

# TRENTON talk

## Trenton Community Pantry

### Located at the Trenton Library

Trenton Civic Building Forge St. Entrance



### Community Pantry follows the Library Hours:

*Tuesday* 1:00pm-5:00pm & 6:00pm-8:00pm  
*Wednesday* 10:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-5:00pm  
*Thursday* 1:00pm-5:00pm & 6:00pm-8:00pm  
*Friday* 10:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-5:00pm  
*Saturday* 10:00am-2:00pm

Take what you need,  
give what you can!



### Donations:

Food is a human right and is an immediate and tangible way to help someone. Every donation of food can make a difference. We accept donations of non-perishable food in jars and cans. We recommend sauces, soups, beans, honey, peanut butter, and fish in oil, etc. Donations can be made at the Trenton Library, and at the Town of Trenton Office (120 Main St. - Public Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm. Drop off only). For more details, call 902-752-5181 or visit: [www.parl.ns.ca](http://www.parl.ns.ca)

## International Women's Day

### #IWD2025 #AccelerateAction – Saturday, March 08, 2025

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. IWD has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. The campaign theme for IWD 2025 is #AccelerateAction. At the current rate of progress, it will take until 2158, which is roughly five generations from now, to reach full gender parity, according to data from the World Economic Forum. Focusing on the need to Accelerate Action emphasizes the importance of taking swift and decisive steps to achieve gender equality. It calls for increased momentum and urgency in addressing the systemic barriers and biases that women face, both in personal and professional spheres. Together, let's Accelerate Action and speed up the rate of progress worldwide. For more info, visit: [www.internationalwomensday.com](http://www.internationalwomensday.com)



### Wishes for a Blessed Ramadan!

Ramadan, the holy month of fasting, introspection, and prayer will take place beginning the evening of Friday, February 28, 2025 lasting 30 days, ending the evening of Saturday, March 29, 2025. May this month be a blessed one. Ramadan Mubarak!

## March 2025 Meetings

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



### Connect with Council

#### A Message from Councillor LeBlanc

Your new Council is working together - continuing important work from the last Council, getting up to speed and coming together to ensure we are making the best decisions for Trenton.

We are currently preparing for budget talks, which are informed by what tax payers want, and balanced by what we are able to do.

A reminder that Council Meetings are streamed live, and a great way to engage from wherever you're most comfortable. If you have any questions or follow-up from meetings (or anytime) you can call the Town Office at 902-752-5311 or email Council at: [mayorandcouncil@trenton.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@trenton.ca)

The importance of supporting local is vital now, more than ever. Support can be big or small purchases, or even no-cost options like sharing on social media or word-of-mouth.

In February we had an informative update from Chief Ryan Leil of the New Glasgow Regional Police Department. Another great reminder, which I've shared before, to be utilizing the Police Non-Emergency line at 902-752-1941 if you suspect or see unlawful or suspicious occurrences. It's integral that instances are reported for statistical purposes to best inform our law enforcement offices. Make sure to add that number to your phone.

Until the thaw of spring, it can be challenging and difficult to get outdoors or socialize but I encourage you to check out the track at ScotiaPark, some of the incredible programming from our recreation department and other events happening in our community, like trivia at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29. Hope to see you out and about, and a reminder to be kind and look after one another.

*Nicole LeBlanc*

COUNCILLOR, TOWN OF TRENTON

## Recognition from Town Council

Town Council loves to receive great news and send out their congratulations for special occasions to our residents. Did you know we also have a policy in place to ensure recognition is received by Town residents on special birthdays and anniversaries? If you know someone celebrating one of the following milestones, send along their information by contacting Town Hall at 902-752-5311. Please give as much notice as possible to allow for arrangements to be made in a timely manner.

### Birthdays

80 years - Bouquet of flowers  
 85 - Certificate  
 90 - Certificate  
 95+ - Certificate

### Anniversaries

50 years - Bouquet of flowers  
 55 - Certificate  
 60 - Certificate  
 60+ - Certificate



## Don't Forget to Spring Forward!

Daylight saving time will begin at 2:00am on **Sunday, March 9, 2025**. Remember to set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour on Saturday night before bed.



### CAO Message

As we look forward to spring, I would like to express our sincere thanks for the diligent work of our Public Works crew to ensure our roads and sidewalks were kept clear and safe this past winter. Also, a special thank you to staff at the Trenton Rink for ensuring another busy and successful season. The Town of Trenton is very lucky to have so many employees who take such pride in their everyday work.

Residents can expect to see the pickleball courts and multi-use recreational space completed by late May. With the anticipation of the Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame being completed later this summer, it will be wonderful to see all new facilities along this block of Main Street! Also, this spring, the Town will be updating our current Accessibility Plan as we work with staff, Council and the Accessibility Committee to ensure the Plan captures the Town's commitment to identifying, preventing, and eliminating barriers faced by people of all abilities.

Our new fiscal year will begin in April and residents should expect to receive their interim tax bill by mid-April. Assessment notices were issued from Property Valuation Services in early January to all homeowners. Interim tax bills are issued using the 2024 property tax rate and 2025 assessment value. If you have any questions regarding the information on your bill, do not hesitate to reach out to Town Hall staff for clarification. Payment types accepted are cash, cheque, debit, Visa, Mastercard and/or online payment through your financial institution. A reminder that the interest rate is 15% per annum on all outstanding balances.

As always, stay informed about local news and events through our monthly newsletter as well as our municipal website ([www.trenton.ca](http://www.trenton.ca)) and social media channels which are excellent resources to keep you up to date with important announcements, community activities, and initiatives.

*Alanna Grover*

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

## Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29 Trenton

♦ March Events taking place at the Trenton Legion (94 Main Street, Trenton):

### Family Feud with Foxy Entertainment

Date/Time: Saturday, March 1, 2025 beginning at 7:00pm  
 Cost: \$50 per table of up to 5 players booked/paid in advance (non-refundable)  
 Message RCL Facebook [@RoyalCanadianLegionBr29TrentonNS](https://www.facebook.com/RoyalCanadianLegionBr29TrentonNS) to book a table.  
 Admission: \$5.00 at the door for anyone interested in watching.

### Free Income Tax Clinics for Low Income & Seniors

Date/Time: March 10, March 24, April 7 & April 28 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm  
 Open to the public - just show up.

### St Patrick's Pub featuring Keefe Farrell & the Radical's

Date/Time: Saturday, March 15, 2025 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm  
 Admission: \$5.00 at the door



## TOWN OF TRENTON Garden Club



### Let's Get Growing!

Do you have a passion for plants? Interesting in learning more about gardening? Hoping to make new connections in your community? The Trenton Garden Club is always open to new members and gardeners of all experience levels are invited to join our dynamic group. We're searching for volunteers to help out with projects so if you can't make it for meetings that's not a problem! For more information, contact Marilou at 902-752-5311 or marilou.sutherland@trenton.ca

## "New to the Crew" Spring Events

### Connecting Newcomers & the Community in Pictou County

- ♦ **March 23** **Free Skate at Trenton Rink** (75 Park Road, Trenton)  
5:00pm to 6:30pm (No RSVP required)  
Skates & helmets available on site. Not a skater? Come socialize and have a slice! Food from Sam's Pizza Trenton.
- ♦ **April 9** **Trivia at Glasgow Square** (155 Riverside Pkwy., New Glasgow)  
Pizza arriving at 5:00pm, trivia from 5:30pm to 6:30pm  
Trivia teams of 4-6, hosted by Gene Mills. Bring a friend or come solo & we'll match you with a team! RSVP needed to ensure space for everyone. To RSVP, please email: hello@healthypictoucounty.ca  
Food from Acropole New Glasgow.

"New to the Crew" is a new monthly social event specifically hosted for adults new to the community in the last year and community ambassadors! Events will be hosted once per month and rotate around Pictou County, with accessibility and transit routes in mind.

### Who are community ambassadors?

Do you love Pictou County and everything it has to offer? If you answered yes, YOU are a community ambassador! Come out to our next "New to the Crew" meetup to enjoy good food and good fun - you can help new community members build their own sense of community to Pictou County!

### Why is this happening?

It's hard to make friends as an adult, especially if you're new to an area. We want to provide a safe space for new community members to meet and connect with others, all while exploring local restaurants, events and amenities Pictou County has to offer.

### How do I learn more?

Email us at hello@pictoucounty.ca to learn more information and receive notices about upcoming events!

Made possible thanks to funding from the Office of Healthcare Professional Recruitment Community Fund and the support of a variety of community organizations and businesses.

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902-752-5311

## New Glasgow Regional Police

Community Policing Office: 902-755-8318

Non-Emergency Inquiries: 902-752-1941

For Emergencies: Call 911



### Crime Prevention Advisory Group

Crime prevention is the concerted effort of individuals, communities, businesses, police services and government agencies working together to address the root causes of crime. It's important to prevent crime before it occurs by working with community organizations who are involved in creating safer communities. The Crime Prevention Advisory Committee is recruiting. If you are interested in making a difference in your community through public safety and crime prevention this group may be for you. The Committee meets seven times a year and works with the New Glasgow Regional Police. The Committee's main purpose is to take a proactive and preventative approach to crime and assist to introduce programs and services to decrease crime and provide a safe atmosphere. You must register prior to the next meeting which is scheduled for March 17th, 2025 - 6:30pm at the New Glasgow Regional Police Station conference room at 225 Park Street, New Glasgow.

### New Glasgow Regional Police Youth Explorers program

The Explorers program is accepting applications. This structured program has been designed to increase community participation and will allow more high school and university students to get involved to assist in community engagement. This will include young people from 15 to 22 years of age that meet once a week at the New Glasgow Regional Police Station. Participants gain training from First Aid to traffic control and other specialized training. The main goal is for participants to receive real life training that will benefit the community.

- ♦ Constable Ken Macdonald is the police liaison for the groups above. For questions, please reach out to [crimeprevention@newglasgow.ca](mailto:crimeprevention@newglasgow.ca) or call 902-752-1941.

## Trenton Parks & Recreation

The Trenton Parks & Recreation office is located at Trenton Rink (75 Park Road) during the winter.



902-752-2382



[Recreation@trenton.ca](mailto:Recreation@trenton.ca)



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### March Break Free Skates at Trenton Rink!

Active Pictou County Free Skate:

- ♦ Monday, March 10  
2:00pm to 3:00pm

Trenton Parks & Recreation Free Skates:

- ♦ Wednesday, March 12 3:00pm to 4:00pm
- ♦ Friday, March 14 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Check out the Parks & Rec Social Media pages for upcoming events & programs!

### GO PLAY - Pictou County Equipment Loan Program

Looking for snow shoes or other outdoor winter equipment? The Go Play program might have what you need! Visit: <https://recreation-pictoucounty.hub.arcgis.com>

### Final day of ice for the 2024-25 season: Sunday, March 23, 2025

We would like to thank everyone who rented ice time this year and look forward to welcoming you back on the ice next season!



### Trenton Pickleball Club Meeting

There will be a meeting held on Friday, March 7, 2025 - 6:00pm at the Trenton Rink Annex to discuss starting a Pickleball Club in Trenton. Anyone interested is welcome.

## Pictou County Fuel Fund 2024-25 Season

### Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2025

The Pictou County Fuel Fund offers fuel assistance **once per heating season** to individuals and households with a low income who need urgent assistance with their heating costs (includes oil, wood, wood pellets or propane). Please note that this is not an emergency service but is provided for urgent situations.

The Pictou County Fuel Fund is an assistance program for urgent fuel need which operates under the following guidelines:

- ♦ 1st year – If approved, the client is eligible for \$450 worth of oil or \$450 worth of wood, wood pellets or propane.
- ♦ 2nd year – If approved, the client is eligible for the same amount of assistance as previous year with a \$100 co-pay.
- ♦ 3rd year – If approved, the client is eligible for the same amount of assistance as previous year with a \$150 co-pay.
- ♦ 4th year – If approved, the client is eligible for the same amount of assistance as previous year with a \$150 co-pay.
- ♦ 5th year – The client is not eligible to receive assistance.
- ♦ 6th year – The client cycles back to 1st year of the program, if necessary.

Note: When a co-pay is required, the client must arrange to pay the fuel supplier prior to delivery.

### Options to Apply for Assistance:

Please use the online application form at [www.pictoucountyfuelfund.ca](http://www.pictoucountyfuelfund.ca). If unable to fill out the online form you can call **1-902-616-4328 (HEAT)** to leave a message and be sure to provide some indication of urgency of your need. We will return your call during office hours. Hours of operation will be Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm. A representative of PCFF will get in touch with you to review your situation and confirm the level of support that may be available.

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

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 or a Band administrative letter issued by a First Nation community (reserve)
- ♦ have paid (or that you will pay) for household and healthcare services and home heating between April 01, 2024 and March 31, 2025

When you apply online ([www.novascotia.ca/seniorscaregrant](http://www.novascotia.ca/seniorscaregrant)) you need an email address. The Seniors Care Grant emails you if it needs more information to process your grant. Paper application forms can also be picked up at Town Hall (120 main St.) during public office hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm).