COMMUNITY CAMPUS

Further Community Campus Consultations will be happening later this fall. Please follow us on social media and subscribe to e-news to stay up-to-date.

NEW RESIDENT WELCOME

Are you new to Stratford?
We are welcoming all new residents to join us at 10am on Saturday, September 28th to learn more about our community.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Stratford Area Lions Club annual pancake breakfast in support of the two Stratford schools is Saturday, September 28th, 7:30-10:30am



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



PEI summers always seem too short but we enjoyed lots of great weather for getting to the beach and other outdoor activities. It remained a very busy time for Council and I however as we attended to the business of the Town.

A top priority remains the Waste Water Treatment Plant which was at the top of the list of Stratford issues and concerns discussed during meetings held with Premier Dennis King, Leader of the Official Opposition Peter Bevan-Baker, Interim Leader of the Third Party Robert Mitchell, Stratford MLAs James Aylward and Michelle Beaton, MP Lawrence MacAulay, and Charlottetown Mayor Phillip Brown. The original tenders for the project were almost double the estimated cost so a new approach to reduce costs has been agreed upon with all government project partners and a new tender issued in mid-August. If responses to it are reasonable, work will start as soon as possible; if not, we will work with our partners to find an alternative solution.

Another very high priority is keeping tax rates as low as possible. To that end, during my meetings with our Premier and the other Provincial leaders, I stressed the importance of a more equitable sharing of property tax revenues in recognition of Stratford's incredible population growth. Currently 61% of all of Stratford's property tax revenue goes to the Province so we are seeking a better financial deal to prevent the need for a tax increase.

The safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists is of top importance as well. Speed humps are being placed in areas where complaints of speeding are highest and speed-radar signs are being used effectively to let drivers know when they are speeding. Most importantly, we have asked the RCMP to focus on traffic safety in residential areas during busy periods when most infractions are reported. These initiatives, along with other possible approaches, will improve safety for all users of our streets and roads.

By the time this update is published, the new Stratford Emergency Services Centre will be nearing completion with Island EMS and the Cross Roads Community Fire Company soon moving into their new quarters, and the RCMP moving in a bit later. I also look forward to a future announcement of the site of the new high school and further Community Campus consultations and updates throughout the fall.

As always, please let any member of Council know if there is something we can do to help make Stratford the best community possible. I hope you have an enjoyable end of summer and early fall season.

Sincerely,

Mayor Steve Ogden



Imagine that!

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PEI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY

Snow plow damage, culverts in driveways, potholes, storm water drainage and catch basins. 902-368-4770

PEI HUMANE SOCIETY Nuisance dog or cat issues. 902-892-1190 or 902-892-1191

IWMC

Questions on pick up days, sorting, etc. 1-888-280-8111

MARITIME ELECTRIC

Streetlight out, damaged or is staying on.
1-800-670-1012 or email
customerservice@maritimeelectric.com

WATER METER INSTALLATIONS

please call the Town of Stratford at (902) 569-4662

PROPERTY AND LAND TAX OFFICE

The Town of Stratford does not take payment for property taxes. Please call (902) 368-4070 for more information.

The Town of Stratford does not remove nuisance animals. Issues in this regard are the homeowners responsibility and can be directed to a licensed pest control company for assistance.

If you would like to request an additional street light on your street please submit your request in writing to the Town of Stratford.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

The Infrastructure department is busy this year both directly and indirectly with numerous projects at different stages of development. Some of the projects taking place are Foxwood Flourish Phase 2, Concord Properties, Southside Greens, Michael Thomas Way extension, Community Campus, Shoppers Drug Mart, Kinlock Crossing Plaza, APM apartments, the Emergency Services Facility, and the Mason Road roundabout.

> Waste Water Treatment Delivery System

The design and tendering of this project has been ongoing for the last two years. The Town tendered and retendered hoping to get better pricing but at the end of the day tender prices were 10 million dollars over the budget for the project.

With that in mind the Town is presently partnering with the Province of PEI to incorporate the Town's work with provincial bridge and road work with the hope that the design change should encourage more bidders and lower overall project costs. If prices are within budget when the tender closes, work will begin immediately this fall.

> Sewage Lagoons

As residents are aware the smell from the open air lagoons has been ongoing this summer. Staff have been working diligently to remedy the situation. The utility is now looking at removing sludge from the lagoons to help alleviate future odors while the Waste Water Delivery System to Charlottetown is being constructed.

> Water Metering

Since the commencement of water meters in 2018, the Utility has seen a 13 percent drop in water use. This is an excellent result to date. This number may fluctuate over the next few years but will hopefully trend downward.

We want to thank residents and property owners for the timely response to installing a meter and understanding the Town's effort to be more a more sustainable community in our water conservation efforts.

Currently all property owners that have municipal water available to their premise are required to have a meter installed or an additional non-refundable fee of \$200 per year is charged to the account. This fee may be looked at in the future to see if an increase is required.

> Emergency Services Facility

This project is certainly taking shape now. There were delays to the project with the long winter and plumbers strike in the spring but RCMP, fire department and emergency medical services hope to move into the new building around the end of September.

> Maintenance

Staff kept busy all summer maintaining grass, flowers, buildings (both inside and out), parks and playing fields. As the town grows so too does our infrastructure and maintenance requirements.

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INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

> Trails

This has been a busy summer for trail work. Along with staff maintaining 22 kilometers of trail throughout Stratford, contractors and staff have completed the extension of a gravel trail in Williams Gate Park. As well, a natural trail over private land was just completed from Heron Drive to the community gardens on Bunbury Road. Walkers and bikers can now travel from Bunbury Road to Stratford Town Hall and onto Fullertons' Creek Conservation Park entirely on our trail system.



Another natural trail from Calloway Close to Creekside Drive now connects the Koughan Heights subdivision to the Eastern Realties subdivision. As noted in previous newsletters some of these trails are not possible without the support of private landowners as portions of these trails are temporary locations until the land develops. With that in mind we ask that you keep to the trails and not wander across private property. We also remind you that there are absolutely no unauthorized vehicles permitted on Town trails or sidewalks.

> Town Roads, Street & Ditch Infilling

All roads, streets and ditches in Stratford are owned by the province. Provincial crews are busy patching potholes and installing or replacing culverts throughout the Town.

Please note that any request to infill your ditch or replace a culvert should be directed to the Provincial Department of Highways.





It's back to school time!

Watch for those big yellow buses; they are easy to spot and they give motorists plenty of warning with yellow and flashing red lights. Be prepared to stop!

Kids are out and about—take note of crosswalk locations, and be extra careful during school hours.

Cycling!

It's good for you and good for the environment! Know the rules of the road and practice safe cycling.

Did you know?

Did you know that the three main causes of fatal motor vehicle accidents are **speeding**, **drunk driving**, and **driver distraction**?

So always respect the road and other travellers. Slow down, be attentive, and drive sober!



PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

> The Building Bylaw and National Building Code

In the spring of 2011, the Town of Stratford adopted the 2010 National Building Code of Canada (NBCC) through the creation of a new Building Bylaw. The Building Bylaw is enforced through a review of the submitted plans prior to a series of inspections at various stages of completion during construction. These inspections will verify work against the approved submitted plans and against the NBCC. Inspections are completed at the following stages of construction:

- Footings (after placement);
- · Foundation (prior to backfill);
- Framing (prior to installation of insulation/vapour barrier);
- Final (prior to occupancy)

Any new application for development shall require the following:

- Application Form
- Floor Plans
- Elevations
- Cross-sections
- Framing Information
- Site Plan
- Utility Form
- Deposit
- Entrance Permit
- Drainage Plan (see below)
- Applicant Authorization (see below)

The Planning Department requires a grading plan to be submitted for new development. This grading plan should be developed by a surveyor, professional engineer, or another qualified person. It should indicate the existing grade of the property, the elevation of the tops of foundations of adjacent structures, the ditch, the street, and the proposed top of elevation of the proposed development as well as the proposed flow of run-off once construction is complete.

If the person making an application for development is not the property owner, they must submit an Applicant Authorization Letter, in which the property owner identifies the authorized agent whom shall represent them on their behalf.

To ensure that your permit is ready in time for your project start date, please submit your complete application as early as possible. A copy of the Building Bylaw, Application Forms, and Fee Schedule can be found on the Town's website (www.town-ofstratford.ca) or you can pick up copies in person at the Town of Stratford Planning Department, located within Stratford Town Centre. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Department by telephone at 902-569-6255.

> 2015 National Building Code

The Province of Prince Edward Island recently released a draft version of the new Prince Edward Island Building Code Regulations for consultation by the general public and various stakeholders. These regulations are created under the new Prince Edward Island Building Codes Act.

These Act and Regulations outline the procedure for issuing and acquiring building permits, the required qualifications for building officials, and the adoption of the 2015 National Building Code and the National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings.

In accordance with these Act and Regulations, the Town of Stratford will be adopting the 2015 National Building Code and the National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings. The Building Bylaw will be reviewed in conjunction with the new Regulations, and any changes required to the bylaw will be made in accordance with the new Regulations and existing Town of Stratford bylaw review procedure.

If you have any questions regarding the adoption of the 2015 NBC or the NECCB, please do not hesitate to contact the Building Inspector by phone at 902-367-4448.

> Development Permits

Since January of this year, the Planning Department has issued a total of 88 development permits. The following table shows a summary of development activities between January and July 2019:

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT January, 2019 to July 31, 2019

	Permits	Estimated Value
Single Family Residential	20	\$10,222,600.00
Residential Additions or Renovations	10	\$820,000.00
Semi-detached/Town houses/condos	8 (34 units)	\$7,180,000.00
Accessory Buildings	15	\$199,000.00
Accessory Structures (pools, decks, etc.)	12	\$139,190.00
Other (signage, demolition, etc.)	7	\$69,300.00
Commercial (new/renovations/alterations)	10	\$2,612,000.00
Industrial/Institutional (new/renovations/addit	ions) 3	\$488,400.00
Apartment	3 (91 units)	\$15,160,000.00
Totals	88	\$36,890,490.00



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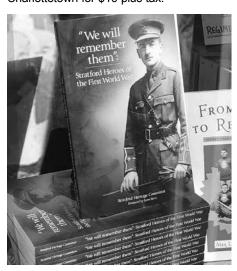
> Pool Permits are Mandatory

Swimming pools require a development permit to ensure safety measures are being applied. Any pool having a depth of 60 cm (approx. 24 inches) or more at any point or with a surface area exceeding 10 square meters (approx. 12 feet in diameter), whether being constructed or purchased as an inflatable kit, must first receive a pool permit.



> Heritage Sub-committee

Last year, the Town of Stratford marked the centenary of the end of the First World War in a special way, with a book honouring the lives of a number of our veterans from the Great War. "We will remember them": Stratford Heroes of the First World War is a project of the Stratford Heritage Committee, a group composed of Council members, staff and resident volunteers, with the book including contributions of information, photos, and stories from a number of Stratford families. Copies remain available for purchase at Stratford Town Centre during office hours and at The Bookmark in Charlottetown for \$19 plus tax.



> Deck Permit Requirements

Before commencing work on a deck project, residents are reminded that you must make a Development Permit Application to the Town of Stratford's Planning Department. Applications are only accepted once all required documentation is submitted and the deposit is paid.

Required documentation includes:

- Application Form
- Letter of Authorization (if applicant is not the landowner)
- · Site Plan, drawn to scale indicating:
 - Lot dimensions
 - Dimensions of all existing and proposed buildings and structures on the lot;
 - Setbacks of all existing and proposed buildings and Structures;
- Building Plans, drawn to scale, indicating:
 - Dimensions of structure;
 - Spacing and size of all structural members

(joists, beams, posts, footings, etc.)

Application fee: \$50

Development permits are only issued if they meet the requirements of the Town of Stratford's Bylaws and when all applicable fees are paid in full. The permits are valid for a 12 month period and are normally issued within five (5) to seven (7) business days.

A copy of the Application Forms, Fee Schedule, and other relevant documents can be found on the Town's website (www. townofstratford.ca) or you can pick up copies in person from the Town of Stratford Planning Department. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Department at (902) 569-6255.

> Upcoming Project:

The Heritage Sub-Committee has formed a committee to create a design around the existing cenotaph to honor the Stratford Heros who died in WW1 and WW2. Once the design and detailed cost estimate have been completed they will be forwarded to Town Council for consideration during next year's budgeting process.

FIRST CANADIAN TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT TAKES OFF FROM TEA HILL, STRATFORD PART I

*Parts II and III will follow in future editions of Town Talk.
Please head to our website to find the remainder of Part I and view a photo.

Just before supper September 13, 1930, Reginald MacLean and his cousin Alfred McNeill were returning from a Saturday afternoon swim at MacRae's shore at Tea Hill. As they approached the top of the farm, the boys were amazed at an airplane landing a short distance away. They approached the aircraft and saw two occupants dressed in caps, goggles, tunics, and breeches. One of the two men from the plane asked the boys where they were, and the boys replied that this was Tea Hill, Prince Edward Island.

The aircraft was a Bellanca monoplane, christened Columbia, and piloted by Capt. Erroll Boyd and navigator, Lieut. Harry Connor. Captain Boyd, a native of Toronto, was a celebrated pilot of the Great War. In fact, Boyd learned to fly under the tutelage of John Alcock, who was to gain fame with Brown in 1919 for the first nonstop Atlantic crossing.

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PARTY RENTALS AT THE STRATFORD YOUTH CENTRE

The Stratford Youth Centre offers party bookings in 2 hour time slots on Saturdays and Sundays. We have different options available for rent including a large main room and a video game room (available for youth ages 10 and older only). To discuss party options and pricing, please contact Duane Pineau at 902-367-3294.



All rentals require payment in full at time of booking, as well as a \$200.00 damage deposit.

Each 2 Hour booking includes 15 minutes before for set up and 15 minutes after for tear down.

STORM CLOSURE POLICY

When inclement weather arrives and you are unsure whether the Stratford Recreation Centre is open, please be aware that we send notices of any cancellations to our local radio stations; CFCY, Ocean 100, CBC, Q93, Hot 105.5. Notifications are also posted on the Town's website,

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Facebook, and Twitter.
Since cancellation notices may
be reported by media later than
when the doors to the Recreation
Centre normally open in the
morning, we suggest you call
569-2535 for the latest updates
on any storm related event.

> Stratford Youth Centre



The Stratford Youth Centre offers youth in Grades 5-12, a safe and supportive environment for participating in social and recreational Centre, various clubs, and special events to engage youth which encourages social growth and helps develop self-confidence and skills to prepare youth for their future. The Centre guides members to focus on volunteering, empowerment, community engagement and provides youth with an opportunity to voice their concerns about the community and show that they can really make a difference.

Membership allows access to the Youth Centre, numerous clubs and events, as well as an opportunity to participate in regular weekly member meetings. There is no cost for youth to join the Stratford Youth Centre. All members must help out with regular fundraising and volunteer opportunities within the community, to maintain their membership. Parents are strongly encouraged to become involved with the Youth Centre and attend regular parent meetings.



Members are asked to commit to a minimum of 20 volunteer hours with the Stratford Youth Centre every year to maintain their membership. This may include working at an event, assisting nonprofit organizations and fundrais-

ing. All volunteer hours members collect are recorded and can be used on a resume as valuable life experience as they approach adulthood. Upcoming volunteer opportunities will be included in parent emails and weekly member meetings.

Stratford Youth Centre members are also eligible to earn special prizes and awards for their volunteer service with the Stratford Youth Centre.



We are always looking for new youth members and adult volunteers. If you would like to become a Stratford Youth Centre Member, volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Duane at 902-367-3294 or by email at dpineau@ townofstratford.ca

> Stratford Youth Centre Clubs



The Stratford Youth Centre has a number of great clubs for youth to join. The clubs are open to Youth Centre members and are free of charge. For more information about these clubs or to become a Stratford Youth Centre member, stop into the Youth Centre or contact Duane Pineau at 902-367-3294 or by email at dpineau@townofstratford.ca

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> YCAN Program

The YMCA Community Action Network (YCAN) involves young Canadians developing projects to address specific community needs. This is a great way for young adults to gain volunteer service hours, increase employability with enhanced personal and professional skills, build community connections and increase civic engagement. Join us in making a difference, learning valuable skills and gaining experience. Together we will build a service project that is meaningful to you!

YMCA Community Action Network

Make a difference in your community!

The YCAN Program is recruiting youth ages 15+ who want to engage positively and benefit their community. If you or someone you know would like to dedicate yourself to identifying community needs and working with other enthusiastic youth to better our home please contact Joseph at (902) 393-4324 or joseph.dery@ymcamoncton.ca

For more please visit:

https://ymcagta.org/youth-programs/action/ymca-community-action-network

> Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park

Tucked into the eastern corner of the Town of Stratford you can find 140 acres of farmland and woodlot, now designated as a conservation area to protect the town's well field. Formerly the MacCallum family farm, the area now welcomes visitors to enjoy walking trails and new multipurpose field. The trails, ranging from 1.4 - 3.2 kilometres, are named for the MacCallums; you can stroll along the Hellfire Jack Loop, or visit Duncan's Lookout, where you can view

Fullerton's Marsh from a viewing platform. The wetland was used by Acadian settlers and at one time the railway crossed a causeway over the marsh. In 1950 Ducks Unlimited improved the site as a habitat for brook trout and waterfowl. Keep your eyes peeled for Great Blue Herons, Bitterns and muskrats!

Fullerton's Creek Conservation park is easily accessed from Reeves Estate subdivision, with lots of parking, the flat, well-groomed trails are perfect for bicycles and families looking for a pleasant fall walk.









Join us on September 28th and 29th for our new Fall Fest taking place at Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park. Follow us on social media to stay up to date on all of the fun activities being planned!

PERMISSION TO USE TOWN FACILITIES

The Town of Stratford owns and operates a number of parks, playgrounds, playing fields and facilities. Groups and individuals who want to use Town facilities for any reason must fill out an application and obtain permission from the recreation department. Town parks include all neighborhood parks and playgrounds, as well as our major parks; Tea Hill Park, Pondside Park, Kinlock Park, Robert L. Cotton Memorial Park, and Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park. Town facilities include the Stratford Town Centre, MacNeill Community Centre, Bunbury Rink Building and Cotton Park buildings. Town facilities are available to groups or individuals on a priority basis.

ONLINE PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Visit our website to see upcoming programs and registration dates. You can even create a personal account to register and pay for programs online at www.townofstratford.ca



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THE TOWN OF STRATFORD **WAS PLEASED TO RAISE** A FLAG IN JULY TO **RECOGNIZE PRIDE** CELEBRATIONS



STRATFORD DOG **FUN PARK**

Located next to the Stratford Town Centre, the Dog Fun Park is available for all residents free of charge. The Dog Park is open from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and there are agility toys, benches and a picnic table for your enjoyment. All users are asked to clean up after their pets and to respect park rules.

STORM CLOSURE **POLICY**

When hurricanes and fall/winter storms arrive and you are unsure whether the Stratford Town Centre is open, please note that cancellations are sent to our local radio stations: CFCY, Ocean 100, CBC, Q93, & Hot 105.5. Notifications are also posted on the Town's website, Facebook and Twitter. Since cancellation notices may be reported by media later than when the doors to the Recreation Centre normally open in the morning, we suggest you call (902) 569-2535 for the latest updates on any storm related event.

ADULT PROGRAMS FUNDRAISER FITNESS CLASSES



> Monday's Body Fit

Drop in to Body Fit for this full body muscle conditioning class, 60 minutes of fun for all levels of fitness. You can do all the exercises with weights that work for you or no weights at all!

Monday's from 6:15 - 7:15pm **Location: Stratford Town Centre Stage**

> Wednesday's Step Fit

It's a step aerobics class (yes - just like in the 80s) that's a great cardio workout for all levels of fitness! Time flies when you're having fun and working up a sweat! Come on out and try it!

Wednesday's from 6:30 - 7:30pm **Location: Stratford Town Centre Stage**

> Friday's Drop Fit



A functional fitness class that includes muscle conditioning and cardio using free weights and body weight. A fun class for all levels of fitness and abilities. Builds muscle and cardio endurance.

Friday's from 6:15 - 7:15pm **Location: Stratford Town Centre Stage**

You can pay \$3 to drop in or buy a "Fit Class Pass" good for any 10 "Fit" classes at the Stratford Town Centre (Body Fit, Step Fit and Drop Fit) for \$30 and not have to worry about bringing cash. Fit classes are led by volunteer instructor Clare, a CanfitPro Certified Fitness Instructor. "Fit" classes are a great way to be active and contribute to a great program in Stratford. All proceeds go towards purchasing of new equipment for Stratford Youth Centre Programs.

> Fit Fun & Over 50 Fitness Class

This is an 8 week program that offers a moderate but challenging head to toe workout that will uplift your quality of life, delay the ageing process, brighten your mood and help you feel more energetic. Each class will include a warm-up, standing and seated exercises and end with gentle total body stretches. Workouts will include a variety of equipment such as chairs, tubing, small balls, dumbbells, step platforms, etc. These fitness classes safely build dense, strong bones and will improve circulation, coordination, balance, core and full-body muscular strength, endurance and flexibility. Exercise while having fun and making friends!





Wear loose fitting, comfortable clothing, and proper shoes that offer safety and support. Drink water before, during and after exercise and don't forget to check with your doctor before starting any new exercise program. This program is offered through GOPEI!

Tuesday's: Sept. 10 to Oct. 29

Time: 10:00 - 10:45am

Location: Stratford Town Centre Stage

Fee: \$40.00

Minimum of 4 participants, maximum 18 Register with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online at www.townofstratford.ca

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> Men's Recreational Basketball

Sunday's: Sept. 1 to Dec. 29

Time: 8:15 - 9:45pm

Location: Stratford Town Centre

Fee: \$20.00



Recreational basketball league for those over the age of 18 years - everyone is welcome to come and play. All levels encour-

aged in this "for fun" league! Register with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online at www.townofstratford.ca

> Co-Ed Badminton

Tuesday's: Sept. 3 to Dec. 17

Time: 8:15 - 9:45pm

Location: Stratford Town Centre

Fee: \$20.00

Recreational badminton league for those 18+ years of age. Fun and social co-ed badminton program is open to all skill levels and ability. Register with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online via Town of Stratford website www.townofstratford.ca

> Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball

Monday's: Sept. 9 to Dec. 30 Time: 8:15pm - 9:45pm Location:

Stratford Town Centre Fee: \$20.00

Recreational volleyball league for those 18+ years of age. Fun and social co-ed volleyball program is open to all skill levels and ability. Register with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online via Town of Stratford website www.townofstratford.ca

> Wheelchair Basketball

Sunday's starting Sept. 8 Time: 9:00am - 10:30am

Location: Stratford Town Centre

"Hoop It Up!" with the PEI Mustangs Wheelchair Basketball Club. Instruction and equipment will be provided. This program is open to the general public. Contact ParaSport & Recreation office at (902) 368-4548 or email info@parasportpei.ca for more information.



> Pickleball

Come try a new fun sport! Pickleball is a mix of tennis, badminton and ping pong. This sport is for all skill levels.

Pickleball is a growing racquet sport that's kind of like playing table tennis on a badminton court! The basic equipment (ball & net) is provided by the Town of Stratford and for people starting up, paddles are provided as well. All you need are your sneakers and your energy! Beginners are welcome to come and try the program. Every ability is welcome, ages 16+. No equipment necessary for your first time, if you enjoy it we suggest you purchase your own racquet!

Fee: \$30.00 (ages 55+) \$40.00 (under age of 55 years). Days and Times: Monday & Wednesday 8:15am - 12:00pm Friday 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Register with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online at www.townofstratford.ca

GYMNASIUM HOURS OF OPERATION

Sunday to Thursday: 5:30am-9:45pm Friday and Saturday: 5:30am-8:45pm

The Stratford Town Centre is open for Stratford residents to use 7 days a week. The centre is equipped with a gymnasium, walking track, fitness centre, multipurpose meeting rooms, change rooms, stage and kitchen. Residents are welcome to use the fitness centre and walking track any time the building is open.

Residents are also welcome to use the gymnasium any time there are no programs or bookings scheduled. Schedules are posted weekly on the bulletin board, as well as being posted on our social media accounts daily.

To book any of the meeting rooms or gymnasium for private use, contact the recreation office at 902-569-2535. When you enjoy this beautiful facility please sign in and out at the front door. Indoor sneakers only in gym and track/fitness area.

STRATFORD GYMNASIUM WALKING/ RUNNING TRACK DIRECTION AND RULES

The inside lane of the walking track is for walking and is the lane closest to the bleachers. Because we change directions each day, the direction to walk will be posted by the top of the stairs. The direction will always be opposite of the running lane. We ask that people do not walk more than two wide in the walking lane and that faster walkers pass in the outside lane when traffic allows.

The outside lane is for running and this is the lane closest to the fitness equipment area. Like the walking track, the direction is changed daily and is posted by the top of the stairs. We ask that people do not run in pairs, as the running lane is wide enough for one person only. The walking lane may be used for passing when traffic allows. Indoor sneakers must be worn (those never having been used outside) and please remember to sign in upon arrival.

Young children MUST be directly supervised by an adult if using the gymnasium track. Fitness area (equipment only) is restricted to 15 years and older.

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YOUTH PROGRAMS > Instructional Ice Hockey -"Skills and Drills"

Saturday's: October 12, 2019

to March 7, 2020 Time: 7:10 - 8:10 am **Location: Pownal Rink** Age: Grades K-6 Fee: \$60.00

The Youth Ice Hockey program is available for children, who are not currently involved in a minor hockey program, to enjoy recreational play. Space is limited to 25 participants. Mandatory equipment includes: helmet, neck protector, stick, and skates. Register with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online at www.townofstratford.ca before October 9.

> Music Man - Mike Pendergast



The Music Man program returns Thursday, October 3rd, 10:45 - 11:45am at Stratford Town Centre. The cost is a

FREE PUBLIC SKATE!

Pownal Sports Centre, Stadium October 19, 2019 - 3:20pm November 16, 2019 - 3:20pm December 21, 2019 - 3:20pm January 18, 2020 - 3:20pm February 29, 2020 - 3:20pm March 28, 2020 - 3:20pm

ONLINE PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Visit our website to see upcoming programs and registration dates. You can even create a personal account to register and pay for programs online at www.townofstratford.ca

FALL FEST SEPTEMBER 25 & 29

Fullerton's Creek Conservation ParkJoin us for a weekend of fun. food and trail tours! Lots of activities for the whole family. Follow us on social media for more information throughout September!

drop in rate of \$5.00 per family. A delightful and funny musical experience with the "Music Man" for youngsters and their caregivers. Just drop in any Thursday with your

> C.H.A.N.C.E.S.

- Drop In and Play

This program is held on Friday's at Stratford Town Centre. It is an ongoing, weekly program, held from 9:30-11:30am for children from birth to age 6. The C.H.A.N.C.E.S. family resource centre hosts this weekly playtime for caregivers and children. Make new friends and discover all sorts of fun things to do together! No fee or registration necessary. Call 902-892-8744 for more information.

> Love to Skate Program -"Learn to Skate Program"

Through the generosity of the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Foundation, go!PEI and our community partners we are offering another year of the "I Love to Skate" Program, an Island-wide winter initiative designed to give kids the opportunity to get active by learning the fundamentals of skating. This is



a no-cost, no-pressure, recreational program to encourage fun physical activity.

These learn to skate programs will be offered by our community partners in the cities of

Charlottetown and Summerside, the Town of Stratford, and various communities covered by the three regional sports & recreation councils. Each program will run weekly for a minimum of six weeks for 45-60 minutes and is for children ages 4-18 of all abilities. More details will be made available soon on the Town of Stratford website & on our social media.

Day & Time: To be determined **Location: Pownal Sports Centre**

> Babysitting Course

Designed for youth a minimum age of 11 (or completion of Grade 5), this one day course teaches the skills necessary to care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. It emphasizes safety, dealing with emergencies, and first aid basics. Topics include basic first aid, injury prevention, responsibilities of a mature babysitter, and handson practice that will help build confidence. Course materials include a student activity book, a certificate suitable for framing, and a wallet-size certificate. Program offered by Island First Aid Services. Children must bring their own lunch. Cost is \$45 per child.

The Babysitting Course takes place at the Stratford Youth Centre, located at 57 Bunbury Road.

This program is a one day course (9:00am - 4:00pm) that takes place on the following PD Davs:

Friday, October 11, 2019 Friday, November 15, 2019

This program has a minimum of 6 and maximum of 16 participants.

> Stay Safe Program

Ideally, children should be supervised at all times. The Stay Safe Program is for children a minimum of 9 years of age and older (or completion of Grade 3), who may have to spend a brief amount of time alone due to parents being stuck in traffic, or any unforeseen circumstances. Students will learn home safety procedures, ways to obtain emergency help and when it is appropriate to call 911. Other topics include basic safety tips, healthy eating, fighting boredom, overcoming fears, and fire safety. The Program is hosted by Island First Aid Services. Children must bring their own lunch. Cost is \$50 per child.

This program is a one day course (9:00am - 3:00pm) that takes place on the following PD Days:

Friday, September 27, 2019 Friday, November 8, 2019

The Stay Safe Program takes place at the Stratford Youth Centre, located at 57 Bunbury Road. This program has a minimum of 6 and maximum of 16 participants.





To register for one of these programs, contact the Town of Stratford at 902-569-1995 or visit www.townofstratford.ca. Space is limited—register early!

STRATFORD AREA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT GROUP

SAWIG is a not-for-profit group dedicated to preserving and enhancing Stratford's diverse landscape and fostering interest and participation in watershed planning.

The Stratford Area Watershed Improvement Group has had a very busy summer. The team of four staff members have been busily carrying out projects in Stratford and the surrounding areas of Alexandra, Mt Herbert, Hazelbrook and Pownal. The work



carried out by SAWIG is focused on improving our collective physical environmental so that humans and wildlife have healthy and sustainable habitats. This summer SAWIG focused on a few key issues, such as habitat for pollinating insects.

Through funding from TD Friends of the Environment Fund SAWIG and the Town of Stratford carried out a project to create a large garden habitat for monarch butterflies. The

garden is located at the Stratford Community Gardens and is planted primarily with swamp milkweed. Milkweed is a native flower that is critical for monarch butterflies and caterpillars. This project was made possible with the help of volunteers from the Rotary Club of Stratford.

SAWIG encourages all residents of Stratford, Hazelbrook, Alexandra, Fullertons, and Pownal to stay abreast of activities happening in the watershed by visiting our Facebook page (Stratford Area Waterhsed), Twitter (@StratfordWater), and our website (sawig.wordpress.com). Additionally please feel free to contact Madeleine Crowell, Watershed Coordinator, at (902)367-3605 or stratfordwater@gmail.com



SAWIG SUMMER SEASON ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Removed a portion of legacy wire behind Pondside Park
- · Monitored water quality throughout Stratford and area
- Planted 1.500 native trees and shrubs
- · Removed harmful alders from streams
- · Created brush mats to remove silt from streams
- Monitored fish populations in streams
- · Created a monarch butterfly garden habitat
- · Built a pedestrian bridge
- · Collected over 30 bags of litter
- Monitored for invasive insect species
- · Removed harmful debris from streams and ponds
- Enhanced eelgrass beds in local estuaries

BECOME A MEMBER!

Memberships are only \$10/year for Individuals, \$20/year for Families, and \$100/year for a Business Corporate Membership.
Pick up a membership at Town Centre, call Madeleine at (902)367-3605 or find it online at sawig.wordpress.com

SAWIG WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MANY ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE PROVIDED FUNDING AND SUPPORT THIS SEASON

- RBC Environment Fund
- Town of Stratford
- TD Friends of the Environment Fund
- World Wildlife Fund
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Employment and Social Development Canada
- Community Foundation of PEI
- PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund
- PEI Watershed Management Fund
- PEI Watershed Alliance
- PEI Department of Environment, Water, and Climate Change





CITIZENS ON PATROL NOW RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

Citizens on Patrol Stratford

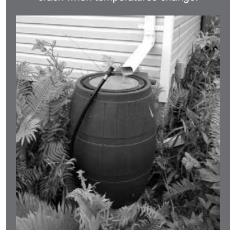
is a volunteer program established in 2008 where residents help to keep the community safe by volunteering to patrol the community and provide an "extra set of eyes and ears" for the RCMP. The program is funded in part by the Town of Stratford and works closely with the RCMP. Citizens on Patrol volunteers observe and report suspicious events to the RCMP – they do not intervene in any way, to ensure their own safety. If you would like to learn more or



go for a ride along with volunteers to try it out for an evening, please call the Town Centre at (902) 569-1995.

You can also follow them on Twitter @COP_Stratford and on Facebook www.facebook.com/copstratford

In the fall prepare your rain barrel for the winter by flipping it upside down or storing it in a location that will not collect water. Rain barrels left in place will fill with water, freeze and crack when temperatures change.



RCMP IN STRATFORD

RCMP engaging the 9PM Routine to promote locking up!!

Stratford RCMP are encouraging residents to jump on board the "9PM Routine" and make it a daily habit to lock up at 9:00p.m. each evening to protect yourself, your loved ones and your possessions. The 9p.m. Routine was created in 2017 by the Pasco County Sheriff's Office in Florida and has since spread to police forces across the United States and Canada. It encourages residents to protect themselves and their loved ones from becoming victims of crime by locking and securing their homes and vehicles every night at 9p.m. The initiative also encourages people to lead by example and share through social media that they have completed the routine using the hashtag #9PMRoutine. Often those photos can include a family pet being safe can also be cute!



Crimes against property can often be crimes of opportunity. As is often the case, a potential thief happens upon an unlocked car with keys or a wallet or phone on the seat and they are likely to open the car door and take what's inside.

By simply removing those valuables from your vehicle and locking it, you can help prevent crimes of opportunity and avoid waking up to find your keys, wallet, or even your car missing.

The 9 p.m. Routine has a few simple steps:

- Remove keys, wallets, cash, garage door openers and other valuables from vehicles.
- 2. Ensure vehicle and home windows are shut (and locked, if possible).
- Close and lock doors on vehicles and homes.
- 4. Close overhead garage doors.
- 5. Turn on outside lights.
- Post that you've completed the #9PMRoutine on social media and tag Prince Edward Island RCMP @RCMPPEI and @RCMPPEITraffic

Help spread the word using the hashtag #9PMRoutine and tagging RCMPPEI on Twitter and Facebook to let us know you've completed the routine.

By following the 9 p.m. Routine, you're showing potential offenders that you won't tolerate property crime in your neighbourhood."



STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Adult Book Clubs

First Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm, starting September 3 Last Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm, starting September 25

Connecting with your Community: Questions & Answers with Gjyzela

Whether you're new to Canada, PEI, or Stratford, bring your questions about settling in to the community!

All are welcome.

Tuesdays at 3:30pm, starting September 3

Tech Assistance

Bring your tech questions, devices and cords! Wednesdays from 2:00 - 3:30pm (or by appointment)

Yarn Crafts

Whether you like to knit, crochet or just craft and chat with friends, drop in anytime.

Thursdays at 1:00pm, starting September 6

Adult Ukulele Lessons

Make beautiful music in the library! All levels welcome. Wednesdays at 1:00pm, starting September 11

Brush Stop: Stories and Art

Join local artist Tricia as she reads a story and leads the group in an art project based on the book. Preschool ages Tuesdays at 10am, starting September 17

Wiggle, Giggle Read

Foster an early love of reading with songs, action rhymes, and short stories for your little one.

Ages 0-12 months
Thursdays at 10:00am, starting September 5

Toddler Storytime

Shake it up with stories and action rhymes for toddlers!
Ages 12–36 months
Thursdays at 11:00am, starting September 5

Bricks & Blocks: LEGO Club

Build, imagine and play with other Lego enthusiasts every Saturday morning. All ages Saturdays 9:30am - 12:00pm, starting September 7

Islanders with a library card can browse from a catalogue of thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks which can be downloaded to eReaders, smartphones, iPods and MP3 players. Check out the library website for more details, or call to book an appointment to get one on one assistance setting up your device.





STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

25 Hopeton Rd, Stratford, PE T: (902) 569-7441

Tuesday: 9:30 am - 8:30 pm

Wednesday: 9:30 am - 8:30 pm

Thursday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Friday: 9:30 am - 12:30 p.m. / 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Check out our Facebook page "Stratford Public Library, PEI" for more event details!

Wireless Internet access is available in all 26 public libraries.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Apply at the desk to display your artwork in the library art gallery!
Call (902-569-7441) or email (stratford@gov.pe.ca) today for more information.
All ages welcome.

With back to school time, kids are taking to our streets and choosing to bike to and from school while the weather permits. Please be extra mindful not only in school zones but entering and exiting our neighbourhoods. Sometimes our kids aren't as easy to see – triple check that it is safe to proceed and give them extra time and space when they are crossing the street.



The Town of Stratford

wishes to remind residents to take the time to get to know your neighbours. Not only does this allow for us to all feel more connected to our community and neighbourhood, but it can provide a support base when needed throughout the year – perhaps you need to borrow a cup of sugar, maybe you've had an illness and need to ask a one time favour to shovel your walkway, or maybe just to like knowing that someone is around and keeping an extra eye on you and your home. Take the first step, knock on the door and have a conversation with each other. It can even help address potential issues between neighbours when you know you can have a respectful conversation with them and resolve otherwise potential problems that can linger when they don't have to. Be a friendly neighbour and go say hello, they might just need that more than you know.

JAMES AYLWARD, MLA

Once again summer is coming to an end. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and had an opportunity to enjoy all that our Island has to offer during the summer months.

Soon I will be heading back to the legislature for the fall sitting of the Legislative Assembly. After being elected this spring I was sworn into cabinet as the Minister of Health and Wellness. Having previously been the critic for this portfolio I was excited to step into my new role.



I had the pleasure to attend the grand opening of the new Murphy Pharmacy in Stratford. Congratulations to Ray, Carolyn, and their entire team!

The first few months in this new role have been a whirlwind, but I was happy to attend events across the Island, meet with groups and individuals about the issues that matter to Islanders and, announce the Wellness Grant Program, which will provide funding for wellness initiatives that promote healthy living.

I look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the members of the Government Caucus, Official Opposition, and Third-Party to find the best solutions for the issues that Islanders face.



James and Michele Baldwin, a recent CRHS Grad, and the recipient of the annual Dr. David McKenna Memorial Award. Congratulations Michele!

Over the summer months, I had the opportunity to enjoy so many wonderful events across our district like the 20th Annual Stratford RCAC Annual Ceremonial Review, the Stratford Area Lions Club Canada Day pancake breakfast, and the Stratford Youth Council's Walk-A-Thon to name a few. There are always so many exciting events in our district throughout the year.

Now that September has begun our children and youth will be heading back to school. I would like to take this opportunity to extend best wishes for a safe, productive, and fulfilling school year to all students, parents, teachers, principals, and support staff for the 2019-2020 school year.

As always, please contact me with any issues or concerns. I hope you enjoy the fall months.

Sincerely, James Aylward

> James Aylward, MLA Stratford-Kinlock

 ${\bf Email: js aylward@assembly.pe.ca}$

Office: 902-368-5250 Home: 902-569-1615

MICHELE BEATON, MLA



Summer comes and goes quickly. I hope you had opportunity to spend time with friends and family. Soon we will be preparing for fall activities including returning to

school, harvesting, and winding up the tourist season. For me, it includes preparing to return to the Legislature and giving a brief update of what I have been doing since you elected me as your MLA.

June was a month of preparing for the Legislature to open. In addition to being your MLA, I hold critic portfolios in Finance, and Agriculture and Lands as a member of the Official Opposition. During the spring sitting, my colleagues and I accomplished a lot. Among them was helping change the structure of standing committees. This means all parties now have equal representation on all committees. I believe this makes them more productive in addressing Islanders' priorities. We also passed amendments to improve our targets in combating climate change and legislation ensuring partisan advertising is not paid for by tax dollars.

I was also named Chair of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). PAC is responsible for studying audits of public funds expenditures. We begin meeting on a weekly basis September 11th.

I had the opportunity to meet with Mayor Ogden to discuss priorities and the wastewater delivery pipeline is at the top of the list. As a MLA, I have the privilege of recognizing community members, organizations, and issues in the Legislature. My first statement was on the need for a safe active transportation corridor across the Hillsborough Bridge for pedestrians and cyclists. I will be pushing government to make this happens.

My second statement recognized the dedication of the Stratford Area Schools Playground Committee. With the help of area residents and business, they raised over \$200K! Great job everyone!

I was also pleased to recognize International award-winning author Patti Larsen who has published 111 books.

In September, I'll be starting a series of tea cup challenges! This will be a great opportunity for me to sit down and talk about important issues with groups or organizations from the district of Mermaid-Stratford. If your group would like to participate, please contact me at (902) 620-3977 You bring the issue, and I will bring the refreshments! Together we can create a solution to meet our needs. For up-to-date news on my work, follow me on Facebook.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Fall!

Sincerely, Michele Beaton

Michele Beaton, MLA Mermaid-Stratford

Email: mlbeatonmla@assembly.pe.ca

Phone: 902-620-3977

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR UPDATED WEBSITE?

Visit www.townofstratford.ca and check it out! If you have any feedback for us we'd love to hear what you like, what you'd change or what you can't find so we can try to improve it. Send your comments to info@townofstratford.ca

We want to hear from you! Let us know how we can improve your website experience!

DOG WALKING & LITTERING

Did you know that although disposable doggie waste bags are being advertised as biodegradable they take years to decompose (if at all) and actually belong in our waste system on PEI?

The Town of Stratford has been receiving an increase in the number of calls from residents expressing disappointment and frustration with seeing disposable doggie waste bags being littered around our community. They are being left on or near the edge of sidewalks, trails and even sometimes on residents private properties. Please respect our community and your neighbours by disposing of all litter properly.



THINK! STRATFORD.

ATTENTION STRATFORD BUSINESSES!

We are currently seeking materials for our Town of Stratford Welcome Packages for new residents.

If you have anything to contribute (business cards, brochures, etc.)
please contact Audra at 569-1995 or abulger@townofstratford.ca.

Let's make sure our new residents are aware of all that our community has to offer!



Imagine that!

STRATFORD AND AREA LIONS CLUB



Hope all had a great summer! The Lions Club slows down slightly from major projects in July and August to enjoy family time and to

rejuvenate to get ready for the busy in the fall! We still have our crib nights going each and every Thursday evening at Cotton Center with play beginning at 7:30pm. All are welcome to come with a partner or we will pair you up with someone if you come on your own. You may end up winning the pot! Our ceilidhs also happen every third Tuesday of the month at the Cotton Center with the show starting at 7pm and a light lunch provided. We list the local entertainers on our Facebook page each month, so like the Stratford and Area Lions Club page to get up-to-date information. We recently co-hosted a benefit with the Cross Roads Fire Department to raise funds for Wayne Jay which was a great success. A big thanks to all those who attended, helped out and donated.



Mark September 28th on your calendar and make plans to attend the annual pancake breakfast which we will again be hosting at Stratford Town Hall with all proceeds in aid of Glen Stewart and Stratford Elementary schools. The club covers the cost of materials and food for this worthwhile cause. Tickets will be available through the schools, Lions Club members or at the door.

We are currently in the midst of our apple pie project and bagged apple sale. This project can't happen without the dedication of our members as it takes countless hours to make these pies from scratch! Half of our members peel and slice apples all afternoon, then early in the evening the other half of the membership turn the service building into a pie building assembly line! Our 9 inch deep dish apple pies are avail-

able freshly baked, frozen uncooked and for your convenience already frozen and cooked! We also sell 10lb bags of apples at a great price! Just watch for the flashing light at our sales building on the corner of Mason Road & TCH from Wednesday to Saturday to pick up a pie to enjoy and some for the freezer for a treat during the winter months.



Wondering where the funds we raise go to support? We have a list on the wall at our sales building listing where we donate the funds to which includes: QEH, IWK, Diabetes Foundation, Cancer Society, Camp Gencheff, CNIB, local youth sports teams, youth organizations, senior-oriented groups, and many more worthwhile causes. We also financially help individuals who have to seek off-island medical treatment and others who need a helping hand in our community. We keep their information in strict confidence. With that being said, we can be contacted by email at stratford.area. lions@hotmail.com or through Facebook if you are a resident of Stratford and area and need assistance or know of someone who does.

Do you have some extra time in your life and a need to help others? We would love to talk to you about becoming a Lion! Contact us for more information and we will get you involved - whether you are male or female, all are welcome! The overwhelming feeling of generosity and pride within will grow knowing you make a difference and have FUN while doing it! Please feel free to contact our president Avery Blaxland at 902-569-2409, any Lions members, or email us at stratford. area.lions@hotmail. com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Respectively submitted by, Mae Bovyer, Club Secretary

STRATFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Need some excitement in your life? TAKE A COURSE

Stratford Community School is a great opportunity to learn a new skill, meet new people and have fun! This year SCS will be offering some great new courses and along with all of your favourite courses from previous years as well. For a full list of courses visit the Town of Stratford website at www. townofstratford.ca

Registration and Course Information:

Registration: Wednesday, September 18th at 6:30pm at Stratford Elementary School (second registration, if spaces are still available in courses, September 25, same place and time). There will be no classes on registration night (September 18). Classes will begin the following week on September 25th.

Class Dates: Wednesday, September 25 (first class) - Wednesday, November 20 (closing night). Classes run from 6:30-8:30pm. Cancellations will follow school closure policy.

Location: Stratford Elementary School on Glen Stewart Drive

Closing Night: Wednesday, November 20.

This is an opportunity for students to display items they have created or perform with others. A lunch will be provided.

Cost: \$20.00 in total. Some courses may require additional costs for supplies. Please check with the course instructor on registration night.

Age: 15 and over. Those under 15 may attend classes with the instructor's permission but must be accompanied by an adult. Planned Courses: Art History Appreciation, Belly Dancing, Cross Stitch, Crochet, English as a Second Language, Estate Planning, Fly Fishing for Woman, French, Gardening, Genealogy, Beginner Guitar, Intermediate Guitar, All Can Sing, Knitting, Line Dancing, Pickle Ball, Beginner Photography, Modern Quilting, Spanish, Stained Glass, Ukulele, Handle with Care. and Eat Clean Live Fit Healthy Lifestyle.

Please do not contact Stratford Elementary School for Community School Information. Committee members can be reached at: Kathy Livingstone 902-569-3098, Jo-Ann 902-314-6753

We will be posting updates on courses on the Town of Stratford website as they become available.

Gaudet 902-892-0351. Kim Stewart 902-569-4258. Jeannine Fraser 902-367-5196. Della Wood 902-569-4215 or Erin Gillis

STRATFORD "WATER'S COOL" **CALENDAR**

At the June Stratford Town Council Meeting, 12 grade five students were recognized from their artwork which was submitted for the Town's annual water school calendar art contest. The Town of Stratford and Stratford Area Watershed Improvement Group are proud to have completed the 11th year of water school, also known as "Water's Cool", which is an annual water conservation/watershed education program for grade five students with approximately 2,800 students to date having participated to date.

The following students are featured in the 2019-20 calendar:

Calendar Cover & February 2020 – Leila Lei July 2019 – Keeley Doucette August 2019 - Kate Campbell September 2019 - Ellen MacLeod October 2019 - Olivia Barry November 2019 - Evelyn Bulpitt December 2019 - Abigail McCarthy January 2020 – Ashley Gauthier March 2020 - Maria Cooke

April 2020 - Vivian Nguyen

May 2020 - Don Zhang June 2020 - Rosalyn MacGregor



REMINDER TO RESIDENTS:

Residents are responsible by Town bylaw for ensuring proper upkeep of your property when travelling for extended periods of time. In the warmer months this includes ensuring that grass cutting takes place and in winter that your driveway is kept cleared are just two examples. Be a good neighbour and make sure that your travel plans include looking after your house too!



ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

The Annual Stratford & Area Food Drive will be held on Sunday. November 17 with volunteers going door-to-door from 1:00-3:00pm. Thank you for your support as we work to help fill the shelves of the Upper Room Food Bank. For further details or to volunteer as a driver or runner on a route, please call (902) 569-4769 or e-mail holyfamilypastoralunit@bellaliant.com



At a service in June the Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada Julie Payette, presented honours to 38 recipients during a ceremony at Rideau Hall. Congratulations to Stratford's Sergeant Debra Reid, C.D. who received the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. Reid has been an active volunteer with veterans' groups and non-profit associations throughout P.E.I. for over a decade, especially those related to her passion for animals. Her fundraising efforts support veterans' activities and programs, while fostering remembrance and appreciation.



SCENT FREE

All Town of Stratford facilities are scent free for the comfort and enjoyment of all users. This includes any meeting room, fitness and gymnasium space, Town offices, and all events hosted by or in Town facilities. We appreciate the community's cooperation and understanding of those with sensitives and allergies to scent. If you have any questions please contact our office at (902) 569-1995.



STRATFORDS OF THE WORLD



Do you have family or friends living in Ontario whom you would like to visit? Why not plan to do this next summer while also attending the Stratfords of the World Reunion in Stratford, Ontario from July 30-August 6? Registration forms are available from the Ontario Reunion chair Joan Ayton, riversedge160@gmail.com with all fees due by October 30 (\$350) to local Chair, Daphne Campbell.

The registration fee includes bus tours, entrance fees to attractions, civic luncheon, banquet, and some of your other meals. Delegates are billeted with local families who provide accommodation, some meals, and transportation to and from events, all at no charge. There are usually approximately 100 delegates at the reunions and at the time of writing this there are 36 registered from Stratford, CT and 20 from the UK, while Australia and New Zealand are, like us, registering in August and September.

The first day of the reunion will be city tours to help delegates get oriented and will be conducted by one of the city councillors. This will be followed by a Civic Luncheon

at City Hall, hosted by the Mayor. That evening there will be a BBQ at the Museum (all events are free to delegates as are the out-of-town tours to St Jacobs and the Mennonite country later in the week). On the Monday it is a civic holiday. There will be free time to explore downtown, attend the dedication of the new flower garden and that evening attend the banquet at the Festival Theatre overlooking the beautiful Avon River. Planning is underway for other activities including a variety concert, tour of the newly renovated theatre, a Shakespeare production, and a farewell breakfast but details are not finalized yet. Since little is scheduled for the Sunday, delegates may wish to attend a church service, spend time with their host family or sign up for the optional trip and tour of Niagara Falls (at an additional cost for the bus and admission fee). As you can see, the reunions are fun filled adventures, provide opportunities to make new friends and/or re-kindle past friendships, and learn about and explore another 'Stratford of the World'.

We will be holding the next information meeting on Monday, September 23, 7pm, at Stratford Town Centre (Southport Room). In the meantime if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me, Judy MacKenzie, committee vice-chair, or Pam Ing, committee secretary.

Respectfully submitted by Daphne Campbell, Chair Stratfords of the World Committee- PEI



STRATFORD BUSINESS GROUP

The Stratford Business Group welcomes all Stratford businesses, new or established, to become a member and get involved in our community. Whether you want to attend the monthly planning meetings, have an opportunity to meet and network with fellow Stratford businesses, attend learning opportunities or just support the growth of the Stratford business community, we have something for you! Contact stratfordbusinessgroup@gmail.com to learn more or find us on Facebook.

We are planning a fun event in December to help small businesses in our community celebrate the Christmas season with their staff – watch for more information this fall!

We also look forward to offering more activities and learning opportunities and hope to see more of our business community out at these in the future. We welcome your ideas and topic suggestions at any time. As always, we encourage all residents to Think Stratford when you shop, play and explore!



STRATFORD SCHOOLS COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE



The fundraising is continuing to complete the build of the playground at

our schools. Please contact us if you have any questions/comments or if you are interested in helping us in any way. Find us on Facebook: Stratford Schools Community Playground or donate through www.gofundme.com/ Stratford-playground

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Willena Lanigan wlanigan@eastlink.ca 902-367-2820

Kristina Dowling kristinadowling@gmail.com 902-367-9088

Our thanks to the many individuals, businesses and organizations for your support!





WELCOME NEW BUSINESS!

The Town of Stratford is pleased to welcome many new businesses to our community over the past few months. Please support businesses in our community whenever you get a chance as you shop, play and explore!

Welcome to:

DOMINO'S PIZZA

LITTLE DUCKLINGS CHILDCARE CENTRE

MURPHY'S PHAMACY, KINLOCK CROSSING

OFF THE WALLZ – STRATFORD

POWERHOUSE REALTY PEI INC.

STUFF 'N SUCH HOME DÉCOR

If you are a new business in the Town of Stratford, please let us know by sending an email to info@townofstratford.ca!

We'd love to welcome you in a future edition of Town Talk and include you in our online business directory available at www.townofstratford.ca



HIKE FOR HOSPICE 2019

Thank you to the Town of Stratford for hosting this year's Hike for Hospice PEI. Participants walked in memory of their loved ones along the beautiful trails of Stratford. Thank you to RBC Charlottetown for supporting this event. Everyone enjoyed Buns & Things cake and ADL ice cream and over \$1400 was raised at the Stratford hike to support the work Hospice PEI volunteers provide to Islanders. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 3, 2020 when Stratford will once again be a host site for the Hike for Hospice PEI.

RESIDENT WELCOME PACKAGES

Do you have a business in Stratford? Did you know we provide welcome packages to new residents? All Stratford businesses are eligible to provide a brochure, flyer, coupon, or small give-a-way item to be included in our welcome packages so we can help promote you to our newest residents. Learn more or get involved by speaking with Audra at (902) 569-1995.

Stay up-to-date between
Town Talk editions – sign
up on our website for our
e-newsletter delivered to
inbox every couple of weeks
and be sure not to miss
a thing!

COMMUNITY GROUPS

> Stratford Community Choir Celebrates 20 years

When Dunstan and Heather MacDonald got together with a small group of singers to create a choir, did they ever think that it would still be going strong twenty years later? During those twenty years there have been three directors, Shirley Ann Cameron, Susan Duncan and Kathleen Linkletter. And forty concerts later, the choir still enjoys practicing and presenting music, the most recent at Park Royal Church in June of 2019 entitled, What a Wonderful World.



If you enjoy singing with a group, please join us when we resume practices in September 2019. We meet Tuesday evening at 7:00, at Andrews of Stratford. No audition required. You do not have to be a resident of Stratford to join. For updates visit the Stratford Community Choir Facebook page.

> Stratford Scout Group



The 2019-20 Scouting program will be starting in September and registrations has opened online at scouts.ca/join. The mission

of Scouts Canada is to help develop well rounded youth, better prepared to for success in the world. The Stratford Scout Group provides the following:

- Beaver Scouts (ages 5 to 7) 6:00pm, Wednesday's at Camp Gencheff
- Cub Scouts (ages 8 to 10) 6:00pm, Wednesday's at Camp Gencheff
- Scouts (ages 11 to 14) 6:30pm, Wednesday's at Gertrude Cotton Building, 57 Bunbury Road
- Venturer Scouts (ages 15 to 17)
 6:30pm, Wednesday's at Gertrude Cotton Building, 57 Bunbury Road

For more information about Scouting please visit www.scouts.ca

> Make a "Big" difference with Big Brothers Big Sisters

What if every child reached their full potential? Help a child build the confidence to achieve more! You can make a real difference in your community by becoming a Mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Sign up to be an In-School Mentor at Stratford Elementary or Donagh Regional School for the coming school year. Spend an hour a week with a child at his or her school, sharing your life experience and wisdom through stories, games or crafts. No tutoring required. For more information email info@bbbspei.ca, call 902-569-KIDS or visit www.bbbspei.ca



> Hospice PEI's Dancing with the Stars

October 19th, 2019 marks the 8th Annual Hospice PEI's Dancing with the Stars, a signature fundraising event for the non-profit organization. This event brings together local well-known Islanders as the 'Stars', with local professional dancers as the 'Pros', for a night of fun, dancing, and fundraising. The event will take place at the Murphy Community Centre in Charlottetown on Saturday, October 19th at 6:30. Tickets are \$75.

There is a very eager group of 'Stars' lined up to wow the audience with their moves. They have been practicing with their 'Pros' for months. This year our 'Stars' include; David Blacquiere, Buffie Boily, Blake Caissie, Loretta Coady MacAulay, Linda Dow, Kelley Mooney, and Damien Packwood. The 'Pros' who

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are generously donating their teaching time are Kashena Collins, Megan Connors, Susan & Rejean Lessard, Jordi Segers, Rod Weatherbie, and Ellen Velez.

Tickets for the event are available by calling 902-368-4498. People can vote for their favourite 'Star'! Every \$1 donated counts as 1 vote. The 'Star' with the most votes at the end the night on October 19th will win the "People's Choice Award". Please visit our Hospice PEI's Dancing with the Stars Facebook page or the website for more information, www.dwtspei.com



Cadets from 20 (Stratford) RCACC will recommence training at Stratford Town Centre in September. Youth between 12 and 18 who are interested in learning more about Army Cadets are encouraged to check us out. There is no cost to join! We participate in orienteering, sports, marksmanship, leadership, citizenship, community service, geocaching, hiking, canoeing, abseiling, and more! For more info 902-626-5159 or curtis.doucette@cadets.gc.ca

> Definitely Not The Symphony (DNTS)

Definitely Not The Symphony (DNTS): a fun group of people with a variety of levels of musical skill who enjoy playing in an orchestra. All levels of ability and suitable instruments are welcome. DNTS will resume in September. To learn more please visit www.dntspei.blogspot. ca, call Jenny at (902) 368-3576 or email dnts.pei@gmail.com

> Canadian Tire Jump Start

Canadian Tire Jump Start is a charitable program created by the Canadian Tire Jump Start Charities to help kids in need (ages 4 to 18), participate in organized sport and recreation programs. This program is national in scope, but local in its focus. Canadian Tire Jump Start helps

by providing funds to help offset the cost of registration fees and equipment for recreation like swim passes, bowling passes, dance lessons, Scouts and Girl Guides, etc.



To apply, please contact one of the following organizations: Kidsport PEI at (902) 368-4110 or Recreation PEI at (902) 892-6445 or visit http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en.html

> Kidsport Fund



The Kidsport Fund is a program offered through Sport PEI to ensure that no child is left out of organized sport due to lack of finances. For more information or to apply call 902-368-4110 or 1-800-247-6712; visit http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/prince-edward-island/ or drop into the Sport PEI Office at 40 Enman Crescent in Charlottetown.

> Special Olympics PEI



Special Olympics PEI is a non-profit, charitable, sport organization. We provide year-round opportunities for individuals with an intellectual disability to participate in sport. Programs are available for athletes of all ages (starting as young as 2 years old) and abilities in either the Community Sport Program stream (non-competitive) or the Competitive

Sport Program stream (various sports offered). If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved as an athlete, coach or volunteer, or for more information, contact us at our Charlottetown office at (902) 368-8919 or by email at sopei@sopei.com or check out our website at www.sopei.com.

> ElderDog PEI Pawd

ElderDog is a national non-profit organization dedicated to aging people, aging dogs and the important connection they enjoy. Thanks to the financial generosity of the Rotary Club of Charlottetown, ElderDog PEI Pawd is proud to kick off project: A Helping Paw. Aligning with the mission and values of ElderDog Canada, the goal of A Helping Paw is to assist seniors living in the Charlottetown area in the care of their canine companions.



Do you know a senior in the Charlottetown area who: has a canine companion living with them; struggles with the care of their dog and could benefit from vet care, grooming, food, and general care; and meets revenue Canada's low-income guidelines? If so, please tell them about this program. There is no cost to the senior for this project. Contact (902) 969-2926 or elderdogpei@gmail.com for more information.



MIKINDURI DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Rotary Club of Stratford is holding a fundraising disc golf tournament in support of the Mikinduri Children of Hope from 9:00am-4:00pm on September 21, 2019 at Tea Hill Park (Rain date: Sept. 22). This will be a fun event open to both experienced and beginner disc golf players with several divisions: Competitive, Corporate, and Family. For more information, check out the Stratford Rotary Club Facebook Page or contact Bill Kendrick (billkendrick@island-images.ca)



Did you know that meeting agendas are now available online for Council and committee meetings three business days in advance? Stay in the know about topics of interest to you.

View them at

www.townofstratford.ca
then clicking on the tab
Agendas & Meetings
(found at the bottom of the large image on the home page).

HEALTH & WELLNESS

> Stratford Minor Basketball

The Stratford Minor Basketball Association is gearing up for another exciting season! The 2019/20 season will begin in October, please visit our



website for exact start dates, which will be finalized in early September. SMBA is also looking for volunteer coaches to help out this season, so please reach out if you are interested. Online registration

will begin in early September and we will post dates for in-person registration options at Stratford Town Centre on our site as well. For further information, please visit stratfordfoxes.ca, find us on Facebook, or contact President Doug Newson at dougnewson@gmail.com

> Shake It Up Line Dancers

Line dancing will resume starting Sept. 10 thru April 29, 2020. Classes are Tuesday evening 6:30-8:00pm and Wednesday morning 10-11:30am. All classes are on the stage area of Stratford Town Centre. Your requirements to participate: a love of music (which we offer through a mixture of rock 'n roll, country, pop, Latin, and everything in between). Come out and meet new friends and we promise you'll have a good (fun) workout. Everyone is welcome! There is a small fee charged. For more information or to register contact: Karen at 902-569-8516 or carynhop@hotmail.com or Gail at 902-569-3237 or gailplaggy@hotmail. com. A maximum number of participants will be accepted at either class time.



> Island Karate Club

The Island Karate Club has been training students for over 30 years and has been located in the Stratford area for over 25 years. We are a member of Karate Canada, Tsuruoka Karate Do. Karate PEI and Sport PEI. Since we are a member of our provincial organization, Kidsport funding is available for families who may require assistance. All of our instructors have a criminal background check, National Coaching Certification and First Aid Training. The Island Karate Club's 2019/2020 karate year starts on Monday, September 16 for all new students with returning students starting on Monday, September 9.

Junior class (ages 7-12) is 6:30-7:15pm on Monday and Thursday nights.

Senior class (ages 13 and over) is 7:30-9:00 on Monday and Thursday nights.

We will be adding a 5-6 year old class starting in January 2020 so please register now to ensure adequate space. All classes are held at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall, 145 Stratford Road.

For more information, please contact Sensei Kirk Dalziel at kdalziel@upei.ca, visit our website at www.lslandKarate. com or find us on Facebook by searching Island Karate Club. Registration is required prior to attending classes.

> S.O.S. (Seniors on Strength) for 50+

S.O.S. (Seniors on Strength) is a dynamic combination of strength development, mobility, agility, and balance for the active older adult including total body strengthening movements on and off the ball and a total body stretch. You will be stronger to lift, carry, climb stairs, and do the things in life you wish to do. All levels.

Tuesday's, 9:30 a.m.
Session 1: Sept. 17 – Oct. 8
Session 2: Oct. 15 – Nov. 5
Session 3: Nov. 12 – Dec. 10
(No class Dec. 3)

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For more information or to register contact Joan Varacalli: bfitjv@gmail. com or (902) 213-6187. Pre-registration is required before attending your first class.

> Chair Yoga/Stretch & Tone for 50+

A four week session open to beginners, geared to promoting body awareness, balance, strength and flexibility. Gentle stretching, strengthening and balance movements combined with breath work while sitting in a chair and/or standing using the chair for support. Part of each class will include small ball and theraband exercises. All levels.

Tuesday's, 11:00 a.m. Session 1: Sept. 17 – Oct. 8 Session 2: Oct. 15 – Nov. 5 Session 3: Nov. 12 – Dec. 10 (No class Dec. 3)

For more information or to register contact Joan Varacalli: bfitjv@gmail. com or (902) 213-6187. Pre-registration is required before attending your first class.

> Cardio Pump for 50+

These classes start with low impact cardio moves to oldies music followed by muscle conditioning and toning using tubing, dumb bells, body weight, small balls and therabands. The class ends with a relaxing stretch. Have fun, burn calories, tone and strengthen your body. All levels.



Thursday's, 9:30am Session 1: Sept. 19 – Oct. 10 Session 2: Oct. 17 – Nov. 7 Session 3: Nov. 14 – Dec. 12 (No class Dec. 5) For more information or to register contact Joan Varacalli: bfitjv@gmail. com or (902) 213-6187. Pre-registration is required before attending your first class.

> Gentle Flow Yoga for 50+

In this class we start with gentle movements on the mat to warm up and loosen your muscles with a focus on breath. Standing movements promote east of movement, balance, functional strength and flexibility in your body. This class will leave you feeling relaxed and energized. All levels.



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> Privateers Football Club

The Privateers Football Club fields numerous teams playing tackle football in age-specific divisions. The

Privateers tackle program includes youth from the Charlottetown and Stratford areas. Last year over 100 youth participate in the combined programs. Football is unique as it allows players of all shapes, sizes and abilities to participate in a team sport. Each of the teams have a knowledgeable

and caring coaching staff dedicated to, not only teaching sport specific skills, but valuable life lessons such as teamwork, leadership, and self-confidence. NO experience is required. Registration fees include health insurance coverage and the necessary equipment with the exception of a pair of cleats and a mouth quard.

The Privateers Club is dedicated to developing tackle football at the following levels:

Atom (ages 9-11) Season: August-November, Charlottetown & Stratford Residents

Peewee (ages 12-13) Season: August-November, Charlottetown & Stratford Residents

Bantam (ages 14-15) Season: August–November, Charlottetown & Stratford Residents

Varsity (ages: 16-17, + some 18) Season: August-November, Charlottetown & Stratford Residents

For more information visit www.peiprivateers.com. Register by contacting David Henderson at PrivateersFlag@gmail.com or (902) 367-8962.

> Speed Skate PEI

Speed Skate PEI is now accepting registration for the 2019/2020 season. Come join the fastest human-powered sport in the world and have fun while skating with Speed Skate PEI. To register, go to www.speedskatepei.ca or for more info please email info@speedskatepei

> Bluephins Aquatic Club

Love to swim? Looking for a team environment? The Charlottetown Bluephins Aquatic Club welcomes new swimmers to its swimmer assessments on Sept. 23, 25, and 27th beginning at 4:00pm at the Bell Aliant Centre in Charlottetown. For more information, or to register, contact Coach Tom Ponting at tomponting1965@gmail.com

STRATFORD COMMUNITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS:

Drop In & C.H.A.N.C.E.S	(902) 892-8744
Stratford Playschool	(902) 569-2535
Intro To Sports	(902) 569-2535

YOUTH PROGRAMS:	
After School Programs	(902) 569-2535
Girl Guides of Canada	(902) 894-4936
Stratford Youth Centre	(902) 367-3294
Stratford Minor Basketball	dougnewson@gmail.com
Stratford Soccer Club	president@stratfordsoccer.pe.ca
Art Programs	(902) 569-6925
Stratford Minor Baseball	scottjtaylor10@gmail.com
Instructional Ice Hockey	(902) 569-2535
Pownal Minor Hockey	(902) 676-2182
Pownal Can Skate	(902) 569-5866
Speed Skating PEI	info@speedskatepei.ca
Red Cross Water Safety	(902) 628-6262
Scouts Canada (Stratford)	(902) 569-2353
Flag Football	(902) 368-4262
Stratford Army Cadets	(902) 569-4699
Stratford Softball Association	info@stratfordstealers.com

ADULT/SENIOR PROGRAMS:

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Badminton	(902) 569-2535
Carpet Bowling: Shirley Cleveland	(902) 569-3306
Co-Ed Soccer: Pat Martel	(902) 569-3830
Co-Ed Volleyball: Dianne Lidstone	(902) 892-3784
Crossroads & Area Lion's Club	(902) 569-2409
Intro to Fitness Centre	(902) 569-2535
Mayflower Seniors Club	(902) 569-2732
PEI Wildfowl Carvers Club: Moe Wood	(902) 569-3591
Recreational Basketball	(902) 569-2535
Stratford Area Watershed Improvement Group	(902) 367-3605
Yoga/Sweat & Pump - Varacalli Fitness	(902) 213-6187

FAMILY PROGRAMS:

Community School: Kim Stewart	(902) 569-4258
Table Tennis: Najam Chishti	(902) 368-2360
Cricket: Ross Dwyer	(902) 817-4404

SUPPORT PROGRAMS:

Canadian Tire Jump Start	(902) 892-6445
KidSport Fund	(902) 368-4110
ParaSport & Recreation PEI	(902) 368-4540
Queens County Residential	(902) 566-4470

STRATFORD RECREATION FACILITIES:

Stratford Youth Centre	(902) 569-3305
Cotton Centre Seniors Room	(902) 569-3424
Stratford Recreation Centre	(902) 569-2535
MacNeill Community Centre	(902) 569-4987

TOWN ADMINISTRATION:

Reception Desk	(902) 569-1995
Chief Administration Officer	(902) 569-6251
Infrastructure	(902) 569-4662
Finance	(902) 569-6254
Utility Billing Inquires	(902) 367-3228
Planning, Development & Heritage	(902) 569-6255
Recreation, Culture & Events	(902) 569-2535

STRATFORD RECREATION STAFF:

SCHOOLS:

Glen Stewart Primary School	(902) 569-0550
Stratford Elementary School	(902) 569-7750
Birchwood Junior High School	(902) 368-6870
Charlottetown Rural High School	(902) 368-6905

See your business here in the next issue.

Contact Wendy at wwatts@townofstratford to learn more about advertising in Town Talk!





Adult One way fare \$2



Senior

One way fare \$2 Sheet of 6 senior tickets \$9* Monthly pass \$40.50

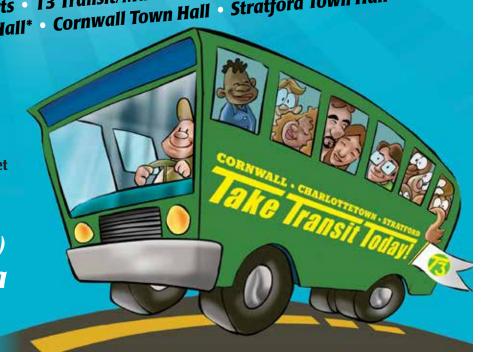
Children 6 - 12 (with adult) \$1 Under 6 free

Monthly pass \$58.50 Student Monthly pass \$40.50

Transit passes and adult tickets available at: Shoppers Drug Marts • T3 Transit/Maritime Bus - 7 Mt. Edward Rd.* Charlottetown City Hall* • Cornwall Town Hall • Stratford Town Hall*

* Available at Murphy's Parkdale Pharmacy, **Shoppers Drug Mart Queen Street** and from bus #5 driver.

566-9962 (ext. 105) www.t3transit.ca





ARE YOU A NEW RESIDENT OF STRATFORD?



LET US WELCOME YOU & YOUR FAMILY AT OUR

Welcome Event for New Residents

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR NEW COMMUNITY

- Information on 'Living in Stratford' including general information about the Town, our recreation facilities & events, and other 'must-know' facts whether you've moved here from elsewhere on PEI, within Canada or internationally. All are welcome!
- Opportunity to meet with Stratford Town Council members and staff to learn more about your new home
- Fundraising pancake breakfast hosted by the Stratford & Area Lions Club from 7:30am

