

# TRENTON talk

## National Volunteer Week ~ April 27 to May 3, 2025

### Volunteers Make Waves

Communities across Canada celebrate National Volunteer Week every year! The theme for National Volunteer Week 2025: Volunteers Make Waves highlighted the power, impact and importance of individual and collective volunteer efforts across Canada. Each individual volunteer contribution, big or small, creates momentum and has the power to influence and inspire, joining a wave of positive change. Each wave is unique and brings something vibrant and new to the ecosystem. During National Volunteer Week 2025, we had the privilege of honoring local volunteers during our community volunteer recognition ceremony. We would like to send out a huge thank you to all of the community groups and volunteers who support our Town every day. Thank you for everything you do for our community!



### Celebrating Walter Smith!

#### 2025 Florence Gouthro Memorial Volunteer of the Year

The annual Florence Gouthro Memorial Award is presented each year to a volunteer who exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism. The Town is honored to recognize Walter Smith, a lifelong resident of the Town of Trenton and a true pillar of our community as the 2025 Florence Gouthro Memorial Volunteer of the Year!

For over 38 years, Walter served our Town and neighboring communities through his work with the New Glasgow Police Department, always leading with integrity and dedication.

Walter has spent decades giving back through countless volunteer roles. As one of the founding members of Trenton Funfest, he has been involved with the annual festival for over 25 years. He helped lead the Scotians Hockey Team for just as long and served on the HCRS Board of Directors for 10 years—five of those as Chairman. He's also been an active volunteer with the Salvation Army, local Home and School programs, the Town's Accessibility Committee, the Diabetes Association, Heart and Stroke Foundation, and even coached high school and middle school basketball.

Walter's contributions go beyond titles. He quietly shovels driveways for older neighbours, serves as a legal guardian for Henry and Archie, and continues his late mother's legacy of service through his work. Now retired, Walter says Trenton is where his heart is - and it shows.

Loyal and honest are the words that best describe him. Walter Smith doesn't just serve this community - he's woven into the very fabric of it.

Please join us in celebrating Walter Smith, a shining example of what it means to lead with compassion, loyalty, and service. Thank you Walter for all your hard work and dedication to our community!

## May 2025 Meetings

Town Council - May 13 & Committee of the Whole - May 27  
Town meetings begin at 6:00pm in Council Chambers (upstairs at Town Hall).



### Connect with Council

#### *A Message from Councillor Cullen*

Little did we realize how the world would shift so quickly. Despite changing governments and foreign policies, one of the good outcomes, is that Trenton is making a comeback. Businesses are investing in our community for the long haul to provide jobs which contribute to the local economy. The Parks and Recreation facilities that were once falling apart have seen significant upgrades and are getting good use from residents.

Many of you may know that I volunteered on the Trenton FunFest committee from 2018-2023. I learned a lot about the Town and its operations during that time. I was able to connect with Town Staff, past Town Councillors, MLA's and many volunteers that have kept Trenton afloat during difficult economic times. The Town Staff I've talked to are serious about their role in keeping the Town maintained while working within tight budgets and limited resources.

I firmly believe if we are to make further improvements to the Town, it will be through the efforts of volunteers. It is volunteers that lead projects and events such as the Trenton Fire Dept, Trenton FunFest, Albion Boxing Club, the Scotia Ball Park, the Pickleball Club, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #29 in Trenton with trivia nights and karaoke, the Trenton Garden Club, Church pancake breakfasts, the new Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame and the upgrades to Trenton Park are made possible through volunteers that had a vision, formed a citizen's committee and made it happen.

We have moved forward with an ad hoc (temporary) committee to research the feasibility of getting the campground back at the Trenton Park. There is no better way to connect with your community and get a free education in making life better for ourselves and our neighbors than through volunteering in the community. Summer is coming and opportunities are available to consider donating a few hours of your time to a worthy cause. To everyone who participated in the Pictou County Go Clean Get Green this past April, thank you for helping keep our community clean and beautiful!

*Donnie Cullen*

COUNCILLOR,  
TOWN OF TRENTON



*Photo (left): On March 20, 2025, members of Town Council and the CAO had the opportunity to visit the Trenton WoodWorks facility. They offered us a fascinating tour and it was wonderful to see how everything there is progressing!*

Thank you!



## Happy First Responders Day!

### May 1, 2025 marks the 2nd Annual First Responders Day in Nova Scotia

We are proud to recognize and extend our heartfelt gratitude to members of the Trenton Fire Department, New Glasgow Regional Police, Emergency Health Services (EHS) and all other first responders who serve and protect our community each and every day. Your bravery, service and sacrifice make a real difference in our community. Thank you for your dedication to the Town of Trenton.

## 2025-2026 Interim Tax Bill Deadline: May 30, 2025

The Town of Trenton invoices property tax bills twice each year for fiscal period April 1st to March 31st. The interim (or first) tax bill is based on 50 per cent of the current year's estimated taxes, using the current year's assessment of your property value (as sent out by PVSC each January) and calculated using the previous fiscal year's tax rates (as set by Council each spring). Payment must be **received by Town Hall** prior to end of business day on **Friday, May 30, 2025** to avoid interest charges which accumulate at 1.25% per month to all outstanding taxes. Please take this into consideration if using online banking (allow 3-5 days) or mailing a cheque (processed when received). The Town Hall (120 Main Street) public office hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm. For more details, or to view the "Understanding Your Interim Tax Bill" graphic, visit the Town website: <https://www.town.trenton.ns.ca/property-taxes.html>

## Avian Influenza in Wild Birds

### You Can Help Prevent the Spread

We would like residents and visitors of Trenton Park to be aware of this issue and please keep these tips in mind:

- ♦ **Spot & Report** the signs of avian influenza in wild birds. You can report a sick or dead bird to either of the following:
  - Nova Scotia Dept of Natural Resources & Renewables: 1-800-565-2224
  - Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at 1-800-567-2033.
- ♦ **Do not touch or feed wild birds by hand.** If you are a hunter or bird bander, always follow safe handling practices.
- ♦ **Conserve migratory bird habitat** so birds with access to high quality habitat and food will be more resilient to disease.
- ♦ **Clean backyard bird feeders and baths regularly**, at least every two weeks, using a solution of one part household bleach to nine parts water. Rinse well and allow time to dry.
- ♦ **Separate domestic and wild birds** by minimizing contact between domestic and wild birds, especially if poultry or domestic flocks have access to the outdoors or bodies of water used by wild birds.
- ♦ **Protect pets** by keeping your cat indoors and your dog on a leash to prevent contact with wild birds and bird droppings.
- ♦ For more information on preventing the spread of avian influenza in wild birds, visit: [Canada.ca/Avian-flu](https://Canada.ca/Avian-flu)



[www.pcwastemgmt.com](http://www.pcwastemgmt.com)  
Waste Reduction Hotline: (902) 396-1495

### Compost Giveaway

The PCSW compost giveaway will take place from **May 5 to 10, 2025** (8:00am to 3:00pm). Residents can pickup two(2) free bags of compost per household, at the Pictou County Solid Waste Management Facility (220 Landfill Rd., Mt. William).

- ◆ Bring your own shovel and prepare to get a bit dirty!
- ◆ We will supply bags for the giveaway as needed but if you have bags from previous compost giveaways, please reuse them.

### Spring Leaf Collection

Spring leaf collection will take place in Trenton on your regularly scheduled pick up date on: **Friday, May 30, 2025.**

- ◆ Clear, orange, and paper bags of leaves will be accepted at the curbside for collection during this time. No leaves permitted in black bags.
- ◆ There is no limit on the number of bags of leaves you can put out on town leaf collection day. Leaves should be clearly separated from garbage bags.
- ◆ Branches ties in armload sized bundles can be placed beside your green cart for collection. Bundles cannot be longer than 4ft long.

## Preventing Rats

### Making a Community Effort to Keep Our Neighborhoods Rat-Free

Rats are common pests of modern-day life, existing in cities/towns around the world. It is the property owners responsibility to deal with a rat infestation, not the role of the Town. We are asking residents to take a pro-active approach to minimizing the rat population in Trenton by ensuring garbage/waste is not readily available. Rats are attracted to waste and once they find food several nights in a row, they will attempt to nest as close to the food as possible. Pictou County Solid Waste garbage collection takes place bi-weekly. Ensure your waste is put out on time for pickup to avoid it piling up on your property.

Prevention is always better than treatment but if you notice indications of a potential infestation, don't hesitate to put out traps or contact pest control professionals who can provide services to safeguard your household against the reappearance of the problem. If you see an issue with garbage piling up on another property, an Unsightly Complaint to control the garbage issue can be made at the Town Office, 120 Main Street during public office hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm - *excluding holidays*).

## Holiday Office Closure

The Trenton Admin Office (120 Main St.) will be closed for Victoria Day on Monday, May 19, 2025. The office will reopen (9:00am to 4:00pm) on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.



## Trenton Parks & Recreation

902-752-1019  
 [Recreation@trenton.ca](mailto:Recreation@trenton.ca)  
 @TrentonParksAndRecreation  
 @trentonparksandrecreation

The Trenton Parks and Rec office has relocated back to Trenton Park (119 Park Road) & is open for public office hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm.

### Looking for an event space this summer?

Reach out to Craig Murray, Director of Parks & Recreation at [craig.murray@trenton.ca](mailto:craig.murray@trenton.ca) or call 902-752-1019 for more information about renting space at the rink or park.

### Fishing at Trenton Park - Regulations

The ponds at Trenton Park are stocked once in May prior to the Children's Fisherama. For fishing at the Park, you must follow the Nova Scotia regulations found in the Nova Scotia Anglers' Handbook & 2025 Summary of Regulations (a link can be found on the Town website). Anyone over the age of 16 must have a valid fishing license.

### Trenton FunFest ~ July 9-13, 2025

Trenton FunFest 2025 is fast approaching! Mark the weekend on your calendar for July 9-13, 2025. Interested in volunteering? Wondering what events are taking place? Stay up to date with all things FunFest on Facebook [@TrentonFunFest](https://www.facebook.com/TrentonFunFest)

### Cohen's Cones Back at Trenton Park this summer!

We're excited to have the popular ice cream shop Cohen's Cones coming back to Trenton Park this summer! They plan to reopen on **May 1, 2025.**

### Steeltown Pickleball Club

In anticipation of the Trenton pickleball courts being completed this June, we are attempting to form a club affiliated with Pickleball NS. We have a working group of 10 people who have expressed an interest in helping to get things going. We welcome anyone who wants to join the group and will share information and ideas as things progress. Join the group on Facebook by searching for "Steeltown Pickleball Club".

## Bob Ferguson Memorial Children's Fisherama!

### Saturday, May 17, 2025 ~ 9:00am to Noon at Trenton Park (upper ponds)

The Pictou County Rivers Association (PCRA) will be holding their 27th Annual Children's Fisherama at Trenton Park on May 17! This event is free for kids ages 5 to 15. Participants can expect to catch brook trout and are permitted to keep up to 5 fish (Provincial regulations). Adults are not permitted to fish in the Park during this event. All participants will be eligible for draw prizes. This is a fun event and attracts about 300 children for a morning of trout fishing! Learn more about the PCRA at: [www.PictouCountyRivers.com](http://www.PictouCountyRivers.com)



## 59th Annual Joe Earle Memorial Road Races

### Monday, May 20, 2025 at the Scotia Park track

The Joe Earle Memorial Road Races celebrate their 59th year in 2025! What makes these races unique is their family orientation with both low and high competitions for all ages. Hundreds of families from all across the province venture to Trenton on Victoria Day. To register, send an email with your name, age, school name (if attending) & event you want to participate in to: [joeearleroadrace@hotmail.com](mailto:joeearleroadrace@hotmail.com). Follow them on Facebook: [@joeearleroadrace](https://www.facebook.com/joeearleroadrace)

## Public Works Department

902-752-6907  
 [Darryl.Marcott@trenton.ca](mailto: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.

### 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 Water Utility

902-752-1450  
 [Robert.MacLean@trenton.ca](mailto:Robert.MacLean@trenton.ca)

### Drinking Water Sampling Program

Trenton Water Utility is seeking your participation in our annual drinking water sampling program for **lead and copper**. Participation is free and will provide you with information on lead and copper levels in your tap water. In addition, it will allow us to assess our facility's compliance with Health Canada's new drinking water guidelines for lead and copper.

Although lead and copper can occur naturally in the environment, their main source in drinking water is through leaching of plumbing materials such as pipes, solder, faucets, and fittings. While copper is an acceptable material for use in plumbing, lead is not. The National Plumbing Code (NPC) allowed lead material in pipes until 1975, lead in solder until 1986 & lead in fittings/faucets until 2013.

Once testing is complete, you will receive a letter with your test results and an explanation of what they mean. In addition, if your lead or copper levels exceed Health Canada's guidelines, we will provide information on how to reduce your exposure. Do not apply if you have already participated in the past few years.

If you would like to participate, call Town Hall: 902-752-5311, the Water Utility: 902-752-1450, or email: [robert.macleam@trenton.ca](mailto:robert.macleam@trenton.ca) **before Friday, May 30, 2025.**



### Outdoor Water Standpipes

Standpipes are used to turn the water to your residence on or off at the water main, so that repairs and maintenance can be completed. Residents should be aware of where their standpipe is located on their property and ensure it is uncovered and accessible. This saves crucial time during an emergency! You should also inspect the standpipe for any signs of damage. It should be straight as pictured. If you notice damage to your standpipe or have trouble locating it, please contact Town Hall at 902-752-5311.