

TRENTON talk



Dog Control By-law No.20

Dog Registration Tags Available at Town Hall

Dog owners must register their dogs at Town Hall (120 Main St.) to receive a dog tag. There is a one-time registration fee of \$20, per dog registered, that shall be effective until the death of the registered dog. Dogs must be registered within 30 business days of being acquired by their owners.

Responsibilities of Owners

This by-law is in effect for all areas of the Town. Dogs outside of their owners property boundaries must be on their leash at ALL times unless they are in an area designated for off-leash activities (i.e., Trenton Park Off-leash Dog Park). Owners MUST always pick up after their pets, including in the off-leash area. Dog waste bags are available at the Park for public use. Please do not allow pets to foul the flowers as volunteers and staff are continuously working in the flower beds. Please help ensure everyone has an enjoyable time outdoors at Trenton Park & around Trenton.

Animal Control Officer

If you have a complaint or issue regarding dogs or other animals, you must call the NGRP Non-Emergency Line at 902-752-1941 to dispatch the Animal Control Officer.

Feeding of Wild Animals By-law No.2018-001

The Town of Trenton urges all residents to stop feeding deer who venture onto their property or Town owned lands or parklands. The By-law No.2018-001 can be found on the Town's website at: <https://www.town.trenton.ns.ca/government/by-laws.html>

Feeding White-Tailed Deer in Winter: Negative Impacts on the Species

Although many citizens engage in this practice, it is essential to emphasize that, in general, feeding is harmful to the health of deer. Many negative effects can be caused by this type of food intake:

- Diseases and mortality resulting from the consumption of inadequate foods.
- Diseases and parasites transmitted at the feeding site, leading to the ingestion of food contaminated by saliva, urine, and feces.
- Road accidents when feeding sites are located near roads.
- Poaching (feeding facilitates the close-range slaughter of deer off season)
- Domestication of deer (reduction of fear and dependency on humans for food)
- Loss of seasonal migration behaviour
- Presence of deer outside their deer yards, in environments that are less favourable to their survival.
- Potential damage to property (ex: landscaping, ornamental shrubs, etc.).

Deer do not require additional food from humans. They live in our climate by adapting in two major ways during winter: physiologically, deer alter their eating habits by restricting food intake and using fat reserves they accumulate in summer and fall; behaviourally, they reduce their movements. They leave their summer habitats at the first major snowfall to regroup in deer yards where the coniferous tree cover, slopes and exposure reduce snow accumulation. *(Source: DNR)*

April 2025 Meetings

Town Council - April 8 & Committee of the Whole - April 29
Town meetings begin at 6:00pm in Council Chambers (upstairs at Town Hall).



Connect with Council

A Message from Councillor MacKinnon

Another month has passed, and spring is just around the corner. As your newly elected councillor, along with the rest of the council, we've been diligently working on our duties to serve the community. I'm truly excited about the direction we're heading, as our team is coming together with fresh ideas and a shared vision for the future of our Town.

We are committed to being transparent and fostering open communication with residents, but we need your participation as well. Whether you attend or watch our council meetings at Town Hall (or online via YouTube), we encourage you to stay engaged. If you have questions or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact us by email at: mayorandcouncil@trenton.ca or by calling Town Hall at 902-752-5311.

We invite you to get involved by volunteering. Our Town is small but full of potential! With a small but dedicated staff, we rely on volunteers to help Trenton thrive.

As spring approaches, there are many exciting projects on the horizon for Trenton. Some of these highlights include:

- The Express Yourself Café will be reopening soon at the caboose on Main Street.
- The skate park is open & it's fantastic to see our community already enjoying it.
- Work on the pickleball/multisport courts is expected to be completed by summer.
- PC Sports Heritage Hall of Fame is expected to be finished by the end of summer.
- The Trenton Legion regularly hosts events and is always looking for community participation. Check out their Facebook page @RoyalCanadianLegionBr29TrentonNS
- Trenton Rink is wrapping up its ice season and preparing for summer rentals and events to generate revenue and provide entertainment for the community.

As the snow and ice melt, we're also reminded of the mud, garbage, and unsightly premises that can accumulate. It's a time for all of us to come together and help keep our Town clean and beautiful. Town Council will be hosting a community cleanup event during Pictou County Go Clean Get Green. The more volunteers we have, the more we can accomplish! Please consider joining us to help make a difference. Full details will be announced soon on the Town's social media pages.

Together, we can continue to grow and make Trenton an even better place to live!

Stephanie MacKinnon

COUNCILLOR, TOWN OF TRENTON



Wishing everyone in Trenton happiness, peace and love this Easter and always!

Holiday Office Closure:

The Trenton Admin Office (120 Main Street) will be closed on: Good Friday (April 18, 2025) & Easter Monday (April 21, 2025). The Admin Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 for public office hours (9:00am to 4:00pm).

PICTOU COUNTY *Keeping Pictou County Clean Together!*



April 21-26, 2025

Go Clean Get Green is a community litter clean-up initiative that aims to keep our county clean and green. In 2024, participants collected over 18,000lbs of litter across Pictou County! Go Clean Get Green is a multi-day event planned by Pictou County Solid Waste (PCSW) which includes participation from individuals, community groups, and local businesses. It's easy to #GoCleanGetGreen, you can simply register online at: www.gocleangetgreen.ca and sign yourself or your group up! Need supplies? We've got you covered! Pick up a supply kit from the Pictou County Solid Waste Administration building at 220 Landfill Road, Mount William.

Please note: Bags of litter collected throughout the week can be distributed amongst participants and added to your regular bi-weekly garbage collection (Friday, May 2, 2025). If you have collected or are planning to collect large amounts of litter please contact us at 902-396-1495 to arrange pick up.

Trenton Fire Department



@TrentonFD19

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

Provincial Burn Restrictions: Always Check Before You Burn!

During the Wildfire-risk Season (March 15 to October 15 - both dates included), no one is permitted to light an Outdoor Fire when Provincial burning restrictions are in place. There is no Domestic Brush Burning or Campfires permitted in Nova Scotia between 8:00am and 2:00 pm, except Industrial Permits obtained from the Dept. of Lands and Forestry. Provincial Burn Restrictions updated daily at 2:00pm:

- **Burn Day (Green):** Burning is permitted between the hours of 2:00pm and 8:00am the following day.
- **Restricted Burn Day (Yellow):** Burning is permitted between the hours of 7:00pm and 8:00am the following day.
- **Non-burn Day (Red):** Burning is not permitted.

Visit their website at: <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/> or call their toll-free phone number, the recorded message is updated daily at: **1-855-564-2876 (BURN)**

Outdoor Fires By-law No. 2023-01

Residents are encouraged to review the Outdoor Fires By-law in its entirety if they intend on having Outdoor Fires on their property. This by-law is to regulate Outdoor Fires in Trenton for the purpose of fire safety, to control the nuisance effect of such fires, and limit fire risks or unsafe practices. A copy of the full by-law is available at the Town Hall (120 Main Street) during public office hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm) or on the Town website at www.trenton.ca



Making it easier for Nova Scotians to support each other

Nova Scotia Loyal is a government program designed to make it easier for Nova Scotians to identify, purchase, and support local products. When you see a Nova Scotia Loyal sticker/tag on a product, you know that it's authentically Nova Scotian. Learn more at nsloyal.ca



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

Holiday Schedule Change - Good Friday

The regular waste collection day in Trenton will fall on Good Friday this month causing your pickup to be rescheduled for: **Monday, April 21, 2025.**

PCSW Spring Clean Up will take place in Trenton on your regularly scheduled pick up date: **Friday, May 02, 2025.**

What's Accepted

- ♦ 20 clear bags of garbage + regular collection
- ♦ An object, bag or tied bundle
- ♦ Broken lawn chairs & plastic chairs
- ♦ Broken toys
- ♦ Broken dishes (safely packaged & labelled)
- ♦ Items under 75lbs.

What's NOT Accepted

- ♦ Loose garbage
- ♦ Black bags
- ♦ Items over 75 lbs.
- ♦ Items longer than 4 feet
- ♦ Electronics & appliances
- ♦ Metal Items
- ♦ Leaf & yard waste
- ♦ Furniture including mattresses & box springs
- ♦ Tire & car batteries

Other Disposal Options

- ♦ *Electronics & Scrap Metal* - Please visit your local Enviro-Depot. To find a depot, visit the Divert Nova Scotia website at www.divertns.ca
- ♦ *Donations including Clothing, Furniture & Other goods* - Try Salvation Army (134 James St, New Glasgow) or Value Village (East River Rd., New Glasgow)
- ♦ *Tires* - Any tire retailer will accept up to 4 passenger tires free of charge.

Trenton Water Utility

902-752-1450
Robert.MacLean@trenton.ca

Spring Hydrant Flushing

The Town advises residents that the semi-annual flushing of water mains will take place **Wednesday, April 9 and Thursday, April 10, 2025** (weather permitting). Loss of water pressure & water discoloration may occur. Residents are advised to draw any water necessary to meet their requirements. Residents may wish to turn off their hot water heaters. Exact dates to be announced at least one week before flushing starts, watch for notices in your mailboxes.



Nova Scotia Utility & Review Board Approved Water Rate Increase (April 2025)

In 2022, the Nova Scotia Utility & Review Board approved water rate increases to be effective April 2023, 2024 and 2025. The final increase of this approval will be effective April 1, 2025. Residents will see this increase on their **June 2025 water bill** for water used between April-June and going forward. The water rate per cubic meter of water used will increase from \$2.63 to \$3.25 while the base rate increase will be based on your pipe size, for example: the standard residential pipe size in most properties is 5/8" which will increase from \$73.84 to \$86.13 per quarterly billing. This will cause an average increase of \$135.72 per year, \$33.93 per quarter, \$2.61 per week, or less than 37 cents per day.

Trenton Parks & Recreation

902-752-1019
Recreation@trenton.ca
@TrentonParksAndRecreation
@trentonparksandrecreation

The Trenton Parks & Recreation office will be relocating to Trenton Park (119 Park Rd) mid-April.
Public Office Hours: Mon. to Fri., 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre Rentals

During the off season (April to September) our facility may be rented for various events. The rink has a large stage, sound system, 800 chairs and 70 tables. The Trenton Rink Annex also makes a great rental space complete with private washroom, coffee maker and refrigerator. Set up can be done for everything from business meetings or seminars with large boardroom style tables or presentation style (chairs only or few tables), or small social gatherings. Contact the Trenton Parks & Recreation office to book for summer rentals! Email recreation@trenton.ca or call 902-752-1019.

NO Camp Fires at Trenton Park

Please note that camp fires are **NOT PERMITTED** at Trenton Park. For full burn ban details, please review the Provincial Burn Restrictions and Outdoor Fires By-law No. 2023-01 info in this newsletter or review the full by-law on the Town's website.

Express Yourself Café

Café Opening April 22nd

The Express Yourself Café, located at the Caboose on Main Street, will open for the season on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

EXPRESS YOURSELF CAFÉ

131 Main Street, Trenton NS
Tel: 902-616-8729
www.expressyourselfcafe.ca
Facebook @expressyourselfcafetrenton

HOURS OF OPERATION

April 22 - October 22, 2025
Monday to Friday: 7:00am to 4:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am to 2:00pm
Sunday: 11:00am to 2:00pm

Seasonal Market Opening June 1st

The seasonal Trenton Station Fresh & Local Market, located at the Trenton Station next to the Caboose on Main Street, will begin on June 1st, 2025.

TRENTON STATION FRESH & LOCAL MARKET

131 Main Street, Trenton NS
Facebook Group:
Trenton Station Fresh & Local Market

HOURS OF OPERATION

June 1st - September 28, 2025
Sundays: 11:00am to 2:00pm

Any community members interested in becoming market vendors or who would like more info about the market can reach out to us at info@expressyourselfcafe.ca

National Day of Mourning ~ April 28, 2025

We grieve with those whose lives were forever changed by a workplace tragedy.

The National Day of Mourning, held annually on April 28, is a time to remember those who died, were injured or made ill from their work. It also marks a time where we can commit to protecting workers and preventing further workplace tragedies. The Pictou County Injured Workers Association will be hosting the local National Day of Mourning Ceremony on Monday, April 28, 2025 at Trenton Park (119 Park Road) beginning at 6:00PM. All are welcome.

Dangerous & Unsightly Properties

The Town of Trenton enforces the requirements of Section 15 of the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia. The Act requires that "every property in a municipality shall be maintained so as not to be dangerous or unsightly."

"**dangerous or unsightly**" means partly demolished, decayed, deteriorated or in a state of disrepair so as to be dangerous, unsightly or unhealthy, and includes property containing:

- i. ashes, junk, cleanings of yards or other rubbish or refuse or a derelict vehicle, vessel, item of equipment or machinery, or bodies of these or parts thereof,
- ii. an accumulation of wood shavings, paper, sawdust, dry and inflammable grass or weeds or other combustible material, or
- iii. an accumulation or collection of materials or refuse that is stockpiled, hidden or stored away and is dangerous, unsightly, unhealthy or offensive to a person,
- iii. any other thing that is dangerous, unsightly, unhealthy or offensive to a person, and includes property or a building or structure with or without structural deficiencies
- iv. that is in a ruinous or dilapidated condition,
- v. the condition of which seriously depreciates the value of land or buildings in the vicinity
- vi. that is in such a state of non-repair as to be no longer suitable for human habitation or business purposes
- vii. that is an allurements to children who may play there to their danger,
- viii. constituting a hazard to the health or safety of the public,
- ix. that is unsightly in relation to neighbouring properties because the exterior finish of the building or structure is not maintained,
- x. that is a fire hazard to itself or to surrounding lands or buildings, or
- xi. that has been excavated or had fill placed on it in a manner that results in a hazard, or
- xii. that is in a poor state of hygiene or cleanliness.

How to File a Dangerous & Unsightly Complaint

The Town will only conduct an investigation of a dangerous or unsightly property once a Dangerous and Unsightly complaint form has been received and has been signed by the complainant. Complaints shall be considered confidential, but are subject to Part XX of the Municipal Government Act & Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The form can be picked up at the Town Admin Office (120 Main St.) or printed from the Planning & Development section of the Town's website. Completed forms must be submitted at Town Hall for the Building Official.

Public Works Department

902-752-6907
Darryl.Marcott@trenton.ca

Spring Landscape Repair

In winter, snow removal and the safety of the Town is of the utmost importance. There may be times the Town's snow removal equipment causes damage to residential landscapes. Damage done by Town owned equipment is restored in the spring by Public Works. If any damage from snow removal occurred to your property, please contact Town Hall at 902-752-5311. Public Works will require your name, phone #, civic address and a description of the damage.