

# TRENTON talk



*Happy New Year!*

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

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

## Winter Roadway Safety

We have had reports of children tobogganing on roads in the Town of Trenton. This is extremely dangerous. Children should never play on any road, in the snow along the side of the road or anywhere a snowplow is likely to operate. During storms or in windy conditions, visibility can be reduced for drivers and snow plow operators. Snowy road conditions can also make it difficult for drivers to stop abruptly. Please teach your children about winter safety. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe on our roads this winter.

### Sammy Snowplow Winter Safety Tips:

- ♦ Wear something bright when your world is white.
- ♦ Take special care when the plows are there.
- ♦ Play away from the road when we get snow.

Learn about snow safety with Sammy Snowplow:  
<https://sammysnowplow.novascotia.ca>



### Winter Safety for Motorists

- ♦ **Snow Build-up** - Never drive on the road without first clearing your vehicle of all snow and ice. Including the roof, windows, mirrors, hood and lights.
- ♦ **Be Alert** - Poor visibility in winter can make driving challenging so it's important to be vigilant and alert when driving. Always wear your seat belt.
- ♦ **Adapt Your Driving** - Match your speed to the road and weather conditions. Avoid passing other vehicles when weather and road conditions are poor.
- ♦ **Safe Braking** - It takes longer to stop on a slippery road so leave more distance than normal between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you.



## Thank You Trenton!

### 2025 Holiday Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who so graciously donated to our annual **Holiday Food Drive** this past December, including a big thank you to the North Nova Boy's hockey team for hosting a special food drive admission night which brought in many much needed donations! We are so grateful for the generosity and kindness of our community year after year. Thank you.

## January 2026 Council Meetings

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 & Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Council meetings begin at 6:00pm in Council Chambers (upstairs at Town Hall).



### Connect with Council

*A Message from Deputy Mayor LeBlanc*

Hello and Happy New Year!

On behalf of council, I hope you enjoyed the holiday season - and are excited to welcome in the new year.

I'd like to extend thanks to our public works crew for their work in keeping us safe with the inclement weather, thank you! I'd also like to thank our office staff for stepping up in a time of loss - working tirelessly to ensure minimal impact to our beloved town.

Council will soon begin deeper budget discussions - something we speak about and are attune to year-round, but now we prepare to dig into more specifics, please know that the Council will be keeping your needs and interests in mind to make the best decisions for our town - working on known needs, and preparing for the unknown.

I am very excited to see the opportunities that the new Trenton Forge Society will bring to our community - nothing but opportunity and excitement ahead!

In the coming months we will be preparing for transition of our policing services to RCMP - all of which will be well-communicated through the town's various outlets.

Please continue to reach out to Council directly with concerns, ideas and accolades - you are the voice of this community and it's our job to represent you.

Wishing you all the best for 2026, and looking forward to our work and continued growth ahead together!

*Nicole LeBlanc*

DEPUTY MAYOR, TOWN OF TRENTON

## New Trenton School Update

### A New School Taking Shape in Trenton (PC Party of Nova Scotia News)

- ♦ New site selected for a Primary to Grade 8 school replacing Trenton Elementary and Trenton Middle.
- ♦ Located beside the Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre and Trenton Park
- ♦ Designed for 300 students with modern learning spaces and safe access
- ♦ Site chosen after detailed evaluation to best meet program and community needs

On December 12, 2025, Danny MacGillivray, MLA for Pictou Centre shared:

“Great news for Town of Trenton, new school site selection is complete! Now we move onto to the design and build stage, which will get underway in January with a Request for Proposals. Vendor (contractor) will be chosen in February. Site selection was the first big step, glad to see it completed, as are parents, staff, Town Council and residents. The importance of this new school to the Steeltown cannot be overstated. Thanks to former MLA Pat Dunn for all his work on securing this school for Trenton.”

## New Glasgow Regional Police

Community Policing Office: 902-755-8318

Non-Emergency Inquiries: 902-752-1941

For Emergencies: Call 911

### 2025-2026 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 2025 and the 1st day of April 2026, park or 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 2026!

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).

### Trenton Rink Rentals - Ice & Community Spaces

Trenton Rink offers two versatile community spaces. The Viewing Room & Annex are both available for rent to be utilized by local groups and organizations for a variety of events, meetings, and community activities. For rink rental inquiries, email craig.murray@trenton.ca or call 902-752-2382.

## 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!



## 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.), please 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**.

♦ **Some 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 & witnessing suspicious or unlawful activity that is not considered an emergency situation.

## Important Dates in 2026

### Council Meetings (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)

January 13 & 27  
February 10 & 24  
March 10 & 24  
April 14 & 28  
May 12 & 26  
June 09 & 23  
July 14 only  
August 25 only  
September 08 & 22  
October 13 & 27  
November 10 & 24  
December 08 only

Town Council meetings begin at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers (upstairs at Town Hall). *Please Note:* Council has opted for 2 Council Meetings instead of Committee of the Whole meetings for 2026.

Residents are welcome to attend both meetings and the agendas are posted on the Town's website prior to each meeting.

### Town Administration Office - Holiday Closures

New Years Day - January 01  
Heritage Day - February 16  
Good Friday - April 03  
Easter Monday - April 06  
Victoria Day - May 18  
Canada Day - July 01  
Natal Day - August 03  
Labour Day - September 07  
Truth & Reconciliation - Sept.30  
Thanksgiving - October 12  
Remembrance Day - Nov. 11  
2026 Holiday Closure TBD

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.

### Current Public Office Hours:

Monday to Friday  
9:00am to 3:30pm  
(excluding holidays above)

902-752-5311

@TrentonNS

### PC Solid Waste - Trenton Collection

Jan. 09, 23  
Feb. 06, 20  
March 06, 20  
April 06\*, 17  
May 01, 15, 29  
June 12, 26  
July 10, 24  
Aug. 07, 21  
Sept. 04, 18  
Oct. 02, 16, 30  
Nov. 13, 27  
Dec. 11, 28\*

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 - Gabryel Joseph..... 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
- ♦ Issue with Garbage Collection or Not Picked Up: Call GFL..... 902-755-5300

## 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.



www.pcwastemgmt.com

Waste Reduction Hotline: 902-396-1495

### Natural Christmas Tree Collection - January 09, 2026

Natural Christmas Tree Collection for the Town of Trenton will take place on your regular collection day: Friday, January 09, 2026. 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 Monday unless otherwise noted. If a storm begins while the collection trucks are on their routes, it is at the drivers discretion to continue collecting. If collection is then cancelled, pick up will be on your next regular collection day.

### New! Recycling Updates

Nova Scotia transitioned to a new recycling model that shifts responsibility from municipalities to the producers of packaging and paper products. This change is part of the province's extended producer responsibility (EPR) initiative (2025-12-01). Learn more about the EPR on the PCSW's website: www.pcwastemgmt.com

### What to Expect as a Resident:

- ♦ Your curbside recycling service will remain familiar and convenient
- ♦ Improved recycling rates and better access to recycling services
- ♦ Recycling will become more consistent across Nova Scotia, with a standardized list of accepted materials. Residents will be able to recycle the same materials no matter where they live. New items accepted in blue bag curbside recycling include: **multi-layer paper containers, such as:** paper cups (including disposable paper hot and cold beverage cups), paper bowls, ice cream cartons, cookie dough spiral cans, frozen juice spiral cans, potato chip spiral cans; **Plastic tubes, including:** toothpaste, deodorant, hand cream containers, **Small item plastic packaging, such as:** bottles/pumps, candy/gum containers, pails, garden pots, seedling trays. Books are no longer be accepted in the curbside recycling program, instead donate to community library boxes/thrift shops or give away.