



APPLY TO BE A COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER

Learn more about applying to be a committee volunteer and how you can help make a difference in your community on page 28.



FALL FEST 2022

Mark the date: September 23-25. Planning for Fall Fest is underway. More info will be announced closer to the date!



DISCOVER THE COMMUNITY ART IN STRATFORD

Read page 14-15 to discover or re-discover all the community art that the Town has installed over the years



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



AS SUMMER FADES and my current term in office as Mayor of this great Town draws to a close, I am pleased to update residents on the significant advancements that have been made on our major projects:

- We have completed the design work for the new spine road through the Community Campus that will provide access to the new high school and future Community Campus infrastructure. Construction will soon be underway to build the roads, active transportation network, water, sewer, and stormwater systems, as well as a solar array. This infrastructure work should be completed by spring 2023. (See page 4)
- Although delays were encountered, development activities are underway on the Town's new waterfront park. The boardwalk and viewing areas will be tendered soon, with additional features being added over the next several years.
- Regarding Kelly's/Moore's Pond Watershed rehabilitation, Moore's Pond has been drained and will be excavated as soon as possible to remove silt. Kelly's Pond restoration work will be completed over the spring and summer of 2023.
- A new water tower is being constructed to meet the needs of our growing Town. Several new fire hydrants are being installed as well to ensure we have the necessary infrastructure in place for fire fighting purposes.
- The very popular Switch Stratford program, which provides funding for home retrofits to save energy, has ended due to available funding being depleted. Discussions are underway to attempt to secure new funding to allow a new version of the program to be implemented in the future.
- The new roundabout on the TransCanada Highway (TCH) connecting the TCH to MacKinnon Drive and the TCH multi-use trail is at completion and will allow better access to Glen Stewart and Stratford Elementary Schools and opens the Town to new development opportunities.
- The Gray Group development of Stratford's new downtown is underway with the construction of new commercial spaces and residential units.

The current term for all Town Committees is ending in November 2022 and I encourage residents to apply to serve on any of our committees. Committee work is a great opportunity to get involved in Town issues and be a part of the Town's decision-making process. Another great opportunity to help your Island community is by getting involved with the 2023 Canada Winter Games. As part of the Games, a major cultural event will take place in Stratford, with an announcement on this to come soon.

I wish to thank our current Council for all their hard work and dedication over the past four years. It has been my honour to serve as your Mayor and I thank residents, staff, and council with whom I have worked during my tenure to make Stratford the best community possible. I am proud of our achievements and look forward to what the future holds for this wonderful Town

Sincerely,
Steve Ogden, Mayor

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INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT



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According to our Dangerous and Unightly Premises Bylaw, grass must be cut regularly and maintained at a height not exceeding 8 inches, including weeds that have overgrown the grass. Property owners are required to upkeep and maintain their property year-round, which includes the proper disposal of garbage as well. Learn more about the bylaw on 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!

> Residential Projects

The Infrastructure Department has been busy this year either directly or indirectly with numerous projects at various stages of their development. Some of the residential projects are Foxwood Flourish Phase 2 on Windsor Drive, Gray Group subdivision Phase 2 on Bunbury Road, Southside Greens off Stratford Road, Chen Sun subdivision on Mason Road, and the Community Campus servicing.

> Waterfront Park

Contractors have recently completed reinstatement work at our wastewater treatment facility. The ground was leveled and seeded with grass. CADC have tendered for a wooden boardwalk that will run along the area of the existing gravel trail and extend further along the water in front of the apartment complex and eventually connect to Shepard Drive. The design of this area has been awarded to Coles Construction.

> Corish Sewer Forcemain & Lift Station Upgrades

Work has recently begun to upsize the sewer forcemain pipe from Governors Lane to Flourish Heights. This work is necessary to accommodate continued development within the Corish sewer lift station sewershed. At the same time separate tender work has begun to upgrade the sewer lift pumps and associated infrastructure at the Corish Sewer lift station located at the Kinlock/Keppoch Road intersection.

> Reservoir Project

The Utility is in the process of adding an additional water reservoir beside our existing one on the Georgetown Road. We are currently in the design phase and as this is a specialty item, we expect that supply and installation work will not begin until 2023.

> Hydrant Installation

Contractors recently completed installation of seven new hydrants along

MacKinnon and Glen Stewart Drive. These additions are part of the Utility's plan to install additional hydrants throughout Stratford to increase our spacing for fire flow and flushing purposes.

> Maintenance

Staff have been busy all summer maintaining grass, flowers, buildings (both inside and out), parks, and playing fields. As the town grows, so does our infrastructure and maintenance workload.

Our Town maintenance building on Hollis Avenue received a steel roof this summer while a dry storage building is currently being constructed at that location to replace an old storage building.

> Multi-Purpose Active Transportation Paths

This has been a busy summer for trail work in Stratford. As residents are aware, the Province of PEI is presently extending the active transportation path on the TCH from the Sobeys intersection to the Esso intersection and plan to complete the work this year. The Gray Group have also installed an active transportation connector path from MacKinnon Drive to the roundabout as part of their development. We thank the Gray Group who continue to incorporate active transportation into their developments.

Phase 1 of the Community Campus project will include about 2km of active transportation path connecting the Bunbury Road sidewalk to the Trans Canada Trail on Hollis Avenue. The project is now out to tender with hope that work will begin this fall.

The Town is also in the design phase for the installation of an active transportation path on Kinlock Road, from the Sobeys intersection to JK Beauty Lane. We hope that work will be tendered and completed this year, however budget constraints and weather may cause some delay.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

These paths are all paved dedicated paths that are not part of the road and are constructed with a distance from the road to increase safety. The paths are wider than most sidewalks and are for both pedestrian and biking use. No motorized vehicles other than electric bikes and authorized machines are permitted on any Town paths or trails.

The natural path connector from the community gardens on Bunbury Road to Heron Drive has reopened as Phase 1 of the Gray Group development is now complete.

> Active Transportation Review

The Town hopes to tender soon for a review and update of our active transportation system to help provide factual data and timelines to staff and council to determine which projects

are selected and budgeted for work each year. Please watch our website or social media for further information on this.

> Speed Humps & Speeding

The Town has continued to install temporary speed humps throughout the summer to increase safety on the streets. With the number of requests received annually a new Request for Speed Hump Policy to help streamline the request process was implemented this year. Staff use provincial standards, industry guidelines and factual radar data to determine if speed humps are required on a particular street or if speeding is limited to a small number of cars as opposed to a larger speed issue. As always, if residents see speeding in their area, please report these to the Stratford RCMP at 902-367-9300.

> Town Roads Street & Ditch Infilling

All roads, streets, and ditches in Stratford are owned by the province. As fall and winter approach, please keep in mind that the province is responsible for clearing snow from the streets and keeping storm water drains clear. Please note that any issue with snow clearing on the streets or storm water back-ups should be directed to the Provincial Department of Highways.



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

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

If an emergency happens, it may take emergency workers some time to reach you. These emergencies can be anything from power outages to storms, or blizzards in winter.

Having a 72-hours emergency kit can help you take care of yourself and your family until help reaches you!

Create your own emergency plan and 72-hours emergency kit TODAY!

Visit the Province's website to access 'Your Emergency Preparedness Guide' to get started.

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE UPDATE



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 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 ***

> 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.

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. 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 late 2022.

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.

Watch for the unveiling of our Heritage Interpretive Panel 'Wartime Tragedy in Stratford' on Wednesday, November 9 at 12:30 pm



Did you know that back in the 1940's, the Royal Air Force (RAF) at Station Charlottetown trained thousands of aircrews for the British Commonwealth and other Allied countries? However, more than 20 RAF airmen lost their lives while serving on PEI, and of all tragedies, the worst occurred in Stratford.

If you want to find out more and learn what happened back then, watch our social media pages and website for further news! The Town of Stratford has a wide and varied history, and we look forward to sharing this piece of heritage with the community.

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE UPDATE

> Development Permits

From January to June 2022, the Planning Department has issued a total of 100 development permits. The following Table shows a summary of development activities between January and June 2022.

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PERMITS January 2022 to June 2022

Permit Type	No. of Permits	Estimated Value
Single Family Residential	30	\$15,982,933.50
Residential Additions, Renovations, and Demolitions	4	\$551,000.00
Semi-Detached/Duplex	5	\$2,822,753.00
Townhouse	9	\$9,832,085.00
Apartment	0	\$0.00
Accessory Buildings	14	\$498,000.00
Accessory Structures (pools, decks, fences)	15	\$519,190.00
Other (signage, demolition, etc.)	6	\$109,500.00
Commercial (new, renovations, additions)	8	\$96,800.00
Industrial (new, renovations, additions)	0	\$0.00
Institutional (new, renovations, additions)	0	\$0.00
Totals	100	\$30,422,261.50



HOW DID THE TOWN OF STRATFORD GET ITS NAME?

The name originated from Major John Picton Beete who purchased 200 acres of land around 1860, which became Mill Brook Farm.

Major Picton Beete was known to be eccentric and back then, he paid for half the land taxes in the area and offered to build a school if the community's name was changed from Southport to Stratford.

At the time, he did not get his wish but as it turned out, the same name 'Stratford' was chosen by residents during a vote many years later with amalgamation.

Notice to Residents

Many residents enjoy a backyard fire this time of year but we are asking you to consider your neighbours when doing so. Some residents have allergies/sensitives to wood smoke which is often increased on low pressure or windy days when the smoke may not be able to rise into the atmosphere as quickly or directly as on other days. Please consider the comfort of all around you.

In accordance with the Town of Stratford Noise & Nuisance Bylaw residents should also note that the burning of wood is only permitted in enclosed outdoor fireplaces with built in chimneys. Complaints should be directed to the RCMP who are contracted to enforce the Noise & Nuisance Bylaw in the Town of Stratford. Please follow all provincial fire burning advice and check the fire weather index for potential fire bans before having your next outdoor campfire.



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

> 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 seasonal events in agriculture, plants and animals, weather, and local climate change impacts like flooding and erosion. This data will be used to inform future Town projects and priorities. If you are interested in becoming a Climate Tracker, please visit our website to register for free! Included in your registration is your very own climate diary and a pocket nature guide.

> Pondside Watershed Restoration

The Town of Stratford received \$254,088 in funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program's (ICIP) Green Infrastructure stream for the restoration of the Pondside watershed system. The health of this watershed was compromised due to several years' worth of sedimentation from development upstream in the watershed. We have begun work on the upper section of the system, which includes draining and dredging Moore's Pond. Restoration work will continue into 2023, with the draining and dredging of Kelly's Pond. The Town will be working with the Stratford Area Watershed Improvement Group (SAWIG) to plant a riparian buffer around both ponds once construction work is complete. The goal of this project is to restore the natural capacity of the watershed system to accommodate the effects of increased rainfall and overland flooding due to climate change, as well as improve water quality and habitat for wildlife.

> Erosion and Sediment Control

Controlling erosion of sediment from development sites is an ongoing issue across Prince Edward Island. Excessive amounts of sediment in watercourses negatively affects water

quality, the health of aquatic organisms, and can cause costly restoration projects for future generations. The Town of Stratford, in partnership with the Stratford Area Watershed Improvement Group (SAWIG), have created a set of guidelines and a brochure to inform developers of best practices for erosion and sediment control structures and methods. We have also developed 2 checklists to be used before construction and regularly throughout the development process, especially before heavy rain events. These resources are now available on our website.



> Forest Inventory

The Town of Stratford is undertaking a Forest Inventory this year to determine current forest composition and identify forest management methods to maintain biodiversity and forest health in the future. We also want to manage our forests to allow for maximum carbon sequestration and to maintain the other natural benefits that our forests provide, such as stormwater management, air purification, and temperature regulation. We hope to have the forest inventory surveys completed by the end of the summer. Keep an eye out for public consultation sessions this fall as we draft the forest management plan for Town-owned properties.

> Pilot Town Community Garden Plot

Due to the rising cost of food and concerns about food security across PEI, the Town of Stratford has started a pilot program to grow produce in one of the plots at our Community Garden and give it away for free to help



members of our community. We will post on our social media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) when and where we have some delicious fruits and vegetables available for pickup.

> Residential Tree Planting Program Wrap-Up

This year we planted a total of 59 trees through the Residential Tree Planting Program- 6 Balsam Fir, 2 Linden, 19 Red Maple, 8 Red Oak, 14 White Birch, 5 White Spruce and 5 Sugar Maple! The program launched in 2021, with the main goal being to increase Stratford's forest canopy, especially in neighbourhoods without many trees. Through the program, residents pay \$50 and dig a hole in their yard and then Town staff deliver and plant a 5-6' native tree on their property. The 2022 season of the program was successful, and participants were very pleased with their new trees! Trees have many benefits including, but not limited to, increased property value, shade and wind buffering, slower traffic, privacy, and air purification. Check out our website for program details. Registration for the 2023 program will begin in the winter.



RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

STRATFORD YOUTH CENTRE

The Stratford Youth Centre offers youth in Grades 5-12, a safe and supportive environment to participate in at the social and recreational centre, in various clubs, and special events to engage them. 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. 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 attend regular parent meetings.



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. 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 by email at dpineau@townofstratford.ca.



> Stratford Youth Centre Clubs

The Stratford Youth Centre has a number of great clubs for youth to join. The clubs are open to Youth Centre members and are free of charge. For more information about these clubs or to become a Stratford Youth Centre member, stop into the Youth Centre or contact Duane Pineau at 902-367-3294 or dpineau@townofstratford.ca.

PLEASE NOTE!

With the evolving COVID-19 situation, Youth Centre programming, scheduling, and participation numbers may be subject to change without notice

CONGRATS!



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Congratulations to the upcoming water school calendar art contest students to be featured in the annual calendar:

- January – Gavin Enright
- February – Lachlyn Panelas
- March – Charlotte Roche
- April – Grayson Higgins
- May – Reed Miller
- June – Noah Whitty
- July – Sawyer Stewart
- August – Maelle Gillan
- September – Soraya Player
- October – Elijah Tam
- November – Lily McGuigan
- December – Bella Neale

RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS



EVELYN MEADER PARK

Did you know that the park located on Saints Crescent, in Kinlock Creek Subdivision, has officially been renamed to honour the late Evelyn Meader?

The property was previously donated to the Town of Stratford by the Meader family, and the renaming of the park builds on the legacy Evelyn began on the property when the family planted the trees on the land many years ago. Evelyn was an avid bird watcher, appreciated nature and was a strong proponent of the environment and sustainability, along with being a tireless volunteer and unofficial greeter ready to welcome anyone new in the area and introduce them around.

Evelyn Meader Park includes play equipment and forested area which has natural trails throughout.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

> Let's Get Creative Youth Art Classes

Ryan McAdam Young, artist and creative educator, will be offering youth art classes this fall. Classes will run on Saturdays for 10 weeks with age groups for 5-9 and 10-15 years old. These classes 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 details!

> Brush Stop

Every Tuesday from 10:00 - 11:00 am (beginning September)
Location: Stratford Public Library
No cost (free program)

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

> Instructional Ice Hockey "Skills and Drills"

Saturdays from 7:10 am to 8:10 am
October 08, 2022 - March 4, 2023
Location: Pownal Rink
Participants can be Grades K-6
Cost is \$65 per participant

The Youth Ice Hockey program is available to 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 before October 8 with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online at www.townofstratford.ca.

ADULT PROGRAMS

> Art Club

Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00 pm
October 6 - December 8
Location: Online and In-person
Cost: \$25/person (supplies not included)
Ages: 16+

For all levels and abilities! Register with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online at www.townofstratford.ca.

> Beginner Watercolour Painting Classes

Tuesdays from 7:00 - 9 pm
October 4 - December 6
Location: Online and In-person (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.

> Intermediate Watercolour Painting Classes

Saturdays from 10:00 - 12:00 pm
October 8 - December 10
Location: Online and In-person (Gertrude Cotton Building)
Cost: \$25/person (supplies not included)

Ideal for those with prior watercolour painting experience!

Drawing Classes
Mondays from 7:00 - 9pm
October 3 - December 12
Location: Online
Cost: \$25/person (supplies not included)

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

> Urban Sketching

Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 pm
October 5 - December 7
Location: Online
Cost: \$25/person (supplies not included)

You will get to learn and practice line and colour techniques, perspective, linework, colour and texture, framing and depth, colour theory, working in grayscale and much more!



RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

> Recreational Basketball

Men's

Tuesdays from 8:15 - 9:45 pm
 September 13 - December 27
 Location: Stratford Town Centre
 Cost: \$25.00



Women's

Sundays from
 11:00 - 12:30 pm
 Sept 11 - Dec 18
 Location: Stratford Town Centre
 Cost: \$25.00

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

Wednesdays from 8:15 - 9:45pm
 September 15 - December 29
 Location: Stratford Town Centre
 Cost: \$25.00

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

> Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball

Mondays from 8:15 - 9:45pm
 September 12 - December 19
 Location: Stratford Town Centre
 Cost: \$25.00

Recreational volleyball league for those 18+ years of age. Fun and social co-ed volleyball 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 a 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 www.townofstratford.ca or in person with the Town Centre gym attendants.

> 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 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. and there are agility toys, benches as well as a picnic table. All users are asked to clean up after their pets and to respect park rules.

> 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 fitness centre and walking track any time the building is open. Residents are also welcomed to use the gymnasium any time there are no programs or bookings scheduled. 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. All facility users must answer COVID-19 questions before entering the facility as well as provide their contact information (name & phone #) We ask that you please sign in and out with the gym attendants when using our facility.



CAN YOU GUESS HOW MANY EV CHARGING STATIONS WE HAVE IN TOWN?
 (answer page 17)

> 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, Pongside 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.

PLEASE NOTE!

Min. 12 participants/Max. 24 participants for most recreational programs. Please note that players must pre-register to play. Currently, drop-ins are not welcome due to COVID-19 regulations. 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.

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



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



Volunteers are - and always will be - an essential part of our community. On Canada Day 2022, the Town of Stratford acknowledged and recognized the efforts of some of our volunteer citizens who have contributed to our community.

HARRY JAMES (late)

(SENIOR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR)

Harry James touched the lives of many and exemplified what it means to be a great community resident and neighbour, enriching our whole town through his kindness and renowned Christmas light displays. Harry was all all-round great community person, and his positive influence will be sadly missed.

We thank Harry for everything he did for the town as well as his family for accepting this award on his behalf. You will be missed.

KHALID SHAMI

(ADULT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR)

Khalid was the recipient of our 2022 Neil and Gail MacDonald Volunteer of the Year Award. Khalid has been volunteering with the Town of Stratford for many years. Through his extensive IT experience, he has also developed a mobile app, called Nu Wel Com, to support newcomer residents in integrating their community and help PEI and Stratford build stronger communities.

Thank you, Khalid, for all you have done and still doing to make Stratford a better place!

EDIE DUNCAN

(YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR)

Edie was presented with the 2022 Stephen J. McQuaid Memorial Youth Award. Edie has been an active member of the Stratford Youth Centre, Stratford Youth Council, Stratford Youth Centre Executive Committee and Leadership Committee. Since 2018, she has contributed over 400 volunteer hours to our community and has been involved in many projects.

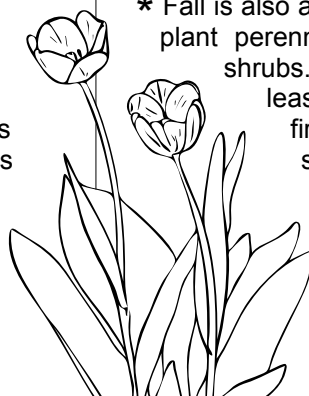
Thank you for setting an example, Edie! We can't wait to see how far you go in your endeavors!

GARDENING TIPS FROM THE TOWN'S HORTICULTURALIST

Just when you think your gardening/landscaping duties are nearing the end... there is still lots that can be done! Here are some tips/things to think about:

* Fall is an excellent time to continue planting vegetables in your garden, such as radish, peas, spinach, and leaf lettuces. These types of vegetables prefer cooler temperatures and are generally quick to reach maturity.

* If you want to grow a garden next season, this is an ideal time to start planning. Gardens that are meant for vegetables can be raised or planted directly in the ground, near a water source and in full sun. A soil



analysis from the location you choose is suggested prior to planting. This is essential in helping you to know what you need to amend your soil with, it's inexpensive and a great investment in ensuring your plants grow healthy. Joining a community garden is another option for growing your own food and as a bonus, you meet fellow residents!

* Fall is also a perfect time to transplant perennials, small trees, or shrubs. It is best to do this at least 6 weeks before the first fall frost to enable a strong root establishment. If you want to add some extra beauty to your garden for early



to mid-spring colour, consider planting tulips, daffodils, and even interesting and long-lasting bulbs such as Allium.

Gardening, no matter the time of year, is fun, therapeutic, and great exercise! Consider starting a small garden next season!

STRATFORD AREA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT GROUP

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

> Summer Highlight

This summer SAWIG participated in the North American Bat Monitoring program coordinated by the PEI Watershed Alliance. We set up 4 monitors across our watersheds to monitor bat activity and species distribution, we participated in a colony count where we counted the number of bats using a roost, and we conducted a mobile transect that will allow us to determine the relative abundance of bats in our watersheds. It is our hope that this data will allow us to better understand the distribution and population of bats on PEI and therefore, help us protect them.



Lily and Calum starting the detector

Thank you to our 2022-2023 funding partners!

- PEI Watershed Management Fund
- Town of Stratford • Environment and Climate Change Canada • BioTalent Canada • Canada Summer Jobs
- Skills PEI • Jobs for Youth • PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund • Rotary Club of Charlottetown Royalty • Wildlife Habitat Canada • PEI Watershed Alliance

> Become a member!

Purchase a membership and receive perks including free shrubs/trees (while quantities last), advance notice of



Lily, Madalyn and Bethany at a nighttime colony count

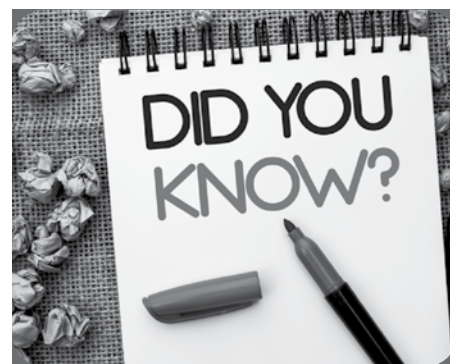
events, and access to members only guest speakers/interpretive walks. Membership fees invest in the future by helping SAWIG complete projects in your community including tree planting, protection and restoration of streams, removal of invasive species and water quality monitoring.

Memberships are only \$10/yr for Individuals, \$20/yr for Families, and \$100/yr for a Corporate Membership. Pick up a membership by calling 902-367-3605 or find it online at stratfordwater.com.

Thank you to our 2022-2023 corporate members!

- Cross Roads Animal Health Centre
- Hillsborough Funeral Home • Provincial Credit Union • IP Products • Power Concrete Finishing

This year SAWIG assisted **Cross Roads Animal Health Centre**, a local business and corporate sponsor, in greening their property. A total of 89 trees and shrubs of 13 different species were planted to provide an aesthetically and ecologically diverse hedgerow habitat. In addition, we provided milkweed and Joe-pye weed to their tribute garden to attract pollinators.



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Trees absorb and store carbon dioxide from our atmosphere and are therefore an important resource for helping us combat climate change.

Long-lived deciduous trees such as sugar maple and red oak top the list of carbon absorbing trees.

Other top contenders include eastern hemlock, white and red pine, and yellow birch. Protecting areas of contiguous forests is critical to the future of climate mitigation and maintaining biodiversity.

Individuals can also make a difference at a smaller scale by planting carbon sequestering trees on their property - contact us if you are interested in partnering with SAWIG to plant trees.

“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is now.”

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)

🌐 stratfordwater.com

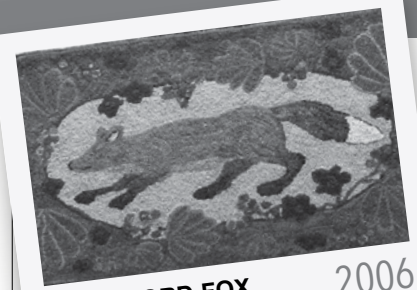


COMMUNITY ART

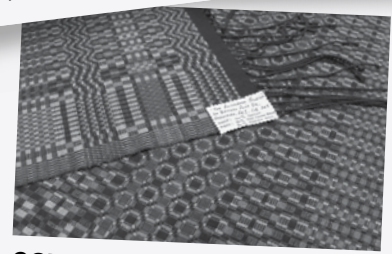
The Town of Stratford recognizes the value of celebrating and promoting arts and culture in the town. To enrich, engage, and inspire the community in a meaningful way, the Town has been commissioning and installing public art for everyone to enjoy.

If you have not seen these amazing pieces in person or wish to appreciate them all over again, we challenge you to a fun 'treasure hunt' that the whole family can enjoy. Hunt them down, and soak in the creativity!

You can learn more about each piece of art on our website at www.townofstratford.ca.



STRATFORD FOX 2006
Artist/Designer: Susan Evans
Town of Stratford Main Reception Area



COVERLET 2007
Artist/Designer: Cheryl Livingston
Not currently on display



JOAN'S FALL FLOWERS 2009
Artist/Designer: Barry Jeeves
Town of Stratford front/main foyer



TIDE WATCH 2009
Artist/Designer: Henry Purdy
Stratford Town Centre main reception area



STRATFORD 2011
Artist/Designer: Stephen Thompson
Town of Stratford main level office hallway



LA PETITE FENETRE, LE GRAND JOLI 1997
Artist/Designer: John Cox
Stratford Town Centre front foyer



EAGLE ON HER NEST 2004
Artist/Designer: Levi Cannon
Stratford Town Centre foyer wall



FAMILY PORTRAIT IN COLOUR 2005
Artist/Designer: Christine Trainor
Stratford Town Centre front/main foyer



STRATFORD CLIFFS 2004
Artist/Designer: P.E. Dutton
Stratford Town Centre Bunbury Room



EAGLE FLYING 2004
Artist/Designer: Levi Cannon
Stratford Town Centre foyer ceiling



STRATFORD ELEMENTS 2006
Artist/Designer: Marcela Rosemberg
On loan to the Stratford Public Library
(25, Hopeton Road)

COMMUNITY ART



BLUE GUITAR 2011
Artist/Designer: John Cox
Town of Stratford Main Reception Area



LOOKING FOR OBERON 2013
Artist/Designer: Carl Phillis
Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Dr.



THE EASEL 2015
Artist/Designer: Terry Dunton Stevenson and Lionel Stevenson
Cotton Park, 57 Bunbury Road



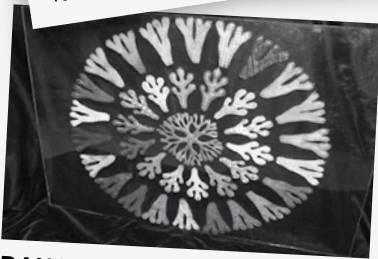
COLLECTING SHELLS 2011
Artist/Designer: Ayelet Stewart
Town of Stratford front/main foyer



SPRING TULIPS 2014
Artist/Designer: Leona MacIntosh
Stratford Town Centre front foyer hallway



CANADA 150 MOSAIC 2017
Artist/Designer: Lewis Lavoie
Stratford Town Centre (by stairs to the gym)



DANCING SEAWEED 2011
Artist/Designer: Ayelet Stewart
Town of Stratford front/main foyer



THE SOCCER BALL 2014
Artist/Designer: Ahmon Katz
Kinlock Park, 61 Bonavista Ave



RED WINGED BLACKBIRD 2019
Artist/Designer: Gerald Beaulieu
Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park
(MacIntosh Drive, Reeve's Estates)



STRATFORD HERITAGE HOMES 2012
Artist/Designer: Florence Cleroux
Stratford Town Centre hallway - between Recreation and Front Foyer



RACCOON IN A WILLOW DEN 2015
Artist/Designer: Kate Sharpley, Tiffany Baxter and Gweneth Branch Rice
Cotton Park, 57 Bunbury Road



MOTH WINGS 2022
Artist/Designer: Ryan McAdam Young
Cotton Park, 57 Bunbury Road



THE CHASE 2012
Artist/Designer: Terry Dunton Stevenson
Cotton Park (57, Bunbury Road)



REFLECTIVE BOX 2015
Artist/Designer: Terry Dunton Stevenson and Lionel Stevenson
Cotton Park, 57 Bunbury Road



MICHELE BEATON, MLA

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY SUMMER and so hard to believe that it has passed so quickly. There have been so many activities and events to enjoy with friends and family. I hope you had the opportunity to take some time to yourself to enjoy a beautiful PEI summer! I spent a lot of time on the ball field as the assistant coach to a Stratford Stealers U13 girls softball team and it was a lot of fun. Go Stealers!!



I also spent the summer in the community knocking on doors and chatting with residents to find out what is top of mind and what are your concerns. I love to be able to engage at this grassroots level again. If I have missed you, please don't hesitate to give me a call. I would love to hear from you.

The Canada Day celebration at Tea Hill Park was a huge success. It was great seeing so many people getting out to enjoy themselves. Congratulations to the Town Council and all the staff for organizing this fantastic and fun event!

It has been a very busy time in the Official Opposition Office, as our role is to hold government accountable all year round. As the critic for Health and Wellness, there is a lot of work to do. We are living in a time of record high numbers of Islanders on the patient registry, immense pressure on frontline healthcare workers, high turnover of staff, fewer walk-in clinic hours, record setting waits in our largest provincial hospital's ERs, and weekly closures of ERs in our rural hospitals. All of this at a time where COVID-19 continues to remind us that it is not done with us.

None of these challenges will correct themselves without a plan and incredibly strong leadership that has the polit-

ical will to address systemic issues that existed long before COVID-19. I am increasingly concerned by the number of times I hear, "Well what do you expect? Everywhere is having staffing challenges". I can't accept that answer.

We can't accept a lower level of service because that normalizes the issue. A wait time of 5-6 hours in our ERs for the most urgent emergencies cannot be the new normal. Leaving seniors in soiled Depends for 12 hours cannot be the new normal. Requiring healthcare workers to do more with less cannot be the new normal.

This is a leadership issue not a human resource issue. PEI is a small enough jurisdiction that we can set a standard that all other Canadian jurisdictions would envy. We need the political will to do this. Strong provincial leadership should mean better healthcare, not worse.

I am looking forward to the upcoming session of the Legislature which resumes on November 1st where I will be raising these and other important issues.

If there is a resident living in District 5 Mermaid-Stratford that you would like recognized for their contribution to the community, it would be my honour to recognize them in the legislature. This is a great privilege afforded to members. Please reach out to me anytime by phone at (902) 620-3977 or send me an email at mlbeatonMLA@assembly.pe.ca.

Finally, I want to wish all teachers, students and staff all the best in this 2022/2023 school year. It is an exciting time to meet new friends and experience new adventures! Have a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,
Michele Beaton

Michele Beaton
MLA District 5 Mermaid - Stratford

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



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The Stratford Community Seniors Complex, located on Mutch Drive, is owned and operated by the Town of Stratford, through an operating agreement with CMHC. The building includes 15 apartment units which are rented to low-income seniors. The Town maintains an active wait list which is used when units become available. The application form is available on the Town's website or by email koconnell@townofstratford.ca.

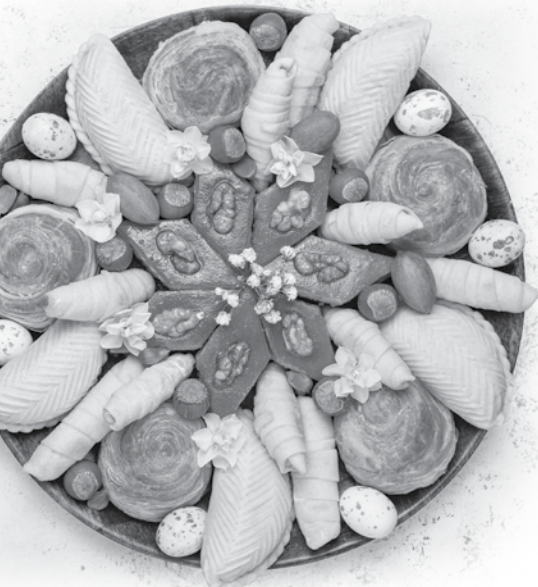


DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

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 **Iranian community** members and celebrate their rich culture.

Iran is in southwestern Asia, and its capital is Tehran. The Iranian nation is one of the oldest civilizations in the world and Persia is Iran's old name. Iranians speak Persian, and their language is also known as Farsi. Here are some interesting facts about Iranian/Persian culture and customs along with some great conversation starters:



- One of the interesting facts about Iran is that Iranians use their own calendar, which is a solar calendar, through which its time reckoning is based on the Earth's movements around the Sun. The first day of the year is the first day of spring and is called Nowruz, which means a New Day. This is one of the major Iranian celebrations.
- Taarof is a social principle where Iranians

are really, really polite. As a guest your host might offer you something, and you should always reply with "nah, merci", which means "no, thanks". Don't worry, they will make the offer again and you can then accept it. Similarly, Iranians don't sit with their back to someone. And if they absolutely must, they usually apologize.

It's all just a part of the exchange of compliments and the complexities of taarof.

- A downward gaze in Iran is a sign of respect, which many foreigners mistakenly interpret to be disinterest. On the other hand, staring directly into the eyes of a friend is a sign of affection and intimacy.
- This one is a kicker – but Iranians celebrate birthdays and anniversaries on the eve of the day! So, don't be surprised if you receive wishes ahead of your day!
- Many homes in Iran have a dedicated space for welcoming guests that is separate from where family members spend time together. Iranians are well known for their gracious hospitality where they extend a warm welcome combined with serving tea, sweets, and food to their guests.
- As part of cleansing rituals, Iranians have several uses for slippers, and they have house slippers, bathroom slippers, and outside slippers that are each worn in their respective spaces!



TRIVIA ANSWER

Trivia answer from page 11

The answer is...

Stratford has 5 EV charging stations!

They're located at:

• Stratford Town Centre

• Stratford Emergency Services Centre

• Shepard Drive

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PRIDE PEI

The Town was pleased to support Pride PEI by raising the Pride flag at the Stratford Town Centre. The Town promotes an inclusive community where all residents feel safe and welcome to live and work in.





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

With the fall weather around the corner, the PEI RCMP is reminding all motorists to stay aware and help to keep our roadways safe.

With the warm weather still here, motorcycles are still on the roads. PEI RCMP are reminding motorbike enthusiasts to avoid driving in a vehicle’s blind spot – a bike’s smaller size makes it harder for other drivers to see motorcycles on the road. We are also reminding all motorists to ensure they keep a safe distance behind motorcycles so the drivers can properly see the vehicles around them.

The coming fall season also means school is back in session. Stratford RCMP is reminding motorists to be vigilant and always follow the posted speed limit, particularly in school zones. Please follow these back-to-school safety tips:

- Familiarize yourself with the school zones in your community.
- When you see a school bus with red flashing lights, traffic in both directions must come to a complete stop to

ensure the safety of children going on and coming off the bus. It is illegal to pass a school bus when red lights are flashing.

- Drivers may only proceed once the bus driver has turned off the red lights.
- Remember to be alert to extra activity when entering a school zone during drop off and pick up times.
- Watch for students at crosswalks and obey traffic control devices and crosswalk signals.

The public plays an important role in helping to keep roadways safe. As drivers, please follow all the rules of the road, keeping the safety of yourself and others in mind.



STRATFORDS OF THE WORLD



Stratford, Ontario will be hosting visitors from five other Stratfords around the globe from August 2-9, 2023. The Committee is currently working on finalizing the program, developing the registration form, and recruiting families for the home stays during the week’s festivities. It is expected that registration will begin in late fall.

Residents of our Stratford are eligible to attend, just by registering and paying the \$375 registration fee. The fee includes bus tours, admission costs to events/sites, banquet, a live theatre

performance and some meals. Because delegates will be billeted, there is no cost to delegates for accommodations and the host families usually supply any meals that are not covered by the registration fee.

Once details for the Stratfords of the World Reunion are finalized and registration opens, our committee will host an information meeting at the Town Centre - watch the Town’s bi-monthly E-Newsletter and the next Town Talk for the date and time. For those of us who have attended other Stratfords of the Worlds Reunions, it has been an invaluable cultural and social experience where lasting friendships have been made so, please consider attending this one next summer.

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

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!

> In-Person events

Adult Book Clubs

A lively discussion about this month's book. Welcome back, or join for the first time!

First Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm

Last Wednesday of each month 6:30 pm

Nature Club

Stories and nature-themed activities in the beautiful parks of Stratford!

Third Tuesday of each month at 4 pm starting September 20

Ages 5-12

Registration is required, call 902-569-7441 to register!

Wiggle, Giggle, Read

Songs and rhymes for babies and toddlers. A gentle way to introduce little ones to the library.

Thursdays at 10 am starting Sept 8

Ages 0 - 12 months

Yarn Crafts

Join enthusiastic knitters, crocheters, rug hookers and other fibre and textile makers for some crafting and social time. All levels welcome.

Thursdays at 1 pm starting Sept 8

Hackmatack Junior Book Club

Read some fantastic Canadian fiction and nonfiction, then vote on your favourites.

Third Saturday of each month at 12 pm starting September 17

Pick up book starting September 1

Ages 9 - 12

No School? No Problem!

Tech Time at the Library on PD Days.

Check out a wide variety of technology and brush up on your coding skills with 3-D printers, Ozobots, microbits and more. Fridays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Ages 5 – 12

DON'T FORGET YOUR RAIN BARREL

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.



Bricks & Blocks Lego Club

Hangout with other block enthusiasts and take on our building challenges. Saturdays 9:30 am to 12:00 pm starting September 10. Families/All Ages

Family Storytime

Stories, songs and rhymes for kids and their grown ups.

Thursdays at 10:30 starting Sept 8

Ages 12 to 36 months

STRATFORD BUSINESS



Welcome, please share our roads.



SLOW DOWN, MOVE OVER, THINK OF OTHERS



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!



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!

- Shining Stars Childcare Centre
- Spicey Chef Stratford
- Zenflex

> Town of Stratford Winter Office Hours

Town offices will go back to regular hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, starting October 3rd.

PLEASE NOTE!

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



#THINKSTRATFORD WITH US!



The Town of Stratford has partnered with Ocean 100 to bring residents information about our community with a regular weekday message (twice daily). We also want to promote our local business community and are pleased to offer Stratford businesses a discounted rate (offset by an investment from the Town) giving you the following:

5 ads (over a 1 week) period for \$125 plus HST! Contact Wendy for more information or to sign up!

E: wwatts@townofstratford.ca T: (902) 569-6921



MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 7, 2022

Dates to Remember:

- **October 8** - Earliest date election signage permitted to be erected in the Town of Stratford
- **October 12** - Nominations Open
- **October 21** - Nominations Close (2pm)
- **October 29 & 31, November 4** - Advanced Voting Dates
- **November 7** - Election Day

More information is available at:

www.peimunicipalelections.ca and
www.electionspei.ca/2022-municipal-election



MORE STRATFORD NEWS

> Canada Games 2023

The Town of Stratford is pleased to be a torch relay event community in the lead up to the 2023 Canada Winter Games on PEI. More information is available at <https://www.2023canadagames.ca/>.

Please watch for our announcements on social media as we get closer to the date for this exciting community celebration!



> Trails in Stratford

It's nearly fall, but there's still a whole season for you to enjoy milder weather on our trails before it gets cold.

The Town of Stratford has nearly 30km of trail throughout the town to complement our 20km of sidewalk and 40km of roadside bike lanes. These trails are a mix of natural, paved or gravel, over public and private lands. We encourage residents and visitors to use them for walking, jogging, biking, and hiking. Visit the trails section on our website for a short description of each trail, their location, distance, and map!



IWMC PAINT DISPOSAL TIPS

Make your next paint project greener with our paint disposal tips!

Paint products are hazardous waste materials accepted free of charge at IWMC Waste Watch Drop-Off Centers (WWDCs).

Remember that paint products must be in their original container, tightly sealed with the labels affixed.

Do not mix different types of paint products together.

If you have more than 10 one-gallon paint cans or more than 50 spray paint cans, please call before arriving to make arrangements.

Please visit www.product-care.org for a list of accepted paint products and empty containers under the Paint Recycling Program.

Businesses must use hazardous waste carriers to dispose of products not accepted under the program, while residential customers can drop off such products at WWDCs.

For more information, please call the IWMC Customer Service Center toll-free 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: 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 them 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. Mentors of all ages are needed in the Stratford area, so volunteer today! To find out more, find us online at www.bbbspei.ca, email info@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 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



Recently retired or just interested in meeting new people and learning new things? Seniors College of Prince Edward Island is what you are looking for. For an annual fee of \$170, anyone over fifty can enjoy an unlimited array of courses spanning three semesters. With no academic requirements and no exams with lots of opportunities to socialize, it's learning just for the fun of it!

A full list of our programming for the 2022-2023 year is available on our website. Check out www.seniorscollege.ca for more details. A hard copy of our course calendar will be available through the public libraries and in the September issue of the Buzz. We can also be reached by email at seniorscollege@upe.ca or by phone at 902-894-2867. Registration for classes opens Wednesday, September 7th at 9:00 a.m.

> Definitely Not The Symphony (DNTS)

Definitely Not The Symphony (DNTS) is an orchestra suitable for players of all levels. We meet regularly on Saturdays 10am - noon. Cost is \$5 each practice (for those able to pay). We are happy 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 ANNUAL STRATFORD & AREA FOOD DRIVE

The Annual Stratford & Area Food Drive, in support of The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry, will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2022 (9:00 am – 2:00 pm) at various drive-thru locations (to be announced).

For apartment building residents, collection boxes will be placed at your main entryways throughout the week of November 14 and will be picked up on November 19.

For more information or to volunteer, please call Elaine at 902-569-4769 or e-mail holyfamilypastoral-unit@bellaliant.com.

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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).

Ages 8 to 11: 6:10 - 6:50 pm
Ages 12 and up (beginner to orange belt): 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Green belt and higher: 8:10 - 9:20 pm
For more information, check out our website at www.IslandKarate.com or check out our Facebook Page at Island Karate Club. Contact Sensei Kirk Dalziel at kdalziel@upei.ca.



> Shake It Up Line Dancers

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 (bring your own stability ball, stretch band and mat) and others done standing or on the mat. Contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at bfitjv42@icloud.com.

Tuesdays at 9:30 am
Session 1: starts December 6
(2-week session)

> Chair Yoga/ Stretch & Tone

A four-week session open to VPs (vintage persons) of all levels. The class is geared to improving your balance, flexibility, functional strength, and mobility. We will work with gentle 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 (bring your own stretch band). Contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at bfitjv42@icloud.com. All but December classes are 4 weeks.

Tuesdays at 11:00 am
Session 1: starts September 13
Session 2: starts October 11
Session 3: starts November 8
Session 4: starts December 6
(2-week session)

> 20/20/20 (cardio/strength/ stretch)

Improve your strength, endurance, balance, mobility, and agility. The workout starts with 20 minutes of low impact cardio moves, followed by 20 minutes of strength/endurance/balance training, and ends with a 20-minute stretch to relax and improve flexibility. Includes mat work and use of



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light equipment (bring your own mat & stretch band). Open to active VPs (vintage persons). Contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at bfitjv42@icloud.com. All but December classes are 4 weeks.

Tuesdays at 9:30 am
 Session 1: starts September 13
 Session 2: starts October 11
 Session 3: starts November 8
 Session 4: starts December 6 (2-week session)

> Cardio Pump

Have fun doing low impact cardio moves to music followed by balance, endurance, and strength training using light equipment. Improve your endurance and endurance while you tone and strengthen your body. Some training is done standing and others on the mat (bring your own band & mat). Geared toward active VPs (vintage persons). To register, contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at: bfitjv42@icloud.com. All but December classes are 4 weeks.

Thursdays at 9:30 am
 Session 1: starts September 15
 Session 2: starts October 13
 Session 3: starts November 10
 Session 4: starts December 8 (2-week session)

> 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 (bring your own mat). Suitable for all levels. To register, contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at: bfitjv42@icloud.com. All but December classes are 4 weeks.

Thursdays at 11:00 am
 Session 1: starts September 15
 Session 2: starts October 13
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> Privateers Football Club

The Privateers Football Club fields numerous teams playing tackle football in U12, U14, U16, and U18 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, week-day 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.



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

Pet owners should refrain from letting their pets visit the yards of those around them, whether while on a walk or by leaving them to wander on their own. We have received some reports about cats and dogs defecating in gardens/ flowerbeds on private property, using children's sandboxes as an outdoor litter box and in some cases, bothering other indoor pets.

Please respect your neighbours and find ways to keep your pet on your own property, especially if you know it is unwanted nearby. Don't forget that it is against our bylaw to allow your dog to be off leash anywhere except for the owner's property or the Town's dog park. This includes all of our parks and trails.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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

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

Town of Stratford
Celebration of Parks & Trails

FALL FEST



**Food Truck - Fun Zone - Market Tent-
Coffee- Movies-Entertainment & More!**

Come walk the lit trail - 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

September 23 6:30pm to 9 pm September 24 12 pm to 9 pm September 25 12 pm to 9 pm

Robert L. Cotton Memorial Park
57 Bunbury Rd., Stratford

For more information:
www.townofstratford.ca Facebook: Stratford PEI



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!

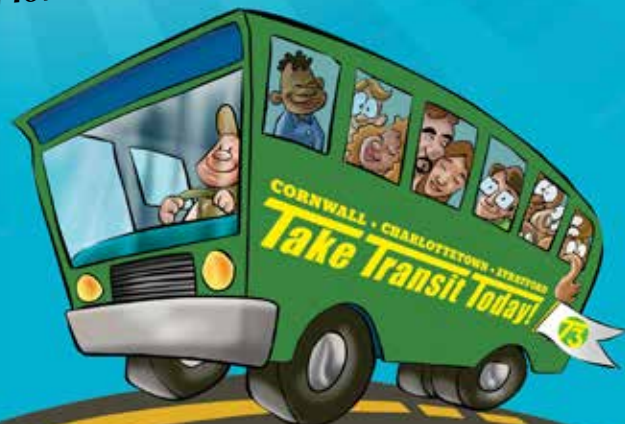
Adult
One way fare \$2
Sheet of 10 adult tickets \$18
Monthly pass \$45

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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Volunteer on a Town of Stratford Committee

This fall, we will be accepting applications to all of our committees and we encourage you to apply to serve on a Town of Stratford Committee.



Here's how you can help make a difference in our Town:

- Provide advice and recommendations to Stratford Town Council.
- Actively participate in the Town's decision-making and help shape the future of our community.
- Offer resident perspectives.
- Carry out functions at events.

**Opening:
September 15,
2022**

Eligible to all Stratford residents. No previous experience required.

Committee terms are for two years, beginning December 1st.

Follow us on social media and visit our website to learn more and apply (closing October 28, 2022). If you have any questions, please reach out to info@townofstratford.ca or call (902) 569-6921. We look forward to seeing your application!