

TRENTON talk



Happy Chinese New Year!

Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year or Spring Festival, will fall on **Tuesday, February 17, 2026**. This begins the **Year of the Horse**, a symbol of strength and perseverance. Celebrations traditionally last for 16 days, running from the eve (February 16) through the Lantern Festival (March 3). Sending greetings for New Year goodness with days full of happiness, prosperity and luck to everyone celebrating!



Wishes for a Blessed Ramadan!

Ramadan, the holy month of fasting, introspection, and prayer will take place beginning the evening of **Tuesday, February 17, 2026** lasting 30 days, ending the evening of Thursday, March 19.

You can wish Muslim friends a happy Ramadan with the traditional sayings, Ramadan Kareem ("generous"), Ramadan Mubarak ("blessed"), or "Have a (happy) blessed Ramadan." May this month be a blessed one!

Nova Scotia Heritage Day

2026 Honouree: Joseph William Comeau (1876-1966)

Joseph Willie Comeau was an Acadian educator, entrepreneur, legislator and Senator from Digby County, NS. He worked as a teacher, operated several businesses and served nine terms as a Member of the Legislative Assembly before being appointed to the Senate of Canada in 1948. He is recognized for his long-standing advocacy for Acadian language, culture and education in Nova Scotia.



Early Life & Acadian roots

Comeau was born in Church Point, Digby County, NS, on March 12, 1876. His ancestors were among those who returned to Nova Scotia following the Acadian Expulsion of 1755 and settled in the Baie Sainte-Marie region. At age 15, he was invited by the parish priest to study at the Collège Sainte-Anne, established to educate young Acadian men. He was part of the first cohort of students in 1890. Due to limited financial means, family paid for his first 2-years tuition with a heifer.

Political Leadership & Advocacy / Senate Appointment & Later Years

Elected in 1907 as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Digby County, he used this position to advocate for Acadian communities and culture. He supported the development of a French-Canadian history textbook for schools in Acadian regions & encouraged French-language training for teachers through Université Sainte-Anne. He was elected nine times, reflecting sustained confidence in his leadership & commitment to his constituents. Comeau represented Digby County in the NS Legislature until 1948, when Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent appointed him to the Senate of Canada. He served as Senator until his death in 1966.

To learn more about Comeau & Heritage Day, visit: <https://heritageday.novascotia.ca>

Credit: *Nova Scotia Communities, Culture and Heritage*

February 2026 Council Meetings

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 & Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Council meetings begin at 6:00pm in Council Chambers (upstairs at Town Hall).
Live Stream Meetings at <https://www.youtube.com/@TownofTrentonNS>



Connect with Council

A Message from Councillor MacKinnon

Happy New Year! Council was eager to get back to meetings with anticipation of continued work towards moving the Town of Trenton forward including the continued work with the new build of the P-8 school on Park Road. With 2 new Public Work positions filled before the holidays, we are happy to have them with snow removal as they have been much needed so far this winter! The Christmas bells on the poles have been removed and lights taken down.

Recreation has teamed up with Scotia Ball Field for walking on the track with lights for 3 nights of the week - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays! Follow Trenton and Area Minor Softball Association on Facebook for updates and challenges! One lap is ¼ mile per lap.

Council is very excited with some changes on being more efficient with our meetings and new staff at Town Hall. While getting our footings and moving forward, new efficient ways will be greatly needed and helpful.

There are some accessible upgrades happening. The pavilion in Trenton Park will have entrance improvements along with new accessible doors to the Trenton Rink installed.

The Forge Society, a new non-profit society has been formed and is looking for volunteers. The Trenton FunFest Committee, Trenton Garden Club, and Accessibility Committee are also looking for volunteers. You can contact Town Hall at 902-752-5311 to pass on your contact information.

Reminder that the RCMP will make the transition to the Town this April. Council looks forward to working in partnership with them for an open community base relationship where we can get to meet and know the officers and department that will be supporting our residents. We hope to have community events and will keep you updated when the time comes.

Stephanie MacKinnon

COUNCILLOR, TOWN OF TRENTON



Let's get growing Trenton!

Discover the joy of gardening with the Trenton Garden Club! We bring neighbors together to share knowledge and cultivate beautiful public spaces in our community. The Club is searching for new volunteers. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting started, join us to learn, grow, and make our community beautiful. No green thumb required! We welcome gardeners of all experience levels who want to attend committee meetings, only help with projects, or even just lend a hand with heavy work. If you're interested in volunteering with the Trenton Garden Club, please reach out to the Town Office at 902-752-5311 with your contact details.

144 Construction Engineering Flight Pictou

144 Construction Engineering Flight Pictou (144 CEF) is part of the Air Reserve program of the Canadian Armed Forces. They provide full-time training & employ members part-time in the following trades:

- ♦ Construction Technician
- ♦ Plumbing and Heating Technician
- ♦ Electrical Distribution Technician
- ♦ Electrical Generating Systems Technician
- ♦ Refrigeration & Mechanical Systems Technician
- ♦ Water, Fuels & Environment Technician



They are hiring individuals interested in getting paid for Trades Training in Electrical, Plumbing, Heating Ventilation and Cooling (HVAC) and Carpentry.

Contact Information:

237 Welsford Street, Pictou, NS

Flight Commander: 902-485-1069 ext. 225

Recruiting Officer: 902-485-1069 ext. 235/228

Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61582114130956>

144 CEF Community Advisory Board Seeking Trenton Community Liaison

The 144 CEF Community Advisory Board (CAB) liaises with the 144 CEF Pictou County, which is part of the Air Reserve program of the Canadian Armed Forces. The mandate of the CAB is to promote the program within the communities and to liaise and advise on community programs and employment of reserves within the community, and to screen and advise on local training project requests. CAB meets monthly with the exception of July and August. The board is made up of twelve members consisting of one councilor (Donnie Cullen) and one community representative from each of the five towns and the Municipality of Pictou County. The Town of Trenton is seeking a representative from the Town to work with other volunteers within the region to support community projects for non-profit organizations in Trenton as well as all Pictou County. For more information, please reach out to the 144 CEF at 902-485-1069. Please fill out the volunteer application for available on the Town's website or from Town Hall (120 Main St).

Community Grants Policy

2026 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 2026/2027 fiscal period are now being considered.

Applications must be received no later than **Friday, February 27th, 2026** so they can be assessed in preparation for the 2026/2027 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 online at: www.trenton.ca



1-800-380-7775
 inquiry@pvsc.ca
 www.pvsc.ca

2026 Property Assessment Notices

Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) assesses every property in Nova Scotia and sends over 650,000 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.
- **Assessment appeals** must be received by **February 12, 2026**.
- **Contact PVSC** with questions at 1-800-380-7775 or visit pvsc.ca for more details.

Capped Assessment Program (CAP): The provincially legislated Capped Assessment Program (CAP) places a 'cap' on the amount that taxable residential property assessments can increase year over year. If a property meets the eligibility criteria for the CAP, it is reflected on your Notice. To learn more about the CAP, visit: <https://www.pvsc.ca/understand-your-assessment/capped-assessment-program>

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.

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.

Holiday Office Closure

The Trenton Admin Office (120 Main Street) will be closed for Heritage Day on Monday, February 16, 2026 and will reopen the following business day: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 for public office hours (9:00am to 4:00pm).

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.

Winter Walking

- **Scotia Park Walking Track (1/4 mile per lap)**
 Lights will be on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 5:30pm to 8:30pm
 Trenton & Area Minor Softball Association is hosting Winter Walking Bingo & Mileage Challenges! Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/ScotiaPark>
- **Walk-N-Roll Indoor Walking & Rolling (Free)**
 Glasgow Square (155 Riverside Parkway, New Glasgow)
 Mondays from 10:00am to 11:00am
 Walk in a safe & supportive indoor environment.
 Glasgow Square is a fully wheelchair-accessible facility.



Tips from NS Walks to keep your walks warm & safe during the cold months

- **Dress in layers** - Wear insulated layers, mitts, & a hat to help keep you comfortable
- **Winter Footwear** - Wearing warm, grippy winter boots or ice grippers can help with the slippery conditions
- **Walk like a penguin** - Move slowly, shifting weight back & forth with small steps
- **Adjust your walk** - Choose a route that is plowed, sanded/salted & flat
- **Plan Ahead** - Consider the time of day & weather conditions

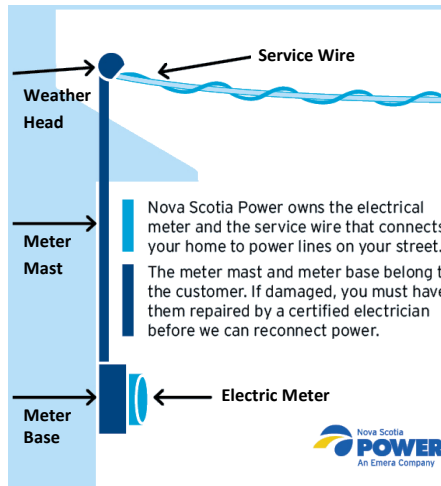
Make Winter Walking Safer with the Go Play Free Equipment Loan Program

Looking to borrow snowshoes, headlamps, walking poles, or ice traction cleats? Learn more about the program by contacting emily.morton@trenton.ca

Nova Scotia Power

Power Outages

To ensure your power is restored as quickly as possible, NSP recommends checking for any damage to your electrical equipment. Take a peek at your meter mast—the tube that connects the service line to your home. Has the meter mast pulled away from your house? Is it bent or broken? If so, you'll need a certified electrician to make the repairs.



How to have damage repaired:

- 1) Call or message us to report the damage. We'll then send a crew to your home to disconnect service so an electrician can make the repair.
- 2) Find a certified electrician. If you don't know an electrician in your area, visit www.nspower.ca/electricians to find one who's ready to help you.
- 3) Your electrician can then safely complete the repairs. The electrician will then call us to request an inspection and we will reconnect your power.

How to Report an outage:

Call 1-877-428-6004 or visit the outage website: <http://outagemap.nspower.ca>



2026 Ignite Volunteerism

A year-long, nation-building celebration!

International Volunteer Year is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to celebrate the power of civic participation and renew Canada's culture of volunteering. Ignite Volunteerism is a year-long effort to elevate the role of civic participation, rebuild volunteer infrastructure, and celebrate volunteer stories. This National Volunteer Week (April 19-25, 2026) we will celebrate the ways in which people in Canada have ignited volunteerism in their communities, aligning NVW 2026 with Ignite Volunteerism, deepening our collective impact.

The Town of Trenton'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 & Community Volunteer Awards - Friday, February 27, 2026

Trenton Fire Department

@TrentonFD19

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



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

Public Works Department

902-752-6907

Darryl.Marcott@trenton.ca

Snow Removal & Landscape Repair

During the winter season, snow removal and the safety of the Town is of the utmost importance. We know that there may be times the Town of Trenton snow removal equipment (ex: snow plows) causes damage to residential landscapes. Damage done to any landscape features during this time which was caused by Town owned equipment will be restored in the spring by the Public Works staff. If any damage from snow removal occurs, please contact the Town of Trenton office at 902-752-5311 to record the location for future repair.

Snow Clearing Obstacles

- **Waste Collection:** Place green bins/garbage at the end of your driveway for pickup and not on the sidewalk or street as this impedes clearing by plows.
- **Recreational Equipment:** Please ensure all recreational equipment (ex: basketball and hockey nets) are moved away from the sidewalks and roadways.