



ON DEMAND TRANSIT PILOT

A pilot project to extend transit service to some of the unserved areas in Ward 3. Find out more on page 17!



ATTENTION: STRATFORD BUSINESSES

Watch for our first annual business survey. We want to hear from you!



FALL FEST

Planning for Fall Fest is underway! Join us for lots of fun September 24-26!



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FALL EDITION

NATURAL PLAYGROUND at FULLERTON'S CREEK CONSERVATION PARK





MAYOR'S MESSAGE



As autumn soon begins to colour the leaves, we can thankfully hope to return to a new normal as the pandemic fades into the past. The summer has been extremely eventful with some major strides being made for our growing, vibrant Town. Here are some highlights:

- Community Campus and New Stratford High School – land purchase complete and concept plan for land underway
- Active Transportation Lane across the Hillsborough Bridge – completed and open
- Waterfront Park - lagoons being removed and site near ready for first phase to be developed into a future welcoming, inclusive waterfront park for all to enjoy
- Stratford Business Park – expansion planned to accommodate increased demand from businesses wanting to locate in Stratford
- Keppoch Road Multi-Use Pathway – construction underway for fall completion
- On-demand Transit Pilot – pilot approved to extend transit service to some of the unserved areas in Ward 3
- Switch Program - in place to help residents improve the energy efficiency of their homes
- Long-Term Fiscal Plan – being finalized to share with residents before the 2022-2023 budget process begins

Other positive initiatives that have occurred in the last months include the opening of a new state-of-the-art Operational Stress Injury Clinic for Veterans, many new business start-ups, new commercial construction, and solid month-over-month growth in new homes being built.

It is not possible for the Town to finance major infrastructure projects without the financial assistance of the Federal and Provincial governments. Chief among these is the development of roads, water, sewer, and electricity, all critical for the development of our new Community Campus, including the future high school property, and expansion of the Stratford Business Park. We have been working closely with Federal and Provincial representatives to secure this funding. Approval would result in considerable economic and social returns, including the possible development of a much-needed recreational complex within Stratford (to include potential ice surfaces, sports fields, trails, access to natural areas, etc.), and that would allow us to respond to the growing demand for sports and other programs of interest to residents. I cannot state enough how critical this funding is to our Town's future not only in terms of fostering growth, but in our ability to provide programs and services to our residents within our municipality, that are available to residents of other communities on PEI, and elsewhere, that are similar to Stratford.

In closing, thank you for your ongoing commitment to making Stratford the best community possible through your involvement in activities, volunteering and providing your opinions and feedback on issues.

On behalf of all Councillors and the Deputy Mayor, I wish everyone a happy and safe autumn season.

Sincerely,

Steve Ogden

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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, then after testing and approval is complete, Stratford Utility takes over the systems. If developments proceed as planned, the Utility is expected to take over water and sewer infrastructure in 3 new subdivisions and 140 serviced units this year. 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 lists several options. Stratford Utility staff are now reviewing these recommendations and planning for next steps.

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 through the early fall.

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 and 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, subsurface drainage, foundation drainage, or water used for heating or cooling into our sewer system.

> 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 Centre and one at Stratford Emergency Services Center. A dry storage shed will be constructed at our Town maintenance facility as well.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

Town Roads Streets and Ditch Infilling

All roads, streets and ditches in Stratford are owned by the Province of PEI. Provincial crews are 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.

Active Transportation

The Town recently tendered work for the active transportation 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 active transportation 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, and whether it is becoming a community occurrence or is 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. Please be aware of your own driving habits as we work together to keep Stratford an active and safe community to move around in.



THANK YOU
TO THE PROVINCE OF PEI
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE ACTIVE
TRANSPORTATION PATH
ON HILLSBOROUGH
BRIDGE. THE OPENING
CEREMONY TOOK PLACE
THIS SUMMER AND WE
COULDN'T BE MORE
EXCITED FOR RESIDENTS!
THIS PATH IS DEDICATED
TO WALKERS, CYCLISTS,
ROLLERBLADERS,
SKATEBOARDERS,
POWER ASSIST E-BIKES
AND WHEELCHAIRS.



SPEEDING ENDANGERS EVERYONE ON THE ROAD

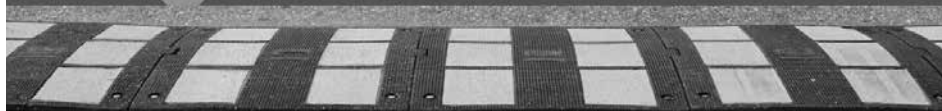


We ask and encourage everyone to drive responsibly. Please show respect to everyone on the road.

Residents can help the RCMP by reporting the speeder 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 (or 911 in an emergency).



“Slow down, move over, think of others”

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 (if using Helical Piles, an engineer stamped helical pile design is required)
- Building Plans; including, floor plans, elevations, and cross-section
- Truss Package; including, layouts and individual truss design
- Site Plan/Grading Plan
- Letter of Authorization
- Additional information may be required

Preliminary plans will no longer be accepted.

To ensure that your permit is ready in time for your project start date, please submit your complete application as early as possible, while allowing enough time for staff to process it.

A copy of the Building Bylaw, Application Forms, and Fee Bylaw can be found on the Town's website (www.townof-stratford.ca) or you can pick up copies

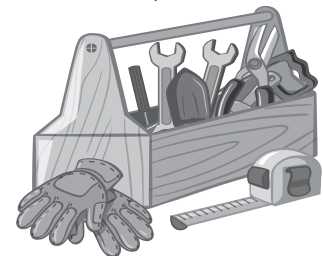
in person at the Planning Department, located within Town Centre. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department by phone 902-569-6255.

> 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



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.

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

A copy of the application forms and other relevant documents can be found on the Town’s website (www.townofstratford.ca) or you can pick up copies in person at the Planning Department, located within the Town Centre. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department by phone 902-569-6255.

> 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. This is intended to happen in the fall, with the Official plan submitted to the Province for approval before the end of the year.

> Development Permits

From January to June 2021, the Planning Department has issued a total of 144 development permits. The following Table shows a summary of development activities between January and June 2021.

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PERMITS January, 2021 to June 2021

Permit Type	No. of Permits	Estimated Value
Single Family Residential	27	\$16,242,900.00
Residential Additions, Renovations, and Demolitions	6	\$593,800.00
Semi-Detached/Duplex	1	\$500,000.00
Townhouse	3	\$2,328,500.00
Apartment	1	\$1,600,000.00
Accessory Buildings	6	\$133,050.00
Accessory Structures (pools, decks, fences)	26	\$722,276.00
Other (signage, demolition, etc.)	7	\$48,632.00
Commercial (new, renovations, additions)	13	\$2,656,269.00
Industrial (new, renovations, additions)	0	\$0
Institutional (new, renovations, additions)	0	\$0
Totals	144	\$24,825,427.00

DID YOU HEAR?

We have refurbished an old firetruck into a new Town service vehicle.



Let’s lead the change Stratford; let’s recycle and find new uses for old things. Giving used items a second life can help them from being written off and ending up in landfill!

TOWN EVENTS & INITIATIVES

2021 YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Ashton Dudley was awarded the 2021 Stephen J. McQuaid Memorial Youth Volunteer of the Year award. Ashton has been a member of the Stratford Youth Centre since 2015, and Stratford Youth Council since 2017. Ashton has participated in several fundraising and community volunteer activities such as assisting annually with collecting items for the Food Bank, participating in the annual Youth Centre roadside cleanup and Stratford Youth Walkathon, and serving meals at local senior diners in the community. He has also worked on projects in partnership with the senior community of Stratford and volunteered at Stratford Winter Fest for five years. Along with the many other ways he has contributed to the community, Ashton has also been a member of his junior high and senior high school bands and sets an example for other youth members. We congratulate him for his recent graduation at Charlottetown Rural High School and thank him for his dedication to give back to his community!

> Fullerton Marsh Bridge



The new AT bridge at Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park is open! This new addition connects Stratford to Eastern PEI via the Confederation Trail.

> Natural Playground at Fullerton's



We are excited to introduce residents to the natural playground at Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park. These play structures were designed to blend in naturally in the environment where they were installed. We hope this innovative project will encourage the youngest in our community to embrace sustainability and learn to protect our natural environment. The natural playground includes a fox den, an obstacle course, a play area, slides, swings, and a gathering circle.

> Stratford Summer Hit List

This summer, the Town put together a Stratford Summer Hit List that residents and families can use for ideas and inspiration on summer activities and events in town. A new list was shared every week with residents on social media and the full list is accessible on our website. Some of these activities can be carried through fall as well.

> Picnic Tables



The Town, through its Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Committee, have installed accessible picnic tables at Tea Hill Park, with an upcoming addition to Cotton Park and to Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park. We hope this initiative will help to make the Town and our facilities more accessible and inclusive to all.

> Pride in Stratford

To mark Pride Week, the Town painted the crosswalk leading to the Stratford Town Centre in vibrant Pride colours. We were also honoured to raise the



Pride flag to commemorate the event and raise awareness.

> Disc Golf



The Town has recently added disc golf to our recreation activities at Stratford Town Centre. The course starts near the

Splash Pad and continues for 9 holes around the back of the Town Centre and ends near the public art piece at the entrance to the site. Discs can be signed out at the Gym Reception Desk.

> Mi'kmaq Place Names



Through the Town's Heritage Sub-Committee, with support from the Town's Arts and Culture Sub-Committee and Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Committee, six signs were installed in the community

TOWN EVENTS & INITIATIVES

to acknowledge and appreciate the history of our community as a Mi'kmaq summer camping location. We thank L'nuey for partnering with us on this project and encourage residents to reflect on the historical connection of the land to the Mi'kmaq people and their activities. These signs are located at Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park, Hillsborough River, Kelly's Point, Rosebank Point, Seatrout Point, and Stewart Cove.

> 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.

> Community Spotlight

Community Spotlight was developed by the Town's Diversity and Inclusion



Sub-Committee and is designed to introduce residents to each other in the community while showing the range

of backgrounds, abilities, experiences, passions, and interests of our residents. Watch for the resident profiles on social media!

If you'd like to share your story with us and the rest of the community, or you know someone who would be interested, please send us your/their contact information to info@townofstratford.ca

> New Living Shorelines Project

The Town of Stratford has over 15 km of coastline along the Hillsborough River and Northumberland Strait. These coastlines are changing with time because of natural processes of erosion and deposition. Changing sea

level and climate change are expected to greatly impact Stratford's coastline. Hardening the coastline with rocks and concrete is a solution that is expensive, has no ecological value, and can be short-lived and ineffective. Using a relatively new method of creating a "living shoreline", the Town partnered with the PEI Watershed Alliance, with funding through Environment and Climate Change Canada, to protect two sections of coastline with "living shoreline" techniques. This approach uses living trees and shrubs as well as natural material like hay, logs, and brush, to protect and stabilize the bank.



Photo credit:
Southeast Environmental Association

You can see these projects at the waterfront park and at Tea Hill Park. Each site also received the installation of a piece of art from an Island artist, coordinated by Creative PEI, meant to complement and reflect on the "living shoreline" approach.

Thanks to all watershed groups and organizations who helped make these projects possible, and to Helping Nature Heal Inc. and TransCoastal Adaptations for designing each site.

> Residential Tree Planting Program

Stratford's new Residential Tree Planting Program was launched earlier this year, offering trees to 100 eligible residents. The program enabled 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. This year, staff and residents planted 39 red maple, 31 red oak, 15 white birch, 5 sugar maple, and a few balsam fir, white spruce, white cedar, trembling aspen, linden, and white pine. The program was a great success and was made possible by the PEI Climate Challenge Fund. It is anticipated that the program will run again next year.



> Water School Program

After a hiatus due to COVID-19 last year, Stratford's annual "Water School/ Water's Cool" program was held again, with approximately 250 Grade 5 students participating throughout the week. The program teaches students about the importance of watersheds and water conservation through hands-on experiential learning. As part of the program, students take part in an art contest, with the winning artwork featured in the annual "Water School/ Water's Cool" calendar given out to students. Congratulations to the winners and to all who participated!

Here are the winners from Stratford Elementary:

July - Naomi Demeulenaere

August - Ella (no last name provided)

September - Sarah Dzelme

October - Kyle Xin

November - Reid Bulpitt

December - Brick Ma

January - Avner Tiwand

February - Enzo Chan

March - Vera Qiao

April - Gabe LeBlanc

May - Mya Robicheau

June - Cam McIntosh

RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

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, Stratford Youth Centre programming, scheduling and participation numbers may be subject to change without notice.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

> Instructional Ice Hockey – ‘Skills and Drills’

Saturdays at Pownal Rink
October 9, 2021 to March 5, 2022
7:10 - 8:10am
Participants can be Grades K-6
Cost is \$65 per participant

The Youth Ice Hockey program is available for children who are not currently involved in a minor hockey program, to enjoy recreational play. Space is limited to 25 participants. Mandatory equipment includes helmet, neck protector, stick, and skates. Register with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online via Town of Stratford website www.townofstratford.ca before October 8.



> Brush Stop

Tuesdays from 10:00 - 11:00am
October 5 to December 7, 2021
Location: Stratford Library
No cost (free program)

Each week, Tricia will read a new story and relate the art project to the story!

ADULT PROGRAMS

> Intermediate Watercolour Painting Classes

Saturdays from 10:00 - 12:00pm
October 9 to December 11, 2021
Location: Gertrude Cotton Building
Cost: \$25/person (supplies not included)

Ideal for those with prior watercolour painting experience!

> Beginner Watercolour Painting Classes

Tuesdays from 7:00 - 9:00pm
October 5 to December 7, 2021
Location: Gertrude Cotton Building
Cost: \$50/person (supplies included)

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.

> Art Club

Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00pm
October 7 to December 9, 2021
Cost: \$25/person (supplies not included)

For all levels and abilities! Register early to book your spot!

> Online Drawing Class

Mondays from 7:00 - 9:00pm
October 4 to December 13, 2021
Cost: \$25/person

Stay in and learn how to draw online! Tricia MacNeil Baldwin, our Artist in Residence, will guide you to execute your drawing with confidence.

To register, or for more information, please call the Town of Stratford at 902-569-6250, visit the website at www.townofstratford.ca or drop by the Recreation Welcome Desk in person.

RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

> Men's Recreational Basketball

Wednesdays from 8:15 - 9:45pm
September 8 to December 29, 2021
Location: Stratford Town Centre
Cost: \$25/person

Recreational basketball league for those over the age of 18 years - everyone is welcome to come and play. All levels encouraged in this "for fun" league!

> Co-Ed Badminton

Tuesdays from 8:15 - 9:45pm
September 7 to December 28, 2021
Location: Stratford Town Centre
Cost: \$25/person

Recreational badminton league for those 18+ years of age. Fun and social co-ed badminton program is open to all skill levels and ability.

> Pickleball

This program is for all skill levels (beginner to advance play together) and considered non-competitive. Pickleball is a mix of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. The basic equipment (ball & net) is provided by the Town of Stratford. All you need is pickleball racquet and your runners! Every ability is welcome and open to 16+ years of age. Must have your own racquet!

Various days & times available - please check our program offerings online at www.townofstratford.ca or in person with the Town Centre gym attendants.

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).

Min. 12 participants/Max. 24 participants for most recreational programs. Please note that players must pre-register to play. At this time, drop-ins are not welcomed due to COVID-19 regulations and in the event a program is cancelled for the same reason, a credit or refund will be issued.

You can register for recreational programs with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk. You can also view upcoming programs and registration dates and create a personal account to register or pay for the program you'd like to sign up for directly from our website at www.townofstratford.ca. If further information is required, please call 902-569-6250.

> Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball

Mondays from 8:15 - 9:45pm
September 13 to December 27, 2021
Location: Stratford Town Centre
Cost: \$25/person

Recreational volleyball league for those 18+ years of age. Fun and social co-ed volleyball program is open to all skill levels and ability.



TRIVIA

CAN YOU GUESS HOW MANY BUS SHELTERS WE HAVE IN TOWN?
(answer page 22)

> 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.

> Town Centre Gymnasium

The Stratford Town Centre is open for Stratford residents to use seven days a week. The centre is equipped with a gymnasium, walking track, fitness centre, meeting rooms, change rooms, stage and kitchen. Residents are welcome to use the fitness centre and walking track any time the building is open. Please note that indoor sneakers are required in the gym and track/fitness area.

To book any of our meeting rooms or gymnasium for private use, please contact the recreation office at 902-569-6250. All facility users must answer COVID-19 screening questions before entering the facility as well as provide their contact information (name & phone #) and sign in and out at the front door.

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 (Sept - June)
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (July - Aug)
Statutory Holiday Hours: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm



TOWN CENTRE GYM, WALKING TRACK & FITNESS CENTRE



STRATFORD AREA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT GROUP

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

PEI Climate
Challenge Fund

Wildlife Habitat Canada



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

EVERY DROP COUNTS

Apply today!
call 902-367-3605 or email wateraudit@townofstratford.ca

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

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 or call **902-367-3605**.



WHEN YOU PURCHASE A PEI CONSERVATION LICENSE PLATE, THE PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE WORK OF ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS ON PEI!

BECOME A MEMBER!

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

Pick up a membership at 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!

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



RESPECT STRATFORD

As residents of all ages continue to head outdoors and enjoy activities in our neighbourhoods, please remember to slow down, move over, and share the roads. Now that the active transportation corridor on Hillsborough Bridge is fully operational, we expect to see many more bikes on the roads this fall. Remember, the rules of the road apply to cyclists the same way they do for vehicles.

Here are some tips to keep you and others in the community safe:

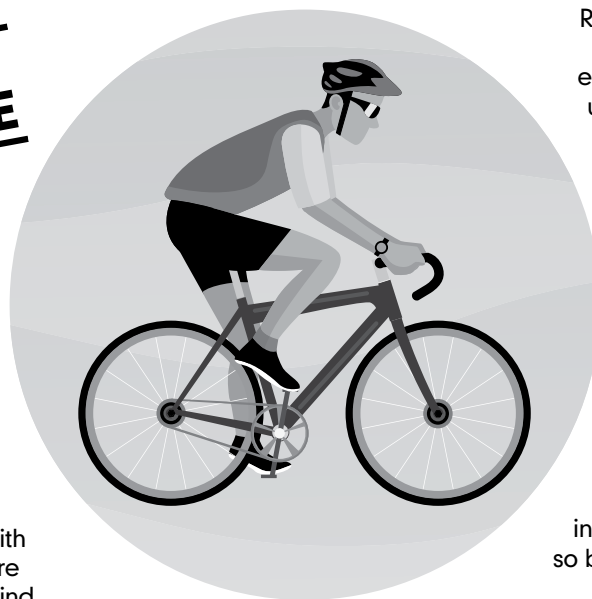
CYCLING SAFETY TIPS



Remember to ride confidently and predictably in a straight line, so that other road users can recognize your behaviour and give you room to ride.

Cyclists should always signal with a bell or greeting when they are approaching someone from behind.

This will avoid collisions and prevent startling other path users.



Always check over your left shoulder before changing lanes.

The more people see you, the safer you are - lights, reflectors, and reflective clothing help drivers see you at night!

Remember to keep one metre between you and the curb, or parked cars, to ensure that you are visible to other road users and have room to maneuver if a car passes you too closely.

Give extra space to large vehicles - large vehicles make wide turns.

Don't pass large vehicles in an intersection unless you are absolutely certain that they are proceeding straight. Never pass them on the right if they are turning right.

Pedestrians always have the right of way at crosswalks and intersections, even before a cyclist, so be sure to give them enough space to cross the roadway safely.

- Small children must be seated in an approved child's bicycle seat, bike trailer, or cargo bike. It is illegal for two people to ride on a bicycle meant for one person.
- Cyclists are required to use hand signals before they turn at an intersection.
- Cycle single file - although cycling with friends and family can add to the fun, make sure you're riding single file when on the road.



RIGHT TURN



LEFT TURN



STOPPING

- **T3 Transit buses are equipped with bike racks from May - November. This means you can extend your cycling route and hop on the bus in-between!**
- As a cyclist, please ensure you always wear your helmet, no matter your age or ability - it's mandatory on PEI!



If you're a beginner, we suggest that you partner with a more experienced cyclist to learn how to ride safely in traffic and discover the best routes in your neighbourhood. There are many fantastic trails in town.

Visit our website to learn more about Stratford Trails!



JAMES AYLWARD, MLA



Welcome, please
share our roads.



**SLOW DOWN, MOVE OVER,
THINK OF OTHERS**

RESPECT
IT'S A TWO WAY STREET

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

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

Kids are out and about – take note of crosswalk locations and be extra careful during school hours!

GET YOUR LAWN SIGN OUT!

With school commencing, there is no better time to remind motorists to “slow down, move over, and think of others”. Get your lawn sign out!



Official ribbon cutting ceremony for the Hillsborough Bridge Active Transportation Pathway.
(left to right) Premier Dennis King, Linden Underhay, Karri Shea, Hon. Lawrence MacAulay MP, Hon. Sean Casey MP, James Aylward MLA.

As our summer of 2021 comes to a close, one cannot but reflect on how uniquely joyous and liberating this season has been.

The lifting of COVID-19 restrictions and resumption of Canada-wide travel has led to an exuberant influx of family and friends from near and far, the right to annual and spontaneous celebrations will never again be taken for granted! As in past postings, 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 continued extraordinary leadership.

Front-line workers, essential service employees and all Islanders are to be commended for our unflagging dedication to health protocols. We are a team worthy of the Olympics!

GOING FORWARD!

FYI, planning is underway to review the runoff and sediment build up in Moore's Pond and Kelly's Pond. This work may include replacing underground piping as well as dredging both ponds.

Secondly, I am currently working with a consultant to determine the best redesign of the intersection at the Trans Canada Highway, Stratford Road and Hopeton Road. This will include a dedicated right hand turning lane coming off the TCH onto the Stratford Rd as well as improving safety at the entrance / exit to the ESSO.

All the above requires close collaboration with all levels of government to ensure Stratford infrastructure meets and exceeds the highest standards our residents deserve.

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

Sincerely,
James Aylward

Hon. James Aylward,
MLA Stratford-Kinlock

Email: jsaylward@assembly.pe.ca
Office: 902-368-5120
Home: 902-569-1615

MICHELE BEATON, MLA

It is hard to believe that fall is upon us. It is my favorite time of year! I hope you all had a wonderful time this summer and had the opportunity to reunite with friends and family.



At the end of the spring sitting, the Official Opposition announced a shuffle of critic roles, and I am now critic for Health and Wellness. I have taken the summer to meet with senior members of our provincial healthcare system, unions representing healthcare workers, health professionals, and constituents. I am hearing many have several serious concerns regarding the province's health system.

Islanders and healthcare workers are facing a crisis in healthcare. Recently, a constituent referred to a family doctor as the gateway to our healthcare system. With so many Islanders faced with the reality of not having a family doctor, there is concern that our healthcare system is no longer accessible, fair, or equitable.

Strong public healthcare services are of critical importance to Islanders, especially to the most vulnerable and marginalized in society. Unfortunately, successive governments have allowed these serious problems to erode the provincial healthcare system, leading to our current crisis.

Many of you have been asking about the new high school - where it will be located and when it will open for

students. It will be in the heart of District 5 in the block of land surrounded by Bunbury Road, Mason Road, and Hollis Drive. I look forward to more information on the planning process being released from government. Several of you have expressed concerns about traffic and I do hope the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure is also listening to these concerns and making a plan to ensure the safety of everyone using the area.

Finally, I would like to wish all students good luck going back to school! It is an exciting time to meet new friends and experience new adventures! Have fun learning and always remember how special you are.



I will continue my office hours every Monday morning at Stratford Town Hall from 9-10:30 and would love to hear from you. Please feel free to drop in to say hi. I'm 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

Sincerely,
Michele Beaton

Michele Beaton
MLA Mermaid - Stratford

Email: mlbeatonmla@assembly.pe.ca
Telephone: 902-620-3977

As you complete your fall clean up, please remember to prepare your rain barrel for the winter by placing it upside down or storing it in a location where it will not collect water.

Rain barrels left in place will fill with water, freeze, and then likely crack when temperatures warm again.





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

RCMP IN STRATFORD

PEI RCMP member receives certification as Forensic Identification Specialist

It’s a piece of paper that represents years of hard work, and Cst. Steve MacDonnell couldn’t be prouder of it.

Earlier this summer, he received his official certification as an RCMP Forensic Identification Specialist, making him one of two members in PEI with the elite designation – the other is Cpl. Shaun Brown, also in the PEI RCMP’s forensic unit. There are only about 200 members across the force who are certified as forensic specialists.

“Just about every criminal investigation needs forensic services – everything from gathering fingerprints, to processing evidence, as well as crime scene photos and videos,” says MacDonnell.

Before joining the RCMP, MacDonnell worked in the Canadian military as a forensic technician during a deployment in Afghanistan. Even with that experience, he still had to go through an intense training and certification process.

“You have to have experience as a general duty police officer before you can even apply,” says MacDonnell. “Then if you’re selected, you have to do a lot of suitability and aptitude tests – some people just can’t see the level of detail you need to be able to recognize as a forensic specialist.”

After that, MacDonnell attended an eight-week course at the Canadian Policing College in Ontario. While some police forces certify their forensic specialists after that training is complete, the RCMP requires even more – a minimum of 18 months in an on-the-job apprenticeship, as well as a rigorous board certification exam.

“The exam was horrible,” he laughs. “You definitely have to know your stuff.”

C/Supt. Jennifer Ebert, commanding officer of the RCMP in PEI says the increased expertise in the forensic unit will benefit Islanders.

“Having two highly trained specialists on island really speaks to the quality and professionalism of our forensic unit,” she says. “I’m very proud of Steve’s hard work in achieving this designation. I know he and Shaun will continue to provide excellence support to our investigations.”

MacDonnell says he’s excited to finally have his full certification, and to continue his specialized work right here in PEI. He’s also hoping to clear up some misconceptions about his field.

“The biggest thing I tell the public is, it’s not CSI on TV,” says MacDonnell. “We can’t attend a scene and pull a fingerprint, and there’s a magic machine that spits out an answer. I have to compare ridge-to-ridge on a fingerprint, everything gets packaged up, and then it’s verified by another specialist. There’s a lot more to it to do it right.”



ON DEMAND TRANSIT PILOT PROJECT



Join representatives of T3 Transit for an information session in mid-September. Follow us on social media for the date and time.

If you have any questions on this pilot project, or taking the bus in general, please call T3 at (902) 566-9962. The Town of Stratford is pleased to contract with T3 Transit and Kari to deliver this on demand transit pilot program. Insert photo T3 map

Launching September 13th, residents in the unserved areas outlined in the circles below will be able to book a ride between the hours of 7am – 9am and 4pm – 6pm. By booking your ride to/from these areas, residents will be able to catch the bus (or be taken back home) without needing to use their own vehicle to meet the bus, and without any additional charge (standard bus fee or transit pass required). Based on the success of the pilot program which will be in operation between September and December 2021, future service to these areas will be considered, and possible continuation or expansion of an on demand service explored.



Council amended the Town of Stratford Zoning and Development Bylaw, Bylaw #45, to allow for home occupation in a semi-detached dwelling. To find out more about Town Bylaws, visit the Bylaw directory on our website!



WELCOMING OUR NEW HORTICULTURIST, HEIDI WOOD!

Heidi has joined the Town of Stratford in a seasonal position as the Town's horticulturist. She is responsible for the Town's horticulture and arboriculture installments: including constructing, planting, and maintaining flowers, shrubs, trees, and turf areas for the Town's public spaces and select highway medians.

In the short time that Heidi has been with us, we've heard great feedback from residents who appreciate and enjoy the beautification happening in the community.

Thank you, Heidi, for all your efforts in making Stratford a great place to live for our residents!



STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

EASY TIPS FOR WATER CONSERVATION!

1. Take stock of your water usage habits – it’s easier to control your usage when you KNOW your usage.
2. Water your plants less often – water requirements for plants decreases significantly in the fall.
3. Install efficient faucets and shower heads.
4. Upgrade your toilets – toilets are the biggest water waster/user in the home!
5. Check ‘behind the scenes’ – check for leaks on all faucets and pipes. Fix any leaks you find.



DID YOU KNOW?

A small hole in a pipe (1.5mm) wastes 280,000 litres of water in a three-month period. That is enough water to do about 900 loads of laundry. Detect these often-undetected leaks!



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 peipls.overdrive.com/ to check out some of the thousands of titles that are available without a trip to library! Magazines more interesting to you? Try Flipster instead!

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

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

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

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!

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!



STRATFORD AND AREA LIONS CLUB

We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer. Our Lions Club activities have been less visible the past several months due to the COVID-19 pandemic however, we have continued to serve our community. We were able to have our cooked lobster market sale, where profits from the proceeds were donated to QEH, IWK telethons, and Charlottetown Rural Bursary. This year, Jenna Cyr was the recipient of the bursary. We are also 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.



We are currently in the midst of our apple pie project and bagged apple sales. This project cannot happen without the dedication of our members as it takes countless hours to make these pies from scratch! Half of our members peel and slice apples all afternoon, then early in the evening the other half turn the service building into a pie assembly line! Our 9-inch-deep dish apple pies are available freshly baked, frozen, or uncooked for your convenience. We also sell 5 lb. and 10 lb. bags of fresh apples at a great price! Just watch for the flashing amber light at our building, conveniently located near the Stratford roundabout, open Thursday to Saturday. Residents are more than welcome to pick up a pie to enjoy and maybe save a few for the freezer to enjoy during the winter months.

Wondering where the funds we raise go? We have a list on the wall in our building that details where funds are donated. These include QEH, IWK telethons, Diabetes Foundation,

Cancer Society, Camp Gencheff, CNIB, local youth sports teams, youth organizations, senior orientated groups, and many more worthwhile causes. We also help individuals in need of financial support for off-island medical assistance as well as others in the community in need of a helping hand. 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

STRATFORD DOG FUN PARK

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



TOWN OF STRATFORD WINTER HOURS

Town offices will go back to regular hours from 8am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, starting on October 4th.

Remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarm this fall when you change your clock!

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.

REMINDER TO RESIDENTS

Residents are responsible for ensuring proper upkeep of their property; that grass cutting takes place during the warmer months, and in winter, making sure that driveways are kept clear. Waste and garbage must not be left lying around/on private property.

The Town strives to maintain the beauty and cleanliness in the community. If you know you will be travelling for an extended period, please ensure that your travel plans include your property maintenance too.

DID YOU KNOW?

Grass must be maintained at a height not exceeding 8 inches.

If you have questions or concerns about our bylaws and policies, please refer to the Town's website for more information or contact us at 902-569-1995.

STRATFORDS OF THE WORLD



The Reunion Committee in Stratford, Ontario is feeling encouraged now that travel restrictions are easing. The committee is working diligently to ensure that delegates from the various Stratfords will enjoy an informative and fun-filled week beginning July 28, 2022. Fortunately, many of the city and country tours originally scheduled could be postponed to 2022, including the add-on bus day trip to Niagara Falls.

Stratford is a city situated on the Avon River in southwestern Ontario with a population of approximately 32,000. It is best known for hosting the Shakespeare Festival and other theatre productions. Reunion delegates will have the opportunity to tour and/or attend a performance at the brand new, state-of-the-art Tom Patterson Theatre Centre. The rural area has

a long history of mixed farming and agriculture, and more recently, a successful wine industry.

Any Stratford resident who has not registered to attend the 2022 Reunion and wishes to do so, please contact me soon at dxcampbell@live.ca



I would be remiss if I did not pay tribute to Neil MacDonald who passed away this summer, for his many years of volunteer and support of the community of Stratford and in particular for co-chairing with me the Stratfords of the World Reunion Committee in 2012. On behalf of our Reunion Committee, I express our condolences to his wife, Gail, and family.

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

Think Local.
Spend it here *to* keep it here.

THINK!
STRATFORD.

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!

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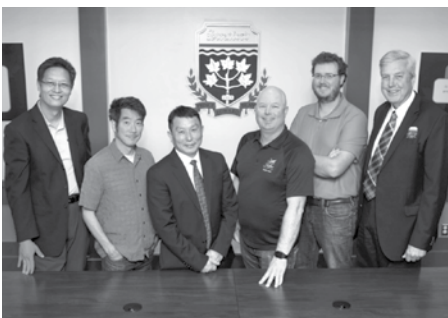
- Dragon Feast Chinese**
- Grow Daddy (2nd location)**
- Northmen HVAC**
- Ted's Bicycle Studio**

> Flourish Development Group



Flourish Development Group was established in late 2016. The group is engaged in real estate development projects, construction, and property leasing.

The Foxwoods Sustainable Subdivision project is a 70-acre development within the Town of Stratford spanning between Keppoch and Kinlock Roads. Once completed, it will feature 110 single dwelling lots and 47 semi-detached lots, for a total of 204 units. The project is a commitment to the overall Stratford community to build a sustainable subdivision which involves, in part, providing 30% of the area as green space and building high energy efficient homes - and



we're working together with the Town to transfer the green space and trails over for public use. Phase 1 consists of a total of 28 units, of which 14 units are now occupied by their new homeowners who come from different regions and diverse cultural backgrounds. The completed units have been certified as an average of 40% more energy efficient than required by the Canada Building Code.



Flourish also operates and manages more than 150 residential and commercial properties in Charlottetown, Montague, and Moncton. Energy saving modifications have been done to these properties to provide quality service to tenants.

PEI has had a shortage of affordable housing for a considerable amount of time. To help resolve this, Flourish has begun work on the Tower Road Affordable Project. This will see the construction of an 88 unit building in Charlottetown to provide affordable housing for low-income families and after completion, will be PEI's largest single affordable building.



THINK! STRATFORD!

ATTENTION STRATFORD BUSINESSES!

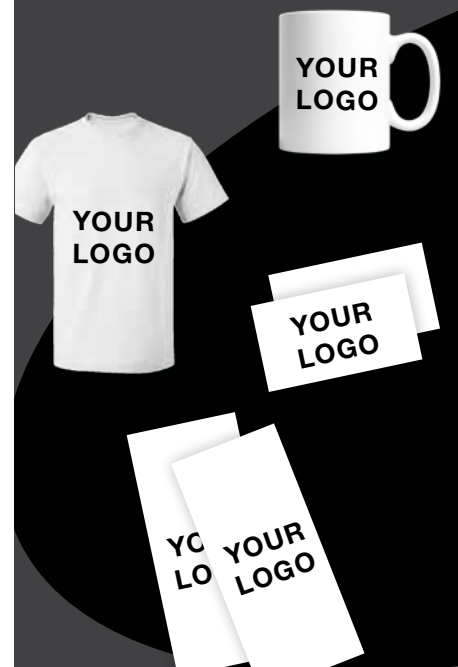
We are currently seeking materials for our Town of Stratford Welcome Packages for new residents.

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

Audra Bulger

(902) 569-1995

abulger@townofstratford.ca





TRIVIA ANSWER

Trivia answer from page 11

The answer is 13 bus shelters!

For more information on their schedules, stops, and where to get your bus tickets, visit <https://t3transit.ca>

SIGN UP FOR OUR E-NEWSLETTER

Sign up for our e-newsletter to receive regular communication, usually one email every two weeks, on issues of importance, upcoming Town events, meetings, and programs.

Council and staff at the Town of Stratford believe in and are committed to sharing information and knowledge with our community. It is our hope that this practice will foster stronger participation by residents in the decision-making process and help us to continue to build the best community possible.

**REGISTER
NOW**

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.

> Big Brothers Big Sisters of PEI: In-School Mentors Needed!

What if you could take a recess from your busy life and help a child succeed at the same time? Spend an hour a week with a child at their school helping their reach their full potential. You can build a child's self-esteem and provide guidance while having fun playing games, making crafts, or just chatting. We need mentors of all ages from communities right across PEI, so volunteer today! To find out more, find us online at www.bbbspei.ca or call 902-569-KIDS.



> 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 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

> Stratford Scout Group



Our mission is to help develop well rounded youth, better prepared for success in the world. We do this by following the Scout Method which uses non-formal educational methods to engage youth in the process of their own development, giving them program activities, guidance, and tools to help them become self-reliant, confident, caring, responsible and committed to the world around them. For more information, please visit www.scouts.ca or contact Derwin Banks at (902) 393-1700. Registration for new members opens on September 15 at www.MyScouts.ca/join

The Stratford Scout group has the following sections that meet once per week:

Beaver Scouts (ages 5-7)
Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Cub Scouts (ages 8-10)
Wednesday 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Scouts (ages 11-15)
Wednesday or Saturday

COMMUNITY GROUPS

> Definitely Not The Symphony (DNSTS)

Definitely Not The Symphony (DNSTS) is an orchestra suitable for players of all levels. We will be restarting in September with our two new conductors. Further details to be announced depending on COVID requirements. For more information, please email Jenny at dnts.pei@gmail.com

> Stratford Community Choir



If you like to sing, you are welcome to join us. Choir practices are every Tuesday at 7:00 pm at Andrews of Stratford. You are not required to know how to read music to join. Choir is open to residents outside of Stratford as well. Call or text: 902-367-6912 or 902-672-1814 for more information.

Choir will resume, depending on health directives, in September 2021.

> Stratford Community School



*Need some excitement
in your life?*

**TAKE A
COURSE!**

For any questions or information about the Stratford Community School, please contact Kathy Livingstone at (902) 569-3098 or stratfordcommunityschool@gmail.com.

> Canadian Tire Jump Start

Canadian Tire Jump Start is a charitable program created by the Canadian Tire Jump Start Charities to help kids in need (ages 4 to 18), participate



Jumpstart
Giving kids a sporting chance.

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>

> Seniors College of Prince Edward Island



The Board of Directors of Seniors College is extremely pleased to announce that this September will mark the return of regular Seniors College face-to-face programming. For an annual fee of \$160, those over fifty can enjoy an unlimited array of courses spanning three semesters. With no academic requirements and no exams, it's learning just for the fun of it! A full list of our programming for the 2021–2022 year will be available on our website at www.seniorscollege.ca. We can also be reached by email at seniorscollege@upe.ca or by phone at 902-894-2867. Registration for classes opens Wednesday, September 8th.

> 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 elderdog-pe@gmail.com for more information.





**CROSS ROADS FIRE
DEPARTMENT
RAISES OVER
\$2000 FOR CAMP
GENCHEFF IN CAR
WASH FUNDRAISER!**

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

**STRATFORD
BUSINESS
DIRECTORY**

Did you know that we have a business directory for all Stratford businesses on our website?

We try to keep them updated with contact information such as names, phone numbers, email addresses or websites. A quick and easy way for you to find your favourite Stratford business!

HEALTH & WELLNESS



> Island Karate Club

Registration has started for the September 2021 - May 2022 season. Returning students will be back on Thursday, September 9 and classes for beginners will commence on Monday, September 13. Classes are Monday and Thursday nights at the Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall at 146 Stratford Road. Class times are as follows:

6:10 - 6:50pm:

Junior beginners and all returning junior students up to junior blue belts.

7:00 - 8:00pm:

Beginners aged 13 and up and intermediate class students (junior brown belts to adult orange belts)

8:10 - 9:15pm:

Advanced students only (adult green belts and up).

Please contact Sensei Kirk Dalziel for further information or to register for the upcoming year at Kdalziel@upei.ca. You can also check out our website www.islandkarate.com or our face book page at Island Karate Club

> Shake It Up Line Dancers



Classes are Tuesday evenings 6pm-7pm (starting on October 5) and Wednesday mornings 10-11:30 am (starting on October 6) until end of April 2022. Fall classes will take place on the stage area at the Town of Stratford Recreation 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

> 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 bfit-jv42@icloud.com

Tuesdays 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 bfit-jv42@icloud.com

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> 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: bfitjv42@icloud.com

Thursdays 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: bfitjv42@icloud.com

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> Privateers Football Club

The Privateers Football Club fields numerous teams playing tackle football in age-specific divisions. The Privateers tackle program includes youth from the Charlottetown and Stratford areas. 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. Register by contacting David Henderson at 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 or email info@DanceStarsAcademy.com

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



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
here in the
next issue.

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



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

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Sports Therapy
Acupuncture
Nutritional Services
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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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Government of Canada recently passed legislation to make **September 30th** a **federal statutory holiday**. The **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** will provide an opportunity for Canadians to annually recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. The Town of Stratford is committed to reconciliation and will be permitting all Town staff the opportunity to participate in reconciliation activities on this day if they choose to. We invite residents to join us in the reconciliation journey and visiting www.lnuey.ca to learn more.

*With this in mind, Town offices may be closed
or operating with limited personnel available on this date.*



Thinking about an energy retrofit
or a renewable energy upgrade?
Frustrated by how complicated
it can be?

The Town of Stratford now has a program to make
it all simple. We help you every step of the way.

Contact us to learn more!

(782) 377-4161
switchstratford.ca



Save the Date!

2021 Fall Fest

Saturday, September 25 to Sunday, September 26.

Follow us on Facebook, or visit our website for an up to date
schedule of events!

townofstratford.ca