



ANNUAL RESIDENT SURVEY

The annual resident survey will soon be available on both paper copy and online.



PUBLIC CONSULTATION PHASE 2

The Town will soon launch the next phase of the public consultation regarding the Stratford Waterfront. Watch for updates!



COMING SOON!

Watch for a new Town program for energy efficiency! See page 13 for a brief description of the program.



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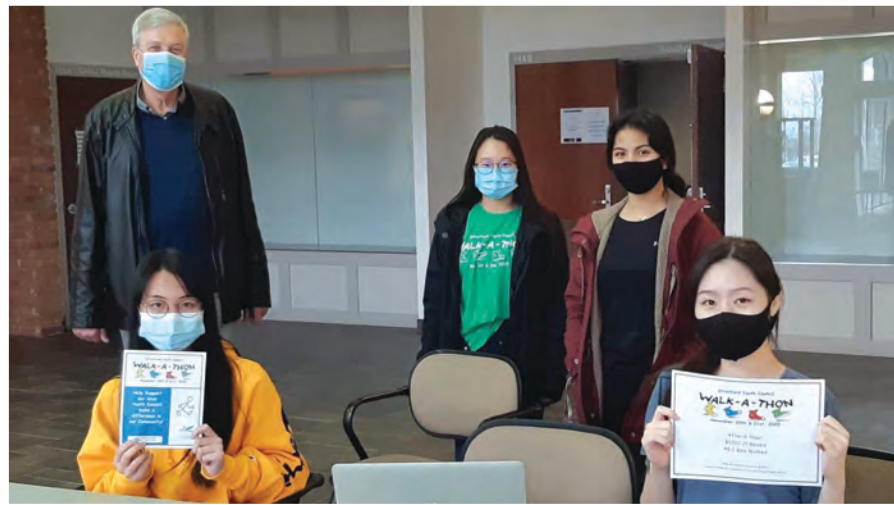
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year everyone!

I would like to thank all residents and businesses for continuing to follow the direction of our public health officials to minimize the effects of the pandemic in Stratford while keeping the economy going as much as possible. There is now light at the end of the tunnel with the anticipated roll-out of vaccination programs to beat this virus once and for all.

Despite everything that has happened in 2020, a lot of positive steps have been taken in Stratford over the past year. The project to pipe our wastewater to Charlottetown is nearing completion, freeing up our beautiful waterfront. The new Emergency Services Centre is now fully operational. The Town has purchased 170 acres of land to accommodate a new high school, a future junior high and whatever other community facilities may be determined to be necessary in the future. The active transportation lane on the Hillsborough Bridge is underway. The new MacKinnon/Glen Stewart/Marion Drive connection makes access to our elementary and primary schools much safer and easier. Also, we are all happy to see the return of a hardware store to our town, with the opening the new Kinlock Home Hardware.

As part of our budget planning process, I thank residents who are participating in public consultations by identifying their spending priorities. Long term budget planning will consider the initiatives that are most important to our taxpayers and help identify where our spending priorities should lie. We will soon present a draft 2021/2022 budget for residents' comments, with the final version being presented for Council approval before March 31, 2021.

Phase 1 of the public consultation on developing the waterfront is also now complete, with phase 2 coming soon, and a completion date targeted for the end of March 2021.

Lastly, I would like to reiterate how important our annual resident survey is in all decisions made by Council. It helps staff immeasurably in designing and delivering programs and services for residents. I encourage you to participate in the survey to help guide future decisions which will affect you and your family.

With all its challenges, 2020 is now thankfully behind us. We look forward to 2021 with renewed optimism in our collective resilience and strength as a vibrant, growing community. I hope you had a peaceful and happy holiday season and I wish you and your families all the best in 2021.

Sincerely,

Mayor Steve Ogden

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INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT



In the event of a prolonged power outage, Stratford Utility customers are asked to limit their water use. Municipal water will remain available during a power outage; however, once it goes into the sewer system, the Town's pumping stations are not equipped with backup generators and must be serviced manually by staff. This is usually a slow process and requires a continuous loop by staff to visit each pumping station and empty them manually. Therefore, the least amount of water that goes into the sewer system during a power outage is easier on our system and staff.

We thank you for your cooperation.

WHILE EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO ENSURE THAT CONTENT IN THIS EDITION IS ACCURATE AT THE TIME OF PRINTING, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THIS ACCURACY AS THE COVID-19 SITUATION EVOLVES DAILY AND MAY IMPACT OUR OPERATIONS AND DECISION-MAKING. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH US AT (902) 569-1995 OR FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UPDATES!

> Utility Projects

Infrastructure staff are busy closing out 2020 projects while preparing for 2021. With COVID-19, projects were a little later starting and continue to cause issues with completion timelines. Ongoing projects from 2020 include upgrades to our Corish, Bayside and Pondsides sewer lift stations and up-grades at our three water stations.

Several new apartment buildings have just come online and that will increase the number of water and sewer customers on the Utility services. Utility staff will continue to monitor and maintain our water and sewer system, now comprising of 87 kilometers of sewer main, 1244 sewer manholes, 28 sewer lift stations, 4 water stations and a reservoir, 82 kilometers of water main, 618 water main valves, 272 hydrants and valves, and last but not least, 3440 residential and commercial water meters.



As development continues in 2021, several subdivision extensions and new subdivisions are in the concept and/or design phase. Infrastructure staff are now busy preparing equipment for the summer and completing repairs and maintenance as needed inside our buildings.

> Wastewater Treatment Delivery System

Phase 1 of this project began in September of 2019. It has been the Town of Stratford's largest sewer project to date and is substantially complete at this time. The reinstatement and decommissioning of the Town lagoons will begin this spring.

> Inflow & Infiltration

With the wastewater now being pumped to Charlottetown for treatment, we cannot stress enough that residents are not to connect their sump pumps into the Town's sewer system as stated in the Water and Sewer Customer Service Regulations Bylaw. Since utility rates are based on flows, discharging storm water, ground water, water used for heating and cooling etc. into the sanitary sewer system will ultimately increase flows and raise utility rates for all customers. The Town continues to implement the Inflow and Infiltration program to identify and eliminate excess stormwater into our sewer system.

> Public Works

At Stratford Town Centre, the Public Schools Branch portion was re-shingled this year. More lighting throughout Town Center was replaced with energy efficient led lighting, upgrades were completed on the Town Centre's heating and cooling systems and while the building was temporarily closed to the public during COVID-19, staff completed painting and repairs to the gymnasium and change room areas.

The Gertrude Cotton Arts Center has had new flooring installed while a window and hot water heater were replaced at the Youth/Seniors building. In Tea Hill Park, staff replaced the UV light on the well and completed sanding and painting of the cement flooring. Lastly, the Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park washroom facility project was completed in the late fall of 2020.



INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

> Sidewalks Trails Bike Lane & Storm Water

In the fall of 2020, contractors completed the sidewalk extension on the Georgetown Road from Edgehill Terrace to 296 Georgetown Road. The Town hopes to extend the sidewalk further along Georgetown Road to the Town boundary in 2021.

In 2020, new Active Transportation paths were completed by the Province from the Sobeyes intersection to the roundabout and along MacKinnon Drive from Kinlock Road to the schools. The Province of PEI is also busy installing a new path across the Hillsborough Bridge.



We understand residents have been enjoying the trails, parks, and many sections of the Town's Active Transportation system during these COVID-19 times. We hope that users continue to stay active and get outdoors on our growing active transportation network and we would like to thank the Province of PEI for their continued support of Stratford's Active Transportation routes.

For more information on our Active Transportation and Trail systems, visit Residents/Maps on the Town's website.

> Safety Services

The Town's Safety Services committee reviews lighting requests along with requests for speed and traffic signs, crosswalks, and other similar instruments. These recommendations then need to be approved by the Province as they own the streets in Stratford.

Our speed radar signs continue to provide valuable data to RCMP and the Town. We have recently purchased another stationary sign and a new portable speed sign that will also collect data.

New crosswalks were installed on the Kinlock Road, at the Hollis Avenue & Mason Road intersection and by the Town Centre entrance on Shakespeare Drive.



Maritime Electric continues their program to replace high pressure sodium lights with LED. As part of their daily work, they also replace existing LED lights as repairs are required or add new lights as requested by the Town.

DID YOU KNOW?

All streets in the Town of Stratford are owned, maintained, and operated by the Province of PEI. If you have repairs to streets or signage to report in our community, you can text the info to 902-200-6649.

SNOW CLEARING OF ROADS/ SIDEWALKS & TRAILS

All roads and streets in the Town of Stratford are owned and cleared by the Province of P.E.I. If you have any issues with the clearing of snow off streets, please direct them to Department of Transportation at 902-368-4770 or 902-368-4750. This includes issues with storm water drainage that 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 winter activities by the Recreation Department.

As for snow clearing of driveways, parking lots, streets and sidewalks, the Town would like to note that contractors in Stratford, like every community on the Island, make every effort to keep things tidy but there may be times when their work overlaps and messes occur. Please be patient and reach out to these contractors if you observe issues that require their attention.



PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

> Official Plan Review Update

UPDATE

The Official Plan update is progressing along, and suggested changes are being made to more accurately reflect the Town of Stratford in 2021. The Plan is a living document intended to be consistently improved upon. The next step is to bring the proposed changes to Planning Board and Council in the new year. An open house will be held, in some format, to hear feedback, and the public will be able to comment on the draft document.

> Development Permits

From January to November 2020, the Planning Department has issued a total of 213 development permits. The following table shows a summary of development activities between January and November 2020.

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PERMITS January 2020 to November 2020

Permit Type	No. of Permits	Estimated Value
Single Family Residential	34	\$20,239,354.00
Residential Additions, Renovations, and Demolitions	22	\$864,000.00
Semi-Detached/Duplex	4	\$1,270,000.00
Townhouse	3	\$2,880,000.00
Apartment	1	\$1,560,000.00
Accessory Buildings	43	\$402,895.00
Accessory Structures (pools, decks, fences)	58	\$697,425.00
Other (signage, demolition, etc.)	15	\$585,820.00
Commercial (new, renovations, additions)	13	\$7,070,292.00
Industrial (new, renovations, additions)	0	0
Institutional (new, renovations, additions)	3	\$215,600.00
Totals	213	\$35,785,386.00

> Stratford Recognizes Role of Tea Hill Park in First Canadian Transatlantic Flight

An interpretive panel was unveiled this fall at Tea Hill Park that tells the story of the location's direct connection to a milestone in Canadian aviation history. The land, which today is home to one of the Town of Stratford's community parks, was 90 years ago the departure point for the first Canadian transatlantic flight.

The Bellanca monoplane took off from Tea Hill Park after an unexpected landing on September 23, 1930 and successfully continued onto Harbour Grace, Newfoundland and further on to England, despite the many challenges and delays.



PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

The Town thanks the Heritage Committee for their work on researching this story, to Mike Chapman for bringing this story forward to us and making us aware of it, and to Aggie-Rose Reddin whose late father owned the property previously and who was able to help us with the story and provide some photos. Read the full story on the Town's website.

> Stratford Honour Roll Project



This project is still ongoing and will make the existing cenotaph fully accessible year-round so it can be used as an engagement piece for Veterans, Armed Forces members, and residents. It will also serve as a community learning piece for our youth and is intended to be a place that people can gather throughout the year for remembrance and reflection.

More to come on this – watch for it on our social media!

Thanks to Veterans Affairs Canada Commemorative Partnership Program for allowing the Town to proceed with this project.

> Community Campus



The Town of Stratford has officially signed purchase and sale agreements with two property owners to purchase approximately 170 acres of land for the planned Stratford Community Campus. The property is located between the Stratford Business Park and the Bunbury Road.

The Stratford Community Campus will be developed over a period of years and will include the new high school, along with possible sport fields, multi-use courts, trails and community wellness centre, among other items. There is also sufficient land for a junior high school in the future. The total cost of the land was approximately \$2.4 million. A portion will be sold to the province for the high school and a portion will be sold to the Stratford Business Park Corporation for an extension of the business park.

We thank the property owners for agreeing to sell this land to the Town for the Community Campus, which will serve the educational, recreational, and cultural needs of residents for many years to come.



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!

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RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

BABYSITTING COURSE

Friday, February 26, 2021

One day course (9:00am - 4:00pm)

Cost is \$45 per child

Location: Stratford Town Centre
(stage area)

(Children must bring their own lunch)

Masks are required by all participants

Designed for youth a minimum age of 11 (or completion of Grade 5), 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.



STAY SAFE PROGRAM

Friday, March 5, 2021

One day course (9:00am - 3:00pm)

Cost is \$50 per child

Location: Stratford Town Centre
(stage area)

(Children must bring their own lunch)

Masks are required by all participants

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 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.

Space is limited – Register early!

To register for one of these programs, contact the Town of Stratford at 902-569-6250 or visit www.townofstratford.ca

STRATFORD YOUTH CENTRE

The Stratford Youth Centre offers youth in Grades 5-12, a safe and supportive environment to participate at the social and recreational centre, in various clubs, and at special events. In turn, this 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 however 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 with our different events as well.



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 that

are collected by members are recorded and can be used on a resume as a 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 dpineau@townofstratford.ca

Please Note: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, registration numbers are limited at the Youth Centre this season. Registration is based on space availability.

> 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



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, arts and crafts, movies, pool table, teen lounge area, and much more!



Mondays:

Grade 5 – 6 (3:00pm – 5:00pm)

Grade 7 – 8 (5:30pm – 7:00pm)

Wednesdays:

Grade 5 – 6 (3:00pm – 5:00pm)

Grade 7 – 8 (5:30pm – 7:00pm)

Grade 9 – 12 (7:30pm – 9:00pm)

Thursdays:

Grade 5 – 6 (3:00pm – 5:00pm)

Grade 9 – 12 (5:30pm – 7:00pm)

Youth drop-in times only apply to school days. If there is no school, or school is cancelled due to weather, the Stratford 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

YOUTH PROGRAMS

> Brush Stop

Every Tuesday from 10:00 - 11:00am (beginning January 12)

Location: Via Zoom

No Cost (free program)

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

> 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! This is a free program for families. Pre-registration is required at this time due to Public Health restrictions. To register, or for more information, call 902-892-8744 or email chances@chancesfamily.ca

> Stratford Summer Day Camp

The Stratford Recreation, Culture, & Events Department are very excited to offer a summer day camp. Booking can be on weekly basis or for the full 10 weeks. The summer day camp is open to youth between the ages of 8-12 years of age. We will only be accepting a maximum of 20 youth per week. Some of the activities will include healthy eating, theater, arts and crafts, sports, nature-based programs, and lots of free imaginative time. Registration begins January 4, 2021 with a fee of \$135 per week, or \$990.00 for the full summer. Discounts are also offered for multiple child registrations for full summer registrants. Register online via the Town's website at www.townofstratford.ca or in person at the Town Centre before the program start date. For more information, contact the Recreation, Culture, & Events Department at 902-569-6250.



The Province of PEI and the Chief Public Health Office (CPHO) have implemented a precautionary measure to safeguard against the spread of COVID-19. As of November 20, 2020, the use of face masks became mandatory in all indoor places on the island.

Consequently, non-medical masks are required to be worn when you are visiting the Stratford Town Centre, whether you are entering the building to pay a bill, attend a meeting, use the fitness area, or for any other purpose. Failure to do so, may result in visitors being refused entry to the building.

Guests visiting the gym are expected to wear their masks unless they are actively engaged in a physical activity or exercising.

We ask all visitors/guests to please respect and comply with our policies to help us keep the Stratford Town Centre open to the public.

Your safety is our #1 goal!

RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

STORM CLOSURE POLICY

When winter storms arrive and you are unsure whether the Stratford Town Centre (including the Gymnasium and Fitness Centre are open), please be aware that we follow the Provincial Government offices for Charlottetown's cancellation or delays. Our cancellations are also sent to local radio stations (CFCY, Ocean 100, CBC, Q93, Hot105.5) and are posted on the Town's Facebook, Twitter accounts immediately upon a decision being made. We also try to update the Town's website however the Town's social media is your best place to look. 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

> Poster Art Club

Thursday's:
January 7 to March 11, 2021
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Location: Via Zoom
Cost: \$20/person
(Supplies not included)
Ages: Adults 16 +



For all levels and abilities! To register, or for more information, please call the Town of Stratford at 902-569-6250 or visit the website at www.townofstratford.ca

> Beginner Watercolour Painting

Tuesday's:
January 12 to March 16, 2021
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Location: Via Zoom
Cost: \$45/person (Supplies included)
Ages: Adults 16 +

This program is aimed at anyone interested in learning watercolour and will include step by step exercises to help you complete your watercolour paintings on your own and with confidence. To register, or for more information, please call the Town of Stratford at 902-569-6250 or visit the website at www.townofstratford.ca

> Intermediate Watercolour Painting

Saturday's:
January 9 to March 13, 2021
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Location: Via Zoom
Cost: \$20/person
(Supplies not included)
Ages: Adults 16 +

To register, or for more information, please call the Town of Stratford at 902-569-6250 or visit the website at www.townofstratford.ca

> Outdoor Skating in Stratford



Residents can enjoy outdoor skating at Bunbury Rink (on Clifton Road) and Pondsides multipurpose surface (on Keppoch Road). These 2 facilities are maintained over the winter months for skating and pick up hockey for youth and adults, as weather permits. Both facilities are operational daily until 10pm.



> Groomed Trails

Both Cotton Park and Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park are being fully groomed for your winter enjoyment! We hope residents will get out and enjoy the fresh winter air by taking advantage of these trails for walking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Please remember that NO motorized vehicles are permitted on our trails at any time.

Snowshoes are available to borrow from gym attendants during Town Centre operational hours. You can borrow them from the Town for your next outdoor expedition and we have them in various sizes (for children and adults). Sign them out at NO COST!



> Fitness with Benches

This winter, the 9 benches installed by the Town over the summer are sure to help you stay fit and active. Combined these benches can assist you to complete 18 full body exercises, with each bench having 2 workout signs mounted next to it. The workouts are simple to follow with stick figures demonstrating the positioning.

RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS



These 9 benches run along Shakespeare Drive (5 total), one at Stratford Town Centre, two located at the 'Y' in the trail just off of Shakespeare and Heron Drive, with the last one on the trail connecting to Glen Stewart Drive (near Reactive Wellness).

> Town Centre Gymnasium Hours of operation

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.



Hours of Operation:

Monday to Thursday: 6:00 am - 9:45 pm
 Friday: 6:00 am - 9:00 pm
 Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

TOWN CENTRE GYM, WALKING TRACK & FITNESS CENTRE



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.

> Stratford Gymnasium Walking Track Direction and Rules



Both lanes of the track are for walking only. Each day the direction to walk is posted by the top of the stairs as we change it each day.

We ask that people do not walk more than two feet wide so that faster walkers may pass in the outside lane when traffic allows.

> 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.

> Watch us on YouTube

Residents can now catch up on all previous Town videos and recordings on our YouTube channel by searching for 'townof-stratford'. These include previous Council meetings, a virtual tour of the brand-new Stratford Emergency Services Centre, our Remembrance Day ceremony, a video montage of our Stratford Heroes, a fall cooking series, Canada Day videos, and many more!

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, Pongside 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.



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 Town of Stratford, including staff and Council, would like to express their heartfelt thanks to committee volunteers whose term ended November 30, 2020.

These volunteers are residents of the town, who have dedicated their time and effort to help us make our community the best it can be. We appreciate your knowledge, advice, and support during the past two-year committee term.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new committee members who have risen to the challenge and applied to volunteer on one of our many committees. We are happy to have you and we look forward to your input as we work together to create a community that feels safe and welcoming to all.

Please note that the Town of Stratford continues to accept applicants to fill potential vacancies that arise or for one-off volunteer opportunities and/or shorter-term volunteer positions.

More information is available on our website.

2021 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 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



TOWN EVENTS & INITIATIVES

ANNUAL RESIDENT SURVEY

Please watch out for the upcoming annual resident survey!

The survey has become an integral tool for Council and staff in monitoring our progress and planning for the future. Each year the survey explores annual topics of interest and the year-over-year results help the Town to determine where priorities lie, as well as understand trends happening within the community.

This year again, a print version of the survey will be distributed to all residents in the coming weeks with an online version that will be made available to residents later this month. We thank everyone who has been diligently providing us their input through the survey and encourage all residents to please continue supporting the Town by filling out the survey.

STRATFORD SPIRIT

Stratford Spirit is a newly launched program that recognizes the outstanding community spirit that exists within the Town. Through this program, we wish to empower residents to show their appreciation for other residents within our community. This can be anything from shoveling snow from your doorstep, maintaining a beautiful lawn or garden, giving someone a free ride to an appointment, picking up groceries or other items for you - in simple terms, ANYTHING that deserves a thank-you!



Once we receive your nomination, the Mayor will personally write a handwritten note to the resident you wish to thank. Visit our website for more information.

WINTERFEST 2021 – CELEBRATE WINTER VIRTUALLY!



RED WINGED BLACKBIRD

The Red Winged Blackbird, installed at Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park, was designed and created by Stratford artist, Gerald Beaulieu. With the marsh land being a prominent natural feature of the park, installing the sculpture there was an intentional decision to place the Red Winged Blackbird in its natural habitat. A true sign of spring's arrival on PEI is the return of this beautiful bird to the wetlands and marshes.



COMING SOON – A NEW TOWN PROGRAM FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY!

The Town is preparing to launch a new program that will help residents make energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades to their home or commercial building. Beginning this winter, residents will be able to apply to the Town for financing to make improvements to a building, such as installing solar panels or heat pumps, adding insulation, or other energy efficiency or renewable energy measures. The program will help residents navigate provincial rebates, hiring a contractor, and setting up financing.



This program is aimed at making it easier to complete energy projects on homes and businesses and will be a great opportunity for those looking to take the next step toward living sustainably!

Stay tuned for program launch!

ART EXPO 2021 – COMING UP VIRTUALLY IN 2021!



STRATFORD AREA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT GROUP

Thank You

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?

**THANK YOU
TO OUR 2020
FUNDING
PARTNERS!**

PEI Watershed Management
Fund

PEI Wildlife Conservation
Fund

Town of Stratford

Canada Summer Jobs

Environment and Climate
Change Canada

Skills PEI

Rotary Club of Stratford

PEI Watershed Alliance

Jobs for Youth

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

**Don't miss our
Build-a-Birdfeeder/Bird House 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
stratfordwater@gmail.com
for more information!

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

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 Stratford Town Centre, call (902) 367-3605 or find it online at sawig.wordpress.com

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

Reduce your water consumption with a FREE Water Audit!





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

As a Stratford resident who pays a quarterly water bill, you are eligible for a free, in-home water audit that will tell you everything you need to know about your current water use (things like, how much water your faucets and toilets use) and how to reduce your consumption. The audit will also let you know if you have any water leaks, which are often not visible and can go undetected.

**If you are interested in this program
email waterraudit@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

RCMP IN STRATFORD

RCMP offer Eagle Feathers at local detachments as part of Indigenous Justice Program



On November 2nd, a ceremony was held at Fanningbank, the Lieutenant Governor's official residence, to launch the PEI Eagle Feather as an important element of the RCMP/MCPEI Indigenous Justice Program initiative.

The Eagle Feather is used as an option to swear legal oaths and provides an opportunity for the Eagle Feather to be used in the same way as a Bible or affirmation and may also be offered as comfort to a client when interacting with employees at a detachment. All clients including victims, witnesses and police officers will have the option to swear legal oaths on an Eagle Feather at all detachments, including the Stratford RCMP office.

In the morning of November 2nd, Keptin Bernard cleansed the Eagle Feathers through a smudging ceremony prior to the afternoon event where Chief Bernard provided an explanation of the significance of the Eagle Feather, and Chief Gould offered a

prayer. Both chiefs presented Chief Superintendent Ebert and each of the commanders and supervisors with the Eagle Feathers to take back to their respective detachments. The Eagle Feather honours Indigenous culture and accepts the customs and traditions as one part of the ongoing collaboration in reconciliation efforts.

Eagle Feather background:

- When a client enters a detachment to provide a statement, they will be given three options; to swear on a Bible, affirm or affirm with an Eagle Feather.
- The Eagle Feather may also be offered as comfort to a client when interacting with employees at the detachment.
- The Eagle Feather can be used by all citizens. Should the client wish to use the Eagle Feather, it would be held by the client while providing their evidence or statement.

Anyone interested in using an Eagle Feather at a detachment can simply ask upon arrival and it will be provided.

COPS members Donna Marie, Doug and Jean McKie, Leah Baiani, and Martin Perry (not pictured) laid a wreath at the Town of Stratford cenotaph on Remembrance Day 2020.



Citizens on Patrol–Stratford (COPS) is a volunteer program designed to encourage residents of Stratford to contribute to the safety of their community. Volunteers are proud to support the excellent work of RCMP members in Stratford, by serving as an “extra set of eyes and ears” and reporting any observed suspicious activity. Committed to crime prevention, COPS volunteers patrol by car, in pairs, in residential and business areas for one or two three-hour shifts a month on Friday and Saturday nights.

COPS will also patrol on occasions such as prom nights and Halloween, and support Town of Stratford events and safety initiatives. To be eligible to participate in the program, COPS volunteers must be at least eighteen years of age, undergo a criminal record check, and complete an orientation of two evenings of supervised patrolling. If you're interested in learning more or would like to go for a ride-along with volunteers to experience a shift, visit our website at stratfordcop.wordpress.com or email us at copstratford@gmail.com

You can also follow us on Twitter @COP_Stratford










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

Let me begin by wishing all my friends, neighbours and fellow residents of Stratford a **Happy and Healthy New Year!** Never has the simplicity of this annual salutation stood in such stark contrast to the fears, anxieties, unwellness and loss which filled our lives in 2020.

Once again, I would like to recognize: all Provincial front line and essential workers for their extraordinary efforts over the past year; all the unsung heroes among us who in large and small ways stepped up and made a difference in the lives of those in need; and, Dr. Heather Morrison for her exceptional leadership.

Thankfully, we enter 2021 with the promise of vaccines proven to generate immunity to the COVID-19 virus. The Province will work in close collaboration with the Federal Government and Dept. of Health to deliver these swiftly and safely to all Islanders. This rollout is foundational to a strong economic recovery, a normalized education delivery system and a return to our daily routines.

I would now like to highlight a few additional success stories of the past year:

Glen Stewart – MacKinnon Drive Extension

WOW! What a fantastic upgrade this transportation corridor, linking Stratford Road with Kinlock Drive, has made for families of young children attending our local schools and those seeking an alternative route to our commercial sector.



Active Transportation Corridor Linking Stratford and Charlottetown

This much requested pedestrian/cycle lane project leading up to and crossing the Hillsborough Bridge was moved up significantly ahead of schedule and is now close to completion. To all sports enthusiasts and environmentalists, ENJOY!



Cross Roads Fire Department

Minister Fox and I met with members of the Cross Roads Fire Department this fall at the Stratford Emergency Services Centre and he has committed to funding additional equipment requirements. WE ALL WIN!



Finally, with the recent acquisition of a Community Campus site, I look forward to working with Stratford Town Council in the exciting next stages of design and construction of our much needed new High School.

As always, please contact me with any issues or concerns. Please follow all health directives, remain vigilant, and stay safe!

Sincerely,
James Aylward

Hon. James Aylward, MLA Stratford-Kinlock
Email: jsaylward@assembly.pe.ca
Office: 902-368-5250 / Home: 902-569-1615

MICHELE BEATON, MLA

The year 2020 will be a year that we reflect on for generations. It will be one of those moments in time when we will remember where we lived and what we were doing when the world paused. I encourage everyone to intentionally choose what to bring forward in 2021. If there is one thing that we can take away from the year 2020, it is the clarity that it provided on what we truly value.

This fall, I volunteered with the Stratford and Area Lions Club to make apple pies. This community sure knows how to show their support! I have so much respect for the work the club members do in our community. I am happy to say that in December, I became the newest member and look forward to continuing my community service with the Lions in the coming years.



2020 was also filled with hardship for my family. My father, Glen Beaton, passed away on October 31st. I had a special relationship with my father. He taught me about determination, caring for others and addressing big problems head-on. On behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone that has held us in their thoughts. We have felt support from the whole community. I cannot tell you what an honour it is to represent the community where I grew up, where my mom and dad raised me, and where I now live and raise my daughter.



Despite these challenging pandemic times, we can and should find ways to stay connected. Ongoing travel restrictions inside and outside Atlantic Canada mean many of us will be apart from our families. I encourage everyone in our community to pick up the phone and call a neighbour to see how they have been. When you are out for your socially distanced walk, wave hello to the passersby. Even with our masks on, you can still tell when someone is smiling.

After 2020, I am more certain than ever that we are always stronger together, even if we're apart.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to everyone in the Mermaid-Stratford community. I wish you and your families health and happiness for 2021.

*Sincerely,
Michele Beaton*

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

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

We challenged residents to make the holiday season better for someone else in the community by performing random acts of kindness and we were amazed how everyone came together on the Facebook group that was created to share their ideas and actions to make the holiday spirit a little stronger for all.

We saw the best of one another shine through all over Stratford during the month of December.



TRIVIA

CAN YOU GUESS HOW MANY KILOMETRES OF TRAIL WE HAVE IN STRATFORD?
(answer page 22)



BE NEIGHBOURLY AND ENSURE YOUR PET IS NOT BEING A NUISANCE TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS!

Pet owners should refrain from letting their pets visit the yards of those around them, whether while on a walk or by leaving them to wander on their own. We have received some reports about cats and dogs defecating on private property and in some cases, bothering other indoor pets.

Please respect your neighbours and find ways to keep your pet on your own property, especially if you know it is unwanted nearby.

STRATFORD DOG PARK

Located next to the Stratford Town Centre, the Stratford Dog Park is available for all residents free of charge. The Dog Park is open from dawn to dusk with agility toys, benches, and a picnic table. All users are asked to clean up after their pets and to respect park rules. Remember, dogs are NOT permitted on any Town sport field at any time!



STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY



HOURS OF OPERATION:

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 9:30am - 8:30pm
- Wednesday: 9:30am - 8:30pm
- Thursday: 9:30am - 5:30pm
- Friday: 9:30am - 12:30pm, 1:00pm - 5:30pm
- Saturday: 9:30am - 5:30pm
- Sunday: Closed

It's a great time to discover Libby, the Overdrive app that gives you access to our ebook and audiobook collection. Check out pepls.overdrive.com/ to check out some of the thousands of titles that are available without a trip to library!

Get your **FREE** library card in person, or online anytime!

Curbside pickup is still available or stop in to browse the collection in person.

Did you know you can borrow radon detectors, mental health information kits, instruments (ukuleles, guitar, violin, drum kit), a telescope, snowshoes and more at the library?

Check out our Facebook page "**PEI Public Library Service**" or website "library.pe.ca" for event details, collection information, book recommendations and so much more!

Orchard/Tree Planting

With the help of Tree Canada and the Stratford Area Watershed Improvement Group, the Town recently planted 20 fruit trees as part of a community edible orchard at Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park.

Similarly, the Town planted 36 large caliper native trees at Stratford Emergency Services Centre to increase the canopy cover of this former agricultural site and important new Town facility.

Through this initiative, we hope to create local sources of food and to get the community engaged in helping to take care of the orchard and enjoy the fruits when the trees start to yield. Leftovers can also go to local groups for fundraising or to local food banks. There are numerous environmental and social benefits from this project.



STRATFORD AND AREA LIONS CLUB

Warm season's greetings from the Stratford and Area Lions Club! Unfortunately, with the new normal we have been less visible in the community, but we still are practicing our international motto, "we serve".



Thank you to those who supported our apple pie project this past fall. With your support, we were able to make monetary donations to the Glen Stewart Primary, Stratford Elementary, and Birchwood Junior High schools breakfast programs, Toys for Tots, CBC Turkey Drive, Portage Christmas Program, and various other requests from individuals needing a hand.

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 organization such as QEH, IWK, Diabetes Foundation, Cancer Society, Camp Gencheff, CNIB, local youth sports teams, youth organizations, senior-orientated 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 help-

ing hand in our community. 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 or on Facebook.

Recently, we honoured 2 of our long serving Lions with lifetime memberships in Lions International. They are Vince Daley and Willard MacKinnon who have both received life memberships for their long-standing volunteer work with the club. We have also welcomed 3 new Lions into the club over the past several months: Larry and Michelle MacDonald and Michele Beaton.

Do you have some extra time in your life and a passion 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 in the community. Whether you are male or female, younger or young at heart, everyone is welcome. Trust us, you can expect to feel an overwhelming sense of self-satisfaction, generosity, and pride when you know YOUR contribution helped to make a difference in your community and all while having FUN doing it! Please feel free to contact our president, Cathy Martin, at (902) 367-8949 or any Lions member.

We look forward to hearing from you.

**Respectfully submitted by,
Mae Bovyer, Club Secretary**



Stratford & Area Lions Club making donations to the breakfast programs at Glen Stewart Primary School and Stratford Elementary School. Donated funds were raised through the Club's fall apple pie project. A big thank-you to all the residents who supported this project.

COYOTE SIGHTINGS

Coyotes have become a regular part of our Island life. The Town of Stratford continues to receive reports from residents of sightings in a variety of areas within the Town but one of the most common reports is in the area of Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park, Reeves Estates and Clearview Estates.

It is important to keep in mind that the coyotes around/in the Town of Stratford have shown no sign of aggressive behavior. The Town reminds residents to report all sightings to the Province of PEI at (902) 368-4683 so that coyote behavior and locations can be tracked and monitored.

REMEMBER:
NEVER feed, purposely or inadvertently, foxes and coyotes.
If you encounter a coyote, always make your presence known. Never run away when you see a coyote as it may trigger a predatory response. Learn more on the Town's website.



WE ARE EXCITED TO OFFER E-BILLING TO RESIDENTS!



**REGISTER
NOW**

Signing up for this service now will allow you to receive your utility bills electronically and provide you with a historical overview of all your transactions with the Town. You will also be able to make online credit card payments and view your receipts online from your e-billing account. More services will be rolled out in the coming months!

HOW TO REGISTER?

To complete the signup process, you will need to locate the unique key code on your latest utility bill. It can be found around the middle of the bill and on the right hand side under the 'Message' section. Visit the E-Billing tab on our website and select the 'Ready to Sign Up' link when you have your key code and are ready to sign in a few simple steps!

To make it easier we've created a step by step sign up guide to help you navigate the sign up process.

Visit

www.townofstratford.ca
for more information.

STRATFORDS OF THE WORLD



Due to the pandemic and the necessary restrictions imposed, the Ontario Committee is uncertain if it will be able to host the Stratfords of the World Reunion in July 2021 as intended. Recognizing that delegates need to make travel arrangements and other plans, the Committee will decide by the end of January whether to proceed or not. To date, only the Australian delegates have cancelled as their government has recommended that they not travel internationally in 2021. For those of us in PEI and Connecticut, travel could be less challenging to get to Ontario compared to those travelling from the UK and New Zealand, even at the best of times. Once a decision is made, it will be posted on their Facebook page and I will report it in the next issue of Town Talk.

I would encourage our Stratford residents to check out one or both Facebook pages. 'Stratfords of the World' (formerly Stratfords of the World-UK) can be viewed publicly but it is a private group. Membership is by request and approval is given by the administrator. Only members can post on this page and posts are not shareable.

The other Facebook page is 'Stratfords of the World Sharing Page'. This is a public page that can be viewed by anyone and posts can be shared (depending on the settings of the original post as selected by the post author).

These two Facebook pages will give residents of the six Stratfords of the World a forum to share information about their own Stratford, and to keep up to date with the latest information about reunions and happenings in the other Stratford towns/cities.

Wishing everyone continued health, patience, and kindness.

*Respectfully submitted by
Daphne Campbell, Chair
Stratfords of the World
Committee- PEI
dxcampbell@live.ca*



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!

- Kinlock Home Hardware**
- The Handcrafted House**
- The Lucky Bean Café**

> 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 to learn more or find them on Facebook.



DID YOU KNOW?

An application and agreement with the Town is required if you're looking to operate a business from your home, including a building permit IF any alterations/renovations are being made to accommodate the business.

Some conditions to keep in mind if you're looking to set up your home-based business:

- (1) The home occupation will be restricted to the portion of the dwelling or accessory building devoted to the business.
- (2) No storage on the lot will be allowed.
- (3) The floor area devoted to the home occupation cannot be more than 25% of the combined floor area of all buildings on the lot, or 50 square metres (538 square feet).
- (4) It must not create a nuisance to residents in the surrounding neighbourhood.
- (5) The driveway must be separate and independent from the residential driveway of the dwelling.

Contact our offices at 902 569 6255 to learn more about the conditions that have to be met to start your home-based business.



THINK! STRATFORD!

ATTENTION STRATFORD BUSINESSES!

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

If you would like to contribute any promotional items, please contact:

Audra Bulger

(902) 569-1995

abulger@townofstratford.ca





TRIVIA

ANSWER

from page 17

The answer is

30 kilometres

of trail (these include both public and private trails)



Fire departments across PEI have joined up for a weekly 50/50 fundraising draw. Please support the Cross Roads Fire Department by selecting them from the dropdown menu when purchasing your weekly tickets at <https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/pei/firefighters>

COMMUNITY GROUPS

> 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 in our community. Please contact Rachel Arsenault at rarsenault@townofstratford.ca.

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

This year, keep your New Year's resolution to help others. Sign up to be a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Couple with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Prince Edward Island! You'll spend time doing things friends do.... biking, hiking, baking, watching movies... whatever you both enjoy. You can help build a child's self-esteem, provide guidance, and have lots of fun too! Be the spark that ignites a child's potential. Volunteer today by calling 902-569-KIDS (5437), emailing info@bbbspei.ca, or applying on-line at www.bbbspei.ca



> Cadets from 20 (Stratford) RCACC



Youth, between the ages of 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, contact us at 902-626-5159 or curtis.doucette@cadets.gc.ca.

> Definitely Not The Symphony (DN'TS)



Definitely Not The Symphony (DN'TS) welcomes musicians of all skill levels on Saturday mornings at 10am. Planning to resume practices in January 2021 with COVID rules being followed. Visit us at dn'tspei.blogspot.com or phone Jenny 368-3576 for more information, especially regarding our new location.

> Stratford Community School



For any questions or information about the Stratford Community School, please contact Kathy Livingstone at (902) 569-3098 or stratfordcommunityschool@gmail.com. Hoping to see you in the fall of 2021!

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 or check out our website at 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 for more information.



WE OFFER A VARIETY OF WAYS FOR YOU TO PAY YOUR STRATFORD UTILITY BILL INCLUDING:

THROUGH YOUR PERSONAL ONLINE BANKING

IN-PERSON AT ANY CHARTERED BANK

THROUGH E-BILLING (BY USING YOUR CREDIT CARD ONLINE)

IN-PERSON DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE STRATFORD TOWN CENTRE

AFTER HOURS, CHEQUES CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN A SEALED ENVELOPE USING THE BLACK MAILBOX LOCATED OUTSIDE OF OUR MAIN OFFICE DOORS.

MAIL IN A CHEQUE

BY CREDIT CARD OVER THE TELEPHONE AT 902-569-1995

HEALTH & WELLNESS



> Island Karate Club

All classes will be conducted following the guidelines set forth by Karate PEI which were approved by Sport PEI and PEI Department of Health and Wellness.

Our classes are at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall located at 145, Stratford Road. Classes are Monday and Thursday nights. Participants can register by contacting Sensei Kirk Dalziel at kdalziel@upeil.ca or you can contact us through our Facebook page at Island Karate or website at www.islandkarate.com

> Shake It Up Line Dancers



Classes are Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30pm and Wednesday mornings 10:00-11:30am. 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. A maximum number of participants will be accepted at either class time. You can also find Karen on her YouTube channel by looking up 'KareBear line dancing'.

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

Geared to the active VP (vintage person)! Have fun and listen to music while challenging and improving your strength, balance, mobility, and agility. Workouts include use of a stability ball and light equipment. These classes will help you become stronger to lift, carry, climb stairs, avoid falls and do the things in life you wish to do. Sessions are 4 weeks. Contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at bfitjv@gmail.com



Tuesday's at 9:30am
 Session 1: starts January 12, 2021
 Session 2: starts February 9, 2021
 Session 3: starts March 9, 2021
 (we skip March 16)

> Chair Yoga/Stretch & Tone for 50+

A four-week session open to VPs (vintage persons) of all levels. The class is geared to promoting body awareness, balance, functional strength, and flexibility. We will work on 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 use of light equipment. Contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at bfitjv@gmail.com



Tuesday's at 11:00am
 Session 1: starts January 12, 2021
 Session 2: starts February 9, 2021
 Session 3: starts March 9, 2021
 (we skip March 16)

> Cardio Pump for 50+

Have fun, burn calories, tone, and strengthen your body! This workout is geared toward active VPs (vintage persons). Class initially starts with low impact cardio moves to oldies music before moving to using light equipment to help create endurance, strength, balance to improve your overall energy. Class ends with a relaxing stretch. Sessions are 4 weeks. To register, contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at: bfitjv@gmail.com



Thursday's at 9:30am
 Session 1: starts January 14, 2021
 Session 2: starts February 11, 2021
 Session 3: starts March 11, 2021
 (we skip March 18)

> Gentle Flow Yoga for 50+

Gentle Yoga movements on the mat to warm up and loosen your muscles with focus on breath. Standing movements are also included to promote ease of movement, balance, functional strength, and flexibility in the body. This class will leave you feeling relaxed and energized. Suitable for all levels. Sessions are 4 weeks. To register, contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at: bfitjv@gmail.com

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

> 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 participated 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)
- Peewee (ages 12-13)
- Bantam (ages 14-15)
- Varsity (ages: 16-17, + some 18)

For more information, visit www.pei-privateers.com. Register by contacting David Henderson at 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 excel-

lent 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 or contact Stratford Recreation Administrator at 902-569-6250.



> Dance Stars Academy

Dance Stars Academy offers dance lessons for all ages! Daytime class offerings include parent and tot sessions from 18mos to 3 years, weekday evenings and weekend lessons for ages 3 and up! Private instruction is available upon request for both daytime and evening appointments, available in all offered styles!

For information regarding our studio's COVID-19 strategy, as well as class schedule and registration, please visit us on our website at www.DanceStarsAcademy.com or email info@DanceStarsAcademy.com



VIRTUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

While COVID-19 restrictions remain in place, please remember that you can view the recording of the monthly town council meeting each month live at 4:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month via the Town's Facebook page, or it is uploaded as well to the Town of Stratford's Youtube channel.

SPEEDING ENDANGERS EVERYONE ON THE ROAD

We ask and encourage everyone to drive responsibly. Please show respect to everyone on the road.

Residents can help the RCMP by reporting speeders with the following information:

Time and day of the incident

Description of vehicle

License plate number

Description of the driver

Please call the Stratford RCMP at (902) 367-9300 (non-emergency line).





YOUR TOWN OF STRATFORD QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

INQUIRY	WHO SHOULD YOU CALL...	CONTACT INFORMATION	NOTES
Road repairs and conditions, snowplow inquiries and to report damage caused by a snowplow	The Provincial Government - Department of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy	902-200-6649, 902-368-5100 or go to roads@gov.pe.ca	
Culvert and Ditch Inquiries	The Provincial Government - Department of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy	902-368-4770	
Wildlife Related Inquires	The Provincial Government - Department of Forest, Fish and Wildlife	902-368-5000 and select option 3	The Town of Stratford staff is not trained in wildlife removal
Public Transit Services and Schedules	T3 Transit	902-566-9962	Passes can be purchased in Stratford at: Murphy's Pharmacy, Shoppers Drug Mart and the Town of Stratford Office
Garbage Collection inquiries and to request garbage bins	Island Waste Management (IWMC)	1-888-280-8111	
Animal Control	PEI Humane Society	902-892-1190	
Safety concerns, speeding, noise issues and trespassing	RCMP	902-367-9300	Please call the RCMP when the situation is happening. Provide helpful information such as; License plate numbers, vehicle descriptions, name of company on a vehicle, house numbers, specific times and locations.
Program Registration, Facility Bookings and Inquires	Town of Stratford - Recreation Department	902-569-6250	
Stratford's Public Library	Provincial Government - Stratford Public Library	902-569-7441	
Utility Bill Inquires and payments	Town of Stratford - Finance Department	902-367-3228 or 902-569-6258	
Building Permits and Inquiries	Town of Stratford - Planning Department	902-569-6255	
Maintenance inquires related to: Parks, Trails and Outdoor Rinks	Town of Stratford - Recreation Department	902-626-6834	
Property Tax Inquiries	The Provincial Government - Property and Land Taxes Office	902-368-4070	
Streetlight not Working	Maritime Electric	1-800-670-1012 and select option 5	You will be required to provide a pole number
Requests for additional streetlights	Town of Stratford - Public Works Department	E-mail: ckoughan@townofstratford.ca or 902-569-4662	Residents are required to submit these requests in writing. Please provide reason for the request, name, address and phone number
School Related Inquiries	Public School Branch, PEI	902-368-6990	The Town and the Public-School Branch share building space but they are separate offices
Pesticide Spraying Inquires	The Provincial Government - Department of Water and Climate Change	902-393-5285	Pesticide usage is regulated by the Province
Speed Bump Requests	Town of Stratford - Public Works Department	E-mail: ckoughan@townofstratford.ca or 902-569-4662	Residents are required to submit these requests in writing. Please provide reason for the request, name, address and phone number

**See your
business
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Contact Wendy at
wwatts@townofstratford
to learn more
about advertising
in Town Talk!

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Women's Health
Vestibular Rehab

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appointment call us at (902) 370-7322 or visit
www.reactivehealth.com

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**Stratford
Winter Fest
2021**



February 2021

- * Virtual Month Long Event
- * Winter Fun Activities
- * Check in Daily for
Winter Fun Ideas.
- * Let's Embrace Winter!



Facebook: Town of Stratford PEI Winter Fest

902-569-1995 www.townofstratford.ca

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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

Adult

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





Residential Tree Planting Program

Beginning in 2021, the Town of Stratford is piloting a Residential Tree Planting Program to help residents plant one large, good-quality, native species tree in their front yard. The program will accommodate up to 50 interested residents in the first year, who must apply and meet the program criteria.

For more information on the program, visit us online:

townofstratford.ca

Or, email: mcrowell@townofstratford.ca

WATER AUDIT PROGRAM

FREE in-home water audits are being offered to Stratford residential homeowners who have a water meter installed.

Book your FREE water audit!

(902) 367-3605
wateraudit@townofstratford.ca