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'MOVE OVER' LEGISLATION

What motorists need to know

When emergency vehicles are stopped on the road with their lights flashing...

MOVE OVER

You are required to move into the lane farthest from the stopped emergency vehicle (if it's safe to do so).

Failure to comply may result in a fine of \$2,422.50.



SLOW DOWN

to
60
km/h

You are required to slow to 60 km/h or the posted speed limit (whichever is lower).



Non-Emergency Line:
902-755-4141

@rcmpns

Road safety is a shared responsibility.

The NS RCMP reminds drivers to slow down and move over when approaching stopped emergency vehicles and designated roadside service vehicles with flashing lights.

Province of Nova Scotia 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 need to apply by **December 1, 2026** (only 1 person per household can apply).

To qualify for the grant, you need to be 65 or older by March 31, 2027 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 1, 2026 and March 31, 2027

When you apply online (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).

Note: You only need to provide proof of income, home ownership or lease agreement and receipts for household and healthcare services and home heating if the Seniors Care Grant contacts you and asks you to provide proof or receipts. You don't need to provide proof or receipts when you apply.

October 2026 Council Meetings

Tuesday, October 6, 2026* & Tuesday, October 27, 2026

***Note** this change from the original schedule as the first October meeting has been moved from Oct.13 to Oct.6 to accommodate all council members. 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 Scott Cameron

As we move into the fall, I remain hopeful that construction of our new school will begin. We have been told that work on the site should begin sometime in October/November. We have been waiting far too long for proper educational facilities for the children of our town, and we look forward to seeing shovels on the ground.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Cindy and Mike MacKinnon for another outstanding job of running Scotia Ball Park this summer and making it one of the best sports facilities in Pictou County.

On September 16th, the Town held an open house for residents to view the Town's budget. It was nice to see some residents come out and review the budget for the remaining six months of the fiscal year. Giving some consideration as to how the Town should move forward, I would like to see a new residential development somewhere in Town that would give our tax revenue a serious boost. As well, I think it may be time to push forward with the plan to reopen camping in our beautiful park, beginning with simple dry camping.

Also, the Town's Accessibility Committee has been making plans to secure a government grant to install an elevator in the Town Hall, allowing many more residents to have access to council meetings.

Finally, with the children back in school, I would like to encourage everyone driving a vehicle to drive carefully, respect the speed limit, and slow down near the schools.

I hope everyone enjoys the fall season, and you get a chance for a nice walk in our beautiful park as the leaves change colours.

Scott Cameron

COUNCILLOR, TOWN OF TRENTON

2026-27 Tax Rates

After careful consideration by Council, it is anticipated that the Town's tax rates will remain unchanged from the previous fiscal year as follows:

- **Residential & Resource property tax rate** to stay at \$2.04 per \$100 of assessment
- **Commercial property tax rate** to stay at \$4.10 per \$100 of assessment
- **Fire Protection rate** to stay at \$0.145 per \$100 of assessment
- **Solid Waste** (garbage collection) annual user fee rate of \$146.00 per dwelling unit

These rates along with your 2026 Property Assessments from Property Valuation Services Corporation were used to generate the 2026-27 Final Property Tax Bills sent out by mail in September, **due October 30.**

Fall Hydrant Flushing Schedule

The semi-annual flushing of water mains is scheduled for **October 5 & 6, 2026** commencing daily at 8:00AM. Loss of water pressure and water discoloration may occur. Residents may wish to turn off their hot water heaters and are advised to draw any necessary water to meet their requirements. We apologize for any inconvenience this necessary work may cause.

Trenton Fire Department

@TrentonFD19

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



2026 Fire Prevention Week ~ Plug in. Power up. Stay safe.

The 2026 Fire Prevention Week (FPW) will be held from **October 4 to 10, 2026**. This year's FPW campaign, **Charge Into Fire Safety™. Safe Charging is a Superpower** focuses on the everyday charging habits that can help reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and keep homes and communities safer.

Use Your Charging Superpowers

- ♦ **Cheap charger? Don't chance it.** Use the cord & charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer. Using the wrong charger can damage the battery and increase the chance of fire. Cheap or off-brand chargers may not meet important safety standards.
- ♦ **Soft surface? Hard pass.** Charge on a hard, flat surface like a table, desk, or bare floor. Devices and chargers create heat during normal charging. Soft surfaces like beds, pillows, and couches can trap heat & block airflow, which can cause a battery to overheat.
- ♦ **Fully charged? Time to unplug.** Unplug your device when it is fully charged. Leaving a device plugged in can increase heat and stress on the battery.
- ♦ **For tools and rides, charge outside.** Charge large items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside when possible. Do not block exits when charging. These batteries are larger and store more energy. Fires can grow quickly if the battery fails.
- ♦ **Feels hot? Stop using it.** Stop using your device if it feels very hot, starts to swell, smells strange, leaks, smokes, or makes popping or hissing sounds. A damaged battery can overheat and start a fire.
- ♦ **On a flight? Keep it in sight.** When on a plane, keep devices where you can see them while charging. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on the plane. Tell a flight attendant if you notice a problem with your device. If a battery overheats or fails, it is important for the flight crew to be able to respond quickly.

Find more details and safety tip sheets at: <https://www.fpw.org>

Trenton Fire Dept. Open House: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 ~ 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Come visit the Trenton fire station (122 Main Street) during our Fire Prevention Week Open House to learn about fire prevention, meet our firefighters and check out the trucks!



Trenton Station Fresh & Local Market Presents...
Harvest Moon Market!

Join us as we celebrate the close of the season
Sunday, October 4, 2026 ~ 11:00am to 2:00pm
Trenton Station, 131 Main Street

Rubber Bubble Entertainment on site with balloon animals & face painting!

Celebrate the close of the season with us at the Harvest Moon Market, a special end-of-season event at the Trenton Station Pavilion. Held on Sunday, October 4, this festive market brings together the very best of the fall harvest, local makers, and community spirit. Visitors can enjoy a vibrant selection of farm-fresh produce, baked goods, handmade items, and seasonal specialties, all in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. With a focus on autumn's abundance, the Harvest Moon Market offers a chance to slow down, gather with friends and neighbours, and take in the sights, sounds, and flavours of the season. Expect a cozy market setting filled with local vendors, live music, & a touch of fall charm. Whether you've been with us all season or visiting for the first time, we invite you to join us as we wrap up the market year in celebration of community, creativity, and the harvest.

While the Harvest Moon Market marks the end of our market season, the Express Yourself Café is expected to remain open until October 26 so be sure to stop by for your favorite drinks and goodies before they wrap up for the year!



Holiday Office Closure

The Town Office (120 Main St.) will be CLOSED for Thanksgiving on Monday, October 12, 2026 and will reopen on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 for public office hours (9:00am to 4:00pm).

Gardening with Pride Award - August 2026

The Trenton Garden Club will be choosing two properties each month from May to October. Winners will have a sign placed in their yard for the month, with acknowledgment in the Town Newsletter and social media.

Congratulations to our August 2026 Gardening with Pride Award recipients!



Bob & Elaine Pentz



Jamie & Kiltie Murphy

Thank you for helping make Trenton a more beautiful place to live. Your hard work, creativity, and pride in your properties brighten our community and inspire others to do the same.

Trenton Parks & Recreation

The Trenton Parks and Rec office is located at the Trenton Rink (75 Park Road) & is open for public office hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm.

902-752-2382
Craig.Murray@trenton.ca
@TrentonParksAndRecreation
@trentonparksandrecreation

Trenton Park Off Season

The Trenton Park Office, splash pad and washrooms are now closed for the season and will reopen in the spring of 2027. For any recreational inquiries over the winter months, please contact Trenton Rink at 902-752-2382 or craig.murray@trenton.ca.

Free Adult Skating

Trenton Rink offers free adult skating every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:00pm to 1:30pm. Adult skates will begin on Monday, October 19th, 2026.

Trenton Rink Rentals

Trenton Rink is scheduled to begin ice rentals on October 17th. If you are interested in booking an ice time, call 902-752-2382 or email craig.murray@trenton.ca

The Pumpkin People are coming back... but we can't bring them back without you!

Some traditions deserve another season. After hearing from community members who fondly remember the Pumpkin People Festival, we are excited to bring a little piece of this Trenton tradition back! The Town will begin decorating during the first week of October, and we encourage Trenton residents, businesses and community groups to join the fun by creating their own Pumpkin People to proudly display throughout the community. Whether they are funny, spooky, creative or inspired by your family, organization or business—the possibilities are endless. Let's fill Trenton with Pumpkin People and bring this community tradition back to life!



Kids First Pictou County

Located at 110 Provost Street, New Glasgow

902-755-5437
pictoucnpn@kids1st.ca
@pictoukids1st.ca

What does Kids First Family Resource Centre do?

The Pictou County Kids First Family Resource Centre delivers FREE programs and services to families with children ages 0-6 in Pictou County. They offer prenatal supports to pregnant women, as well as a wide range of parenting, parent-child and child focused programs.

Some of the programs and supports you can expect to find:

- Prenatal supports
- Clothing exchange
- Parenting programs
- Parent & Toy Drop-in
- Child focused programs
- Giving cupboard
- Readiness to Learn programs
- Outreach programs in community
- Referral to other agencies & supports
- Breastfeeding/chest feeding supports



Kids First also offers the Parenting Journey program, a home-based program offered to families with children 0-18 experiencing social and emotional challenges. Reach out to Kids First (contact info above) or follow their social media for regular program and event details including monthly calendars.

Accessible Trick or Treating Signs Now Available

Free accessible trick or treating signs are available for pick up now at the Trenton Admin Office (120 Main Street) during public office hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm) until Friday, October 30, 2026.

This Halloween, you can help make trick or treating accessible for children of all abilities! Here are some tips to make Halloween more accessible this year for all:

- Place an accessible trick-or-treating sign on your front lawn ideally one week before Halloween
- Create a trick-or-treating station at the end of your driveway
- Ensure driveway and pathways are clear
- Ensure the path to your trick-or-treating area is well lit
- Refrain from the use of strobe lights & high-pitched sudden loud noises
- Move cars out of the driveway to allow better accessibility for trick-or-treaters
- Make sure any pets are kept safely away from the front of the house



Store the accessible trick-or-treating sign with the rest of your Halloween décor and celebrate accessibly every year! For more information, visit the Treat Accessibly website: www.treataccessibly.com

In-Home Visitation Program

Pictou County Palliative Care Society

The Pictou County Palliative Care Society offers warm, non medical support for people living with a life-limiting illness. Trained volunteers will visit in the home to provide companionship, and emotional comfort alongside existing healthcare service. Volunteers are not able to perform tasks related to personal or medical care. If you, or someone you know, is living with a life-limiting illness and would like a friendly visitor, contact us at 902-616-7988 or email coordinator@pcpcares.org. Learn more by visiting their Facebook page www.facebook.com/pcpcares

- **What is this program all about?** The program's goal is to provide non-medical compassionate support. This is done through in-home visits by trained volunteers. The volunteers provide conversation, companionship and emotional support alongside existing healthcare services. Our aim is to complement the healthcare services that individuals and their families receive and help people experiencing isolation and loneliness.
- **What are the primary criteria for acceptance into the program?** We support patients who have been accepted into the Nova Scotia Health Palliative Care program or those individuals who live with life-limiting illness for which no cure is available.
- **How can an individual get referred into the program?** The Program accepts referrals from the Nova Scotia Health's Community palliative care team, from family health practitioners, physicians, or from a variety of external partners, such as VON, Continuing Care, etc. Self referrals are also encouraged and are evaluated and accepted based on the individual's current situation. Privacy procedures are in place for all referral sources.
- **Is there a cost to the service?** Visits provided at no cost to individuals or families.

This program is made possible by financial partnerships between, Pictou County Palliative Care Society, Aberdeen Health Foundation and Men's Prostate Cancer Support Group of Pictou County.