

TRENTON talk



Celebrating Danielle McCarron!

2026 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 Danielle McCarron as our 2026 Volunteer of the Year!

Danielle has been a dedicated volunteer in the Town of Trenton for many years, giving her time and energy to support local organizations and, most recently, the Trenton school community.

A teacher of 18 years and currently the Learning Support Teacher at Trenton Elementary School, Danielle has made a meaningful impact through her involvement with Home and School, School Advisory Committees, the Breakfast Program, and the Backpack Program. Her commitment goes far beyond attending meetings—she plays an active role in planning events, managing budgets, and ensuring programs run smoothly for students and families.

Each morning, Danielle helps lead the school breakfast program—planning menus, purchasing groceries, and preparing and serving meals to students. For her, the most rewarding part is seeing children start their day with a full stomach and a smile, knowing they are supported and ready to learn. Her efforts not only support students but also provide relief to families, ensuring every child has access to nutritious food in an inclusive and welcoming environment.

Danielle's passion for volunteering began at a young age and has remained a constant throughout her life. She describes it as something that has always come naturally—never feeling like work, but simply a way of giving back. Her contributions have helped create opportunities, strengthen food security, and foster a sense of care and belonging within the school community.

Outside of her volunteer work, Danielle enjoys spending time with her husband Derek and their daughter Quinn, who keeps them busy with sports and dance. She also has a long history of involvement in local softball and values quiet time with family and friends.

Being named Volunteer of the Year is an honour Danielle accepts with gratitude, recognizing the many others in the community who also give their time so generously. She extends a sincere thank you to the school administration for supporting these initiatives, and to her family for making it possible for her to be there each morning for the students.

The Town of Trenton is proud to recognize Danielle McCarron as the 2026 Volunteer of the Year for her compassion, dedication, and lasting impact on the lives of children and families in our community.

May 2026 Council Meetings

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 & Tuesday, May 26, 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 Cameron

Finally, winter is over (we hope)! It has been like one of our “old-time” winters with lots of snow and many school cancellations. I think most residents would agree that our Public Works crew did an excellent job of keeping our streets clear during the many snowfalls this winter.

I have had discussions with residents, and most seem pleased, so far, with the new policing service provided by the R.C.M.P. It will be different for all of us and will take time to adjust to how they carry out their service. I certainly want to thank all of the New Glasgow Police officers for their service in Trenton over the years.

The Town CAO is presently working on a strategic plan for our community. In the near future, residents will have the opportunity to offer their input, along with council members, at a public session.

I know that many residents from Trenton and throughout the county are looking forward to having camping return to our beautiful park. On behalf of the council, the School of Business at St. F.X. had four graduating students complete a feasibility study assessing whether Trenton should move forward with reinstating overnight camping at our park. Council members attended a presentation at St. F.X. University on April 17, which was highly informative. It was recommended that we wait until some of the infrastructure needed, even for dry camping, is put into place. Availability of electricity and water service were two major concerns. Hopefully, these concerns will be addressed, and we will be able to move forward with plans for camping.

The Town now has enough residents for our Accessibility Committee, and we will be meeting in the near future to discuss plans for addressing accessibility issues in our town.

I am hoping that the council will look at town-owned lots and produce some sort of plan to get more housing in our town. We certainly need the tax revenue, and maybe we will have to think creatively to make building in Trenton an option for builders.

Is anyone interested in roller skating? The Lobster Hub Rollers will sponsor roller skating nights on May 12 and May 26. Cost is \$10 for skaters, and equipment rentals will be available. Time is 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Let's work together to make Trenton a great place to live.

Scott Cameron

COUNCILLOR, TOWN OF TRENTON

Holiday Office Closure

The Town Administration Office (120 Main Street) will be closed for Victoria Day on Monday, May 18, 2026. The Office will reopen for public office hours (9:00am to 4:00pm) on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

Happy First Responders Day!

May 1, 2026 marks the 3rd Annual First Responders Day in Nova Scotia

We are proud to recognize and extend our heartfelt gratitude to members of the Trenton Fire Department, Emergency Health Services (EHS), Royal Canadian Mounted Police, New Glasgow Regional Police and all other first responders who serve/have served 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.

2026-2027 Interim Tax Bill Deadline: May 29, 2026

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 May 29, 2026** 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>



For membership inquiries, contact:
steeltownpickleballclub27@gmail.com

Follow on Facebook:
Steeltown Pickleball Club

Steeltown Pickleball Club is a non-profit society established in 2025 with a mission to provide inclusive pickleball programming and support the long-term care of the courts on Duchess Avenue.

Membership is available through Pickleball Canada, and the club is proudly affiliated with Pickleball Nova Scotia. Our seasonal schedule is available on the Playtime Scheduler app, with sessions offered daily in two-hour blocks from 8:00am to 8:00pm.

In addition to regular play, the club will host several exciting events throughout the season, including a “Sunup to Sundown” tournament on the summer solstice (June 21), a FunFest tournament, and a 55+ tournament. We are also partnering with Trenton Parks & Recreation to expand access to the courts and will offer an introductory pickleball session as part of the Pictou County Seniors Festival.

Our motto, “Forging Friendships, Fitness and Fun,” reflects our commitment to building a welcoming, active community. We invite residents of all ages and skill levels to come out and experience one of Canada's fastest-growing sports — combining exercise, connection, and fun.



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

PCSW Spring Clean Up will take place in Trenton on your regularly scheduled pick up date: **Friday, May 1st, 2026**. For full details, please revisit the April newsletter or check the PCSW website listed above.

Compost Giveaway

The PCSW compost giveaway will take place from **May 4 to 9, 2026** (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! Please reuse bags from past giveaways if you have them. Bags will be available if needed.

- **Want more compost?** Pay \$2.60 + tax or \$2.00 + tax if you bring your own bag.

Spring Leaf Collection

Spring leaf collection will take place in Trenton on your regularly scheduled pick up date on: **Friday, May 29, 2026**.

- 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.



The Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) Pictou County is the agency that takes care of Emergency Management planning, preparation, response, and recovery in Pictou County. Every municipality in the province is responsible for emergency management in their areas, and REMO helps make sure that all of our municipalities, police departments, fire departments, and others can deal with any emergency that happens and continue to provide the essential services needed in our communities.

Are you prepared? Celebrate Emergency Preparedness Week with MOPC & REMO

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm
MOPC Admin Office, 46 Municipal Drive, Pictou
All are welcome to join us for this free event!

Events Include:

- **Fire Extinguisher Demonstration** - Learn how to properly use a fire extinguisher
- **Preparedness Starts Locally** - Find out how you can be better prepared for the next disaster - wildfire, floods, hurricanes, etc.
- **Do you have a 72 hour safety kit?** We are giving away 5 pre-packed kits. Come to the session and have your name entered in the draw.
- **Also:** Learn what REMO and the Department of Emergency Management are doing to prepare for the next emergency!

Trenton Parks & Recreation



Trenton Parks & Rec office will reopen in early May at Trenton Park (119 Park Road) & be open for public office hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Cohen's Cones at Trenton Park

We're excited to have the popular ice cream shop Cohen's Cones open for the season at Trenton Park! Follow Cohen's Cones on Facebook for daily notices.

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 & 2026 Summary of Regulations (a link can be found on the Town website). Anyone over the age of 16 must have a valid fishing license.

Kids Run Club - Free After School Program

Date/Time: Thursdays from 2:30pm to 3:30pm (May 14 - June 18)

Location: Trenton Elementary School for Ages: Grades P - 4

Kids Run Club is a fun, game-based after school program that helps children build confidence, endurance, and a love for physical activity through engaging drills, group runs, and movement focused games.

Jays Care Foundation Rookie League Baseball - Free After School Program

Date/Time: Tuesdays beginning May 12 (6 weeks) from 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Location: Trenton Elementary School for Ages: Grades P - 4

Registration for these after school programs is available on Parks & Rec Facebook. For more information, contact: emily.morton@trenton.ca



Bob Ferguson Memorial Children's Fisherama!

Saturday, May 16, 2026 ~ 9:00am to Noon at Trenton Park (upper ponds)

The Pictou County Rivers Association (PCRA) will be holding their 28th Annual Children's Fisherama at Trenton Park on May 16! 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. Prizes are awarded to the children who catch the largest fish. As well, a few tagged trout are put in the pond and any child catching one of these distinctive fish receives a small cash prize. 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 by visiting their website at: www.PictouCountyRivers.com or Facebook [@pictoucountyriversassociation](https://www.facebook.com/pictoucountyriversassociation)

60th Annual Joe Earle Memorial Road Races

Monday, May 18, 2026 at the Scotia Park track

The Joe Earle Memorial Road Races celebrate their 60th year in 2026! What makes these races unique is their family orientation with both low and high competitions for all ages. Hundreds of families from across the province venture to Trenton on Victoria Day. Due to unforeseen circumstances we will not be having our 5 mile race this year. We have modified our open men's/woman's mile to adjust for this. To register, please send an email with your name, age, school name (if attending) and event you want to participate in to: joearleroadrace@hotmail.com (please allow 24/48 hours for response). Follow us on Facebook: [@joearleroadrace](https://www.facebook.com/joearleroadrace)

Trenton FunFest ~ July 8-12, 2026

Trenton FunFest 2026 is fast approaching! Mark the weekend on your calendar for July 8-12, 2026. 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)

Trenton Forge Society

Trenton FunFest is now organized through the Trenton Forge Society which is a newly incorporated volunteer based non-profit organization with the intention of raising funds to provide better financial support to our Parks & Recreation facilities. Facebook: [@trentonforgesociety](https://www.facebook.com/trentonforgesociety) Email: info@trentonforge.ca

Ticket Purchasing Update

With the main ticket vendor (Big Al's) no longer available, ticket purchases will be ONLINE this year for main events such as the Famous FunFest Dance, Friday night Music Bingo, Thursday Night Wrestling, Family FunDay, etc. They will be using the Zeffy website which is an application designed for event promotion for non-profit groups. Visit FunFest on Facebook for links to many events & grab your tickets!

Express Yourself Café



Mother's Day Tea - May 9, 2026 from Noon to 2:00pm

Celebrate Mother's Day with a charming afternoon tea at the Trenton Station Pavilion on Saturday, May 9 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. This intimate outdoor gathering will feature a selection of teas, dainty finger sandwiches, and a variety of sweet and savoury treats, along with fresh floral offerings and local goods to browse. Each guest will also receive a small take-home gift. Tickets are \$35 (tax included) and must be pre-booked by May 4. Space is limited. In the event of poor weather, the event will be cancelled and full refunds will be issued.

Seedling Swap & Sale - Help us grow something beautiful!

Saturday, May 23, 2026 from 10:00am to 12:00pm

Join us at the Trenton Station (beside the Express Yourself Café caboose) for this Seedling Swap & Sale! We're inviting gardeners, growers, and plant lovers to take part by selling or swapping their seedlings with the community. This is a wonderful opportunity to share what you've grown, connect with others, and maybe even make a little money along the way. No vendor fee – just community spirit! Tables are available by sign-up (first come, first served). Limited number of tables provided. If all tables are spoken for, we still encourage you to join us! You're welcome to bring your own table or work within the space available. Regardless, please do sign-up so we can help promote this event and know how many growers will be bringing their lovely seedlings to the Trenton Station space. Participant Sign-up link available on the Cafes Facebook page. Any questions, please email: info@expressyourselfcafe.ca

EXPRESS YOURSELF CAFÉ

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Friday: 7:30am to 2:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am to Noon
Sunday: 11:00am to 2:00pm
Seasonal: April 28 - October 27, 2026