



## PARKS & TRAILS

Time to step outside and enjoy our many beautiful parks and walking trails. Check out page 12 to read more about our trails!



## REQUEST FOR DECISION

Residents seeking a decision from the Town can now submit a Request for Decision Form to have their requests processed. Learn more on page 9.



## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominations for the Volunteer of the Year Award is open! Visit our website to send us your nominations to recognize a deserving Stratford resident!



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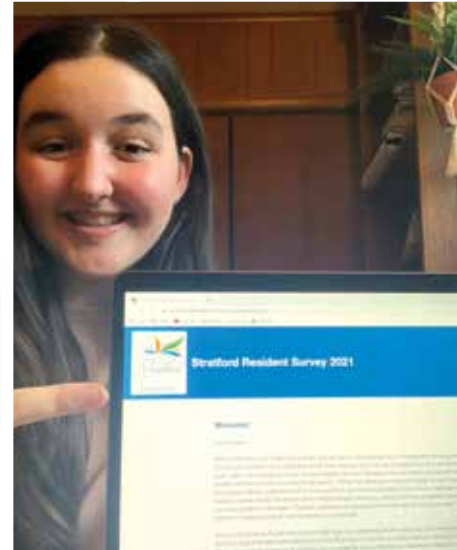


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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Spring has sprung and long, sunny days are on their way! The vaccine roll-out now underway allows us to begin to breathe a sigh of relief while we continue to respect public health guidelines that will help us reach the pandemic finish line.

In Stratford, progress is being made on many important projects:

- The Town’s wastewater is now flowing to the Charlottetown Pollution Control Plant, the lagoons are being decommissioned, and the land is being reclaimed for a new Town entrance and waterfront development. Residents have provided a lot of great ideas for creating a beautiful and functional park area along and near the waterfront.
- We will all be pleased to see the Provincial Government’s construction completed on the Hillsborough Bridge with the opening of an Active Transportation lane to allow safe passage for walkers and cyclists.
- Construction of a new Stratford High School by the Provincial Government is much closer, with the Town’s purchase of required land and a slight change in Stratford’s boundary having received IRAC approval. Some necessary rezoning of the property and adjacent land will be required which is hoped will all be finalized by early summer.
- A consulting firm has been contracted to develop a Master Plan for the entire Community Campus property. This plan will recommend the best location for all buildings, facilities, sports fields, and other elements to maximize functionality for educational and community use.
- Now that over 1,000 residents have identified their priorities for long-term budget projects, Town Staff and Council will develop a plan for the next five to ten years, with supporting financial forecasts, clearly identifying how your tax dollars will be spent to put in place the recreational, transit and safety infrastructure, programs, and services that you want and need. More will be shared with residents when complete.

I would like to sincerely thank all residents who participated in consultations regarding the long-term budget priorities and input to the development of the plan for our new waterfront park. The direction you provide each year by completing the annual resident survey is also a key consideration in Council decision-making. The engagement of Stratford residents is essential to making our vibrant, growing Town so much better. Wishing everyone a happy, safe, and fun summer!

Sincerely,

**Mayor Steve Ogden**

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**Sign up for the Town of Stratford’s bi-weekly email newsletter.**

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## INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

### REMiNDER

Property owners are required to upkeep and maintain their property year-round whether they live on the property or rent it out. This includes (but is not limited to) keeping the grass cut and ensuring garbage is disposed of properly. To learn more about our Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Bylaw (Bylaw #22), visit our website.

**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

#### **Subdivisions**

Developers in Stratford are required to install sewer and water systems during development. After testing and approval is complete, Stratford Utility takes over the systems. This year it is expected to take over water and sewer infrastructure in three new subdivisions and 140 serviced units. The numerous developments being proposed will also influence how many water and sewer customers will be taken onboard by the Town at year end.

#### **Sewer Lift Station Upgrades**

Stratford Utility has been reviewing our sewer systems over the past year to identify areas that will require upgrades to remain capable of receiving new development and deter storm water infiltration. A preliminary report has been received from our consultant that list several options. Utility staff will review these recommendations and proceed from there.

Below is an image of our new sewer lift station at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.



#### **Water Station Upgrades**

Contractors are presently upgrading our well pumps and piping at the Pondsides water station. This station was built in the year 2000 and was due for some upgrades.

#### **Fullerton's Park Washroom Facility**

This project was completed in early spring and washrooms are now open to the public daily. The facility is located just behind our water station along the trail.



#### **Wastewater Treatment Delivery System**

Stratford's wastewater is now being pumped to Charlottetown and work is continuing on the decommissioning of the lagoons followed by the return of the area to parkland. Some odour may be released periodically while this work takes place.

#### **Storm Water Infiltration**

This is an ongoing maintenance project to reduce the groundwater infiltration into the Town's sewer system. Any water that infiltrates our sewer system will eventually go to Charlottetown's plant. Since utility rates are based on flows, discharging storm water, ground water, water used for heating and cooling, etc. into the sanitary system will ultimately increase flows and raise utility rates for all customers. Over the last several years staff have been repairing manholes, adjusting their heights, and adding silt catch trays under the covers to prevent such infiltrations.

**Please note that it is illegal to discharge any storm water, surface water, water from sump pumps, roof run-off, surface drainage, sub-surface drainage, foundation drainage or water used for heating or cooling into our sewer system.**

# INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

## > Public Works Department

### **Maintenance**

Staff are busy with grass cutting, property and building maintenance, installing and relocating temporary speed humps, maintaining trails, and other daily duties. Pending funding, energy retrofits will take place at Robert Cotton Center and solar panels will be installed at the Stratford Emergency Service Center.

Also taking place this year, Pondsides Park parking lot will be paved and additional electric car charging stations installed with three located at Stratford Town Hall and one at Stratford Emergency Services Center. A dry storage shed will be constructed at our Town maintenance facility as well.



### **Active Transportation**

The Province of PEI is busy completing the active transportation corridor across the Hillsborough Bridge to the Hopeton and Stratford Road intersection. The Town has advocated on behalf of residents for this project for many years and we are all excited to see the completion in the near future.

The Town recently tendered work for the AT path on Keppoch Road, from the intersection of Kinlock Road to the Town boundary past Tea Hill Park. The final scope of work will depend on project tender costs with the completion of this work connecting our AT network around Stratford.

In the last couple of years, the Town has added several private natural trails to our system. We continue to work with landowners to share their

natural trails with the residents of Stratford. We appreciate these landowners working with the Town to enhance our active transportation system.

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

### **Speed Signs/Speed Humps**

In our ongoing effort to reduce speeding in Stratford, the Town continues to purchase speed radar signs and speed humps. These radar signs provide data to our Safety Services committee to determine if there is speeding and to what extent, whether it is becoming a community occurrence or refined to a few drivers. Staff continue to install our temporary speed humps throughout Stratford. These humps, as indicated, are temporary and are moved around during the summer to deter speeding in targeted neighbourhoods.



### **Town Roads Streets and Ditch Infilling**

All roads, streets and ditches in Stratford are owned by the Province of PEI. Provincial crews are already cleaning up from winter plow, salt, and storm water damage. They are also busy patching potholes and installing or replacing culverts. Please note that any request to infill your ditch or replace a culvert should be directed to the Provincial Department of Highways.

WITH THE NEAR COMPLETION OF THE NEW **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION (AT) CORRIDOR** ACROSS THE HILLSBOROUGH BRIDGE, WE EXPECT TO SEE MANY MORE BIKES ON THE ROADS IN TOWN THIS SUMMER. REMEMBER, THE RULES OF THE ROAD APPLY TO CYCLISTS THE SAME WAY AS THEY DO FOR VEHICLES. AS A CYCLIST, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BECOME AWARE OF THESE RULES.

### **A few basic tips to get you started:**

- Where possible, always ride on the right side of the roadway as close to the right curb as possible.

- Be sure to always ride in a single file except when overtaking and passing another bike.

- Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

- Use a bike bell on your bike to warn other users of the road that you are approaching.

**We hope you will have fun exploring the town on your bike this summer!**



## PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

### DO YOU NEED A PERMIT?

Call the Town of Stratford to be sure. Staff can assist and advise you of the requirements before your project – big or small – begins!

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

Should you have any questions relating to building permits or the National Building Code, please contact our Planning Department at 902-569-6255.

### WHERE CAN YOU FIND BYLAW INFORMATION?

A copy of the Building Bylaw, application forms, and other related information can be found on the Town's website or you can pick up copies in person from the Planning Department.

### > The Building Bylaw and National Building Code

In 2020, the Town of Stratford adopted a new Building Bylaw (Bylaw #50), which included the adoption of the 2015 National Building Code and the 2017 National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings. The Building Bylaw is enforced through scheduled inspections during construction at various stages of completion. These inspections will verify work against the approved submitted plans and against the NBCC.



*What to submit in a new application for a single detached development?*

- Development Application Form
- Utility Application Form
- Entrance Way Application Form
- Completed Deck Pamphlet
- Building Plans; including, floor plans, elevations, and cross-section
- Truss Package; including, layouts and individual truss design
- Site Plan/Grading Plan (see below)
- Letter of Authorization (see below)
- Additional information may be required

*Preliminary plans will no longer be accepted.*

### > Site Plan/Grading Plan

The Planning Department requires a grading plan to be submitted for new development. This plan should be prepared by a surveyor, professional engineer, or any other qualified person. It should indicate the existing grade of the property, the elevation of the tops of foundations of adjacent structures, the ditch, the street, and the proposed top of elevation of the

proposed development as well as the proposed flow of run-off once construction is complete.

### > Letter of Authorization

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

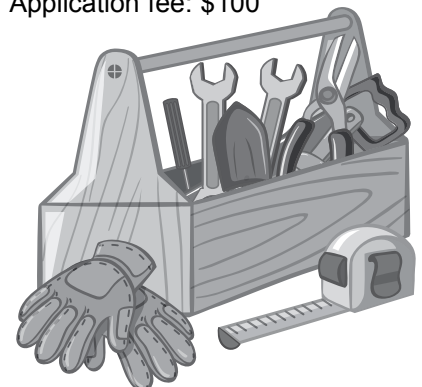
To ensure that your permit is ready in time for your project start date, please submit your complete application as early as possible.

### > Deck Permit Requirements

Residents need to apply for a deck permit before starting a deck project. Applications are processed once all required documentation is submitted and the deposit is paid.

Required documentation list:

- Development Application Form
- Letter of Authorization (if applicant is not the landowner)
- Site Plan, drawn to scale indicating:
  - Lot dimensions;
  - Dimensions of all existing and proposed buildings and structures on the lot;
  - Setbacks of all existing and proposed buildings and structures.
- Completed Deck Pamphlet
- Building Plans, drawn to scale and indicating:
  - Dimensions of structures;
  - Spacing and size of all structural members (joists, beams, posts, footings, etc.)
- Application fee: \$100



# PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

Decks will be inspected by the Building Official twice during construction at the following inspection points: (1) Inspection of deck columns prior to backfilling and (2) Final inspection after completion of all work. A deck should not be occupied until an occupancy permit has been obtained. The development permit will be issued as soon as it is determined that the work meets the requirements of the Town's bylaws and when applicable fees are fully paid. Deck permits are valid for a 12-month period and are normally issued within five (5) to seven (7) business days.

## > Pool Permits

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

whether being constructed or purchased as an inflatable kit, must first receive a pool permit.



## > Official Plan Review Update

The Official Plan update is continuing. Changes have been made to reflect recommendations from our consultation with relevant stakeholders. Some final updates will be inserted following completion of the Charlottetown Region Growth Study. Next, the draft document will be presented to Planning Board and Council with a recommendation to proceed to a Public Open House to solicit feedback.

## > Development Permits

### SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PERMITS January 2021 to March 2021

Permit Type	No. of Permits	Estimated Value
Single Family Residential	5	\$3,418,700.00
Residential Additions, Renovations, and Demolitions	3	\$40,000.00
Semi-Detached/Duplex	0	\$0
Townhouse	1	\$8,500.00
Apartment	0	\$0
Accessory Buildings	0	\$50.00
Accessory Structures (pools, decks, fences)	3	\$68,000.00
Other (signage, demolition, etc.)	1	\$0
Commercial (new, renovations, additions)	5	\$1,251,400.00
Industrial (new, renovations, additions)	0	\$0
Institutional (new, renovations, additions)	0	\$0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$4,786,650.00</b>



## HERITAGE AWARD

The Brown & Hood Heritage Award is presented annually to an individual, group, organization, or company who strives to preserve Stratford's heritage. Mayor Ogden was pleased to present the 2020 Town of Stratford Brown & Hood Heritage Award recently to Moe Rodgerson for his work on the heritage property of Mill Brook Farm.

The property has been in Moe's family since 1886 when his maternal great grandfather, Edward Kelly, purchased it from Edward Picton, the son of Major John Picton Beete who had passed it on to his son upon his return to England. The house features an Island stone foundation, and many of the original design features such as large central dormer with eve returns, six-over-six windows, central entrance door with transom and sidelights, decorative verandah and interior woodwork remain.

The property was registered in 2008 as a Provincial Heritage Place.



## OUR 2020 RECIPIENTS!

Thank you  
for all that you do!



**Mary Hughes**

(2020 Senior Volunteer of the Year)



**Clare Cudmore**

(2020 Volunteer of the Year)



**Tyler Beaver-Hounsell**

(2020 Youth Volunteer of the Year)

## 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](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.

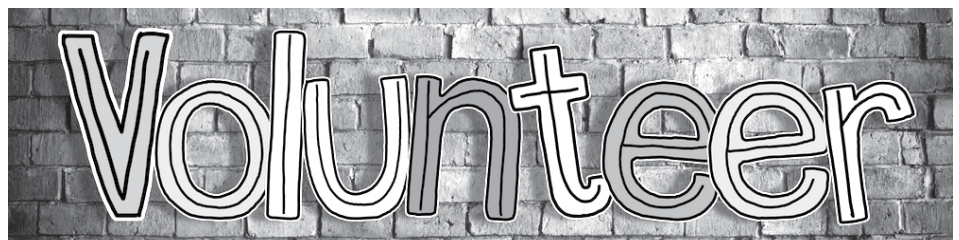
All submission must be signed. The annual deadline for submissions is June 1<sup>st</sup>. The award will be presented annually at Town of Stratford's Canada Day celebrations.

#### 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)





# TOWN EVENTS & INITIATIVES

## CLIMATE SENSE PROJECT

In 2021, the Town welcomed an intern from the ClimateSense Program to work on a climate change adaptation project. The project takes a holistic look at coastal infrastructure vulnerabilities, with a specific aim of developing and implementing adaptation measures for wastewater pumping stations as well as coastal properties. This project will ultimately provide the Town with the capacity to implement concrete adaptation measures to coastal effects of climate change.



## RESIDENTIAL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Stratford's new Residential Tree Planting Program was launched this year in January, offering trees to 100 eligible residents. The program enables residents to access low cost, good-quality, native trees, and assistance to plant them. The main goal of the program is to increase Stratford's urban canopy, particularly in neighbourhoods where trees are lacking. If you are interested in learning more about this program, visit our website. This program is supported by the PEI Climate Challenge Fund.



## STRATFORD SWITCH PROGRAM

The Town of Stratford is implementing a new program to help make it simpler, easier, and more affordable for homeowners to make energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades. The Stratford Switch Program will provide support for complex energy upgrades with help every step of the way. Watch for information to come soon!



## REQUEST FOR DECISION

Residents seeking a decision from the Town can now complete the Request for Decision (RFD) form by clearly indicating the decision that is being requested and the reason(s) for their request. This online form, along with a printable form, can be accessed from our website.

## 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.

## COMMUNITY DOG LICENSING PROGRAM

It is that time of year again to register your dog. This program encourages responsible pet ownership within our community, helps to provide a safe and fast return of lost companion animals to their families, and assists with the costs associated with transporting, housing, and caring for lost dogs until they are reunited with their families. For related COVID-19 reasons, the Town will not be offering a door-to-door canvassing service this year. We ask residents to register their pets by calling the Town at 902-569-1995 or by visiting the Town office or the PEI Humane Society. Thank you for being a responsible dog owner!



## CANADA DAY

Planning for Canada Day is well underway. Visit our website to learn more about our lineup of events and activities for planned around July 1<sup>st</sup> and follow us on social media for all Canada Day updates.



## RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### > Stratford Summer Day Camp



The Stratford Recreation, Culture, & Events Department is very excited to again offer a summer day camp program. Some of the activities will include healthy eating, theater, arts and crafts, sports, nature-based programs, and lots of free imaginative time. Please visit the Town's website at [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca) to check weekly availability (max. 20 participants per week).

#### > Under 4 Soccer

Our Under 4 Soccer program is designed for fun and learning. Through game and play, children 4 years of age will learn the basics of soccer. Registration is open online or in-person at the Stratford Town Centre starting on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Saturday's: July 3 - August 21

Time: 9am - 12pm  
(45 mins sessions)

Location: Business Park mini field

Age: 4 (born 2017)

Fee: \$60

#### > Intro to Sports

This program introduces the fundamentals of soccer, basketball, tennis, and baseball. Each week will be dedicated to a different sport (sport durations are 2 weeks). Registration is open online or in-person at the Stratford Town Centre starting June 1<sup>st</sup> (max. of 20 in each group). Parents are asked to help each week.

Day: Tuesday July 6 - August 24

Day: Thursday July 8 - August 26

Time:

5:30 - 6:15pm (3 years old)

6:30 - 7:15pm (4 & 5 years old)

Location: Green space behind Town Centre

In case of inclement weather, the program will take place in Town Centre gymnasium. The last two weeks of the program will be at Pondsides tennis courts. Program will operate pending COVID-19 restrictions.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### > Outdoor Pickleball

Outdoor Pickleball Play is available at Kinlock tennis courts from June to September on Monday thru Saturday from 8am - 12pm (designated pickleball time), or at Bunbury outdoor rink (on first come first serve basis).

#### > A day in the Life of Stratford

The Town of Stratford invites you to grab your camera and document a moment in your daily life within a 24-hour period on July 1, 2021 (Canada Day). Submit your images (up to 10 images) by 4pm on Friday, July 2. Images will be featured as a virtual exhibition on the Town's Facebook page. Watch our social media for more info, including guidelines for participation!



#### > Fitness with Benches

This summer, we hope to see more residents make use of the 9 benches installed by the Town to help you achieve a full body workout and stay fit. 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.



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

#### > 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.

## RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

### > 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.

Young children **MUST** be directly supervised by an adult when using the track.

Fitness area (equipment only) is restricted to 15 years and older.



### > Watch us on YouTube

Residents can now catch up on all previous Town videos and recordings on our YouTube channel by searching for 'townofstratford'. 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!

### > 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 during scheduled open gym times. Schedules are posted online at [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca) and daily in the morning on Facebook and Twitter. Indoor footwear is required at all times in the gym and in the track/fitness area.

To book any of the meeting rooms or gymnasium for private use, contact the recreation office at 902-569-6250. When you enjoy this beautiful facility, remember to sign in and out with the gym attendants by providing your name, phone # and community. Masks are required entering and exiting the facility, or at any time when social distancing cannot be maintained but can be removed while exercising. This policy will continue while public health measures remain in place on PEI.

**PLEASE NOTE:  
ALL TOWN OF  
STRATFORD  
FACILITIES ARE  
SCENT FREE.**



### DOG WALKING & LITTERING

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.



### TRIVIA

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



TOWN CENTRE GYM, WALKING TRACK & FITNESS CENTRE



## ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Summer is finally here and with many sunny days ahead, this is the time to step out and explore the outdoors!

Stratford has nearly **30 km of trail** throughout the Town to complement our 20 km of sidewalk and 40 km of roadside bike lanes. These trails are a mix of natural, paved, or gravel over Town, public and private lands and ideal for walking, jogging, biking, and hiking.

Please note: NO UNAUTHORIZED MOTOR VEHICLES ARE PERMITTED ON ANY TRAILS IN STRATFORD.

### Here is a list of some of our longer trail systems

(maps for each trail are accessible on our website):

1

#### TRANS CANADA TRAIL

Runs through Stratford from the Hillsborough Bridge to the Mt Herbert Rd Trail Start

**Distance 7 km**

Parking is available at several points along the trail

This is a paved and gravel trail for walkers, joggers, and bikers. The section from Fullerton's Marsh to the Mt Herbert Rd is owned and operated by the Province of PEI.



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#### COTTON PARK TRAIL SYSTEM

Located at 57 Bunbury Rd (Behind the Youth/Seniors facility)

**Distance 1 km**

Parking Available

A gravel trail system within Cotton Park with numerous loops through the open park along hedge lines and through the woods.

2

#### FULLERTON'S CREEK CONSERVATION PARK TRAIL SYSTEM

Located at 41 MacIntosh Dr Reeves Estates

**Distance 4 km**

Parking Available

A gravel trail system within Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park with numerous loops around scenic open fields and through woods. Trails access the Fullerton's Marsh lookout. The TCT is part of this system and continues through to Mt Herbert.

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#### CLEARVIEW ESTATES TRAIL SYSTEM

Located on Brookside Drive in Clearview Estates (Just off the Trans Canada Highway)

**Distance 1 km**

A natural trail system that meanders through wooded and grassed areas along a stream and by the wildlife pond.

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#### TUCKERS WAY HIKING TRAIL

Located off Tuckers Way or the Keppock Rd

**Distance .5 km**

This is a natural hiking and mountain biking trail. Although it is only short in distance it has a steep terrain through a wooded and storm water drainage area. It connects to other trails and to the sidewalk and bike lane system on Keppock Rd.



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#### KINLOCK CREEK & AREA TRAIL SYSTEM

Located Off the Kinlock Rd

**Distance 5 km**

This area is one of our best kept secrets. The trails are located over Town and private lands, so we ask users to respect the trail system. These trails are a combination of gravel and natural paths with multiple terrain changes. It is used by walkers, joggers, mountain bikers, hikers, snowshoers, and skiers. It is an interlocking system of trails joining the surrounding subdivisions. The trails can take you along a salt marsh, through multiple woods, along a stream and through open fields. The trails can be accessed from Harvest Dr, Notting Hill Dr Park, Clearview Dr or Strawberry Hill and are often used for either short or long outings.



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#### PONDSIDE PARK HIKING TRAIL

**Distance 1 km**

Parking Available

This is a natural trail system located at the back of Pondsides Park. It has elevation changes through the woods and along a stream with one small bridge crossing. This hiking trail is a scenic shaded walk.



# STRATFORD AREA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT GROUP

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

**Become a member!**  
**SPRING TREE DAY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

**SAWIG will be hosting the annual Tree Day Membership Drive in June.**

**Memberships are only \$10/year for Individuals, \$20/year for Families, and \$100/year for a Business Corporate Membership.**



This event is aimed at making it easier for Stratford residents to plant trees on their property. When you sign up to be a member, you receive a few trees to plant on your 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.

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

*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?



**EVERY DROP COUNTS**

**Apply today!**

call 902-367-3605 or email [wateraudit@townofstratford.ca](mailto:wateraudit@townofstratford.ca)

Stratford Utility Corporation  
 224 Shakespeare Drive  
 Stratford, PE C1B 2V8  
 Phone: (902) 367-3228  
 Email: [cmacinnis@townofstratford.ca](mailto:cmacinnis@townofstratford.ca)

Water Usage			
Meter Number	Previous Reading	Current Reading	Current Usage (cubic meters)
37255320	203.670	230.499	26.829
Average Usage:		291.62 litres/day	
Average Cost Per day:		\$1.62	

\*\*\*NOTE: 1 cubic meter equals 1000 litres\*\*\*

**Reduce your water consumption with a FREE Water Audit!**

If you are a Stratford Utility customer, you can check out how much water you are using by looking at the "average usage" on your water bill. If you are a household of two, using more than 500 litres per day is a lot!

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, please 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)



## JAMES AYLWARD, MLA



The Town of Stratford thanks all residents for their participation in our various engagement pieces over the past few months, including our Annual Resident Survey, long-term priorities, and Phase 1 and 2 of the waterfront consultations.

Your feedback is very important to us. Thanks to your input, we (staff and Council) can determine priorities and make transparent decisions on behalf of the town. We appreciate your time and effort in helping us make Stratford the best community possible!

Watch our social media to learn when reports become available to the public. All reports and statistics will be published on our website!

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



### SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

After our long, dark, and worrisome winter, the signs of seasonal re-emergence are all around us. At mine and Cece's home, daffodils are popping up, flocks of little birds are scavenging our lawns searching for insects and seeds and Axel, our extraordinarily energetic German Shephard, is eager to try out his two new knee replacements on nearby Town trails.

Once again, I would like to commend our Province's health care professionals led by Dr. Morrison and Marion Dowling, as well as Premier Dennis King, for their exemplary leadership earmarked by continuing measured, science-based policy. They have earned our Island the envy of the nation.

Two times over the past fourteen or more months, the Provincial health authorities called upon Town government to assist with the set-up of a COVID-19 testing centre and both levels of government did so with speed and professionalism. We are indebted to all involved for this high degree of co-operation.

It is important to note that all Islanders, including private citizens, front line workers, and essential service employees deserve a 'high five' for their efforts in the COVID-19 battle. Wearing masks, social distancing, and respecting gathering sizes have resulted in outstanding outcomes and a measurable difference in our statistics. Stay the course!

### Going forward!

Mindful that we are not out of the pandemic woods yet, the business of government and assisting in the continuing development and better-

ment of Stratford is paramount, and my new appointment as Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure is a natural fit in terms of road construction in our growing community.



**Hon. Lawrence MacAulay and  
James Aylward MLA**

I recently met with Cardigan MP Hon. Lawrence MacAulay to discuss partnerships between the Federal and Provincial governments and how we can continue to work together to ensure that priorities for Stratford are realized.

In closing, the Active Transportation Corridor over the Hillsborough Bridge is near completion at this time of writing. Thanks to all residents for your patience over the time of construction!

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

**Sincerely,  
James Aylward**

**Hon. James Aylward,  
MLA Stratford-Kinlock**

**Email: [jsaylward@assembly.pe.ca](mailto:jsaylward@assembly.pe.ca)  
Office: 902-368-5120  
Home: 902-569-1615**

## MICHELE BEATON, MLA

As we enter the warmer months and say goodbye to winter, it is so nice to see everything greening up and the flowers blooming, hear the birds chirping, and see families getting outside to enjoy springtime/summer activities.



I am excited to be holding office hours on Mondays from 9-10:30 AM in the Keppock-Kinlock Room at the Stratford Town Centre. Please feel free to drop in to say hi. I am also available to meet any other time at my office in the Coles Building in Charlottetown. To book an appointment, call (902) 620-3977 or send me an email at [mlbeatonmla@assembly.pe.ca](mailto:mlbeatonmla@assembly.pe.ca).

The opening of the Hillsborough Bridge Transportation Lane will be transformational for many in the community. When I was first elected, this project was not even in the provincial capital budget, even though Islanders were told it was by the former government. Fast forward two years and now it is on the verge of completion. There was a lot of advocacy work that happened from residents, the Town of Stratford, and cycling organizations to support pushing for the infrastructure upgrade. I am happy government listened and acted. Now, let's get out there and use it!

We will also benefit from another infrastructure upgrade in the district. The final piece of the Confederation Trail will link Mt Herbert to Stratford through Fullerton's Marsh. Fullerton's

Creek Conservation Park is a beautiful asset to the district and residents will now have safe access to the trail from the east.

This spring sitting of the Legislature was the first one since the change to the legislative calendar that saw the end of evening sittings. This change means I can continue as a full-time leader with the Stratford Girl Guides on Thursday evenings. This organization is strong in Stratford and it is great to see it thriving. Meetings have included a garbage cleanup at Cotton Park, exploring bees and their importance to our community, and sessions with STEAM PEI discovering coding, digital art, and engineering.



I am looking forward to the summer and exploring our community and the Island with my mom and daughter. I encourage everyone to get out and support our local Island businesses as much as we can. This past year has been difficult for all of us, and we can all use a little support.

*Sincerely,*  
**Michele Beaton**

**Michele Beaton**  
**MLA Mermaid - Stratford**

**Email:** [mlbeatonmla@assembly.pe.ca](mailto:mlbeatonmla@assembly.pe.ca)  
**Telephone:** 902-620-3977

# FEED THE BEES

Often considered a weed, we ask residents to consider not digging up or spraying dandelions as they are an important food source for bees through May and June.



Consider extending the period between mowing during these months while staying within the Town of Stratford's Bylaw, and keeping grass under 8" tall.



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](http://stratfordcop.wordpress.com) or email us at [copstratford@gmail.com](mailto:copstratford@gmail.com)

You can also follow us on Twitter [@COP\\_Stratford](https://twitter.com/COP_Stratford)

## RCMP IN STRATFORD

**RCMP encourages all Stratford residents to slow down, move over, think of others.**

As they say, “the signs are everywhere” with visual reminders of your responsibilities towards safety in our community.

RCMP work closely with the Town of Stratford to promote safe habits; be it behind the wheel of a vehicle, on a bike or on foot. Each one of us has a role to play in creating a safe community by living by the words we promote. With more and more people out on the roads, sidewalks, and trails, it is important to pay attention to safety.

**Slow down:** Give yourself extra time so that you do not have to rush. If the traffic is slower than usual, you will have a buffer. Remember, it is not a race. You might think it is fine to speed, but getting a ticket is not going to make your day better - just slow down.

**Move over:** Pay attention to the roadways around you. If you see someone on the side of the road and you have room, be polite and move over. Remember, it is summer and there is likely to be people riding their bikes, kids playing, or people walking their dogs around you. So, if you can, move over and give everyone some room. If you see lights and sirens, getting out of the way can be a matter of life and death – consider this, if help were on the way to you, you would appreciate others getting out of the way so they can reach you faster.

**Think of others:** Following steps one and two shows that you think of others. If you were in their shoes (or on their bikes, or in their cars), how would you like to be treated? If we can all take a bit of time and be careful and considerate on the roads, we will have a community that thinks of others, and you will be one of them.

***The Town of Stratford and the RCMP ask that residents report speeding issues directly to the Stratford RCMP by calling 902-367-9300. Details such as license plate numbers, name of businesses displayed on company vehicles, color of vehicle, brand of vehicle, addresses, names, time of day etc. all help the RCMP solve speeding issues.***

RESPECT  
IT'S A TWO WAY STREET





# NATURALLY STRATFORD

## TIPS FOR A NATURALLY HEALTHY LAWN



The following are some tips for maintaining a healthy lawn:

Grass clippings left on your lawn supplies much needed food for your lawn. Mulch those clipping and leave them there.

Keep your mower blade sharp. This will make mowing easier and reduce tearing the blades of grass, which can promote lawn diseases.

Aerate your lawn every couple of years to eliminate thatch and allow air, nutrients, and water to penetrate deep into the root zone.

Add grass seed to your lawn any time that bare spots begin to show.

Use an organic, slow-release fertilizer to feed your lawn. These materials break down slowly continuing to feed your lawn over time.

Clover in your lawn is not a bad thing. It is drought tolerant and stays green, plus earth worms love it and they are an important component of a healthy lawn!



Signs have been installed near Kelly's Pond to ensure compliance with the dumping of invasive species like goldfish and Canada waterweed from aquariums. These are harmful to our native species and their required habitat. Thanks to the PEI Invasive Species Council for installing the signs!

### Spring is finally here!

Here are some bugs that can naturally help your lawn this spring!



#### PRAYING MANTIS

They might look scary, but they can help eat bugs harmful to home gardens.

#### LADYBUG

Ladybugs can eat small harmful mites on plants and can even be ordered online.

#### LACEWINGS AND HOVER-FLIES

These bugs may not look helpful but they thrive by eating insect pests of fowers.

#### DRAGONFLIES

Dragonflies are great in the garden, they will eat mosquitoes and other harmful insects.

# STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

## IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR RAIN BARREL BACK OUT FOR THE SUMMER SEASON!

Rain barrels are a great investment when it comes to capturing and recycling water.

Place one beneath your downspout – 1000 sq ft of roof surface can collect 420 gallons of water in inch of rainfall!



### 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/](http://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](http://library.pe.ca)" for event details, collection information, book recommendations and so much more!

**TD  
Summer  
Reading  
Club  
2021**

## Free summer programs! Programmes d'été gratuits!



- Including:
- \* Storytime
  - \* Evil Genius Club
  - \* Crafts to Go
  - \* Comic Squad
  - \* Code Club
- ... and more!



Contact your local library to register.

   @PEILibrary

## STRATFORD AND AREA LIONS CLUB

### WELCOME TO SUMMER!

We hope you have had a chance to stop at our building at the Stratford roundabout to get some tasty, fresh cooked market lobsters. We will be cooking fresh caught market lobsters until Father's Day every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Whenever you spot the yellow light flashing, this means we are open!



With the current COVID-19 restrictions, we will be offering curbside/drive-up service only. We thank everyone for their understanding. Please note that all proceeds from the lobster sale go toward our annual Charlottetown Rural Bursary, and the QEH & IWK telethons. Again, thanks to you and everyone in the community, we can continue to support these causes.

We are looking forward to getting our weekly crib and monthly ceilidh going as soon as it becomes safe to do so. We greatly miss the local cheer and seeing our regular attendees at these events. Stay tuned for more information when we can get started again.

Our motto is 'We Serve'. During the past year, we have helped support a wide spectrum of local and worthwhile causes, ranging from individuals in need of financial help for medical travel to Island children in need of sports equipment, and other campaigns such as hospital equipment. If you or someone you know in the Stratford area needs assistance, please feel free to email us at stratford.area.lions@hotmail.com or contact any Lions member. We look forward to hearing from you and will always try to help in any way we can.

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 member! Contact us for more information and we will get you involved in the community. Whether you are male or female, young 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 to learn more.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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



### TOWN OF STRATFORD SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Town offices will  
open from 8am to 4pm,  
Monday through Friday,  
starting on May 31<sup>st</sup>  
until October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### REMINDER TO RESIDENTS

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



## #PEIAgainst Racism

### #PEIAGAINSTRACISM

Earlier this year (for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination), we launched a social media campaign to encourage all residents, and the wider island community, to show support in the fight against racism.

Thank you to all residents who showed support and added the Facebook frame **#PEIAgainstRacism** to their profile picture.

Many Stratford staff and council members also participated in an Anti-Racism Workshop led by BIPOC USHR PEI recently. If you are interested in learning more please visit [www.bipocushr.org](http://www.bipocushr.org)

The Town is a strong supporter of diversity and inclusion, and we welcome everyone to our community.

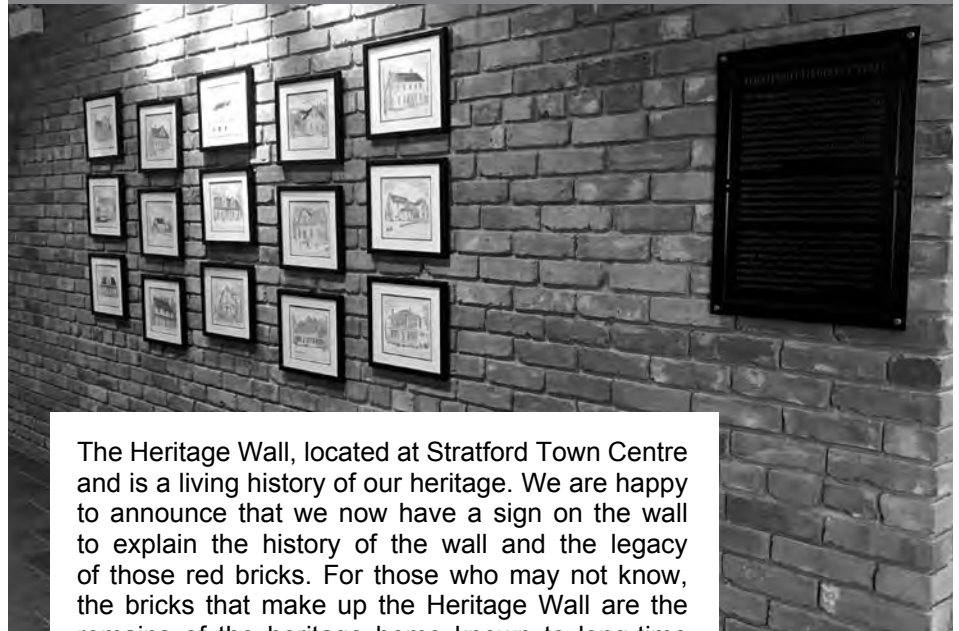
## STRATFORDS OF THE WORLD



### RESCHEDULED

Stratfords of the World Reunion in Stratford, Ontario is postponed for 1 year to late July 2022. Inquiries may be made to Daphne Campbell at [dxcampbell@live.ca](mailto:dxcampbell@live.ca)

## HERITAGE WALL



The Heritage Wall, located at Stratford Town Centre and is a living history of our heritage. We are happy to announce that we now have a sign on the wall to explain the history of the wall and the legacy of those red bricks. For those who may not know, the bricks that make up the Heritage Wall are the remains of the heritage home known to long-time Stratford residents as the "Brick House". Take a peek the next time you're in for a visit!

## NEW TRANSIT BUSES

Eight new transit buses have been added to the T3 fleet serving Stratford, Cornwall, and Charlottetown. Council and staff had an opportunity to view one of the buses when it made a visit to Stratford Town Hall before entering regular route service.



## 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!

**ALL EV PEI**  
**Kari**

**Nimrods'**  
**Taco Boyz**

### > 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.

### > Free Advertising for Stratford Businesses

*Are you looking for ways to promote your business? Well, we'd like to help you with that.*

Here's how we can help. Stratford businesses are welcome to take part in our FREE advertising opportunity through our Resident Welcome Packages. These packages are distributed to all new residents in the town. Some businesses like to provide us with brochures, others prefer to offer discount coupons to be used on a resident's first visit to their business.

Promotional items such as pens, fridge magnets, hats and other similar merchandising items may also be supplied. We would be happy to include something from your business in our Resident Welcome Package! If you'd like to take advantage of this offer, simply drop your promotional items off to the Town of Stratford office or contact Audra for more information at [abulger@townofstratford.ca](mailto:abulger@townofstratford.ca)

We hope to hear from you!

# 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](mailto:abulger@townofstratford.ca)

# Think Local.

Spend it here *to* keep it here.







## TRIVIA ANSWER

Trivia answer from page 11

**The answer is  
87 kilometres  
of sewer main!**

### Note to Residents:

While many of our neighbourhoods have moved to self pick up flyer distribution boxes (located next to the Canada Post mailboxes), many others still receive home delivery of flyers weekly. If you would like to opt-out of receiving these paper flyers to your home, you can make this request by calling The Guardian offices at: **902-629-6000.**



## 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](mailto:rarsenault@townofstratford.ca)

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

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](mailto:info@bbbspei.ca), or applying on-line at [www.bbbspei.ca](http://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](mailto:curtis.doucette@cadets.gc.ca).

### > 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](mailto:stratfordcommunityschool@gmail.com). We hope to see you in the fall of 2021!

### > 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 pro-



## COMMUNITY GROUPS

grams. 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.

**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



## FIRE DEPARTMENT 50/50 FUNDRAISING DRAW

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/peifirefighters>



## DOGS ON LEASH!

Not everyone is a dog person, so please keep your dog on a leash at all times when off your property. Whether you're out on a walk with your pet or heading for a good run at the dog park, always keep the leash on and keep everyone safe!

In accordance with our Town bylaw, dogs are only permitted off leash on the dog owner's property or at the Town's dog park.

## 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@upe.ca](mailto:kdalziel@upe.ca) or you can contact us through our Facebook page at Island Karate or website at [www.islandkarate.com](http://www.islandkarate.com)

### > Shake It Up Line Dancers



Classes are Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm, from June 9th until end of September at Bunbury outdoor rink, weather permitting. 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). 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 [bftjv@gmail.com](mailto:bftjv@gmail.com)



#### Tuesday's at 9:30am

Session 1: starts September 14, 2021

Session 2: starts October 12, 2021

Session 3: starts November 16, 2021

### > 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 [bftjv@gmail.com](mailto:bftjv@gmail.com)



#### Tuesday's at 11:00am

Session 1: starts September 14, 2021

Session 2: starts October 12, 2021

Session 3: starts November 16, 2021



## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### > 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 September 16, 2021**

**Session 2: starts October 14, 2021**

**Session 3: starts November 18, 2021**

### > 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.

**Thursday's at 11:00am**

**Session 1: starts September 16, 2021**

**Session 2: starts October 14, 2021**

**Session 3: starts November 18, 2021**

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

### > 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](http://www.DanceStarsAcademy.com) or email [info@DanceStarsAcademy.com](mailto: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 <a href="mailto:roads@gov.pe.ca">roads@gov.pe.ca</a>	
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: <a href="mailto:ckoughan@townofstratford.ca">ckoughan@townofstratford.ca</a> 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: <a href="mailto:ckoughan@townofstratford.ca">ckoughan@townofstratford.ca</a> 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  
here in the  
next issue.**

Contact Wendy at  
[wwatts@townofstratford](mailto:wwatts@townofstratford)  
to learn more  
about advertising  
in Town Talk!

## Canada Day Activities in Stratford

Planning is underway to celebrate  
Canada Day in Stratford – watch  
for more information in the  
Town's e-news, on our website  
and on social media.



**Michele Beaton**  
MLA Mermaid - Stratford

Your concerns are important to  
me and I want to hear from you.

**To request a meeting,  
please contact me at:**

(902) 620-3977 or  
[mlbeatonmla@assembly.pe.ca](mailto:mlbeatonmla@assembly.pe.ca)

• Working for You in our Community •



# 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

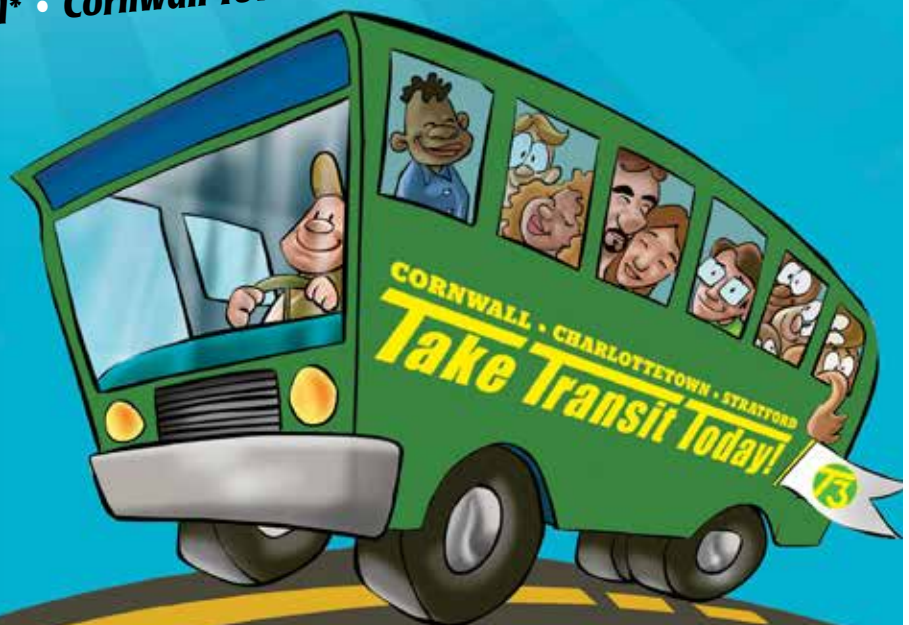
One way fare \$2  
Sheet of 10 adult tickets \$18  
Monthly pass \$58.50

**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](http://www.t3transit.ca)**



# *Volunteer of the Year Award 2021 Nominations now open!*

- Volunteer of the Year Award (ages 19 to 64)
- Youth Volunteer of the Year Award (ages 13 to 18)
- Senior Volunteer of the Year Award (ages 65 and over)

The deadline for submissions is **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 4:00 pm.**

**LEARN MORE**

[townofstratford.ca](http://townofstratford.ca)



# *Stratford Spirit*

Do you want to say thank you to someone in our community?

Show your appreciation for other residents within our community.

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**FIND OUT HOW TO SAY THANK YOU**

[townofstratford.ca](http://townofstratford.ca)

