree Lighting**
December 1, 2024 at 6:00pm
Trenton Station, Main St.
- ◆ **Ugly Sweater Family Skating**
December 21, 2024 - 12:30pm to 1:30pm
Trenton Rink, 75 Park Rd.
- ◆ **Chester's Story Time with Santa**
December 20, 2024 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Trenton Fire Hall, Main St.
- ◆ **Elves on the Run: Solstice Trail Run or Hike**
December 21, 2024 - 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Meet at Trenton Rink, 75 Park Rd.

Keep up to date with full details on our social media pages! (above)

◆ Letters to Santa - Trenton Park Postage!

Our friend Chester has been very busy in Trenton Park over the past couple of days! He's a little worried that some of your letters might not make it to Santa this year, so he's taken matters into his own hands and placed a special mailbox in the Park. But here's the catch... you'll have to find it first! So grab your family, bundle up, and take a walk through the Park. Who knows, you might just spot Chester's hidden mailbox where your holiday wishes can be sent straight to the North Pole! *Hint:* if you joined us for Trick or Trail.... you are on the right path!



◆ Adopt-a-Christmas Tree in Trenton Park! (December 2-14, 2024 at Trenton Park) *How It Works:*

- 1) Take a stroll through Trenton Park and pick your tree. Available trees will be marked with an "adopt-a-tree" sign.
- 2) Reach out to us at emily.morton@trenton.ca and let us know the name of the tree you would like to adopt!
- 3) Drop by the Trenton Rink to pay the \$20 light fee and pick up your lights. Let your creativity take it from there! Trees must be decorated by December 12, 2024.

Trenton Rink Rentals - Ice & Community Spaces

Trenton Rink offers two versatile community spaces for both in-house programming and rentals. The Viewing Room and Annex Building are available for rent and can be utilized by local groups and organizations for a variety of events, meetings, and community activities. For rink rental inquiries, please contact: craig.murray@trenton.ca or call the rink at 902-752-2382.

Free Public Skating at Trenton Rink

- ◆ Adult/Senior Leisure Skate Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - 12:00pm to 1:30pm
- ◆ After School Skate Friday Afternoons - 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Pictou County Scotians Junior B Team - Celebrating 30 Years in 2024!

- ◆ Home Games at Trenton Rink
Sundays Puck Drop at 6:00pm (warm-up at 5:30pm)
Follow on their Facebook @scotiansmama for more game details including when away games are scheduled.



New Glasgow Regional Police

Community Policing Office: 902-755-8318

Non-Emergency Inquiries & Animal Control: 902-752-1941

For Emergencies: Call 911



Winter Parking Regulations

Winter Parking Regulations will come into effect between **December 1, 2024 and April 1, 2025.** During this time, overnight parking on any street is prohibited between the hours of 1:00am to 7:00am. Motorists are instructed not to park on any street that might hinder, inconvenience or prevent snow removal. During the period from one hour after any snowstorm has commenced to two hours after such snowstorm has stopped, do not park upon any street to hinder snow clean-up. Any vehicles impeding snow plows removing snow can be ticketed at any time. No person shall remove or permit to be removed snow or ice from a property onto a public street, sidewalk or other public place. Businesses are reminded that it is their responsibility to remove all snow and ice from the sidewalk abutting their property. Your cooperation is essential for the safety of all pedestrians, particularly school children and seniors, during winter months.

Snow Removal Reminder for Residents

Residents are reminded to please refrain from piling/pushing/blowing snow onto roadways and sidewalks. Putting snow on roadways is a risk to motorized vehicles as well as pedestrians. Thank you for helping to keep our thoroughways safe.

Trenton Fire Department



Here Comes Santa Claus!

Santa Claus is planning to make an appearance in Trenton again this year on Christmas Eve - December 24th to see all of the children before they go to bed. Santa will once again be travelling on Town streets from Lower Munroe Street to Beech Street. Residents not covered in this area are encouraged to make their way to a street that Santa will be passing by. **Have a safe & Happy Holiday Season! Fire Chief Wayne Allain & Trenton Fire Dept.**

Drop Off Letters to Santa at Trenton Fire Hall!

Santa sent the Fire Dept. a special red mailbox for Trenton and Hillside kids to drop off their letters to Santa! Be sure to include your return address (including your street address - not PO BOX!). Please have your letters dropped off in the fire hall mailbox by **December 15th** so Santa has time to get them back to us!

Trenton Fire Department Presents NYE Bash Featuring Hush!

December 31, 2024 from 9:00pm to 1:00am at Trenton Fire Hall (122 Main St.)

This New Years Eve event is 19+ (Gov't ID upon request).

Ticket: \$30 per person - Available at Trenton Need's & Big Al's Convenience

Please Keep Fire Hydrants Clear Whenever Possible

With the winter season coming soon, members of the Trenton Fire Department encourage all residents to help keep hydrants near your home clear from snow and obstructions after a snowfall until the Public Works Dept. can get them fully cleared. Keeping the snow clear around the hydrant (approx. 3 feet) can save valuable time in setting up firefighting operations. The minutes taken by having to make the hydrant accessible can be the difference in saving or losing a life.