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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



AS SPRING TURNS INTO SUMMER, we welcome longer days, warmer sunshine and, with a collective sigh of relief, the fading of the pandemic. In the words of Dr. Heather Morrison, a huge thank you to all Stratford residents for being so kind and patient over the past two years.

Since my last update, I am happy to report that several Town initiatives have advanced significantly:

- Regarding the new High School and Community Campus, funding has been secured to construct the roads, active transportation network, water, sewer, and stormwater systems, as well as a solar array. Work is underway to complete this infrastructure work in the current year. Further information is provided on page 4 of this newsletter.
- With the decommissioning of the former wastewater lagoons, the Michael Thomas Waterfront Park is taking shape and beginning to transform into a beautiful green space. We are currently in the design phase for the construction of a boardwalk that we hope to have completed by the end of the fall.
- Work is underway to restore Kelly's Pond to its former pristine beauty by dredging and improving water quality and flow.
- A new water tower is being constructed to meet the fresh water needs of our growing Town.
- The Switch Stratford program continues to be phenomenally successful as more and more homeowners are taking advantage of zero interest long term financing that the program provides to install greener, more cost-effective energy alternatives.
- The Town and Utility 2022-2023 Budgets were approved with no tax or utility rate increases.

The Gray Group's Crossroads development is moving forward with a great deal of new residential and commercial construction planning to take place. To support the Town's expanding residential and commercial base, the Province is constructing a new road to connect MacKinnon Drive to the Trans-Canada Highway as well as a new roundabout to facilitate efficient and safe access to the schools on Glen Stewart Drive

Our Town is thriving, as indicated by the 2022 Census that shows a growth rate of over 12 percent since 2016. We are attracting many new businesses, all of which contribute greatly to the Town. Please continue to Think Stratford! by supporting our local businesses as much as possible. Doing so helps sustain jobs and boosts the overall health of our commercial sector.

I am very grateful to Council, staff, and residents as we work together to minimize environmental impacts while maximizing opportunities to make Stratford a better place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

Steve Ogden, Mayor

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INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT



Sump pumps should not be connected to the municipal sewer system as stated in the Town's Water & Sewer Customer Service Regulations Bylaw.

It is prohibited to discharge storm water, ground water, water used for heating and cooling etc. into the sanitary sewer system. Considering the cost associated with the treatment of sewage, avoiding unnecessary discharge that does not require treatment is both cost effective and efficient to the Town and residents.

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, and when tested and approved, the Stratford Utility takes over the systems. The Utility recently took over infrastructure of three subdivisions for 140 serviced units when fully developed. These summer extensions are proposed in Clearview Estates, Kelly Heights, MacKinnon Drive, and Foxwood Flourish while several other developments are in the concept phase.

SEWER LIFT STATION UPGRADES

This summer, the Utility will replace a portion of the sewer forcemain on Kinlock Road with a larger diameter pipe and upgrade pumps at the sewer lift station located at the Kinlock/Keppoch Road intersection.

WATER RESERVOIR PROJECT

The Utility has budgeted for an additional water storage reservoir to be located beside the existing reservoir on the Georgetown Rd. Utility will soon tender for the design of this work.

Stratford Utility will add additional hydrants in the core commercial area, install fencing around our wells at Pondsides, provide shorefront protection on Bayside Dr for our sewer lift station, add lightning protection at our water stations, and continue our Inflow & Infiltration plan to reduce exterior storm water flows into our sewer system.

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

Staff are busy with spring grass cutting, property and building maintenance, installing and relocating temporary speed humps, maintaining trails, and other daily duties. Energy retrofits will take place at the Cotton Park youth/seniors building, and solar panels installed at Stratford Emergency Services Center and the maintenance building at Stratford Town Centre. Parking lot paving will take place this year at Stratford Town Centre and Cotton Park. Other work planned for this year include having the electric car charging station on Shepard Drive upgraded to a pay as you go unit, the storage barn at Cotton Park relocated to allow for more parking spaces, the purchase of an electric car to add to the Town fleet, along with a maintenance truck and small work tractor. A steel roof will be added to the soccer complex building located between the soccer fields in the 2022 year as well.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

The existing sidewalk from Pondsides to Woodlane Drive will be replaced this year and a marsh lookout deck will be installed at Bellevue Cove along the new paved multi-purpose path this year. The Town has partnered with Stratford and Area Watershed Improvement Group to complete this work. The general location of the



Notice to Residents

The Town of Stratford maintains a high quality water system that is regularly tested and monitored according to Provincial standards.

If residents have concerns or questions about water in the Town of Stratford, please reach out to us at (902) 569 4662.



INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT



New EV Chargers in Town

The Town of Stratford, in partnership with Maritime Electric, Natural Resources Canada, and the Province of PEI, is pleased to announce the installation of 4 EV charging stations; 3 at the Stratford Town Centre and 1 at the Stratford Emergency Services Centre.

More information, including payment options, is available on our website: www.townofstratford.ca



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lookout deck is indicated by the white star (★) in the map below.

Pending funding, the Town will partner with the Province to install a paved multi-purpose path on Kinlock Road from the Sobeys intersection to JK Beauty Lane.

As part of the roundabout development and road extension to MacKinnon Drive, the Province and developer will partner to install paved active transportation paths from MacKinnon Drive to the new roundabout and on the Trans-Canada Highway, from the Sobeys intersection to the underpass. We thank the Province and developer for supporting our active transportation plans.

SPEED SIGNS/SPEED HUMPS

In our ongoing effort to reduce speeding in Stratford, the Town continues to purchase speed radar signs and speed humps. This year the Town has initiated a new process for requesting a temporary speed hump. A written request will need to be filled out by the person making the request

and there are guidelines that must be met for final approval. Further information can be found on our website or by calling us at 902-569-1995.

TOWN ROADS STREET 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 raised culvert can be directed to the Provincial Department of Highways.



In the last couple of years, the Town of Stratford, in collaboration with the RCMP, has installed digital radar signs in various areas of the Town to deter speeding and help keep our community safe. We continue to also use our portable radar signs around the community as well. Here are some interesting facts about the data collected:

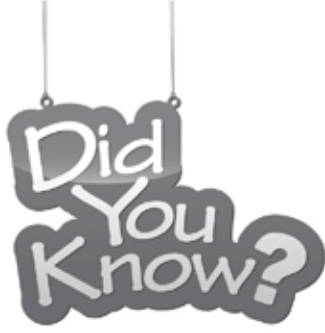
- We now have 8 radar signs across Town. These are located on Mason Rd, Bunbury Rd, Kinlock Rd, Rosebank Rd, Keppoch Rd, Georgetown Rd, Shakespeare Dr, and Stratford Rd.
- In 2020, we had 2,649,128 vehicles drive past seven of these signs
- Throughout 2021, we recorded a total of 3,579,584 vehicles drive past the eight signs.

The data collected from our signs is shared with the Town, RCMP and Provincial Transportation and Infrastructure staff and includes details such as day of the week and time of day of occurrences, speeds of travel, number of vehicles, etc. and is used to indicate where problem areas are. This data can then be used to increase patrols or to make more permanent changes to the area such as permanent speed humps, or in the future possibly photo radar or other technology which the Province of PEI has indicated an intent to explore.

Remember to “Slow down, move over, and think of others” when driving. Speeding is one of the main causes of road accidents and by staying within posted limits, you are helping keep your families and community safe.

To report speeding incidents in your area, please contact the RCMP in Stratford at 902-367-9300.

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE UPDATE



The Town of Stratford has many types of zoning areas. Find out about them and their respective codes below:

R1: Low Density Residential Zone

R1L: Low Density Residential Large Lot

R2: Medium Density Residential Zone

R3: Multiple Unit Residential Zone

PURD: Planned Unit Residential Development Zone

C1: General Commercial Zone

C2: Highway Commercial Zone

M2: Business Park Zone

A1: Agricultural Reserve Zone

O1: Recreation and Open Space Zone

O2: Environmental Reserve Zone

To find out about the permitted uses allowed for each of these zones, visit our website or reach out to the Planning Department.

> The Building Bylaw and National Building Code

In the spring of 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.

Any new application for a single detached development requires the following information:

- 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

*** Please note that 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.

> Bylaw information

A copy of the Building Bylaw, Application Forms, and Fee Bylaw can be found on the Town's website, or you can pick up copies in person at the Planning Department, located within Stratford Town Centre. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at 902-569-6255.

> Official Plan Review Update

Now that Stratford Town Council have adopted the Stratford Waterfront Core Area Plan, Town staff are working to review the recommended changes to the Town's Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw.

Important Notice!

The Waterfront Core Area and Town Centre Core Area are both proposing changes from the original proposal that was put forward by the Core Area Plan completed in 2006. As a result, it is now recommended that the Town review the Mason Road Core Area as part of the 2021 Official Plan Review.

This would ensure that any revisions that may be necessary to complement proposed changes in the remaining core area are completed at the same time. There would be emphasis on areas that could contain mixed use rather than exclusively commercial or residential development.

Public consultation on proposed changes to the Official Plan is expected to take place in 2022.

> Development Permit Processing Time

As the Town experiences yet another busy development season, we would like to notify applicants that permit processing times have been extended to 2-4 weeks from the time the completed application is submitted. The Planning Department will continue to work diligently to expedite permits. If you have any questions regarding permit applications, please reach out to us at 902-569-6255.



PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE UPDATE



DID YOU KNOW?

Any outdoor pool with a depth of 60 cm (24 inches) or more, or with a surface area exceeding 10 square metres, whether being constructed or purchased as an inflatable kit, and that is intended for swimming/bathing, requires a development permit from the Town.

A fence of 1.8 m (6 ft.) is also required to be constructed so as to prevent unauthorized persons from entering over and under the fence. Any gate on the fence has to be self closing/self latching.



Remember to reach out to our Planning Dept. at (902) 569 6255 before you start any construction.



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.

> Development Permits

From January to March 2022, the Planning Department has issued a total of 29 development permits. The following Table shows a summary of development activities between January and March 2022.

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PERMITS January 2022 to March 2022

Permit Type	No. of Permits	Estimated Value
Single Family Residential	10	\$5,260,799.00
Residential Additions, Renovations, and Demolitions	3	\$521,000.00
Semi-Detached/Duplex	3	\$1,750,000.00
Townhouse	3	\$2,815,575.00
Apartment	0	\$0.00
Accessory Buildings	2	\$343,000.00
Accessory Structures (pools, decks, fences)	2	\$79,000.00
Other (signage, demolition, etc.)	1	\$24,500.00
Commercial (new, renovations, additions)	3	\$56,000.00
Industrial (new, renovations, additions)	0	\$0.00
Institutional (new, renovations, additions)	0	\$0.00
Totals	29	\$10,849,874.00

2022 TOWN OF STRATFORD SENIOR, ADULT AND YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

AWARD OBJECTIVES

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

The recipient will receive prizes (to be determined by Town Council) and the recipient will have his or her picture displayed at Stratford Town Center. The winner's name will also be engraved on a special trophy to honor each year's Volunteer of the Year.

ALL NOMINEES will be recognized for their volunteer efforts and will receive an official acknowledgement on behalf of the Town of Stratford.

ELIGIBILITY

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

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

SELECTION PROCESS

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

HOW TO SEND IN A SUBMISSION

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

All submission must be signed. The annual deadline for submissions is June 3. The award will be presented annually at Town of Stratford's Canada Day celebrations.

PLEASE NOTE:

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

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

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



TOWN EVENTS & INITIATIVES

> Feed the Bees



Stratford has partnered with the PEI Beekeepers Association again this year to give out free ‘Pardon the weeds, we are feeding the bees’ signs to residents to put in their yards for the month of May and early June to promote reduced mowing and growth of dandelions to support our very important pollinator species – bees! Keep an eye out for these signs around the community and commit to helping us feed the bees!



> Switch Stratford

Our Switch Stratford program, launched in July 2021, has been very successful so far! Through this program, Stratford homeowners can get 0% financing for energy efficiency upgrades up to a cap of 15% of the assessed property value or \$40,000, whichever is lower. Please note 0% financing will only be available for a limited time. PACE Atlantic facilitates the program for the Town of Stratford and provides residents with one-on-one support through the entirety of their project. So far, we have committed over \$1 million in project loans to Stratford residents, with even more to come! The Switch Stratford program aligns with the Town’s sustainability goals and is helping us reduce our greenhouse gas emissions as a community. This project is funded by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

> Climate Trackers

The Town of Stratford has partnered with the City of Charlottetown to gather ‘Climate Trackers’ in each of our communities to help us collect data about our climate. We are collecting data about agriculture, plants and animals, weather, and local climate change impacts like flooding and erosion. Workshops are being held in May for volunteers to learn about the origin of the project, signs of spring, invasive species, and climate change. Check our website and social media for workshop details and most importantly, to register to become a Climate Tracker!

> Residential Tree Planting Program

In an effort to increase Stratford’s forest canopy, the Residential Tree Planting Program is continuing for 2022. Trees in your yard have many benefits, including increased property value, shade and wind buffering, privacy, and air purification, to name a few. We have nearly 50 residents registered to receive low cost, good quality, native species trees this year. Registration closed in mid-March, and we are planting the trees in May!



> Water Conservation

Protecting our freshwater resource is important to support our growing community. The Town of Stratford has water conservation programs that residents can take advantage of to check for leaks and replace old toilets and showerheads. You can sign up for a free Water Audit to identify your water consumption and increase efficiency. We have a toilet rebate available, where residents can receive \$50 per toilet when replacing a high-flow toilet with a new low-flow toilet,

up to a maximum of 2 toilets. We also have a showerhead exchange program where residents can bring in old high-flow showerheads and receive up to 2 new low-flow showerheads free of charge. We deliver these programs in partnership with the Stratford Area Watershed Improvement Group (SAWIG).



> Kellys Pond Watershed Restoration

The Town has been approved for funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program’s (ICIP) Green Infrastructure stream for restoration of the Kelly’s Pond-Moore’s Pond watershed system. The integrity of the Kelly’s Pond-Moore’s Pond watershed is currently compromised by under-sized water control structures, sediment infilling, degraded wetlands, and inadequate buffer zones. Restoring this system will mitigate the effects of extreme weather events and climate change as well as provide a healthy habitat for local wildlife.

Restoration work will take place in 2022 and will be completed in collaboration with the Stratford Area Watershed Improvement Group (SAWIG).

> Canada Day

Planning for Canada Day is well underway. Visit our website or follow us on social media to learn more about our lineup of events and activities planned for the day.



RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS



HAVE YOU TRIED OUR DISC GOLF COURSE YET?

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!



LOOKING FOR A FULL BODY WORKOUT?

Try out the fitness benches! Combined these benches can help you complete 18 full body exercises, with each bench having 2 workout signs mounted next to them. The workouts are simple to follow with stick figures that guide your positioning.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

> Let's Get Creative Youth Art Classes

Ryan McAdam-Young, artist and creative educator, will be offering youth art classes this summer. These sessions are meant to foster creativity and connection for youth by engaging them in fun arts and crafts projects. Visit our website and social media for more details!



> Stratford Summer Day Camp

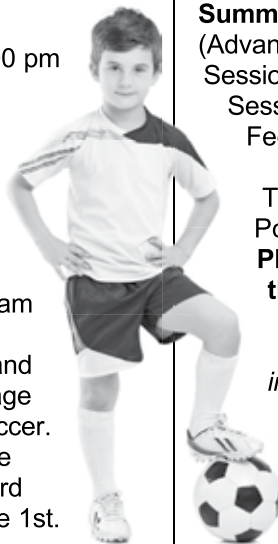
9-week summer camp
Ages 8 - 12
Max. of 25 youth per week
Program can be booked for the full 9 weeks or weekly
Cost: \$145/week

Each week youth will experience various activities: healthy eating, theater, arts and crafts, sports, nature-based programs, and lots of free imaginative time. For more information, please contact Recreation, Culture, & Events department at 902-569-6250.

> Under 4 Soccer

Saturdays from 9:00-12:00 pm
(45 mins sessions)
July 2 to August 20
Location:
Business Park mini field
Age: 4 (born 2018)
Fee: \$65

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 June 1st.



> Intro to Sports

Day: Tuesday, July 5 - August 23
Day: Thursday, July 7 - August 25
Time: 5:30 - 6:15 pm (3 years old)
Time: 6:30 - 7:15 pm (4 & 5 years old)
Location: Town Centre Gymnasium
Ages: 3-5 years
(Must be 3 y/o before the start of the program)

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 1st (max. of 20 in each group). Parents are asked to help each week.



> Youth Tennis

Tuesdays/Thursdays

Fundamental Tennis (6-17 years old)
(Fun drills, skills, and games to learn the basics)
Session #1: June 7 - June 30
Session #2: July 5 - July 28
Session #3: August 2 - August 25
Fee: \$80

Summer JR Challengers

(Advanced & more intensive training)
Session #1: July 5 - July 28
Session #2: August 2 - August 25
Fee: \$150

Tennis sessions will be at the Pondsides Courts in Stratford. **Please note that registration is through Tennis PEI.** For registration, please contact Tennis PEI: 902-370-2109 or email info@tennispei.ca.

RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

ADULT PROGRAMS

> Adult Tennis

Tuesdays/Thursdays

Adult Tennis Basics
(For those looking for a refresher or just starting out)

Session #1: June 7 - June 30
Session #2: July 5 - July 28
Session #3: August 2 - August 25
Fee: \$80



Adult Intermediate Tennis
(Intensive drills, skills and point situations)

Session #1: July 5 - July 28
Session #2: August 2 - August 25
Fee: \$80

Doubles League for beginner/intermediate players and advanced players are offered as well. Tennis sessions will be at the Pondsides Courts in Stratford. **Please note that registration is through Tennis PEI.** For registration, please contact Tennis PEI: 902-370-2109 or email info@tennispei.ca.

> Outdoor Pickleball Play

Outdoor Pickleball Play is available at Kinlock Tennis Courts (June - Sep), from Monday thru Saturday (8:00 - 12:00 pm designated pickleball time) or at Bunbury Outdoor rink on a first come first serve basis.

> Permissions to use Town Facilities

Groups and individuals who want to use Town facilities (which includes parks, playgrounds, and playing fields) 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 Stratford Emergency Services Centre, 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, multi-purpose meeting rooms, change rooms, stage, and kitchen. Residents are welcome to use the gymnasium during scheduled open gym times. Schedules are posted online at www.townofstratford.ca.

To book any of our meeting rooms or gymnasium for private use, please contact the recreation office at 902-

569-6250. We ask that you please sign in and out with the gym attendants when using our facility.

> Stratford Gymnasium Track Direction and Rules

Lanes at the track are for walking and running. Directions for walking/running change daily – these are posted everyday by the entrance to the track. We ask that people do not walk more than two people wide in the walking lane so that faster walkers may pass in the outside lane (running lane) when traffic allows. Indoor footwear is required.

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

> Scent-free

Please remember that all Town of Stratford facilities are SCENT-FREE.



PLEASE NOTE!

For program registration, facility bookings and gym inquiries, please call our Recreation Department at 902-569-6250.

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Thursday: 6:00 am - 10:00 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
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



THANK YOU TO OUR 2021 FUNDERS!

PEI Watershed
Management Fund

PEI Climate
Challenge Fund

EcoAction Community
Funding Program

Skills PEI

Jobs for Youth

Canada Summer Jobs

BioTalent Canada

Wildlife Habitat Canada

Rotary Club of
Charlottetown Royalty

PEI Wildlife
Conservation Fund

SAVE THE DATE

May 31
Annual General
Meeting

June 18
Tree Day

July 16-17
Watershed Weekend

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

We held our **Annual Building Better Backyards for Birds** series this March, funded in part by the PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund. This year, our project resulted in the assembly of 30 bird feeders and 40 bird houses.

The goal of this project is to increase food sources for birds during the coldest part of the year, to create nesting habitat for local birds, and increase education about bird species and threats to birds in the Stratford area.



> Summer Field Season Wrap up

This summer SAWIG students are very busy! Over 1,200 trees are being planted along streams and coastlines, 26 bags of bittersweet nightshade were removed from riparian zones, 8 beaches were cleaned twice, and 6 brush mats were installed to help remove sediment from the stream to improve fish habitat. Also, water quality monitoring took place weekly in ten locations. Overall, it has been another successful field season!



Between March 28 and April 8, SAWIG, the Town of Stratford, and the City of Charlottetown collaborated to run the **WaterSchool education program**. This year we had almost 500 students attend from schools in Stratford, Charlottetown, Donagh, and Vernon River!



This spring, **six new interpretive signs** will be installed at Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park funded in part by Wildlife Habitat Canada. Watch our social media for an announcement of the grand opening!

> Community Gardens

In Fall 2021, SAWIG collaborated with the Rotary Club of Charlottetown Royalty to **expand the Stratford Community Gardens** by 16 plots. In June 2022, we will be creating a small satellite garden in Stonington Park! Contact us for more information: stratfordcommunitygardens@gmail.com

> Contact Us

SAWIG encourages all residents to keep up to date with activities happening in our watersheds by following us on social media or by contacting Kaylee our Watershed Coordinator at 902-367-3605 or stratfordwater@gmail.com.

If you'd like to learn more about SAWIG's projects, you can find us here:

✉ stratfordwater@gmail.com

📷 [@stratfordwatershed](https://www.instagram.com/stratfordwatershed)

f [Stratford Area Watershed](https://www.facebook.com/StratfordAreaWatershed)

🌐 sawig.wordpress.com



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

This section is brought to you by the Town of Stratford's Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Town of Stratford is a welcoming and inclusive community and in this edition of Town Talk, we would like to recognize our **Indian community** members and celebrate their rich culture.

India is one of the most diverse countries in the world. Indians speak Hindi, the country's national language, as well as dialects that pertain to the regions, communities, or religions they come from or identify with. Here are some interesting facts about Indian culture and customs along with some great conversation starters:

- Some of the most important festivals include Holi (also known as the festival of colours), the spectacular 11-day festival of Ganesh Chaturthi, the 9 nights of Navratri, Diwali (also known as the festival of lights), Onam, and Vaisakhi among many others.
- Cricket is the most popular sport. Other popular sports in India are hockey, wrestling, soccer, badminton, and chess.
- Indians are strongly guided by their respective religions and shared values. Respect for elders and impor-



tance on family and community are core values that make up the Indian society.

- India is relatively a conservative society and Indians greet each other with a 'namaste', by folding their palms together and a slight bow out of respect.
- In formal situations or with people they don't know very well, Indians generally use honorifics such as "Sir," or "Madam." So, don't be surprised if they hesitate to call you by your first name when you are first introduced.
- Indians are also very expressive in their body language. They use a lot of hand gestures and sometimes move their head sideways with a slight tilt that is interpreted as a "no" by others, when in fact, the gesture is meant as a "yes", "sounds good", or it indicates that a person is listening and paying attention.
- Indians often eat with their hand. If you walk into a restaurant and find someone eating with their hand, don't be surprised. You may even want to give it a try – according to them, the food tastes better this way!
- Many Indians are vegetarian and many that aren't will not consume beef, which they consider to be sacred. So, if you're bringing them a gift, stay away from meat to be safe.



> Let's Cook Together

An International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination Event

On the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21st), the Town of Stratford, along with Black Cultural Society of Prince Edward Island, Immigrant & Refugee Services Association of Prince Edward Island, and BIPOC Chef, Tara Reeves, organized a virtual cooking event and brought the community together to chat about the importance of the day.

We would like to thank everyone who participated and if you'd like to give Chef Tara's recipe a try, the video is uploaded on our YouTube channel. Happy Cooking!



India



STRATFORD COMMUNITY CAMPUS UPDATE

Where are we today?

The purchase of the land last year was a major milestone for our community to start moving towards a campus which will, in time, include a variety of sport, recreational and cultural amenities. This past winter a lease agreement was signed with Island Gymnastics Academy with plans to construct their new facility on the Community Campus, subject to their receipt of funding to assist in doing so. Other similar partnerships are at early stages of consideration, as well as amenities which will be owned and operated by the Town of Stratford, and the construction of the new Stratford High School by the Province of PEI, all of which will enhance the overall property and compliment one another as they are developed.

This spring, the federal and provincial governments, along with the Town of Stratford, announced joint funding which is allowing for the design and construction to move forward this year of the required roads and trails; water and sewer; electrical distribution; and a solar array to offset our energy outputs to be a net zero campus and help us meet our Community Energy Plan targets.

Also, this spring the Town of Stratford issued a Request For Proposals to look at a fundraising feasibility study for the community. Fundraising was identified by residents through the 2021 long-term budget exercise as a sup-

ported means to help with the construction of required facilities on the Community Campus, and the study is currently ongoing.



> More information

A Community Campus Master Plan is in the final stages of development. This plan was developed through



STRATFORD COMMUNITY CAMPUS UPDATE

consultation with the public, staff and council, as well as looking at our anticipated needs, best practices, and working within the most effective and efficient means using the natural topography of the land to the extent possible. This plan will be available on the Town’s website for residents to view once it is adopted by Council.

> Next Steps

The Town of Stratford continues to hold conversations with various sport and cultural organizations who have expressed interest in being a part of the Community Campus as it develops. These will continue and construction of amenities will occur as opportunities present themselves through funding or partnerships, and alignment is found with needs and goals of our community. The campus is anticipated to operate with a mix of public-private partnerships, privately run operations, and municipally operated elements with the overall development of the Community Campus occurring in phases over many years.

> Stratford High School Update

Work is well underway for the new Stratford High School. The new Stratford High school will meet the needs of a growing community and support safe student learning for years to come.

Construction of the new high school will start in the spring of 2023. This new state of the art high school should be ready to welcome students and staff in September 2025.

The Stratford High School Construction Planning Committee began meeting in January 2021 and completed the new High School’s Space Program in December 2021.

Nine Yards Studio is the Prime Consult for the project, working in partnership with Architecture49. The building design work is now underway with the building being designed for a population of 750 students and will be a Net-Zero Ready building.

A huge thank you to all of the parents, community members, educators and students who have been part of the planning process so far. When the design work is complete, the province will host an information session for all parents and community members to view the proposed plans and provide feedback.



JAMES AYLWARD, MLA



NEW CAO AT THE TOWN OF STRATFORD!

We're pleased to welcome Jeremy Crosby as the new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the Town!

Prior to his appointment, Jeremy Crosby was employed for 17 years as the Town's Director of Infrastructure and as the Deputy CAO. He has been a leader on many of the Town's major projects including the wastewater treatment solution, transit, water and sewer projects, and active transportation, as well as leading the Infrastructure Department and supporting the former CAO as required.

Congratulations
Jeremy!

Reasons for Optimism!

I would like to bring to your attention some encouraging signs for Stratford residents and all Islanders that the trials and tribulations of the past 3 years, have also included moments of formal recognition of personal achievements and significant government decisions which serve to generate much needed optimism for our collective future.

Stratford Infrastructure Funding Announcement

In early April, I was honoured to represent the Provincial Government at an announcement of tri level government funding secured for Stratford infrastructure projects, including water and sewage development at the much-anticipated Community Campus, and required restoration work of Kelly's Pond-Moore's Pond watershed system. 3 levels of government have committed to a combined grant of \$15 million: Federal = \$6+ million; Provincial = \$5 million; Town of Stratford = \$4+ million.

Covid Warrior Coin Award

Following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Stratford resident, Dr. Trevor Jain, who is also an emergency physician, took the initiative to propose an award in recognition of the hard work and dedication of people and organizations who have gone "above and beyond" in their efforts to offset the resulting disruption of required services.

The award has been named the Covid Warrior Coin and is granted by PEI's Lieutenant Governor.

As a long-time regular blood donor, I had no hesitation nominating the employees and volunteers of the Canada Blood Services, Charlottetown Centre for consideration, and was thrilled to learn they had been selected to be one of the first recipients of the 'Coin'. I had the distinct honour of presenting the award at the Centre on behalf of her Honour, Antoinette Perry.



Final Shout Outs!

Congratulations to two Stratford residents: Mary Hughes, for her recognition as one of five Senior Islanders of the Year; and Don Chandler on retiring from his many-years position as Manager of St. John House seniors living accommodation.

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-Keppoch**

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



Pictured here left to right, Hon. James Aylward, Stratford Town Councillors Jill Burrige and Gail MacDonald, Hon. Lawrence MacAulay

MICHELE BEATON, MLA

It is so nice to see everything greening up and the flowers blooming, hear the birds chirping, and seeing families get outside to enjoy springtime activities. Nicer weather is upon us, and I think we are all looking forward to a beautiful PEI summer!

The Spring sitting of the Legislature has been a busy one for me. I had the opportunity to move several motions which initiated debate on important topics impacting Islanders.



For example, there are often daily occurrences when limited or no ambulances are available to respond to 911 calls in PEI. We all heard recent news about the lack of ambulance services that have led to tragic results. For years, paramedics have been raising concerns about the level of service delivered by Island EMS which is privately owned by Medavie Health Services. Therefore, I introduced a motion to urge government to prepare a strategic plan to transition paramedic services to the public healthcare system. Islanders and paramedics deserve better than a private company that serves its shareholders instead of the public. However, the PCs and Liberals seem to be okay with the current system. Both parties voted against this motion.

I pressed hard to improve the retention of healthcare workers in the province. This is an issue that must be addressed. We have a shortage in human resources. We need to invest in those that are currently working in healthcare. Hence, I moved a motion to remove financial barriers to enter healthcare professions. The motion called for government to provide free and accelerated training for nursing

staff (RCW, LPN, and RN) on PEI to enter the healthcare system and upskill their expertise. Providing a professional development path for healthcare workers is an investment in the future of all Islanders.

I also called on government to improve safety and security of healthcare workers, invest in childcare spaces that meet the reality of the shift work of these workers, and to invest in upstream mental health initiatives. These kinds of investments will alleviate some of the immediate pressures that healthcare workers are experiencing.

I continue to volunteer with the Stratford Brownies, Stratford and Area Lions, and Birchwood Breakfast Program. If you can, I encourage you to reach out to the organizations in our community to share your time. Volunteering is a wonderful way to meet new people and help others in the community.

I'd like to give a big shout out to volunteers at the Crossroads Fire Department for giving the Stratford Sparks and Brownies a tour of a lifetime. They demonstrated the ladder truck and let the girls try the water hose! It was a great experience for everyone.

I also continue to hold office hours every Monday from 9-10:30 AM in the Keppock-Kinlock Room at the Stratford Town Hall. To book an appointment, call (902) 620-3977 or send me an email at mlbeatonMLA@assembly.pe.ca. Reach out to me anytime! I would love to hear from you.

Sincerely,
Michele Beaton

Michele Beaton
MLA District 5 Mermaid - Stratford

Email: 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 or email us at copstratford@gmail.com

You can also follow us on Twitter
@COP_Stratford

RCMP IN STRATFORD

> Keep your vehicle secure

Spring is officially here, which means more people are out and about enjoying the warmer weather. The Stratford RCMP has received an increase in reports of thefts from vehicles in recent weeks. Officers are asking the public to double check that their vehicle doors are locked, and valuables are removed from plain sight. Here are some steps you can take to help protect yourself from a thief looking for an opportunity:

- Ensure all windows are rolled up
- Ensure all doors are locked
- Place valuables out of sight – in the trunk or another area
- Never leave your vehicle running while unattended
- Never leave your keys inside of your vehicle
- Park in a busy, well-lit area

By taking these extra few steps to double check that your vehicle is secure, you can help deter thieves.

To report a theft, or if you see suspicious activity, please contact the Stratford RCMP at 902-367-9300, or call 911 if it is an emergency.



Notice to Dog Owners

Pets can enrich our lives however in the Town of Stratford **ALL** dogs must remain on-leash unless they are securely on their owners property or in the Town's off-leash dog park.

There are **NO** exceptions to this bylaw on any trails, sidewalks, neighbourhoods or parks, nor to any dog regardless of their training.

Report any dog roaming freely, for their safety and those of other animals and individuals in our community, to (902) 892-1191.

You are responsible for your dog at all times. Negligence or ownership of a dog deemed dangerous can result in impoundment, fines and/or euthanization of a dog.



STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY



HOURS OF OPERATION:

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

It's a great time to discover Libby, the Overdrive app that gives you access to our ebook and audiobook collection. Check out 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!

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

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?

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!

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!



> In-Person events, starting Summer of 2022:

Get Your Summer Read On!

TD Summer Reading Launch Party.
June 25 at 11:30 am

Nature Club

Stories and nature-themed activities in the beautiful parks of Stratford. Registration required. Call the library for more information and to register.
Ages 6-12 / Tuesdays at 2:00 pm

Once Upon a Park: Stories around Stratford

Discover new settings and join us for stories in the wild! New location each week – call to find out where to meet us! Meet at the library in case of rain.
All ages / Wednesdays at 3:00 pm

Wiggle, Giggle, Read

Songs and rhymes for babies and toddlers. A gentle way to introduce little ones to the library.
Ages 0-3 / Thursdays at 10:00 am

Family Storytime

Stories, songs, and rhymes for kids and their grown-ups!
Ages 3-5 / Thursdays at 11:00 am

Maker Corner

New crafts, experiments, activities, and fun every week!
Ages 6-12 / Fridays at 2:00 pm

Building Basics: Lego Challenges & Free Play

Hangout with other building block enthusiasts and build the biggest, strongest, or just generally best creations!
All ages / Saturdays at 11:00 am

STRATFORD AND AREA LIONS CLUB



The Town of Stratford thanks residents and local businesses for their continued participation in our engagement activities, including the Annual Resident Survey and our first ever Annual Business Survey. Your feedback is very important to us and help guide our decision-making to make Stratford the best community possible!

All reports and data from our annual surveys are posted to our website and you're more than welcome to review them!



TOWN OF STRATFORD SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Town offices will open from 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday, starting Monday, May 30th and ending Friday, September 30th.

Welcome to summer from the Stratford and Area Lions Club!

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 every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday until Father's Day. Please note that all proceeds from the lobster sale go toward our annual Charlottetown Rural Bursary, and the QEH & IWK telethons.

We have several ongoing events that happen throughout the year, including the monthly 50/50 Fundraising Draw. The link to purchase tickets is accessible from our Facebook page and please select Stratford and Area Lions from the dropdown menu. Several other events take place at Cotton Center on Bunbury Road, including crib play at 7:30pm every Wednesday and our monthly Ceilidh every third Tuesday. Grab a few friends for a toe tapping good time with a great lineup of local talent.

Wondering where the funds we raise go? We have a list on the wall in our building that details where funds are donated which includes the QEH, IWK telethon, 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. We hold their information in confidence. 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. 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 club president, Donnie Maclean, or any Lions member to learn more.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please check our Facebook page for updates on our activities.

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



STRATFORD BUSINESS



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

Harbourside Engineering Consultants
Leading Edge Group
Mary Brown's Chicken
What's the Scoop?

> Welcome Packages

The Town of Stratford is pleased to provide Welcome Packages to all newcomers. We have so much to tell you about our businesses, recreational programs, facilities, town history and much, much more!

If you or someone you know is a newcomer to Stratford, please contact the Town at 902-569-1995 to make arrangements to receive a Welcome Package.

Stratford Business owners are welcome to participate in this FREE advertising opportunity by providing brochures and promotional items that will be included in our Welcome Packages.

STRATFORDS OF THE WORLD



Stratfords of the World Reunion in Ontario is POSTPONED Until July 2023. Further information forthcoming when available.
PEI contact: Daphne Campbell
dxcampbell@live.ca



STRATFORD DOG LICENSING

Residents are required to annually register their dogs through the Dog Licensing Program, which runs from June 1 to May 31.

You can complete the Dog License Form online (available at www.townofstratford.ca) and send it by email to: abulger@townofstratford.ca or register in person at Stratford Town Centre Offices or the PEI Humane Society.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Residents are reminded that the next municipal election will be held on Monday, November 7, 2022.

In Stratford, Elections PEI are contracted to administer the election. Information on voter eligibility as well as mayor or council eligibility can be found at electionspei.ca.



STRATFORD SUMMER HIT LIST

The Town of Stratford has developed a SUMMER HIT LIST to keep you busy and entertained all summer long! If you're out of ideas, visit our website for a list of daily activities, ideas, or local inspiration to make this summer, your BEST summer yet!

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Please note that the Town is NOT responsible for garbage collection. For all garbage collection inquiries and to request garbage bins, please call Island Waste Management (IWMC) at 1-888-280-8111.

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.

> Big Brothers Big Sisters of PEI: Mentors Needed in Stratford!



Big Brothers Big Sisters is looking for four (4) Big Sisters in the Stratford area. Pass your wisdom, knowledge & experience on! Volunteer to be a mentor and you'll spend a few hours twice a month empowering a child to succeed while having a lot of fun! Since we make our matches based on interests, you could be a great role model for a child who is waiting for a match. To find more about volunteering in Stratford, please call us at 902-569-KIDS, e-mail info@bbbspei.ca or visit 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 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 Community School



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 in organized sport and recreation programs. Canadian Tire Jump Start helps by providing funds to help offset the cost of registration fees and equipment for recreation like swim passes, bowling passes, dance lessons, Scouts and Girl Guides, etc.



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

> Kidsport Fund

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



> Special Olympics PEI



Special Olympics PEI is a non-profit, charitable, sport organization. We provide year-round opportunities for individuals with an intellectual disability to participate in sport. Programs are available for athletes of all ages (starting as young as 2 years old) and abilities, in either the Community Sport Program stream (non-competitive) or the Competitive Sport Program stream (various sports offered). If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved as an athlete, coach or volunteer, or for more information, contact us at our Charlottetown office at 902-368-8919 or by email at sopei@sopei.com or check out our website at www.sopei.com.

> ElderDog PEI

ElderDog is a national non-profit organization dedicated to ageing people, ageing dogs, and the important connection they enjoy. If you or someone you know could use some help with dog walks, travel to vet appointments, temporary or permanent pet rehoming, Elder Dog PEI volunteers might be able to help – at no cost. Contact 902-969-2926 or elderdogpei@gmail.com for more information.



COMMUNITY GROUPS



> Stratford Scout Group



It starts with Scouts.

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.

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



> Seniors College of Prince Edward Island



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 2022 is available on our website at www.seniorscollege.ca. We can also be reached by email at seniorscollege@upei.ca or by phone at 902-894-2867.

> Definitely Not The Symphony (DNTS)

Definitely Not The Symphony (DNTS) is an orchestra suitable for players of all levels. We meet 10 am - noon every second Saturday, led by our two (new) experienced conductors. Cost is \$5 each practice (for those able to pay). Once COVID-19 restrictions are further loosened, we will be pleased to welcome new members. Please contact DNTSStratford@gmail.com for more information.

> 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.



The 2022 Stratford Youth Council Walkathon was our most successful Walkathon ever. This is the 6th time we have hosted the event. The Walkathon had members of the Youth Council and Leadership Committees participating. They walked continuously (3 people at a time) over 24 hours collecting donations for their various group projects.

In total, the group walked a combined 372 kms. Each participant walked between 5-6 hours each (ranging from 19-30 kms per person).

Well done to all participants and thank you to all residents who supported this cause!

HEALTH & WELLNESS



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>



LIONS CLUB 50/50 FUNDRAISING DRAW

Lions Club of PEI have a monthly 50/50 fundraising draw. Please consider supporting the Stratford and Area Lions Club by selecting them from the dropdown menu when purchasing your monthly tickets at <https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/lionsclubsofpei2>

> Island Karate Club



The Island karate Club is a member of Karate PEI, Karate Canada, and Tsuruoka Karate-Do. We follow the teachings of O'Sensei Masami Tsuruoka, founder of modern karate in Canada. Classes Monday and Thursday nights at the Our lady of the Assumption Parish Hall (145 Stratford Road, Stratford).

Please contact Sensei Kirk at KDALZIEL@UPEI.CA for information.



> Shake It Up Line Dancers

Summer classes are Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 8:00 pm, from May 11th to September 28th.

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)

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. Some of the training is done seated on or prone over the ball (b.y.o.b. – bring your own ball) and others done standing or on the mat. Sessions are 4 weeks. Contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at bfitjv42@icloud.com.

Tuesdays at 9:30 am

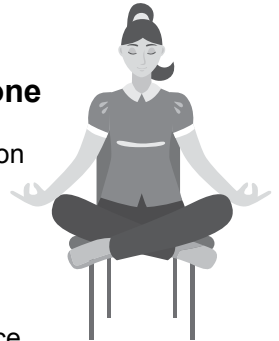
Session 1: starts May 31*

Session 2: starts September 13

Session 3: starts October 11

*For session 1 only: no stability ball and start time is at 10:20 am.

> Chair Yoga/ Stretch & Tone



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 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 bfitjv42@icloud.com.

Tuesdays at 11:00 am

Session 1: starts May 31*

Session 2: starts September 13

Session 3: starts October 11

*For session 1 only: start time is 9 am.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

> Cardio Pump

Have fun doing low impact cardio moves to oldies music followed by strength and balance training. Improve your endurance, agility, strength, and balance using light equipment. Some strength training is done standing and some on the mat. Geared toward active VPs (vintage persons). Sessions are 4 weeks. To register, contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at: bfijv42@icloud.com.

Thursdays at 9:30 am
 Session 1: starts September 15
 Session 2: starts October 13



> Gentle Flow Yoga

Gentle Yoga movements on the mat to warm up and loosen your muscles with focus on breath. Standing, seated, prone and supine movements are included to promote mobility, balance, functional strength and flexibility. 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: bfijv42@icloud.com.

Thursdays at 11:00 am
 Session 1: starts June 2*
 Session 2: starts September 15
 Session 3: starts October 13
 *For session 1 only: start time is 9 am.

> 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.



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:

Through your personal online banking

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 In-person at any chartered bank

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 Through E-billing (by using your credit card online)

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 In-person during office hours at the Stratford Town Centre

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 After hours, cheques can be dropped off in a sealed envelope using the black mailbox located outside of our main office doors.

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 Mail in a cheque

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 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, open burning, 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 gym inquiries	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

**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!

(902) 706-4042
switchstratford.ca



Take the Bus

Senior

One way fare \$2
Sheet of 6 senior tickets \$9*
Monthly pass \$35

Student

Monthly pass \$35

Children

18 and under ride FREE!

Adult

One way fare \$2
Sheet of 10 adult tickets \$18
Monthly pass \$45

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

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A Day In The Life Of Stratford



PHOTOGRAPHY Event

Documenting a moment in the daily life of Stratford

Submit up to 10 JPEG
images by July 4 to
tcraig@townofstratford.ca

Friday, July 1
24 hours

Photos will be exhibited at
the Town Centre &
Facebook: Town of
Stratford PEI beginning
July 7

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