



### DRAFT BUDGET MEETING

Members of the public are invited to a public meeting on February 20, 2020 where a draft 2020-21 budget will be presented for your feedback.



### ANNUAL MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> EVENT

The Town of Stratford recognizes the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination annually. Watch for more details closer to the date.



### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Nominations are now open for Senior, Adult and Youth Volunteer of the Year to be presented on Canada Day. See page 13 for more info!



# TownTalk

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## STRATFORD

# Winter Fest

FEBRUARY  
15-17, 2020





# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



**Imagine That!** Stratford continues to grow, attracting new residents and businesses that are contributing to a thriving and sustainable local economy. Volunteers and organizations are helping to improve our quality of life through community service, recreational events, and programs such as those offered at Stratford Community School. We truly live in a very special place, a community that we are proud to call home!

After a busy fall Town staff, Council and I are looking forward to making progress over the coming months on resident priorities including the following:

- The 2020/21 Town budget process is underway, with a public meeting scheduled for February 20, 2020. We will present a draft budget at this meeting for your feedback.
- A policing review will be considered as part of this year's budget process. If approved, current and future community policing needs, service standards and service delivery options will be examined.
- We are awaiting confirmation from the Province on land acquisition required for the new high school. We are also looking forward to hearing if our applications for Federal and Provincial funding have been approved for a multi-use facility which would be located near the new high school as part of the community campus. The facility would include an Olympic-sized rink for the 2023 Canada Winter Games. Fingers crossed!
- Staff, Council and I are also working hard to bring more affordable housing to Stratford through consultations with developers and the Provincial Government. We hope to be able to announce more affordable housing initiatives over the next year.
- Another important priority is working with the Stratford Area Watershed Improvement Group, developers and the Provincial Government on further measures to protect our environment.

Other projects underway include the Wastewater Delivery System project which is progressing well, with ongoing work happening under the bridge at this time. As for the new Stratford Emergency Services Centre, it is substantially complete with RCMP, the Fire Department and Island EMS moved, or soon to be moving, into their new accommodations.

In closing, on behalf of Town staff and Council, I wish all residents a Happy 2020! I hope you had an enjoyable and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,

**Mayor Steve Ogden**

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## FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

### 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

### > Utility Projects

The Utility recently took over water and sewer infrastructure from the following developments: Southside Greens, Michael Thomas Way, Courtney Estates, Forest Trails Phase 3, APM apartments on Dale Drive, MacKinnon Drive extension, the Emergency Services Center, and both the Kinlock Crossing and Kinlock Plaza developments. When fully developed, these subdivisions will add close to 170 residential units and numerous commercial development units. In 2020, Utility will complete

upgrades to our Corish, Bayside and Pongside sewer lift stations and will also be installing lightning protection at all our water stations.

Utility staff continue to monitor and maintain our water and sewer system, comprising of 87 kilometers of sewer main, 1235 sewer manholes, 28 sewer lift stations, 4 water stations, a reservoir, 81 kilometers of water main, 614 water main valves along with 269 hydrants and valves, and last but not least, 3,431 residential and commercial water meters.

### > Waste Water Delivery System

During the winter the contractor will continue with work under the bridge and at the new sewer lift station at our waste water treatment plant. In the spring, work will continue on the Charlottetown side to bring the pipe to the Charlottetown plant as shown in the photo below. The estimated timeline for the changeover to Charlottetown is fall 2020. Until then, staff will continue with maintenance programs to alleviate potential odors from the lagoons. Phase 2 of the project will begin with decommissioning the existing lagoons once the changeover to Charlottetown is complete. This will involve draining the lagoons, removing the sludge, removing the existing geotube bags and reclaiming this area with reinstatement. The plan is to begin this work in late 2020 and complete it in 2021.



### > Public Works

#### **Maintenance**

In the plans for this year is to have the Public Schools branch section of the roof re-shingled and some lighting at Town Center replaced with energy efficient LED lighting.

#### **Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park**

The washroom facility project at Fullerton's was recently tendered. If prices are within budget, construction will begin in the spring.

#### **Emergency Services Center**

The project took little less than a year to construct (substantially completed in December 2019). It is a beautiful building owned by the Town and occupied by the Crossroads Fire Department, RCMP and EMS. All three tenants are now (or soon to be) in the new Centre.

#### **Roundabout**

The roundabout project was administered and constructed by the Province of PEI as they own and maintain all streets in Stratford including the Trans Canada Highway. The major-

## INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

ity of work has been completed with final cleanup and deficiencies slated for 2020. Although the Town was not responsible for this project, it will help to improve traffic flow throughout Stratford and at the Mason Road intersection. We thank the Province for their work on this major project.

### **Sidewalks, Trails, Bike Lanes & Storm Water**

Contractors have completed work on the sidewalk, curb, storm water, road and bike lane widening on the Georgetown Road from Woods Farm to the Tea Hill Subdivision. The Town hopes to extend the sidewalk further along the Georgetown Road in 2020 subject to funding.

Also in 2020, a paved walkway will allow users to go from Mason Road and across the roundabout to the Stratford and Georgetown Roads. The walkway will also be extended along the Trans Canada Highway from the roundabout to the Wheel Alignment Center. This welcomed addition to our active transportation system will improve walking and biking flow while improving the safety of all users. The MacKinnon Drive extension will also see a new multi-use path from the existing schools and along MacKinnon Drive connecting to Kinlock Road.

In 2019, the Town added almost 3 km of new trails to our existing system. These trails, across both Town and private land, are a combination of gravel, grassed and natural wooded. The Town will continue to extend our trail system (where possible) to connect existing subdivisions and walking/biking routes. We hope to have the continued support of private landowners to complete these additions and connections. Staff also began the installation of new signage. This sign work will continue in 2020 to improve user experience.

To find a copy of our Active Transportation and trail system go to *Resident/Maps* on the Town's website.

### **> Safety Services**

The Town's Safety Services committee reviews lighting requests along with requests on speeding and traffic signs, crosswalks and other similar requests. These recommendations then have to be approved by the Province as they own the streets and roads in Stratford. The Town recently installed new lantern style streetlights in the Kinlock Creek subdivision to improve the safety of residents. Our six new speed radar signs have provided a lot of data that will be analyzed this winter to identify how much of an issue speeding is in the locations where they are located. Maritime Electric is continuing their program to replace high pressure sodium lights with LED lights as and when one goes out or needs repair.

### **> Reminder to Residents – Power Outage**

In the event of a prolonged power outage Stratford Utility customers are asked to limit their water use in our community. Municipal water will remain available during a power outage however once it leaves your pipes and goes into our sewer system, the Town's pumping stations are not equipped with back up generators and must be serviced manually by our staff. This work continues throughout any power outage however, as you can imagine, it is slow and requires a continuous loop by staff to visit each of the pumping stations and empty them manually. The least amount of water we as residents put into the sewer system during a power outage, the easier it is on our system, and on our staff. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## SNOW CLEARING ON ROADS, SIDEWALKS & TRAILS

All roads and streets in the Town of Stratford are owned and cleared by the Province of PEI. If you have any issues with the clearing of snow off streets, please direct them to the Department of Transportation at (902) 368-4770. This includes issues with storm water drainage that may occur during heavy rain or melt events where ditches and storm water catch basins are overwhelmed or covered.

At this time trails in Stratford are not cleared of snow unless they are along the public right of way, lead to public services or are groomed for skiing by the Recreation department.

*The Town would like to note that provincial and private contractors as well as Town staff make every effort to keep things tidy. However, some unavoidable messes cannot be helped as provincial snow plow operators and private contractors clear snow from parking lots and driveways at different times.*

Be a good neighbour! The Town of Stratford asks residents to be mindful of one another. As storms and winter weather hit, please help out your neighbours who may not as easily be able to keep up with the snow clearing. In the event of power outages or prolonged storms it is also a great idea to check in on your neighbours, particularly those living alone, who are more senior or who have health conditions or ailments. They will appreciate it!



# Thank You

Every year leading up to Remembrance Day, the bus shelters in Stratford become a reminder of our Stratford Heroes program. We would like to recognize the advertisers who provide us their space at no cost to allow our Stratford heroes to be displayed. We thank them deeply for their ongoing support year after year!

## Cooke Insurance Group

### Egg Farmers of PEI

Kim Reddin,  
Centum Mortgage Partners PEI

### McDonald's Restaurant

Michael Poczynek,  
Century 21 Northumberland  
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Patty Campbell,  
Powerhouse Realty PEI

Regan Lewis, CPA, CA,  
Signature Accounting & Tax

Tim Horton's

Wine Kitz



## INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

### > Understanding your water meter bill

*Why is my water meter reading used to also bill me for sewer when not all of the water I use ends up in the sewer system?*



A number of Stratford Utility customers have asked this question since the water meter program began and water meters were installed. Customers ask this question because some of the Utility supplied water they use goes towards watering their gardens, washing cars, filling pools, building skating rinks, etc. and they know that this water is not entering into the Town's sewer system. This is true; however, customers also introduce a significant amount of liquids and solids into the sewer system that are in addition to the water supplied by the Utility. These come from food, bottled water, milk, pop, juice, coffee, tea, alcohol etc.; and in some cases sump pumps, roof drains and foundation drains that are illegally connected into the sewer system. In fact, there is actually a significantly higher volume of sewage from customers than there is water being supplied to Utility customers.

In 2018, the Utility supplied customers with 774,309 m<sup>3</sup> of potable water but treated 1,316,493 m<sup>3</sup> of sewer. A portion of the extra sewage is from customers as indicated above and a portion of it is from infiltration of rainfall

into manholes and sewer pipes. The Utility is working to reduce the rainfall infiltration by installing trays in all of our manholes to prevent rainfall from entering the sewer system and by looking for leaks in the piping.

The installation of metering is designed to encourage conservation and to more fairly allocate the costs among customers. It is possible to also meter sewer but it is significantly more expensive than metering water, and doing so would mean a significant increase in rates for customers because the Utility operates on a cost recovery basis.

It is for all of these reasons that the standard utility practice is to use the water meter reading to charge for sewer usage as well. Conservation and the fair allocation of costs are important principles but so are economic efficiency and keeping rates reasonable for customers.

We are pleased to note that the amount of water supplied actually decreased by 2% in 2018, even though the number of customers continued to increase. It appears that the water metering program is having a positive conservation effect – well done Stratford!!



# PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

## > Building Bylaw Review



With the release of the Building Codes Act and the pending adoption of the Building Codes Act Regulations by the Prince Edward Island government, the Town of Stratford has undertaken a review and revision of the Building Bylaw. The new Building Bylaw #50 will come into effect early in 2020 and will replace the old Building Bylaw #32.

In accordance with the Building Codes Act and Building Codes Act Regulations, the Town of Stratford is adopting the 2015 National Building Code and the 2015 National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings. The Building Bylaw has been reviewed in conjunction with the new Act and Regulations, and any changes required to the bylaw under the Act and Regulations have been made so that the new Building Bylaw #50 aligns with those requirements.

Some key changes included in the new Building Bylaw are:

- *The adoption of the 2015 NBC and 2015 NECCB*
- *An increased scope for each of the required inspection points*
- *Provisions to issue partial occupancy permits*
- *Provisions to issue Orders Not To Cover and Orders Respecting Dangerous Property where a building poses a threat to public safety*
- *Increased penalties for offences under the Building Bylaw*
- *Provisions where a resident can appeal a decision of a building official*

A Plain Language Guide is available on the Town website to help residents understand the changes to the Building Bylaw.

If you have any questions regarding the adoption of the 2015 NBC, the 2015 NECCB, or the new Building Bylaw #50, please do not hesitate to contact the Building Inspector at (902) 367-4448.

## > Development Permits

From January to November 2019, the Planning Department has issued a total of 144 development permits. The following table shows a summary of development activities between January and November 2019:

**SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT  
January, 2019 to November, 2019**

	Permits	Estimated Value
Single Family Residential	29	\$14,490,769.00
Residential Additions, Renovations and Demolitions	22	\$1,619,500.00
Semi-detached/Duplex	3 (6 units)	\$1,380,000.00
Townhouse	10 (50 units)	\$9,700,000.00
Apartment	3 (91 units)	\$15,160,000.00
Accessory Buildings	26	\$283,000.00
Accessory Structures à(pools, decks, fences)	24	\$276,090.00
Other (signage, demolition, etc.)	11	\$150,400.00
Commercial (new/renovations/alterations)	12	\$2,735,000.00
Industrial (new/renovations/additions)	3	\$326,000.00
Institutional (new/renovations/additions)	2	\$388,400.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>\$46,509,159.00</b>

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

*\*Part III will follow in future editions of Town Talk. Please head to our website to read Part I and the remainder of Part II.*

### Leaving Canadian soil

On Tuesday, September 23, a full ten days after their arrival, Erroll Boyd and Harry Connor were about to leave Canadian soil for Harbour Grace, Newfoundland - the next leg of the first Canadian transatlantic flight.

“We were loath to leave the beautiful girls of PEI behind, but will return there upon the completion of this flight,” wrote Harry Connor in the flight log book. The make-shift airfield at Tea Hill was extended by 500 feet by the removal of a fence. Finally, a report of fine weather from St. John’s was the deciding factor in permitting the departure.

Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins were the last to bid them God-speed. The Columbia hopped off from MacRae’s field at 12:48 pm. “Taxiing over the undulating surface of the field the monoplane slipped gently into the air and began a slow climb.

*Continued at  
www.townofstratford.ca*

## BABYSITTING COURSE

March 6, 2020 and May 1, 2020  
One day course (9:00am - 4:00pm)  
Cost is \$45 per child  
(Children must bring their own lunch)

Designed for youth a minimum age of 11, this course teaches the skills necessary to care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. It emphasizes safety, dealing with emergencies, and first aid basics, along with hands-on practice that will help build confidence.

Course materials include a student activity book, a certificate suitable for framing, and a wallet-size certificate.

To register contact the Town of Stratford at 902-569-1995 or visit [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca)  
Space is limited - register early!



## 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 or by email at [dpineau@townofstratford.ca](mailto:dpineau@townofstratford.ca).

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.



## RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

### > Stratford Youth Centre

The Stratford Youth Centre offers youth in Grades 5-12, a safe and supportive environment for participating in social and recreational activities, various clubs, and special events. Participation engages youth which encourages social growth and helps develop self-confidence and skills to prepare youth for their future. The Stratford Youth Centre guides members to focus on volunteering, empowerment, and 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 help out with our different events.

Youth 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 fundraising. 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. 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 [dpineau@townofstratford.ca](mailto: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](mailto:dpineau@townofstratford.ca)





# RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

## > Stratford Youth Centre - Drop In Schedule

Stratford Youth Centre Members are welcome to stop in and hangout during their allotted Drop In times. Drop In Centre activities include video games in our Game Cave, computers, board games, arts and crafts, movies, pool table, ping pong table, Legos, teen lounge area and much more!

**Mondays:**

**Grade 5 – 6 (2:45pm - 5:15pm)**  
**Grade 7 – 12 (5:30pm - 7:30pm)**

**Wednesdays:**

**Grade 5 - 6 (2:45pm - 5:15pm)**  
**Grade 7 – 12 (5:30pm - 7:30pm)**

Youth Drop In times only apply to school days. If there is no school, or school is cancelled due to weather, the Youth Centre will be closed. This schedule is subject to change. For more information, contact Duane at 902-367-3294 or by email at [dpineau@townofstratford.ca](mailto:dpineau@townofstratford.ca)



## > YCAN Program

# YMCA Community Action Network

Make a difference in your community!

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!

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](mailto:joseph.dery@ymcamoncton.ca)

For more please visit:  
<https://ymcagta.org/youth-programs/action/ymca-community-action-network>

## STAY SAFE PROGRAM

February 28, 2020  
 and April 3, 2020

One day course (9:00am - 3:00pm)  
 Cost is \$50 per child  
 (Children must bring their own lunch)

The Stay Safe Program is for children a minimum of 9 years of age and older who may have to spend a brief amount of time home alone. Students will learn home safety procedures, ways to obtain emergency help and when it is appropriate to call 911 and other related topics.

To register contact the Town of Stratford at 902-569-1995 or visit [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca)  
 Space is limited - register early!



## SAVE THE DATE!

Town of Stratford Community  
 Yard Sale and Flea Market  
 Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
 8am - 12pm

Residents throughout the Town of Stratford will be having yard sales, including a huge indoor Flea Market at the Town Centre. You can register your property for inclusion in our event publication or rent a table at the Flea Market. This is a fundraising project of the Stratford Youth Centre.

For more details,  
 contact Duane Pineau at  
[dpineau@townofstratford.ca](mailto:dpineau@townofstratford.ca)



## RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

### 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.

### 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, Pondsides 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.

### 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 6:15-7:15pm**  
**Location: Stratford Town Centre Stage**

#### > Friday's Drop Fit

A functional fitness class, it includes muscle conditioning using body weight and/or free weights. A fun class that helps to build endurance, and great for all levels of fitness and abilities!

**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, 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 equip-

ment such as chairs, tubing, small balls, dumbbells, step platforms, etc. 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!

**Thursday's, January 9 – February 27**  
**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](http://www.townofstratford.ca)

#### > Men's Recreational Basketball

**Sunday's: January 5 – April 26**  
**Time: 8:15 - 9:45pm**  
**Location: Stratford Town Centre**  
**Fee: \$20.00**

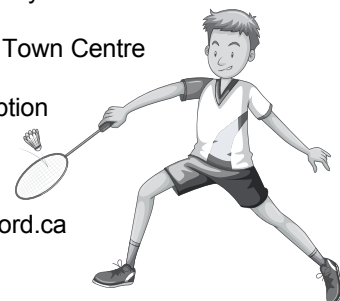
Recreational basketball league is for those of 18+ years of age - everyone is welcome to come and play. All levels encouraged in this "for fun" league! Register with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online at [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca)

#### > Co-Ed Recreational Badminton

**Tuesday's: January 7 to April 28**  
**Time: 8:15 - 9:45pm**  
**Location: Stratford Town Centre**  
**Fee: \$20.00**

Recreational basketball league is for those of 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](http://www.townofstratford.ca)



## RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

### > Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball

**Monday's: January 6 to April 27**  
**Time: 8:15 - 9:45pm**  
**Location: Stratford Town Centre**  
**Fee: \$20.00**

Recreational basketball league is for those of 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](http://www.townofstratford.ca)

### > Co-Ed Competitive Volleyball

**Thursday's: January 9 to March 30**  
**Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm**  
**Location: Glen Stewart School Gymnasium**  
**Fee: \$20.00**

Competitive volleyball league is for those of 18+ years of age. Participants must have played in leagues before and are familiar with the rules. Register with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online via Town of Stratford website [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca)

### > 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 level of ability is welcome, ages 16+. No equipment necessary for your first time. If you enjoy it, then we would suggest you purchase your own racquet!

**Monday's & Wednesday's:**  
**9:00am - 12:00pm**  
**Friday's: 1:00 - 3:00pm**  
**Location: Stratford Town Centre**  
**\$40.00 (under age of 55 years)**

### EVENING PICKLEBALL

**Monday's: 7:00 - 9:00pm**  
**Location: Glen Stewart School gymnasium (use main school entrance to access the gymnasium)**  
**Registration cost: \$20**

Register with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online at [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca)

### > Intermediate Watercolour Painting Classes

**Saturday's: January 4 to March 7**  
**Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm**  
**Location: Gertrude Cotton Building**  
**Cost: \$20/person (Supplies not included)**  
**Ages: Adults 16 +**

Paint with Island artist Tricia MacNeil Baldwin! Register with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online at [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca)



### > Poster Art Club

**Thursday's: January 2 to March 5, 2020**  
**Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm**  
**Location: Gertrude Cotton Building**  
**Cost: \$20/person (Supplies not included)**  
**Ages: Adults 16 +**

For all levels and abilities! Register with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online at [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca)

### GO!PEI

A community-based program that encourages Islanders to get active and eat healthy! Go!PEI provides programming in all 7 partnered communities across Prince Edward Island to support Islanders in making a healthy lifestyle change. The five main pillars of Go!PEI include Walking, Running, Biking, Hiking and Healthy Eating. We hope to help improve the overall health of Islanders for the long-term, by offering barrier-free, community-based programs! We are currently recruiting volunteers who wish to get involved with GO PEI in program delivery. Please contact Rachel Arsenault at [arsenault@townofstratford.ca](mailto:arsenault@townofstratford.ca) Interested in joining a walking group? Join the GoForIT! Walking Group weekly for group walks at Stratford Town Centre every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

### 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.

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.

## RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

### FREE SKATING AT POWNALE ARENA

In partnership with Go PEI, we are pleased to provide free skates at the Pownal Sports Centre, Stadium, 145, Pownal Road.

There will be three events this winter:  
**January 18**  
**February 22**  
**March 28**

Please join us from  
 3:20 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.



# Winter Fest

## FEBRUARY 15-17

MORE DETAILS  
TO COME!

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### > Afterschool Arts and Crafts



**Thursday's: January 16 – March 12**  
**Time: 2:30 - 4:30pm**  
**Location: Glen Stewart School**  
**Age: Grades 1 - 4**  
**Cost: \$90.00 (for 9-weeks)**

The focus of the afterschool arts and crafts program is to have fun. Kids will enjoy the creativity of the arts as well as the company of others. Registration is limited to 12 participants. Register with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online at [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca)

#### > Youth Art Club

**Tuesday's: January 14 – March 10**  
**Time: 6:00 - 7:30pm**  
**Location: Gertrude Cotton Building**  
**Age: 9-12**  
**Cost: \$100/student**  
**(includes all supplies)**

Sessions are designed to teach students about different materials, types of art and artists and provide them with a chance to create some art each week that's inspired by the topic of the session. This program is designed and presented by Ryan McAdam-Young, Artist and Creative Educator. Registration is limited to 12 participants. Register early to secure your spot!

#### > Brush Stop

**Every Tuesday from 10:00 - 11:00am**  
**Location: Stratford Public Library**

Every week, enjoy a story and arts & craft with Island artist, Tricia MacNeil Baldwin!

#### > Stratford Summer Day Camp

The Stratford Recreation, Culture, & Events Department are very excited to offer a summer day camp for those between 8-12 years old. This 9 week program can be reserved on a weekly basis (\$135/week) or for full 9 weeks (\$990). We will only be accepting a maximum of 30 youth per week.



Each week youth will experience various activities: healthy eating, theater, arts and crafts, sports, nature based programs, and lots of free imaginative time. Registration begins January 06. Discount also offered for multiple child registration for full summer registrants. Register with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online at [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca)

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

##### - Drop In and Play

This program is held on Fridays 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.

#### > All Ages Art Activity

**Dates: January 25, February 29,  
 March 28 & April 25, 2020**  
**Time: 1:00 - 3:00pm**  
**Location: Gertrude Cotton Building**  
**Cost: \$5/person (includes supplies)**  
**Ages: All ages**

Foster creativity and connection through arts and crafts projects! Designed & presented by Ryan McAdam-Young, Artist & Creative Educator. Register early to secure your spot!

## 2020 TOWN OF STRATFORD SENIOR, ADULT & YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

### AWARD OBJECTIVES

Volunteers are - and always will be - an essential part of our community. This award is an annual award, which acknowledges and rewards a volunteer citizen who has made an outstanding contribution to our community.

The recipient will receive prizes (to be determined by Town Council) and the recipient will have his or her picture displayed at Stratford Town Center. The winner's name will also be engraved on a special trophy to honor each year's Volunteer of the Year. ALL NOMINEES will be recognized for their volunteer efforts and will receive an official acknowledgement on behalf of the Town of Stratford.

### ELIGIBILITY

Volunteering is the act of people being involved in the improvement of their surroundings. Volunteer acts can occur within a structured organization (ex. volunteering at your library) or in an informal setting (ex. raking leaves for your elderly neighbor).

Those eligible to receive this award include any individual who performs volunteer act/acts (as defined above) within the Town of Stratford community. The purpose of this award is to focus on recognizing individual citizens; however the judging committee will also accept a submission that nominates two or more people together.

### SELECTION PROCESS

The Town of Stratford will oversee the award, provide title, and the way in which it is presented. A committee under the direction of the Town's Recreation Committee will select the winner.

### HOW TO SEND IN A SUBMISSION

Nomination Forms can be found on the Town's web page at [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca) or picked up at Stratford Town Center, 234 Shakespeare Drive. Completed nomination forms may be forwarded to the Town of Stratford's Recreation, Culture & Events Department at the address below.

All submission must be signed. The annual deadline for submissions is June 5. The award will be presented annually at Town of Stratford's Canada Day celebrations.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

***Award decisions will be selected based solely on the information provided, so it is important that all relevant information accompanies the nomination in order for the judging committee to make the best possible decision.***

Submit to:  
Volunteer Award Selection Committee  
Town of Stratford  
Recreation, Culture & Events Department

234 Shakespeare Drive  
Stratford, PEI, C1B 2V8  
(Or drop off at Stratford Town Centre)  
Email: [jpierce@townofstratford.ca](mailto:jpierce@townofstratford.ca)

### WINTER WELLNESS SEMINARS (ACTUAL WELLNESS & GOPEI PARTNERSHIP)

All seminars are offered at no cost with registration required online via the Town of Stratford website. Individual sessions will be listed.

**MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR WITH LORI LIVINSTON-POLLARD, REGISTERED SOCIAL WORKER**  
January 14, Stratford Town Centre, Southport Room 6:30pm to 7:30pm  
The 'Winter Blues' and Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) are common where we live but did you know that other countries with similar climates thrive during this time? Come and find out why! You'll leave with some creative tips and tricks to make your winter a healthier and more enjoyable experience.

### NUTRITION SEMINAR WITH MEGAN DOWLING, REGISTERED DIETITIAN

February 18, Stratford Town Centre, Southport Room 6:30pm to 7:30pm  
The long, dark days in winter can take a toll on your energy levels and we often rely on our favourite comfort foods. Come and find out how the power of good nutrition can be used to boost energy levels.

### CLINICAL FITNESS & MOVEMENT WITH STEVE COLLETTE C.E.O 3RD DEGREE

March 24, Stratford Town Centre, Southport Room 6:30pm to 7:30pm  
Do you struggle with staying active during the winter weather? Come and learn the importance of physical activity during the winter months and how it can help boost both your mood and energy levels. You'll leave with some simple, effective exercises you can do indoors from home or the office!



# STRATFORD AREA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT GROUP

## BIG THANK YOU

to the PEI Wildlife  
Conservation Fund for  
their generous support.

Did you know that when you  
purchase a PEI Conservation  
License Plate the proceeds  
support the work of  
environmental groups  
on PEI?

## 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  
(902) 367-3605 or find it online  
at [sawig.wordpress.com](http://sawig.wordpress.com)

Your membership fee goes  
directly to helping SAWIG  
complete projects in your  
community!

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

### > Bird-Feeder Workshops



Don't miss our Build-a-Birdfeeder/  
Birdhouse Workshops this winter!  
Global trends show a decline in  
songbirds and other small birds, and  
winter is a particularly challenging time.  
By putting out seed and installing bird  
feeders you can make your backyard a  
welcoming place for birds wintering in  
PEI. Contact 902-367-3605 or [stratford-water@gmail.com](mailto:stratford-water@gmail.com) for more information!

*\*Just remember, birdfeeders contribute  
to the spread of disease, and should be  
taken down in summer.*



### > Spring Tree Sale

SAWIG will begin accepting  
orders on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
for the annual Tree Sale.  
Please get in touch with us at that time  
for a full list of available species. This  
event is aimed at making it easier for  
Stratford residents to plant trees on their  
property. Planting trees around your  
home can greatly reduce the impacts of  
hotter summers and colder winters. We  
could all use a few more trees and this is  
a great way to get your hands on native  
species.

### > Reduce your water consumption

A new Stratford water audit program  
is being launched in 2020 to help you  
reduce your water consumption in your  
home!

The average person on PEI uses 220  
litres of water per day – that's a lot of  
water! Have you thought about how  
much you use, and how you might use  
less?

Through a partnership between the Town  
of Stratford, the Stratford Area Watershed  
Improvement Group, and Environment  
and Climate Change Canada the pro-  
gram will provide free of charge water  
audits to Stratford residents who have a  
water meter in their home.

If you are interested in this program  
email [wateraudit@townofstratford.ca](mailto:wateraudit@townofstratford.ca) or  
call 902-367-3605



***If you'd like to learn more about SAWIG's projects you can find us  
on all social media platforms:***

 @stratfordwater

 Stratford Area Watershed

 @stratfordwatershed

 [sawig.wordpress.com](http://sawig.wordpress.com)



## RCMP IN STRATFORD



### RCMP and Citizens on Patrol for a safer community... interested in volunteering?

The Stratford RCMP are encouraging residents to sign up with the volunteer program Citizens on Patrol (COP). RCMP officers have worked closely with this group over the years and continue to see the benefits of the partnership between police and residents towards making neighbourhoods safer. It's always good to know that there are people willing to step up and assist by reporting suspicious activities to police. Not only is it good for police to know, it's good for fellow neighbours to know. Simply having a constant presence is an excellent deterrent to criminals and the more positive presence we have, the more negative presence is out-numbered.

Often, residents are more aware of what might be unusual in their area and that insight is invaluable to RCMP. You know what is normal and not normal in your area so your input to the group and ultimately to police can help to keep crime from happening or solve crime when it does happen. Volunteers patrol by car, in pairs, for one or two

three-hour shifts a month, on Friday and Saturday nights and occasions like school events or planned parties, or statutory holidays such as Canada Day and Halloween which often sees more people out and about.

If you are interested in joining Citizens on Patrol or simply learn more about the program which is part of your community, you can contact Nicole Phillips at 902-388-1832 or email [info@town-ofstratford.ca](mailto:info@town-ofstratford.ca) for further information. To be eligible to participate in the program, COPS volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, undergo a criminal record check, and complete an orientation of two evenings of supervised patrolling.

The RCMP are very appreciative of the great work done by this group since its inception in 2008 in contributing to the safety of their community by observing and reporting suspicious events to the RCMP, and in supporting Town initiatives.

Whether you work with COP or provide information on your own, thank you for your contribution towards a safer Town of Stratford.



Citizen on Patrol members take a break during Halloween 2019 patrols of Stratford.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/copstratford)










# RESPECT

IT'S A TWO WAY STREET



## PEI Winter Driving Emergency Kit

Use this checklist to ensure your vehicle is prepped for winter driving on PEI—don't get caught unprepared!

- Full tank of gas 
- Cellphone charger 
- Extra windshield washer fluid 
- Jumper cables 
- Ice scraper / brush 
- Shovel 
- Tow strap 
- Blanket 
- First aid kit 

## JAMES AYLWARD, MLA

Now that the holidays have passed, students are settling back into their school routine and the winter weather has set in, it is an excellent opportunity to reflect on the months past.

Before the holiday season began, we completed the fall sitting of the Legislative Assembly. We accomplished many things during this session: we passed Bill 24 which banned conversion therapy on the Island, we unanimously voted to increase the minimum age of vaping and smoking to 21, ensured that the rights, interests, and viewpoints of children and youth will be protected through an **independent** child and youth advocate, in addition to addressing many other issues Islanders face.

This past fall, the expansion of Stratford Elementary was officially opened; this has allowed the school to accommodate our students better and improve the quality of their education. This was the first step in ensuring our children and youth are getting access to quality educational facilities. In partnership with the Town of Stratford, the provincial government will begin planning and constructing the new Stratford High School, which will be part of a community campus that include Town recreational facilities. This will benefit not only our students but our community as a whole.



I am actively engaging all levels of government to study and develop the necessary traffic flow plan that will enhance the traffic entering and leaving our community via the Hillsborough Bridge. This work is necessary in order to move forward with an active transportation corridor across the bridge and between the Town of Stratford and the City of Charlottetown, while also increasing the efficiency of traffic flow.



Our Town of Stratford & Area annual food drive this fall was an absolute success; with 22 pallets of food donated, and over \$1,600 in donations received, we have made a significant impact on our community. Thank you, everyone, for your tremendous support.

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

*Sincerely,*  
**James Aylward**

**Hon. James Aylward,**  
**MLA Stratford-Kinlock**  
Email: [jsaylward@assembly.pe.ca](mailto:jsaylward@assembly.pe.ca)  
Office: 902-368-5250  
Home: 902-569-1615



## MICHELE BEATON, MLA

Another festive holiday season has passed and it's time to embark on a new and exciting year. So much has changed for me and 2019 has been a year to remember!



A couple of themes have driven my first two sittings in the legislature; the importance of knowledge through exposure and the willingness to learn. I've often joked that I haven't studied this much since my university days and there is a lot of truth in this. Knowledge is critical if you are going to represent well. Knowledge comes in many forms but mostly from exposure; exposure to issues, organizations and celebrations that previously may not have been part of my every day. Thank you to everyone that has shared knowledge and concerns with me.



As Chair of the Public Accounts Standing Committee, I have the opportunity to work in partnership with the Auditor General. The Auditor General completes performance audits and a priority of the committee is to follow up to ensure that the recommendations are implemented. The committee holds departments accountable through a transparent process.

I've met with many organizations to identify priorities for residents of Mermaid-Stratford. Some of my priorities over the next few months include being available to the public when you need me, advocating for an active transportation corridor over the Hillsborough Bridge, improvements to the Land Protection Act and progress on the plans for the new high school.



I look forward to engaging with each of you more in 2020. I encourage you to reach out to meet with me at any time. I am preparing for the spring session in the Legislature and your voice is important.

From my family to yours, I hope you have a wonderful and prosperous new year.

*Sincerely,*  
**Michele Beaton**

**Michele Beaton**  
**MLA Mermaid -Stratford**  
**Email: mlbeatonmla@assembly.pe.ca**  
**Telephone: 902-620-3977**

## HAVE YOU SEEN OUR UPDATED WEBSITE?

Visit [www.townofstratford.ca](http://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](mailto:info@townofstratford.ca)



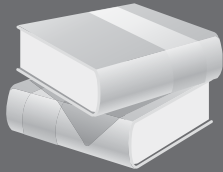
## DOG WALKING & LITTERING

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. Any person caught can be subject to fines under the provincial litter laws.



Please respect our community and your neighbours by disposing of all litter properly.



## 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

**DID YOU KNOW  
YOU CAN BORROW  
RADON DETECTORS,  
MENTAL HEALTH  
INFORMATION KITS,  
INSTRUMENTS (UKULELES,  
GUITAR, VIOLIN, DRUM KIT  
ETC.), A TELESCOPE,  
SNOWSHOES AND MORE  
AT THE LIBRARY?**

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

## ARTIST OF THE MONTH

*Apply at the desk to display  
your artwork in the library  
art gallery! All ages  
and experience levels  
are welcome!*



## STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Adult Book Clubs

First Tuesday of each month  
at 2:30pm, starting January 7  
Last Wednesday of each month  
at 6:30pm, starting January 29

### 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

### Adult Ukulele Lessons

Make beautiful music in the library!  
All levels welcome.  
Wednesdays at 1:00pm, starting  
January 16

### E-Book Assistance

Bring your device and let us help  
you get connected to Overdrive, the  
library's free eBook and eAudiobook  
service. Overdrive is accessible 24/7,  
and you'll never have late fines  
with automatic check-in.  
Wednesdays from 2:00pm - 3:30pm

### Origami Lessons for all ages

Learn the Japanese art  
of paper folding!  
Wednesdays at 4:30pm

### 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 January 9

### Family Storytime

Ages 3 to 5 years  
Thursdays at 10:30,  
starting January 9

### Yarn Crafts

Whether you like to knit,  
crochet or just craft and chat  
with friends, drop in anytime!  
Thursdays at 1:00pm,  
starting January 2

### Bricks & Blocks: LEGO Club

Build, imagine and play  
with other Lego enthusiasts  
every Saturday morning.

All ages

Saturdays 9:30am - 12:30pm,  
starting January 4

### Family Literacy Day:

#### Read and Learn

Families/All ages

Saturday, January 25 at 11:30am

### No school? No problem!

Join us for school aged activities  
on the Fridays the children  
are home from school!

Friday, February 28  
from 10:00am - noon

Friday, March 6  
from 10:00am - noon

Friday, April 3  
from 10:00am - noon

Friday, May 1  
from 10:00am - noon

### March Break MakerSpaces

Join us for a different craft  
and activity each day and  
let your imagination grow!  
Ages 5 to 10

Tuesday through Saturday at 1:30pm

### Get Your Summer Read On

Kick off your summer reading  
with a bang! Join us for games,  
activities, and sign up for the  
Summer Reading Club.

Saturday, June 27 at 11:30am



## STRATFORD AND AREA LIONS CLUB



Warm January greetings from the Stratford & Area Lions Club. As it is the start of a new year, let helping others and your community be your new year's resolution in 2020 - consider being a Lion. If you'd like to learn more, contact any member and we can get you involved so you can share in the overwhelming feeling of pride and satisfaction that keeps growing knowing you can make a difference.

We recently held our Christmas seniors dinner which included a visit from Santa himself! All those in attendance enjoyed the roast beef dinner and we wish to thank those who helped us with serving the meal.

Our fall activities included our annual apple pie project which was once again a success. We thank those whom supported it despite the road construction and our members who put lengthy hours in to make them. We also held a pancake breakfast to raise funds for Glen Stewart Primary and Stratford Elementary School breakfast programs. We cover the costs and the entire proceeds went directly to the schools. Our next pancake breakfast will be during the Town's Winter Family Fest. We are going to change things up and have beans instead of hash browns - we welcome your feedback please.

We have several ongoing events at Cotton Center, 57 Bunbury Road, where cribbage is held weekly on Thursday's. You may just end up being the big winner of the night and have fun while doing so! The third Tuesday of each month we host our ceilidh where we have a great line up of local talent and a light lunch provided. Please check our Facebook page for the monthly talent line up.

Have you ever wondered where the funds that we raise go? We have a list up on the wall at our building to show where the funds go. They include organizations such as 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 as well as those needing a helping hand. We hold their information in confidence and if you are a resident of Stratford and surrounding area needing assistance, we can be contacted at stratford.area.lions@hotmail.com, on Facebook or through our president Avery Blaxland at 902-569-2409.

**Respectively submitted,  
Mae Bovyer, Club Secretary**



**Lions representatives present cheques to Stratford Elementary and Glen Stewart Primary Schools following fundraising pancake breakfast that raised \$3248.**



### 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.



The new street required between Dale Drive and the new portion of the Georgetown Road will be called McCallum Drive, after the family who owned the property in the late 1880s? This street is the result of the new roundabout that's under construction!

## REMINDER TO RESIDENTS

### UPKEEP OF PROPERTY

Residents are responsible by Town bylaw for ensuring proper upkeep of their property when travelling for extended periods of time. In winter, you must ensure your driveway is kept cleared. Be a good neighbour and make sure that your travel plans include looking after your house too!



### REMOVAL OF DIGITAL SIGNAGE

The Town's digital sign has been removed to facilitate the wastewater delivery project. Please note that it will be reinstalled as soon as it can be. In the meantime, stay up-to-date by subscribing to the Town's e-newsletter, watch our social media pages or check out [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca) anytime!



## STRATFORDS OF THE WORLD



The organizing committee in Stratford, Ontario is busy and excited in finalizing the program for the next Stratfords of the World Reunion this summer, where they will host approximately 100 delegates from five other Stratfords - UK, Australia, New Zealand, Connecticut and PEI.

It is always interesting to learn about and compare other Stratfords to our own. Visitors will be treated to formal tours of the city of Stratford, Ontario in addition to having their questions answered by their host families.

Delegates will also spend a day in some nearby Lake Huron towns, learning the history of the area, and ending with a

visit to the Kettle and Stony Point First Nations. Lots of activities are planned throughout the day, followed by dinner and a special Pow Wow performed just for reunion delegates before a spectacular Lake Huron sunset.

A tour and performance at the new state of the art Shakespeare Theatre will certainly be a highlight, although specific details have not been finalized. The usual Reunion activities such as a tour of the Gardens, a Banquet and the variety concert are also being scheduled.

Our delegates are looking forward to the Reunion but will miss Dick Murley who with his wife Viola, registered for the upcoming Reunion but who passed away in October- our sympathy to Viola and family.

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



## STRATFORD BUSINESS

### > 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:*

**ACTUAL WELLNESS**

**CONTACT BOSS**

**LALALAND KIDS**

**LUCKY BAKERY**



### > New Business Profile

Contact Boss was launched in 2017 by Abraham Roy. It is a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software specifically designed to help not-for-profit companies and small- to medium-sized organizations establish and manage their contact databases. The system is easy-to-use, yet robust, and already the company has landed a number of clients in Canada and the USA.



If you are a new business in the Town of Stratford, please let us know by sending an email to [info@townofstratford.ca](mailto: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](http://www.townofstratford.ca)

## 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, there is something for you! Contact [stratfordbusinessgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stratfordbusinessgroup@gmail.com) to learn more or find them on Facebook.

The group is looking forward to offering more activities and learning opportunities in 2020 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!



**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](mailto:abulger@townofstratford.ca).

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

*Imagine that!*

## 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!



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

## 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.

If you enjoy singing with a group please contact us about joining in. We meet Tuesday evening at 7:00pm, at Andrews of Stratford. No audition required and you do not have to be a resident of Stratford to join. For more information, visit the Stratford Community Choir Facebook page or contact Almut Lecous on 902-367-6912.

### > 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. To learn more please visit [www.dntspei.blogspot.ca](http://www.dntspei.blogspot.ca), call Jenny at (902) 368-3576 or email [dnts.pei@gmail.com](mailto:dnts.pei@gmail.com)



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



What if every child fulfills his or her potential? You can help a child build the confidence to achieve more. We currently have 5 children in the Stratford area waiting for a mentor. Sign up to be a Big Brother, Big Sister, Big Couple and help a child reach their full potential! Making a difference in the life of a child is easier than you think. Be the spark that ignites their potential – volunteer today! For more information, call Big Brothers Big Sisters of PEI at 569-KIDS (1-877-411-3729), e-mail [info@bbbspei.ca](mailto:info@bbbspei.ca) or visit [www.bbbspei.ca](http://www.bbbspei.ca)

### > Cadets from 20 (Stratford) RCACC



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](mailto:curtis.doucette@cadets.gc.ca)

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### > 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](mailto:sopei@sopei.com) or check out our website at [www.sopei.com](http://www.sopei.com)

### > ElderDog PEI



ElderDog is a national non-profit organization dedicated to ageing people, ageing dogs and the important connection they enjoy. If you or someone you know could use some help with dog walks, travel to vet appointments,

temporary or permanent pet rehoming, Elder Dog PEI volunteers might be able to help - at no cost. Contact (902) 969-2926 or [elderdogpei@gmail.com](mailto:elderdogpei@gmail.com) for more information.



### > Island A Cappella

Island A Cappella is (to the best of our knowledge!) PEI's only women's chorus that specializes in singing four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style. Our members range in age from Millennials to Super-Seniors from communities across the Island - including Stratford. Our website URL is: [www.islandacappella.ca](http://www.islandacappella.ca)

We are currently searching for our new Director and encourage you to visit our website for more info.



## HEALTH &amp; WELLNESS

## THANK YOU TO RESIDENTS WHO TOOK PART IN DECEMBER'S #STRATFORDGIVES INITIATIVE!

A special shoutout to Sam Webster who collected 16 iPods & MP3 players as part of Giving Tuesday and donated them on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to the Prince Edward Home for residents with dementia. With the additional cash donations he has been able to purchase headphones and other supplies to go along with the donation.



### > 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.

**Junior class 1 (ages 5 - 6)**  
**6:30 - 7:00pm**  
**Tuesday (starts January 07, 2020 and runs until April)**

**Junior class 2 (ages 7 - 12)**  
**6:30 - 7:15pm**  
**Monday and Thursday**

**Senior class (ages 13 and over)**  
**7:30 - 9:00pm**  
**Monday and Thursday**

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](mailto:kdalziel@upei.ca), visit our website at [www.IslandKarate.com](http://www.IslandKarate.com) or find us on Facebook by searching Island Karate Club. Registration is required prior to attending classes.

### > Shake It Up Line Dancers

Line dancing will resume and run 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.



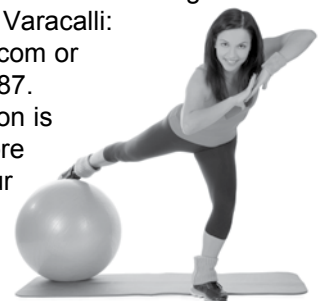
For more information or to register contact: Karen at 902-569-8516 or [carynhop@hotmail.com](mailto:carynhop@hotmail.com) or Gail at 902-569-3237 or [gailplaggy@hotmail.com](mailto:gailplaggy@hotmail.com). A maximum number of participants will be accepted at either class time.

### > 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 at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Session 1: Jan. 7 – Jan. 28**  
**Session 2: Feb. 4 – Feb. 25**  
**Session 3: Mar. 3 – Mar. 31**  
**(No class Mar. 17)**

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





## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### > 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 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Session 1: Jan. 7 – Jan. 28**

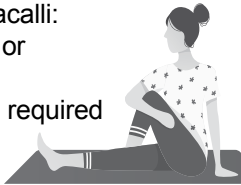
**Session 2: Feb. 4 – Feb. 25**

**Session 3: Mar. 3 – Mar. 31**

**(No class Mar. 17)**

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 at 9:30am**

**Session 1: Jan. 9 – Jan. 30**

**Session 2: Feb. 6 – Feb. 27**

**Session 3: Mar. 5 – Mar. 26**

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 ease 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 guard.



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](http://www.peiprivateers.com). Register by contacting David Henderson at [PrivateersFlag@gmail.com](mailto:PrivateersFlag@gmail.com) or (902) 367-8962.

### > Stratford Minor Basketball

We are a non-profit volunteer organization with a mission to provide opportunities for youth from kindergarten to Grade 6, to play basketball at recreational and competitive levels. We presently have over 125 players enrolled in the program, which runs from mid-October to early March. We have excellent coaches in all divisions but are always looking for more volunteers to coach or help with our Executive.

For more information please visit our website [www.stratfordfoxes.ca](http://www.stratfordfoxes.ca) or contact Stratford Recreation Administrator at 902-569-6250.



# 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:

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:

Jeremy Pierce, Director	(902) 367-4288
Rachel Arsenaault, Recreation Coordinator	(902) 569-6924
Tanya Craig, Recreation Program Leader	(902) 569-6925
Recreation Administrator	(902) 569-6250
Duane Pineau, Youth & Family Coordinator	(902) 367-3294

## 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!

## Save the Date! Winter Fest

February 15-17, 2020  
Activities taking place across  
Stratford. Watch for more  
details coming soon!



## Annual Winter Fest Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, February 15  
Stratford Town Centre  
7:30am – 10:30am

Tickets available at the door.



# Take the Bus

### Senior

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

### Children

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

### Student

Monthly pass \$40.50

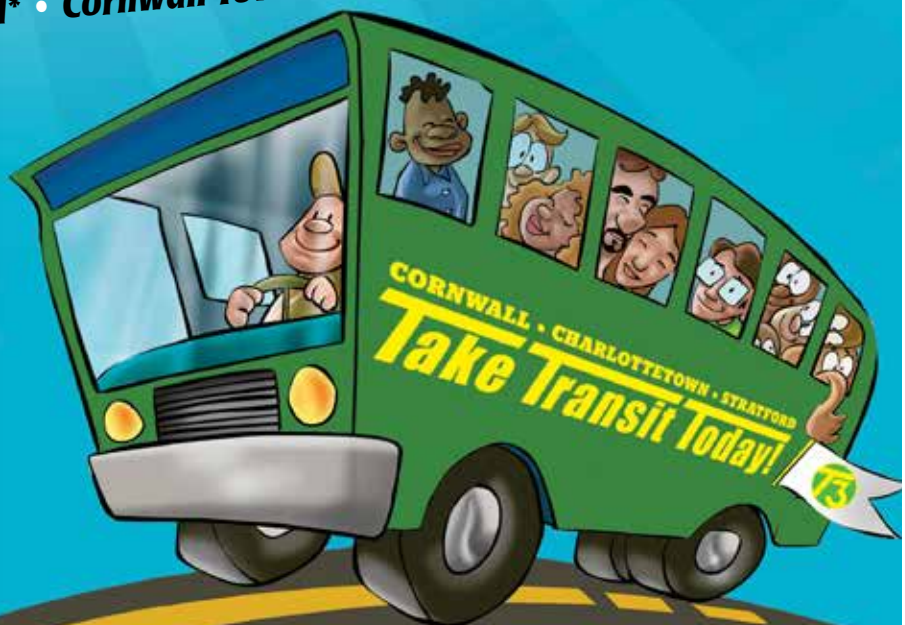
### Adult

One way fare \$2  
Sheet of 10 adult tickets \$18  
Monthly pass \$58.50

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



# Town of Stratford



**Call to Artists....  
Amateur & Professional  
All Ages Welcome!**

The purpose of the Art Expo is to allow all community members to enjoy the work that is being created by local talented artists, including both amateurs and professionals of all ages.

**January 27 to March 28, 2020  
Stratford Town Centre**

- We are happy to accept work in any media
- **NO ENTRY FEE!**
- Space is limited.
- Works need to be delivered to the Stratford Town Centre from January 13 to 24, 2020
- Art can be picked up from March 28 to April 3, 2020
- Please clearly label your art with your name & contact information preferably on the back unless you wish your information public.
- For more information please call 902-569-1995 or email [tcraig@townofstratford.ca](mailto:tcraig@townofstratford.ca)

*Experiencing creative expression enriches our lives and community by empowering each to share their voice and enabling us to experience the voice of others.*

