

TRENTON talk

New Glasgow Regional Police

Community Policing Office: 902-755-8318
Non-Emergency Inquiries: 902-752-1941
For Emergencies: Call 911



Better Left Unread than Dead

In January 2021, the New Glasgow Regional Police launched a distracted driving campaign termed “Better Left Unread than Dead.” Driving requires your full attention as distractions can compromise your judgment and affect your ability to drive safely, so it is important to stay focused at all times. The Better Left Unread than Dead campaign’s main goal is to remind motorists of the dangers of using hand-held devices and other portable electronic devices while driving.

“Distracted driving can occur any time you take your attention off the road for even a second” said Constable Ken Macdonald. “According to the Insurance Bureau of Canada, driver distraction is estimated to be the contributing factor in 8 out of 10 reported collisions.”

Common distractions include, using a mobile device, texting, reading, and watching videos. The fine for using a cell phone or texting while operating a vehicle is \$237.50 in Nova Scotia with higher fines for second (\$352.50) and third offences (\$582.50).

To report a driver that is driving in a way that is an immediate threat to public safety, you can call the New Glasgow Regional Police at 902-752-1941 or call 911 when it is safe to do so. Include as much detail as possible, such as the location, direction of travel, vehicle and driver description and license plate number.

The campaign project “Better Left Unread than Dead” was completed in 2019 by a group of students from North Nova Education Centre about the dangers of texting and driving following an international campaign project.

Driver Distraction Equals Dangerous Driving

- Talking or texting on a smart phone while driving makes you 4 times more likely to be involved in a motor vehicle crash. These crashes have also involved serious injuries and/or deaths to both the driver, passengers and pedestrians. Using a smart phone talking or texting is preventable - *Better Left Unread Than Dead*.
- If you need to make a call, text, use social media or to check messages, pull over to a safe area such as a parking lot. Studies show that nearly 80% of crashes involve some form of driver inattention within 3 seconds before the collision.
- Nova Scotia introduced legislation to prohibit cell phone use in Nova Scotia in 2008 and was the second province to ban hand-held cellphone use while driving. Other driver distractions can include, reading a newspaper, eating, having an animal on you lap, watching TV and using your GPS unit. All these actions makes driver distraction a leading cause of collisions. Police across Canada say that distracted driving has caused more collisions than impaired drivers.

NGRP will continue, to educate and enforce dangerous driving behaviors in order to make our streets, crosswalks and cyclists safe.



Connect with Council

A Message from Councillor LeBlanc

Hello Trenton Residents! First, I would like to thank residents for the patience you have afforded our new council as we have transitioned various projects, policies and procedures to keep our Town moving forward. We have a very collegial council, and one that is not afraid to raise concerns, and have healthy discussions, as we represent your interests.

Looking ahead, I find the opportunity for committee work very encouraging and a wonderful opportunity for residents to contribute to their Town, working alongside Council and other stakeholders on important issues to our community. I see these as a real catalyst to dig into some issues, and opportunities. We seek people with a passion to engage but we must also consider your background, knowledge and determine what committee could gain the most from your commitment as a key to committee success. A write-up about you would assist us as we look to the allocation of people resources.

It has been wonderful to see the revitalization work continue at Trenton Park, and our Rink staff working tirelessly to keep people safe – we should all be proud of our Town staff and various departments. A huge thank you to Public Works, Parks and Recreation and Trenton Minor Ball for collaborating to provide night time access to the walking track at Scotia Park. To our local businesses - thank you for continuing to navigate these challenging times, and be there for the Town. If you have news or updates you want the Town to promote online or in our newsletter, please send an email to robyn.meyer@trenton.ca or call the Town Office at 902-752-5311. #supportlocal

I would like to take the time to highlight the importance of flagging your concerns, ideas and kudos with the Town. Often a phone call to the Town Office can resolve many issues – feedback is integral. We have incredible staff who are knowledgeable and prepared to assist. That said, we also have a council that is very open to hearing your ideas, concerns, issues and positives in the community.

Spring will officially begin on Saturday, March 20. As we prepare (or even long for!) the warmer seasons to arrive, know that despite COVID and the challenges of winter, our community continues to work towards a brighter future. Please continue to call, message, email and reach out so we can help navigate issues, projects and ideas.

Nicole LeBlanc

COUNCILLOR, TOWN OF TRENTON

Town Meetings Schedule Changes

Please be aware that Council has approved the following changes to the schedule for Town Council and Committee of the Whole meetings beginning in February 2021:

- **Town Council** meetings will now begin at 6:00pm (year-round). The dates of these meetings have not changed.
- **Committee of the Whole** meetings have been moved to the last Tuesday of the month and will begin at 6:00pm (year-round).

The public is welcome to attend both meeting; however, to accommodate proper physical distancing protocols, seating for the public will be limited. You must register to attend Town meetings. Full details and meeting scheduled can be found on the Town website at: <https://www.town.trenton.ns.ca/council-meetings.html>



CAO's Message

The fiscal 2020 year is ending March 31st and plans are underway for the new fiscal which means capital and operational plans will be addressed in the months ahead. The Town staff have been busy in all areas of service including recreation, public works, and the water department.

We have engaged the services of the New Glasgow Regional Police to review road safety concerns within the Town so there are planned corrections to be done when the weather permits. In reference to winter parking and storm matters please refer to the Regulations set out by the NGRP that patrol the Towns' streets, etc. This is in effect until April 1st, 2021.

The Town is still working on the sale of surplus lands, we have some interest and look forward to more land sales in the future. These lots are selling for the most part below assessed values and we hope it will offer more opportunity to residents and newcomers to the Town.

The committee structure is underway, and we will be attempting to match names with committees as to gain more standing committees for the Council. We thank those who have come forth and you will soon hear from a Town representative.

We again ask residents to ensure they are following the protocols set out by the Provincial Government particularly in matters of distant travel and social distancing. This is very important as to keep everyone safe.

Finally, I hope you all stay well and ask once again that if you have any concerns, please reach out to the Town Office to see if we can assist in any way.

Wayne Teasdale

CAO, TOWN OF TRENTON

Account Updates

Have you moved or just purchased a new property? Has your last name changed?

Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) updates our systems weekly, but residents are advised to contact Town Hall at 902-752-5311 if your mailing address has changed. Always use your 8-digit utilicode or municipal account number for online banking. Your customer code may be changed by PVSC when account changes are made, such as a name change or secondary owner added.

#ShopLocal - Did you know?!

SIMPSON'S APPLIANCE SALES & SERVICE sells new & reconditioned appliances, have a service department for in-home, or in-shop repairs and new and used parts. They will also buy your used working or non working appliances including: washers, dryers, ranges, fridges, freezers, etc. Just give them a call to arrange to have them picked up or you can also drop them off at their location:

SIMPSON'S APPLIANCES

29 Power Plant Road, Trenton NS
Tel: 902-928-2220
simpsonsbuysell@hotmail.com

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Friday - 8:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday - 8:00am to Noon
Sunday - Closed

They regularly post their deals online, follow them on Facebook at:

[HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SIMPSONSTRENTON](http://www.facebook.com/SIMPSONSTRENTON)



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Please Celebrate Responsibly

St. Patrick's Day takes place annually to observe the death of St. Patrick (the patron saint of Ireland). The holiday has evolved into a global celebration of Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, drinking and a whole lot of green. On March 17 every year, no matter your ethnic background everyone becomes Irish! This year, please be respectful of COVID-19 protocols set out by the Province of Nova Scotia and follow all guidelines set for physical distancing and gathering limits. 2021 is not the year for big shenanigans we are used to on St. Patrick's Day!

We must also be careful that our festivities do not turn into tragedies. St. Patrick's Day has become associated with heavy drinking. If you plan to indulge this St. Patrick's Day, please ensure you plan ahead and that you drink responsibly if alcohol is part of your celebration. The following are some suggestions for keeping your drinking in check:

- ♦ Plan ahead and set a limit to the number of drinks that you will have
- ♦ Pour and measure your own drinks
- ♦ Limit yourself to one drink per hour to give your body the ability to process the alcohol
- ♦ Alternate an alcoholic beverage with a full glass of water
- ♦ Eat a meal or snacks to ensure you don't drink on an empty stomach
- ♦ Don't drink & drive. Plan ahead for a cab to pick you up. Here is the local cab option registered in the Town of Trenton: **Matt's Taxi - Phone: (902) 695-4040**

#ShopLocal - Did you know?!

SONNY'S DINER is celebrating St. Patrick's Day by serving up delicious Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner every Wednesday until March 17! Available from Noon until they run out.

If you are interested in their beef broccoli flavour, they also have the Ancient Chinese secret spice from Big Cove Foods for sale at their counter!

SONNY'S DINER	HOURS OF OPERATION
102 Main Street, Trenton NS	Monday to Saturday
Tel: 902-695-3300	Noon to 8:00pm



Follow them on Facebook for their daily specials:
[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SONNYSDINERTRENTON](https://www.facebook.com/SONNYSDINERTRENTON)

Don't Forget to Spring Forward!

Daylight saving time in Canada will begin at 2:00am on **Sunday, March 14, 2021**. Remember to set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour on Saturday night.

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:

Learn to Skate / Parent and Tot

The Learn to Skate / Parent and Tot program has concluded for the 2020-2021 season. We would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped make this program a success with so many uncertainties and restrictions in place this season.

Distant March Break Camp & Free Public Skate

Keep an eye on Trenton Parks and Recreation social media platforms as we will be offering a distant March Break Camp to complete at home. Each day there will be a different theme that can be enjoyed by all ages — not just school children! There will also be a **free skate at Trenton Rink on Wednesday, March 17 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm**.

Easter Egg Hunt 2021

This year the Recreation Department will be hosting an Easter egg hunt staged in Trenton Park on Saturday, April 3rd! Please stay tuned for more information to come.

2021 Volunteer of the Year Nominations

The Town of Trenton is currently seeking nominations for the Community Volunteer Award for the 2021 awards ceremony. Please note, the Community Award submission deadline is Friday, March 19, 2021. Send nominations to craig.murray@trenton.ca

Trenton Park Revitalization Project - Hemlock Group Update

The Hemlock Group recently shared photos of the work completed at Trenton Park. Some of the work completed so far includes new shade shelters (some with accessible picnic tables), the new gazebo and cement pads where benches will be placed, new parking lot(s), new canteen/main office cement pad, the splash pad, new pool decking and fencing plus the new washroom facility/building in addition to the refurbished pool building. Phase 4 of the revitalization has gone to tender, and includes the remainder of the park work including the playground, amphitheatre upgrades, trail upgrades, landscaping and the dog park. Reminder that this area of Trenton Park is currently closed for the safety of the public. More photos can be seen on the Hemlock Group Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/hemlockgroup>



Trenton Fire Department



@TrentonFD19
Stay up to date by following the Trenton Fire Dept. on Facebook!

Fire Safety During Winter Storms

There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart! Keep yourself and your family safe from a winter fire by knowing what to do before, during and after a winter storm:

- ♦ Test all smoke alarms at least once per month to ensure they are working.
- ♦ Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home & test regularly.
- ♦ Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- ♦ Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- ♦ Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Also have battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries. Never use candles.
- ♦ Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates. Watch for weather bulletins and local alerts online.
- ♦ Check on neighbors. Check on others who may need help.
- ♦ Generators should be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- ♦ Stay away from downed wires. Report any downed wires to authorities.
- ♦ Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothing and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- ♦ Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room and when you go to bed.

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

The final public skate will take place on March 24, 2021.

Ice Removal - Final day of ice for the 2020/2021 season will be March 28, 2021.

50/50 Block Draw Fundraiser - Draw to take place on March 19, 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 February Winner: Zach Gillin (\$ 960)!

Spring Floor Hockey

We are interested in running a spring floor hockey league for U-9, U11 and U-13 with a maximum of 48 kids in each division. Registration will take place at the **Trenton Rink Annex on March 09 & 24, 2021 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm**. For more information, please contact Darryl Marcott, Rink Manager (details above).