

TRENTON talk



Nova Scotia Heritage Day

2025 Honouree: Nora Bernard

Nora Madeline Bernard (September 22, 1935 - December 26, 2007) was a strong Mi'kmaq activist for her community of Millbrook First Nation and First Nations across the country. Nora Bernard was instrumental in ensuring justice, recognition and compensation for the Survivors of the Canadian Indian Residential School system. As a survivor of the residential school system herself, Ms. Bernard founded and became president of the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School Association in 1987, and launched a class-action lawsuit on its behalf. The action taken by Ms. Bernard inspired residential schools survivors across the country to file suits, and after the suits amalgamated, it became the largest class-action lawsuit in Canadian history, representing about 79,000 survivors. For 21 years, Ms. Bernard worked tirelessly to raise awareness and seek justice for Residential School Survivors. In 2007 the federal government settled the lawsuit for more than \$5 billion. Ms. Bernard was a kind and gentle woman whose inner strength allowed her to achieve the unimaginable for the survivors. Ms. Bernard also worked as a counselor for the Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association and contributed to the United Church of Canada program "Toward Justice and Right Relationship: A Beginning" to foster reconciliation, justice and right the relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in Truro. In 2008, Nora Bernard posthumously received the Order of Nova Scotia. Mr. Dick Cotterill, chairman, Council of Ministries United, said: "...every time I left Nora's home, it was with a beacon of hope and love and respect. She was a great person, well deserving of recognition in the Order of Nova Scotia."

For more resources & to learn more, visit: <https://heritageday.novascotia.ca>

Credit: Order of Nova Scotia (<https://novascotia.ca/iga/2008recipients.asp>)

Volunteer Recognition

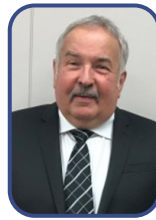
2025 Nomination Forms Available Now

During 2025 National Volunteer Week (April 27 to May 03), communities across Canada will come together to recognize and celebrate all the ways volunteers make waves from coast to coast to coast. The 2025 theme is "Volunteers Make Waves", highlighting the power, impact and importance of individual and collective volunteer efforts across Canada. The Town's Annual Florence Gouthro Memorial Award is presented to a volunteer who exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism. The nomination process is open to local organizations and community groups, as well as the public. This open call for nominations is County wide; however, the nominee must be a volunteer who is serving/impacting Trenton in some way. Electronic applications are available on the Town's website or hard copy at Town Hall. **Nomination Submission Deadlines: Volunteer of the Year - Feb. 28th & Community Volunteer Awards - March 21st.**

**NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER
WEEK 2025**
VOLUNTEERS MAKE WAVES
APRIL 27 - MAY 3

February 2025 Meetings

Town Council - February 11 & Committee of the Whole - February 25
Town meetings begin at 6:00pm in Council Chambers (upstairs at Town Hall).



Connect with Council

A Message from Deputy Mayor Cameron

As we begin a new year, many of us set goals we would like to achieve during the next twelve months. Being newly elected to Town Council, I have some goals that I feel would be beneficial to Trenton residents.

While campaigning in October, I was able to discuss a number of issues and concerns that are important to many of you. Our property taxes and the condition of the streets and sidewalks were certainly major concerns. Hopefully we can continue to keep paving streets each year and look towards other improvements as well. Many residents would also like to see more businesses come to Town, especially a gas bar.

Many people I talked to over the last few months would like to see the Town's biggest asset, which is also a regional asset, our beautiful Park re-open for camping. With all the recent upgrades at the Park, many feel it would be beneficial to the Town and help bring in needed revenue.

Being one of the facilitators for our P-8 new school, I am more than excited that it is becoming a reality. This school will make Trenton a more desirable place for raising a family and we could see an influx of people. However, with limited land available for housing, we may have to be creative if we plan to make room for any potential growth. If this could be achieved over the next few years, a new sub-division would give us a larger residential tax base, producing more tax dollars for the Town.

We have a new skateboard park for our youth and this spring a new multisport court will open. As well, the Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame should be open by the end of the summer. These new facilities will enhance our Town and attract visitors.

Hopefully we can all work together and continue to make Trenton a great place to live.

Scott Cameron

DEPUTY MAYOR, TOWN OF TRENTON

Community Grants Policy

2025 Application Process Now Open

Every year the Town receives requests for support from many community groups and causes. Responding to such requests on an ad hoc or "as received" basis may result in inequitable treatment of requests that are received late in the fiscal year, or may not allow Council to best prioritize such requests for maximum impact in the community. Community Grant Applications for the 2025/2026 fiscal period are now being considered. Applications must be received no later than **February 28th, 2025** so they can be assessed in preparation for the 2025/2026 General Operating Budget. Although the Town cannot fund all applications received, we appreciate the interest of community groups in our program. The full policy and application form may be obtained from Town Hall (120 Main Street) during public office hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm) or on the Town's website at www.trenton.ca.



1-800-380-7775

inquiry@pvsc.ca

www.pvsc.ca

2025 Property Assessment Notices

Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) assesses every property in Nova Scotia and mails over 638,000 Property Assessment Notices to property owners every January. When you receive your Property Assessment Notice:

- ◆ **Read every section.**
- ◆ **Confirm your property details** in your online "My Property Report". You can log in with the Assessment Account Number (AAN) and PIN on your Property Assessment Notice at www.pvsc.ca.
- ◆ **Note the deadline** to appeal your assessment. PVSC must receive your appeal within 31 days of the date on your Notice.
- ◆ **Contact PVSC** if you have questions about, or disagree with, your Property Assessment Notice. Assessors are available Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm at 1-800-380-7775 or email: inquiry@pvsc.ca.

Assessment Appeals

The *Nova Scotia Assessment Act* provides an appeal process for property owners who disagree with their property assessment, ownership, or classification of their property. Review your assessment notice and your property details online or by phone to determine if your property information is correct. If you disagree with the information on your notice, contact PVSC to discuss your concerns before filing an appeal. PVSC will review your property file, explain how your assessment was determined, and answer your questions. If you decide to proceed with an appeal, you must complete and sign a *Property Assessment Appeal Form* and submit it to PVSC. By law, your signed form must be received by the date noted on your Property Assessment Notice.

Mental Health & Addictions Resources

You don't have to manage everything on your own. Help is available.



- ◆ **Suicide Crisis Helpline (Available Anywhere in Canada): Dial 9-8-8**
If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, call or text 9-8-8. Help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Helpline offers support that is bilingual, trauma-informed, culturally appropriate and available to anyone in Canada to get help in a mental health crisis. Someone is always listening.
- ◆ **Mental Health & Addictions Crisis Line (Nova Scotia): Call 1-888-429-8167**
An addictions crisis line is available for urgent support. Mental health and addictions professionals provide support, programs, and services
- ◆ **Mental Health & Addictions Services (<https://mha.nshealth.ca>): Dial 2-1-1**
List of services/programs offered by Nova Scotia Health & community partners.
- ◆ **Kids Health Phone: Call 1-800-668-6868 or Text CONNECT to 686868**
Professional counselling, information & referrals support to young people 24/7.
- ◆ **Good2Talk: Call 1-833-292-3698 or Text GOOD2TALKNS to 686868**
Free, confidential support services for post-secondary students 24/7.

New Glasgow Regional Police

Community Policing Office: 902-755-8318
Non-Emergency Inquiries: 902-752-1941
For Emergencies: Call 911



Winter Parking Reminder

Residents are advised that the winter parking ban will be enforced 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. The full 2024-2025 Winter Parking Regulations Act can be found on our website at: www.trenton.ca.

Always Clear Snow Off Your Vehicles

- ♦ **Snow Build-up** - To all motorists, you should never drive on the road without first clearing your vehicle of all snow and ice. Including the roof, windows, mirrors, hood and lights.
- ♦ **License Plates** - Your license plate needs to be visible at all times. License plate covers are prone to dirt and grime, potentially making them difficult to read and will get you a ticket.



Public Works Department

Snow Removal & Landscape Repair

Damage done to any residential property caused by Town owned equipment (ex: snow plows) will be restored throughout the spring months by the Public Works staff. If any damage from snow removal occurs, please contact the Trenton Admin Office at 902-752-5311 to record the location for future repair.

Waste Reminder: Place green bins/garbage at the end of your driveway for pickup and not on the sidewalk as this impedes clearing by the sidewalk plow. Thank you.

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

Trenton Parks & Recreation

902-752-2382

Recreation@trenton.ca

@TrentonParksAndRecreation

@trentonparksandrecreation

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

Free Public Skating at Trenton Rink

Adult/Senior Leisure Skating

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
12:00pm to 1:30pm

After School Skate

Friday Afternoons
3:00pm to 4:00pm

Off-Highway Vehicle Use Prohibited on Town Land

Residents are reminded that the Town does not permit the use of off-highway vehicles (ex: 4-wheelers, snow mobiles, etc.) on any Town-owned lands including Scotia Park, hiking trails and backwoods areas of Trenton Park and the Trans Canada Trail (connecting Trenton Park and Smelt Brook Park). You are not allowed to use off-highway vehicles on any lands which you do not own, and you do not have written permission from the property owner to be on their lands with your off-highway vehicles. Tracks in the snow created by off-highway vehicles turn to ice making it more difficult to clear and causes safety concerns for pedestrians.

2025 Trenton FunFest

Mark it on your calendars! Trenton FunFest will be back for another weekend of fun events from **July 10-13, 2025**. Want to help out with FunFest? Whether you can spare a few hours or commit to the event, your contribution will make a difference. If you're interested in volunteering or have any questions, please reach out to Trenton Parks & Recreation at: Recreation@trenton.ca

Outstanding Account Statements

Statements will be issued in early February 2025

Account statements are generated from any customer accounts that hold an outstanding balance. They will look different than your regular bills because these statements are not a new bill but rather a breakdown of previous bills, such as water and/or tax bills, that have yet to be paid in full. This means you may see lines on your statement from various accounts, such as:

- ♦ **5/8" Meter Service (metric):** Standard water meter bill for most residents, if you have a larger pipe servicing your property it could show 3/4", 1" or 1 1/2", etc.
- ♦ **Residential Property, Solid Waste User Charge 1 Unit &/or Fire Protection User Fee:** These 3 charges are from a previous interim or final tax billing. The system applies payments to the oldest charge owing on the account. For taxes, you could see any or all of these charges but they all combine to make up your total tax bill.
- ♦ **Interest:** The total amounts billed must be paid by the due date to avoid interest charges. Interest accumulates at 1.25% per month to all outstanding amounts following the due date. On your statement, you will see any interest accumulated applied to your customer account once per month.

Account statements will not show a new due date since they are amounts already owing and accumulating interest. It is recommended that payments be made as soon as possible when an account statement is received. Should you receive an account statement and have any questions, please contact Town Hall at 902-752-5311.

Trenton Fire Department



Help our firefighters keep fire hydrants clear this winter!

In an emergency, every second counts! During and after 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!

Winter Storm Safety Checklist - Be Prepared. Be Ready. Be Safe.

Before the Storm:

- ♦ Gas up vehicles
- ♦ Make sure you have non-perishable food and water
- ♦ Pick up extra cash
- ♦ Restock your first aid kit
- ♦ Check location of emergency shelters

During the Storm:

- ♦ Stay home if possible
- ♦ Keep off the streets, keep driving to a minimum
- ♦ Never use a generator indoors or in an enclosed space

After the Storm:

- ♦ Wait for plows to clear the roads
- ♦ Never let children play near snowbanks
- ♦ Clear around fire hydrants on/near your property
- ♦ Check on your neighbors

Nova Scotia Firefighters Weekly 50/50 Jackpot

Money raised from this online fundraiser will help support our firefighters across the Province! When purchasing tickets, please select the Trenton Fire Dept. so the money raised will directly help our group. Payment can be made by Visa Debit and Credit Card. You must be a resident of Nova Scotia. Weekly draws take place on Thursdays at 6:00pm. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00, 3 for \$10.00, 20 for \$20.00 or 100 for \$50.00. To purchase your tickets in support of the Trenton Fire Dept. go to: <https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/nsfd/13>. Thank you for supporting the Trenton Fire Dept.!

Holiday Office Closure

The Trenton Admin Office (120 Main Street) will be closed for Heritage Day on Monday, February 17, 2025 and will reopen the following business day: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 for public office hours (9:00am to 4:00pm).

February 9th is National Pizza Day!

That's right an entire day dedicated to celebrating PIZZA! Make sure to show our very own local pizza place some extra love on National Pizza Day (and every other day you need a delicious slice). Gluten free pizza is also available.

SAM'S PIZZA - TRENTON

106 Main Street, Trenton NS
Tel: 902-755-4140
www.samstrenton.ca
Facebook @samspizzatrenton

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sun - Wed: 4:00pm - 10:00pm
Thursday: 4:00pm - 11:00pm
Fri - Sat: 4:00pm - 12:00am
Delivery begins at 4:00pm daily.

