

TRENTON talk

WISHING EVERYONE IN
TRENTON GREAT HEALTH,
HAPPINESS & PROSPERITY
THROUGHOUT THE
COMING YEAR & BEYOND!

MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF

2021



Breaking the Second Wave

Stay Informed & Follow Public Health Advice

- ◆ Province of Nova Scotia:
<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus>
<https://www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaHealthAndWellness>

- ◆ REMO - Regional Emergency Management Organization Pictou County:
<https://www.facebook.com/REMOPictouCounty>
<https://www.remopictoucounty.ca>

Preventing the Spread

When worn properly, non-medical masks can reduce the risk of transmitting the virus. Your mask can be a commercial non-medical mask or a homemade mask that **covers your nose and mouth**.



- ◆ Ensure the mask is made of at least 2 layers of tightly woven fabric.
- ◆ The mask should fit snugly to the cheeks and cover your nose and mouth. There should be no gaps.
- ◆ Wash or sanitize your hands if you touch the mask, also before and after removing the mask. Avoid touching your face while wearing the mask.
- ◆ Remove the mask by the ties or ear loops. Avoid touching the front of the mask.
- ◆ Store the mask in a clean, dry place if wearing it again.
- ◆ Wash the mask with hot, soapy water and let dry completely.

Using a mask alone isn't enough to prevent the spread of COVID-19. You should also make sure to keep your hands clean, follow cough and sneeze etiquette and social distancing guidelines (**2 meters/6 feet**) and stay home if you're feeling sick.

Watch for Symptoms

- Call **811** for assessment if you're unable to complete the self-assessment online. The assessment lets you know if you need to be tested and you can schedule the test online. Symptoms vary from person to person and in different age groups. It may take up to 14 days to see symptoms.
- More common symptoms include:*
- ◆ feverish (chills, sweats)
 - ◆ new or worsening cough
 - ◆ sore throat
 - ◆ runny nose or nasal congestion
 - ◆ headache
 - ◆ shortness of breath/difficulty breathing



Committees of Council

A Message from Deputy Mayor Head

**Do you have one hour per month to better our community?
Do you want to help engage more Trenton Residents?**

The Town has been working to formalize various committees with the hope of engaging residents as we work to move Trenton forward. The previous Council approved the policy to implement these committees. Now with the committees in place, a council member has agreed to sit on each committee as follows:

- ◆ Deputy Mayor Heather Head: Community Development & Heritage
FunFest Committee
Land Use Planning Committee
Selection Committee
- ◆ Councillor Nicole LeBlanc: Accessibility Committee
Economic Development Committee
- ◆ Councillor VJ Earle: Parks and Recreation Committee
Public Safety Committee
- ◆ Councillor Steven Cotter: Audit committee
Source Water Protection Committee



At this stage, we are ready to set the committee's in motion. We have several names for each of the committees but we are still looking for more individuals. We hope to meet once per month for no longer than one hour. Meetings will be held within the Town (location to be decided). All minutes will be provided prior to the meeting to allow time to review. If you have any questions, or would like to sit on a committee as a member, contact the Selection Chair, Heather Head at 902-752-6040.



CAO's Message

It's hard to believe that 2021 is already here! We are working our way to the next year's budget with some planned consultation amongst the team to determine where improvements must be made. Our budget plan will be based on the level of services and deficiencies that we face in effort to provide Town services you deserve as well as the resources needed and the safety of staff. The Town is fortunate to have trained and experienced staff to move us in the right direction.

We have completed the paving on Maple Street and will work to finish the curbs etc. in the future. An unexpected culvert repair on Little Harbor Road has also been completed. The redevelopment work is moving along nicely at the Park and will continue as weather permits. You will see many "For Sale" signs around as we attempt to sell surplus residential lots owned by the Town. We faced delays in this process, but we hope to soon see success.

I wish to remind residents to ensure Property Taxes and Water Utility account arrears are paid promptly as the Town Administration is moving towards its overdue tax collection efforts per the MGA that governs its collection responsibility.

It is my hope for the new year to meet and hear concerns from those in our commercial sector. I will do what I can while maintaining COVID-19 protocols and scheduling to meet with you all. Stay safe and well.

Wayne Teasdale

CAO, TOWN OF TRENTON

Water Works Dept.

Meet the Team

The Town Water Works staff can now be identified by their navy blue staff shirts which include the Town crest in white. *Photo (from left): Robert Hughes (Operator) & Dan Campbell (Director).*



Understanding Your Water Bill

The Town of Trenton invoices water billings quarterly (4 times per year - January, April, July & October). Effective April 2020, your water bill is made up of your water charges ONLY as sewer is now included in your Residential Property tax rate.

Water Usage: Your water consumption is displayed in cubic metres on your bill. Your water meters are mechanical meaning they only show usage of water that has physically gone through your meter. You will see your Previous Reading (your meter read from your last bill) and your Current Reading (your meter read from your current billing cycle). Both include the date your meter was read. The Usage Charge takes the amount of water used since the previous meter read x Water Rate; or: **(Current Reading Minus Previous Reading) x Water Rate = Usage Charge**

Water Rates: The current water rate is \$1.103 per cubic meter. You will also see a Base Rate charge. The base rate is a flat rate set by the Nova Scotia Utility & Review Board and is dependent on the size of service pipe. The standard size pipe going into a residential dwelling is 5/8" which is a currently a charge of \$24.42. Larger pipe sizes have higher charges associated. Full list can be found at www.trenton.ca.

Any pre-payments/credits or amounts owing (arrears) are also shown on your bill. The total amounts billed must be paid by the due date to avoid interest charges. Interest will accumulate at 1.25% per month to all outstanding water charges.

Please keep in mind that your payment is posted to your account when it arrives at Town Hall. We do not backdate payments to the cheque date or the date you drop it off at the post office. Online payments are also sent to the Town at minimum the day following your payment, depending on the banking institution it may take several business days before we receive your payment. To avoid interest charges, please take this into consideration when making payments close to the due date.

For more information, you can also find an "Understanding Your Water Bill" section on the Town website (www.trenton.ca). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Town Hall at 902-752-5311. The office will reopen following the holidays on January 04, 2021. Public office hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

#BuyLocal - Did you know?!

TRENTON PHARMASAVE is now home to an M&M Meats Food Market Express!

They carry some M&M Meats products and will be receiving a second freezer in the new year! Please note that they are not a full M&M Meats store so they cannot follow their flyer or accept their gift certificates. Is there a product you love and want to see it in stock? Let them know when you are in the store. Store Hours: Mon/Wed/Fri - 9:00am to 5:00pm, Tues/Thurs - 9:00am to 6:00pm, Sat - 9:00am to 4:00pm, Sunday - Closed. Like on Facebook @trentonpharmacy

2021 Important Dates

<u>Town Council Meetings</u>	<u>Committee of the Whole</u>	<u>Town Hall - Holiday Office Closures</u>	<u>PC Solid Waste - Trenton Collection</u>
Jan. 12	Jan. 25	New Years Day - Jan.01	Jan. 02, 15, 29
Feb. 09	Feb. 22	Heritage Day - Feb.15	Feb. 12, 26
March 09	March 29	Good Friday - April 02	March 12, 26
April 13	April 26	Easter Monday - April 05	April 09, 23
May 11	May 31	Victoria Day - May 24	May 07, 21
June 08	June 28	Canada Day - July 01	June 04, 18
July 13	July - None	Natal Day - August 02	July 02, 16, 30
Aug. - None	Aug. 30	Labour Day - Sept. 06	Aug. 12, 27
Sept. 14	Sept. 27	Thanksgiving - Oct. 11	Sept. 10, 24
Oct. 12	Oct. 25	Remembrance Day - November 11	Oct. 08, 22
Nov. 09	Nov. 29	Holidays - Dec.24 to Jan.03	Nov. 05, 19
Dec. 14	Dec. - None		Dec. 03, 17, 31

Town Council meetings begin at 7:00pm except for the July meeting which begins at 4:30pm.

Committee of the Whole meetings begin at 7:00pm (year-round).

Due to COVID-19, restrictions are in place for all public attendance. You must fill out an application form found at www.trenton.ca or call Town Hall at 902-752-5311.

The Town Administration office (120 Main Street) will be CLOSED on these dates and will reopen on the first business day following each holiday unless otherwise stated.

Public Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
9:00am to 4:00pm

Pictou County Solid Waste 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.

Trenton Parks & Recreation

902-752-1019

Recreation@trenton.ca

@TrentonParksAndRecreation

@trentonparksandrecreation

The Trenton Parks & Rec office, located at Trenton Park (119 Park Road), is now closed to the public but you may contact Staff and follow us on social media:

Holiday Events

Trenton Parks and Recreation would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2020 Holiday Events. The Tree Lighting, Holiday Lights Festival and Gingerbread House Competition were all huge successes! Events like these cannot thrive without the outstanding community engagement and participation that we received this year.

NHL Hockey Pool Fundraiser

Trenton Parks and Recreation will hold an NHL hockey pool during the 2020-2021 NHL season. Each entry will cost \$20 and entries are unlimited per person. Contact Trenton Recreation at recreation@trenton.ca or check our social media pages for official rules and how to enter.

Winter Programming

Trenton Parks and Recreation is seeking community engagement regarding what type of recreational programming to be developed for the winter months. Is there a specific sport or activity you always wanted to try? Is there something you really enjoy and wish this activity could be offered more frequently? Pass along any of your suggestions and let your Parks and Recreation Department help make it happen.



902-752-5181

trenton@parl.ns.ca

@PARLevents

www.parl.ns.ca

P.O. Box 612, 1 Forge Street, Trenton, NS B0K 1X0

Current Hours of Operation

Tuesday/Thursday: 1:00pm—5:00pm & 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday/Friday: 10:00am—1:00pm & 2:00pm—5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am—2:00pm

Sunday/Monday: Closed

- ◆ A 24-hour book drop is located next to the front door of the Library.
- ◆ Curbside pick-up of library materials can be arranged (from the library's entrance), upon request. Please call the library to inquire for details.
- ◆ When visiting the library branch in-person: wearing a mask is mandatory at all times due to the NS Public Health COVID-19 pandemic protocols. Thank you.

Library Programming Update

For this winter, most of the library's programs (for all ages) will be offered online (via ZOOM), or by phone (Teleconference), for full details, visit our online PARLevents calendar, or contact your branch directly. The library will also offer "make & take" home crafting kits throughout the winter season!

Online Author Readings & Presentations - January 2021

- ◆ Wednesday, January 20 (7:00pm) - *Jim Crow also Lives Here: Structural Racism and Generational Poverty, Growing Up Black in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia*, with Leonard Albert Paris
- ◆ Tuesday, January 26 (7:00pm) - *The Spoon Stealer*, with Lesley Crewe

Trenton Fire Department



@TrentonFD19

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

Please Keep Fire Hydrants Clear

With the winter season in full gear, members of the Trenton Fire Department encourage all residents to help keep the snow clear from the hydrants near their homes. At this time of year, all hydrants are equipped with a reflective marker. However, by keeping the snow clear around the hydrant we can save valuable time in setting up firefighting operations. Thank you!



Public Works Department

Town Snow Removal Policy

During a snow storm, the emergency routes are plowed first for the safety and security of all Trenton residents. This route consists of Main Street, Duke Street, Maple Street, Park Road, Seventh Street, and part of Forge Street. These streets MUST be kept open for emergency vehicles. Multiple trips are required depending on the width, severity of the storm and whether it's a major or minor route. Emergency routes require more passes while minor streets are typically opened up and later widened as the storm diminishes. Parking lots are plowed after the snow storm or when all streets are plowed.

Snow Removal Reminder for Resident's

Public Works Dept. would like to remind resident's to please refrain from piling/pushing/blowing snow on our roadways and sidewalks. Putting snow on roadways is a risk to motorized vehicles as well as pedestrians.

After Hours Service

For after-hours Public Works issues (water line breaks, leaking water meters, etc.), please contact the New Glasgow Regional Police Department at 902-752-1941.

Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre

902-752-2382

darryl.marcott@trenton.ca

@TrentonRinkNS

Open Ice Rentals Available

Keep an eye on our Facebook page or contact the Rink Manager, Darryl Marcott for more information regarding available open ice rental times (details above).

Adult Only Public Skates - Monday, Wednesday and Friday from Noon to 1:30pm

50/50 Block Draw Fundraiser - Draw to take place on January 15, 2021

Funds raised are going towards the purchase of a new score clock to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2022! Over 100 blocks sold - \$10 per block, prize will be 50% of the money taken in. Contact the rink (details above) to select your block. Winners will be announced on our Facebook page.

Congratulations to our November Winner: Debbie Greencorn!

Bottle Drive Fundraiser - January 09, 2021 - 8:00am to Noon

We will be holding a Bottle Drive fundraiser at the back end of the rink for the 50th Anniversary Celebrations. Thank you for your continued support!



www.pcwastemgmt.com

Waste Reduction Hotline: (902) 396-1495

Christmas Tree Collection - January 15, 2021

Natural Christmas Tree Collection for the Town of Trenton will take place on your regular collection day: Friday, January 15, 2021. 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.

Cancellations

In the event of a cancellation, an announcement will be made by PCSW prior to 7:00AM on Mix 94.1FM, posted on the PCSW website and Facebook page. If your collection is cancelled before 7:00AM your material will be collected the following Saturday. If a storm begins when the collection trucks are on their routes, it is at the drivers discretion to continue collecting. If this happens and your collection is cancelled, your material will be picked up on your next regular collection day.

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