

# TRENTON talk

## Resident Spotlight!

Trenton resident, **Sir Fraser Boyles**, was presented with a Quilt of Valour, in recognition of his service and sacrifice for Canada and all Canadians. Quilts of Valour - Canada Society does this wonderful volunteer work to recognize veterans.

The quilt thoughtfully states: *"Though we may not know the depth of your sacrifice to protect and defend our freedom we thank you. As a gesture of gratitude from a grateful nation, we present you with this Quilt of Valour."*

*"Handmade with love, respect and gratitude for your sacrifice to Canada. May the hugs stitched into this quilt give you comfort, strength and love."*



The Pictou Advocate recently published a story about Boyles where he stated: "I was really surprised and really honoured" of receiving his Quilt of Valour.

The honour, Sir, is ours to send along our congratulations and a profound thank you!

*(For the full Pictou Advocate story, please call Town Hall at 902-752-5311 or visit: <http://pictouadvocate.com/2021/04/07/veteran-honoured-to-receive-quilt-of-valour>)*

## Water Works Dept.

### Residential Lead Testing

The month of May brings with it the start of another season of Residential Lead Testing for the Water Works Department. As part of Health Canada's efforts to reduce lead concentrations in drinking water, the Nova Scotia Department of Environment requires us to annually test the drinking water in 20 households within the Town of Trenton for lead content. Thank you to all who participated in the program last year as it was a success with all tests for lead coming back at well below the maximum allowed concentrations.

We now need 20 new households to volunteer for the 2021 Residential Lead Testing Program. Sampling will involve collecting a 1L bottle of water after a period of 6 hours where no water has been used. Bottles will be supplied by the Town and dropped off to participants after your household has been registered in the program.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this year's program can contact Town Hall at (902)752-5311, or contact the Water Works Dept. directly at:

Water Treatment Plant (902) 752-1450  
Director of Water Works Dan Campbell ([dan.campbell@trenton.ca](mailto:dan.campbell@trenton.ca))



## Connect with Council

### A Message from Councillor Earle

Happy Spring! Let me start by thanking all who voted me in for another 4 years, it will be interesting to see the progression started from last term into this term.

With the warmer weather approaching, let us hope the April rain will bring many May flowers! Spring is a time to enjoy the outdoors, and with the ongoing struggles with Covid-19, outside is the place to be. May is usually the time of year we celebrate the Joe Earle Memorial Road Races. Unfortunately due to Covid-19, this will be the second year we are forced to cancel the event. There doesn't have to be a third.

With the recent increase of Covid-19 public exposures and community spread, now is the time to be vigilant, continue what we have been doing for the last year: wear a mask, keep your distance, stay up-to-date with Covid-19 news and make everyone's safety a priority. Please continue to be safe and follow the rules and protocols set out by the Province of Nova Scotia. We have been one of the safest places to be during this pandemic and we must once again work together to beat it!

The revitalization of Trenton Park has been progressing well with the Hemlock Group moving into Phase 4 of the upgrades. This project involves the creation of upgraded playground, splash pads for the children to enjoy, upgraded pool and picnic area, fenced in dog park and increased parking just to name a few things. These Park improvements will provide a safe and healthy place for not only Trenton residents, but for all of Pictou County to enjoy. Once Covid-19 is behind us, I foresee those from across the Province setting their sights on Trenton Park as a lovely place to visit as well.

In addition to the Trenton Park upgrades, plans are currently in place for the construction of a new playground on Chestnut Street, which will provide another safe and healthy environment for children and families to enjoy.

As you can see, we are working diligently to provide outdoor recreation options for all Trenton and surrounding area residents to enjoy. I am proud to be able to continue making decisions such as these for our community. Thank you,

*W Earle*

COUNCILLOR, TOWN OF TRENTON

## #SupportLocal - Did you know?!

The **Trenton Church of the Nazarene** continues to hold regular Worship Services each Sunday at 10:30am! Due to recent restrictions set forth by the Province, they are unable to meet in-person but you can find their services on their Facebook page (details below) each week. When the Provincial protocols allow, all are welcome to worship together at the Corner of Duke & Main, every Sunday morning. If you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to email the Church or call Pastor Leon Teal:

**Trenton Church of the Nazarene**  
1 Duke Street, Trenton NS  
Tel: 902-616-5366  
[trentonnazarene@eastlink.ca](mailto:trentonnazarene@eastlink.ca)

**Find the Church of the Nazarene online!**

[www.trentonchurch.ca](http://www.trentonchurch.ca)  
[www.facebook.com/nazarenetrenton](https://www.facebook.com/nazarenetrenton)

## Town of Trenton Public Notice Re: Office Closures

### Province-wide Shutdown - April 28 to May 12, 2021

Effective Wednesday, April 28, 2021, all Town of Trenton Departments and offices will be temporarily closed to the public. This closure will continue for 2 weeks to coincide with the Province of Nova Scotia's province-wide shutdown. We will continue to follow the Province's directive and hope to see this re-evaluated on May 12, 2021. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and would like to thank everyone for doing their part in keeping our community safe. We ask that you continue to follow all Provincial protocols, stay informed, stay home & stay safe Trenton!

### Town Contacts

Town Hall	902-752-5311	Public Works	902- 759-1174
Water Works	902- 752-1450	<i>For After Hours PW Emergencies (water line breaks, leaking water meters, etc.):</i>	
Trenton Rink	902-752-2382	NGRP Non-Emergency at 902-752-1941	
Parks & Rec	902-752-1019		



[www.pcwastemgmt.com](http://www.pcwastemgmt.com)  
Waste Reduction Hotline: (902) 396-1495

### PCSW COVID-19 Facility Update

Due to the Province wide lockdown, we urge the general public to refrain from coming to the site at this time. The administration office will be closed to the public and PCSW will be closed on Saturdays for the remainder of the lockdown.

**\*There is NO interruption in regular curbside collection at this time.**

**Pictou County Solid Waste Spring Clean Up** will take place in Trenton on your regularly scheduled pick up date: **Friday, May 07, 2021**

### What's Accepted

- ♦ 20 clear bags of garbage + regular collection (only 1 black bag)
- ♦ An object, bag or tied bundle
- ♦ Broken lawn chairs & plastic chairs
- ♦ Broken toys
- ♦ Toasters, electric kettles or small household appliances
- ♦ Broken dishes (safely packaged & labelled)

### What's NOT Accepted

- ♦ Loose garbage
- ♦ Additional black bags
- ♦ Items over 75 lbs.
- ♦ Items longer than 4 feet
- ♦ Electronics & appliances
- ♦ Metal Items
- ♦ Leaf & ward waste (accepted during Town Leaf Collection - June 04)
- ♦ Furniture including mattresses & box springs
- ♦ Tire & car batteries

### Other Disposal Options

- ♦ **Electronics & Scrap Metal** - Please visit your local Enviro-Depot. To find a depot, visit the Divert Nova Scotia website at [www.divertns.ca](http://www.divertns.ca)
- ♦ **Donations including Clothing, Furniture & Other goods** - Try the Salvation Army (134 James St, New Glasgow) or Value Village (610 E River Rd, New Glasgow)
- ♦ **Tires** - Any tire retailer will accept up to 4 passenger tires free of charge.

### Compost Giveaway Postponed

The Compost Giveaway event scheduled for May 03-08, 2021 has been postponed until further notice. Compost will still be available for purchase in bulk; however, bagged compost is unavailable at this time.

## Trenton Rallying for New School!

### New School Committee Petition

A group of concerned residents and parents have come together to discuss the need of a new P-8 school in the Town of Trenton. For those of you who are not aware, our current schools - Trenton Elementary School (P-4) and Trenton Middle School (grade 5-8), are beyond the point of repair.

A new school would provide our children with the learning environment they are so very deserving of: one that is stimulating; is of adequate space (both inside and out); possesses new and up to date resources/amenities; safe, current and working infrastructure (i.e. ventilation) and one that is conducive to the current requirements of today's curriculum.

Our two current schools are no longer serving our students and as a result our children are sadly losing out. As a result of the building constraints, safety issues and numerous inadequacies; our students are missing out on many learning opportunities that they as students within this Province are entitled. We believe our children deserve the means required to provide a quality education.

In addition to benefiting our students, the construction of a new P-8 school would also benefit the community as a whole. Such a structure would serve as a location to host community meetings/events as well as offer services and amenities, which is currently lacking in the Town. The construction of a new P-8 school would also be an asset in attracting new and growing families to settle within our great town.

The Committee met with members of Town Council, and Pat Dunn (MLA - Pictou Centre) in early April. From that initial meeting, a petition was drafted, circulated throughout the Town of Trenton and the signatures given to Dunn to present at the Nova Scotia Legislature.

On April 13, Pictou Centre MLA Pat Dunn tabled a petition calling on the government to replace the elementary and middle school in the Town of Trenton.

"The elementary school was built in 1965; the Middle School was constructed in three phases, 1925, 1953 and 1986. These concerns are overdue to be addressed," says Dunn, who was a teacher and principal at the former Trenton High School, which is now the middle school named in the petition.

"The students deserve better. I went to both schools, my kids attended these schools, and now my grandchildren are going to these schools - it's time to provide the student with a better learning environment," said Chairperson Scott Cameron. (Full press release can be found at: [www.facebook.com/PatDunnPictouCentre](http://www.facebook.com/PatDunnPictouCentre))

Thank you to everyone who supported this petition and continues to rally behind our students, our teachers and our community fighting for a brighter future!



Above: Pat Dunn, MLA - Pictou Centre at TMS

## Trenton Parks & Recreation

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



### Summer Day Camp

Trenton Recreation has begun the planning for Summer Camps to run during July and August. Camp registration will take place on May 26th (Trenton Residents only) and June 2nd and June 3rd which are open to everyone. Please be advised due to COVID19 and Trenton Park construction, day camps will look very different this year and space will be limited. Stay tuned for more information.

### Mother & Daughter Learn to Play Softball

This year, in partnership with Trenton and Area Minor Ball Association, we will be offering a Mother and Daughter Learn to Play Softball program. This program will run on Wednesday nights from 6:00pm to 7:00pm beginning May 19th. Pre-registration is required. To register, please email [recreation@trenton.ca](mailto:recreation@trenton.ca) or call 902-752-1019.

### Trenton Park Guided Hikes

Trenton Parks and Recreation will be hosting a series of adventure hikes. These hikes will begin on May 18th and will run for 6 weeks. Stay tuned to Trenton Parks and Recreation on social media for exact times and locations.

## Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre



### Rink Closure - Effective April 28, 2021

Due to the recent lockdown by the Province of Nova Scotia, the Trenton Rink is now closed to the public. We will re-evaluate following May 12, 2021. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page or call the rink manager (details above), for details regarding indoor recreational activities (including pickleball) once the current Covid-19 restrictions are lifted by the Province and it safe to continue.

### Bottle Drive Fundraiser - Bring Your Empties!

We will be holding a Bottle Drive fundraiser on May 29, 2021. Drop your bottles off at the back end of the rink between 8:00am to Noon. We will continue to accept bottles during regular operating hours. Thank you for your support!

### 50/50 Block Draw Fundraiser - Draw to take place on May 21, 2021

Funds raised are going towards the purchase of a new score clock to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2022! Over 200 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 April Winner: Tommy Hoare (\$1050)!**

## Holiday Office Closure

The Trenton Administration Office (120 Main Street, Trenton) will be closed for Victoria Day on Monday, May 24, 2021. We will reopen for public office hours (9:00am to 4:00pm) on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

## Trenton Fire Department



### @TrentonFD19

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

### Provincial Burn Restrictions

Provincial Burn Restrictions are updated daily at 2:00pm. Visit their website at: <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/> or call their toll-free phone number, the recorded message is updated daily at: **1-855-564-2876 (BURN)**

### Fire Prevention By-law (No. 98-002)

The Trenton Fire Department would like to remind all residents that open burning or use of a burn barrel to dispose of household waste, yard waste or construction and demolition waste is strictly prohibited. These materials must be disposed of in accordance with the Provincial environmental regulations. For more information, please call 902-752-2993. The By-law states there is to be:

- NO burning rubbish, garbage, uncut grass, brush, clippings (grass or leaf), leaves, debris and/or other materials associated with yard waste.
- NO making or burning a bonfire or other fire.
- NO burning appliances unless CSA or ULC approved (propane options available)

The full Fire Prevention By-law can be obtained from Town Hall or found online at: [www.town.trenton.ns.ca/government/by-laws.html](http://www.town.trenton.ns.ca/government/by-laws.html)

Anyone who contravenes this by-law is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalty prescribed by or in the Summary Convictions Act.

## TRENTON FUNFEST 2021 Festival Update

Considering the unpredictable and changing situation involving the COVID-19 pandemic, & the likelihood that physical distancing measures will continue into the summer months, we must announce the cancellation of Trenton FunFest for 2021. This year's events were originally scheduled to take place July 15-18, 2021.

In the likelihood Provincial public health measures allow, we may continue with some events such as the Town Wide Yard sale, the Harvey Dickson Memorial Lob Ball Tournament and The Mayor's Golf Tournament. This will be announced closer to the dates of the events.

The Trivia Night and the Festival Dance are our two biggest fundraisers which contribute to the success of the Family FunDay, Concert Under the Stars, and Funtastic Fireworks. All of these events involve breaking physical distancing protocols and there is no safe way to host these events in a socially responsible manner.

We all hope that you'll stay safe and look forward to continuing our Trenton Tradition during the week of July 14 to 17 in 2022!

Kind Regards,

Donnie Cullen & Pam Farnell, *Executive Committee Co-Chairs*