

TRENTON talk

Happy New Year!

2025

Wishing everyone in Trenton great health, happiness and prosperity throughout the coming year and beyond!

**TOWN OF TRENTON
Mayor, Council & Staff**

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**.

911 EMERGENCIES: Call 911 if your health, safety or property is threatened and you need help right away from emergency services (Police, Fire, Ambulance).

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.

Thank You Trenton!

2024 Holiday Food Drive

Thank you to everyone in Trenton who so graciously donated to our annual **Holiday Food Drive** this past December. We were able to once again fill the back of one of our Public Works trucks! We are so grateful for the generosity and kindness of our community year after year. Thank you Trenton!



January 2025 Meetings

Town Council - January 14 & Committee of the Whole - January 28
Town meetings begin at 6:00pm in Council Chambers (upstairs at Town Hall).



Connect with Council

A Message from Mayor Dove

Another year has come and gone and our new Council is already two months into our term! I hope that the holiday season allowed you to relax and enjoy family celebrations and that 2025 brings you all health, happiness and prosperity.

Council met with the provincial school site selection committee in early December, and we are expecting to hear the committee's decision on the site of the new Trenton P-8 school in early 2025 (January/February).

We would love to see more resident participation on our Town committees. These committees need your help if they are to succeed. They are not time consuming and would require only a few hours per month but make a huge difference in our Town. If you're interested in learning more or becoming involved, please call the Town Administration Office during public office hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm) at 902-752-5311 or visit the Committee's of Council page on the Town's website at:

<https://town.trenton.ns.ca/committees-of-council.html>

2025 is looking to be an interesting year and Trenton Council is already hard at work. Thank you for putting your trust in us and we look forward to working together to continue moving our Town forward.

Alec Dove

MAYOR, TOWN OF TRENTON

Public Works Department

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!

Water Billing

No Changes to December Billing Timeframe

The Town produces water bills quarterly (January, April, July and October). With Canada Post once again operating as normal, we suspect that the next water bill will be issued and mailed as expected in early January. 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 amounts following the due date: **Friday, January 31, 2025**. If you have any questions regarding your bill, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Administration Office at 902-752-5311.

New Glasgow Regional Police

Community Policing Office: 902-755-8318

Non-Emergency Inquiries: 902-752-1941

For Emergencies: Call 911

2024-2025 Winter Parking Regulations Act

Whereas due to the congestion on the streets and highways in the communities of New Glasgow and Trenton caused by vehicular and pedestrian traffic and the limitation on the free use of the streets liable to be caused by the presence of snow and ice thereon and notwithstanding that certain traffic signs have been erected in these communities prohibiting or permitting vehicles to park or stand upon any street during the hours stated thereon:

- No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle upon any street in these communities between the hours of 01:00 am and 07:00 am of the same day.
- No owner, driver or person having control or custody of any vehicle shall between the 1st day of December 2024 and the 1st day of April 2025, park or leave unattended by a person authorized to move and capable of operating the same upon any street in the above manner as to hinder, inconvenience or prevent removal or snow or ice from such highway or street.
- No owner, driver or person having control or custody of any vehicle shall during the period from one hour after any snowstorm has commenced to two hours after such snowstorm has stopped, park the vehicle if it is unattended by a person authorized to move and capable of operating the same, upon any street in these communities.

Nothing in the foregoing shall apply to:

- A motor vehicle of a physician or surgeon parked reasonably near his/her office or residence and immediately available for professional calls.
- A motor vehicle parked by a physician or surgeon who is engaged in his/her professional occupation and reasonably near where he/she is so engaged.
- A motor vehicle parked by an operator who is engaged in discharging his/her duties as a Police Officer or a member of the police or the armed services.
- A motor vehicle parked by an operator who is engaged in discharging his/her duties as a member of a Fire Department.
- A commercial vehicle parked by an operator for the purpose of loading or unloading merchandise.
- A motor vehicle belonging to a public utility company or corporation parked reasonably near the residence of an operator and immediately available for emergency calls.

It shall be an offence for any person to fail to comply with these regulations and such person will be liable to a penalty as provided by Section 293 of the Motor Vehicle Act. In addition, under section 139 of the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act, tickets can be issued and vehicles can be towed any time, day or night, if they are parked in a way that interferes with snow clearing.

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 your responsibility to remove all snow and ice from the sidewalk abutting their property including the street corner.

Chief Ryan Leil

Traffic Authority - Towns of Trenton & New Glasgow



Trenton Parks & Recreation

902-752-2382

Recreation@trenton.ca

@TrentonParksAndRecreation

@trentonparksandrecreation

The Trenton Parks & Rec office is currently located at Trenton Rink (75 Park Road). Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Keep it Moving in 2025!

We're looking forward to another activity packed, fun filled year in Trenton! Keep up to date with Trenton Parks & Recreation on social media (details above).

A Very Special Thank You!

Chester Chipmunk Saves Christmas

On behalf of the Mayor, Council and staff, thank you to Mrs. Ryan-Whites Grade 4 class from the Trenton Elementary School for their work on this story - we're so proud of you! We know that our beautiful Trenton Park is a magical place, and we love hearing another fantastic story about Chester Chipmunk!



Planning & Development

Planning a new construction or renovation project in 2025?

Having the proper permits in place will make sure the process goes smoothly and complies with municipal bylaws. Before you break ground, find out if you need a Building Permit, a Development Permit or both. Projects such as new construction or additions to homes such as extensions, decks or any other accessory structure need a Building and Development Permit, regardless of size. Accessory structures (i.e. sheds) require a Development permit if they are between 100 and 215 square feet. Accessory structures over 215 square feet need a Building and Development Permit. To plan out your project, connect with the Planning and Development Department or call Town Hall at 902-752-5311.

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902-752-4476

Mannie Withrow, Building Official
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REMO Regional Emergency Management Organization
Pictou County

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www.remopictoucounty.ca

What is REMO?

The Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) Pictou County is the agency that takes care of Emergency Management planning, preparation, response, and recovery in Pictou County. Every municipality in the province is responsible for emergency management in their areas, and Pictou County REMO helps make sure that all of our municipalities, police departments, fire departments, and others can deal with any emergency that happens and continue to provide the essential services needed in our communities. Learn more on their website or follow them on Facebook for updates (see above).

www.trenton.ca @TrentonNS @trentonns 902-752-5311

Important Dates in 2025

Council Meetings	Committee of the Whole	Town Administration Office - Holiday Closures	PC Solid Waste - Trenton Collection
Jan. 14	Jan. 28	New Years Day - January 01	Jan. 10, 24
Feb. 11	Feb. 25	Heritage Day - February 17	Feb. 07, 21
March 11	March 25	Good Friday - April 18	March 07, 21
April 08	April 29	Easter Monday - April 21	April 04, 19*
May 13	May 27	Victoria Day - May 19	May 02, 16, 30
June 10	June 24	Canada Day - July 01	June 13, 27
July 08	July - None	Natal Day - August 04	July 11, 25
Aug. - None	Aug. 26	Labour Day - September 01	Aug. 08, 22
Sept. 09	Sept. 29*	Truth & Reconciliation - Sept.30	Sept. 05, 19
Oct. 14	Oct. 28	Thanksgiving - October 13	Oct. 03, 17, 31
Nov. 10*	Nov. 25	Remembrance Day - Nov. 11	Nov. 14, 28
Dec. 09	Dec. - None	2025 Holiday Closure TBD	Dec. 12, 27*

Both Town Council and Committee of the Whole meetings begin at 6:00pm (year-round) and are held in the Council Chambers (upstairs at Town Hall).

Residents are welcome to attend both meetings & the meeting agendas are posted on the Town's website (www.trenton.ca) prior to each meeting.
* Holiday Changes

The Town Administration office (120 Main Street) will be CLOSED on the above dates and will reopen on the first business day following each holiday unless otherwise stated.

Public Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
9:00am to 4:00pm
(excluding holidays above)

902-752-5311
@TrentonNS

PCSW has an app to provide all residents with easy access to collection schedules & answers regarding proper sorting. The app gives you the option of receiving reminders & will notify you regarding cancellations or changes to your collection schedule.
* Holiday Changes

Town Services & Contacts

- General Inquiries - Town Admin Office (120 Main St.)..... 902-752-5311 *
* Connect with Council at mayorandcouncil@trenton.ca or call the Town Admin Office
- Chief Administrative Officer - Alanna Grover..... 902-752-2065
- Public Works Superintendent - Darryl Marcott..... 902-752-6907 **
** Use this # for Afterhours Emergencies related to Public Works/Water Issues.
- Water Utility Manager - Robert MacLean..... 902-752-1450
- Building Inspector - Mannie Withrow..... 902-752-5209
- Planning & Development Officer - Roland Burek..... 902-752-4476
- Emergency Response (Police/Fire/Health Emergencies)..... 9-1-1
- New Glasgow Regional Police (Non-emergency Line)..... 902-752-1941
- Trenton Fire Dept. (Non-emergency/General Inquires)..... 902-752-2993
- Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre (Rink)..... 902-752-2382
- Trenton Parks & Recreation Director - Craig Murray..... 902-752-1019
- Trenton Library - Branch Assistant Thekla Altmann..... 902-752-5181
- Pictou County Solid Waste Hotline (Garbage Collection)..... 902-396-1495

Trenton Fire Department



Winter Fire Safety Tips

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat sources such as: fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.
- Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors and test at least once per month.
- Plug only one heat-producing appliance (ex: space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.
- Have a qualified professional clean & inspect your chimney & vents every year.
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.

Help our firefighters keep fire hydrants clear this winter!

In an emergency, every second counts! When there is a snowstorm, the Public Works Department is busy clearing the roads and sidewalks first, and it may be a day or two before the fire hydrants can be plowed out. We kindly ask all capable Trenton residents to help keep them clear. If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, here's how you can help:

- Remove any snow or ice from the hydrant
- Clear a wide enough perimeter to walk around it (about 3 feet)
- Clear a path from the hydrant to the street



Doing this task may potentially save a life. We thank you in advance!



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

Natural Christmas Tree Collection - January 10, 2024

Natural Christmas Tree Collection for the Town of Trenton will take place on your regular collection day: Friday, January 10, 2024. Please remove all tinsel, lights, decorations, tree stands and plastic bags from Christmas trees prior to collection. Please ensure trees do not become stuck or frozen in snowbanks. All items must be to the curb no later than 7:00AM to ensure collection.

Winter Collection Cancellations

In the event of a cancellation, an announcement will be made by PCSW prior to 7:00AM on The Breeze 94.1FM, posted on the PCSW website & Facebook page. If your collection is cancelled before 7:00AM, your material will be collected the following Saturday. If a storm begins while the collection trucks are on their routes, it is at the drivers discretion to continue collecting. If this happens and collection is cancelled, pick up will be on your next regular collection day.

Accessibility Committee Accepting New Members!

The Town of Trenton is committed to identifying, preventing, and eliminating barriers faced by people of all abilities including those who identify as having a disability, and ensuring our municipal programs, services, initiatives, and facilities in our Town are barrier-free. Interested in joining the Accessibility Committee? Please call Town Hall at 902-752-5311 or email: mayorandcouncil@trenton.ca