



ANNUAL RESIDENT SURVEY

The annual resident survey will be out soon. Watch for it in your mailbox! Available in paper copy and online.



CANADA GAMES TORCH RELAY

Town of Stratford is excited to take part in the Canada Games Torch Relay on February 3, 2023! Mark the date to join us in this community celebration.



STRATFORD CONNECTS MOBILE APP

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Best wishes for a great year, hope you're able to get out to enjoy Stratford's outdoors on our trails or rinks.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Happy 2023!

I hope you had an enjoyable and peaceful holiday season. On behalf of Town staff and Council, I wish all residents much happiness and good health in the year ahead.

I would like to welcome new Council members Jill Chandler, Gordie Cox, Ron Dowling, Jody Jackson, and Jeff MacDonald, as well as returning Councillor Steve Gallant. It is very exciting to look forward to working with the new Council as we continually strive to make Stratford the best community possible.

It is very important to recognize the efforts of previous members of Council -- Jill Burridge, Gary Clow, Gail MacDonald, Darren MacDougall, and Derek Smith. Their hard work and dedication provide a solid foundation for the future development of an even stronger, growing community. On behalf of residents and staff, a heartfelt thank you to these fine people for our many accomplishments over the past four years. I wish them all the best in the future.

Our shared vision for a safe, healthy, and affordable Town with the infrastructure, programs and services needed by residents will be achieved by working together to solve the challenges in front of us, while moving forward with sound decision making, integrity, accountability, and transparency. I'm very optimistic that Council, staff, and I will continue working as a team to deliver positive results for you. To do that, Town staff, Council, and volunteers are organized into portfolios to ensure that quality programs and services are developed and provided to residents. Each portfolio has an associated committee made up of residents, with Councillors and Mayor serving as chairs and vice-chairs. The committees are charged with discussing issues and providing advice and recommendations to Council. Our committee structure is as follows:

- Finance Committee: Ron Dowling, Chair/Jeff MacDonald, Vice-chair
- Infrastructure Committee: Steve Gallant, Chair/Jill Chandler, Vice-chair
- Inter-Governmental Affairs and Accountability Committee:
Steve Ogden, Chair/Jody Jackson, Vice-chair
- Planning Committee: Jeff MacDonald, Chair/Steve Ogden, Vice-chair
- Recreation Committee: Jill Chandler, Chair/Gordie Cox, Vice-chair
- Safety Services Committee: Jody Jackson, Chair/Steve Gallant, Vice-chair
- Sustainability Committee: Gordie Cox, Chair/Ron Dowling, Vice-chair
- Deputy Mayor: Steve Gallant

We will soon be seeking your input regarding the Town's spending priorities as outlined in our draft budget when it is presented in late February for your feedback. Your ideas and comments are always valuable in developing the Town's budgets.

I believe strongly in citizen involvement and engagement and will work hard to promote increased dialogue with residents on issues affecting your lives. If you would like to discuss any issues or if you have any information, advice, or comments you would like to share with me, or with any member of Council, please let me know and we will be happy to meet with you.

Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me to continue to serve as your Mayor. I will do my utmost to ensure that your trust is well founded.

Sincerely,
Steve Ogden, Mayor

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INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT



PLEASE KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS UNOBSTRUCTED

For your safety and the safety of your neighbours, it's important to keep fire hydrants clear and unobstructed so that the fire department can access them in an emergency. Refer to our Water and Sewer Customer Service Regulations Bylaw for more info!

WHILE EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO ENSURE THAT THE CONTENT IN THIS EDITION IS ACCURATE AND RELIABLE, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE IT, AS WE MAY BE REQUIRED TO MAKE CHANGES TO OUR OPERATIONS OR PROGRAMMING DUE TO FACTORS BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

FOR UPDATED INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL US AT 902-569-1995 OR FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

> Utility Projects

Infrastructure staff are busy wrapping up 2022 projects while preparing for a busy 2023 season. Ongoing Utility projects from 2022 include upgrades to the Corish sewer lift station at the corner of Keppoch Road and Kinlock Road, an additional water reservoir on Georgetown Road, generator back up power at the Bunbury Road sewer lift station, along with road and site servicing at our new Community Campus.

The Utility added water and sewer infrastructure from three new subdivisions in 2022 and seven new hydrants on Glen Stewart Drive. Utility staff now monitor and maintain a water and sewer system comprising of 89 kilometers of sewer main, 1290 sewer man-holes, 29 sewer lift stations, 4 water stations and a reservoir, 84 kilometers of water main, 640 water main valves, 303 hydrants and valves, and last but not least, 2900 residential and 100 commercial water meters.



As development continues in 2023, several subdivision extensions and new subdivisions are in the concept and/or design phase. Staff are busy removing Christmas decorations, preparing equipment for the summer and completing maintenance and repairs as needed inside our buildings.



> Sewage Lagoon Decommissioning

Stratford waste-water sewer has been pumped to Charlottetown for treatment since February 2021. Contractors recently completed the decommissioning of the lagoons and grass is now planted on the new waterfront park location.

> Public Works

The Town's soccer complex located between the soccer fields on Myrtle Street received a new steel roof in 2022 and new flooring was installed in the Stratford Youth Center. The Town added a new truck and an additional compact tractor to its fleet in 2022 as well. Paving at Cotton Park and the Town Hall was delayed due to weather and will be completed this coming summer. The Cotton Park dry storage barn relocation work will continue as well as restoration work to both Moore's and Kelly's Pond that was delayed this fall.

> Hurricane Fiona

Town staff worked tirelessly to maintain water and sewer service during and after hurricane Fiona. With the help of numerous volunteers, they provided a warming center while other staff cleared trees and debris from Town sidewalks as well as trails and parks to help residents continue their active lifestyles.

The Town currently has contracted work to complete Fiona clean up around our numerous Town properties and open spaces. ***Please note that Fiona cleanup on private properties is the responsibility of the homeowner.***



INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

> Sidewalks, Trails, Bike Lane & Storm Water

In the fall of 2022, contractors completed the sidewalk replacement on Keppoch Road from Pondside Park to Woodlane Drive. While the sidewalk has been open since December 2022 and will be cleared of snow this winter, reinstatement work will happen in 2023.

The multipurpose paved path project on Kinlock Road, from the Trans-Canada Highway to JK Beauty Lane, will go out to tender soon with the plan to start work early this summer.

> Safety Services

The Town's Safety Services Committee reviews lighting requests along with requests for speed and traffic signs, crosswalks, and other calming devices. These traffic recommendations then need to be approved by the Province who own the streets in Stratford. Our speed radar signs continue to provide valuable data to RCMP and the Town. Several more traffic calming devices (speed humps and speed signs) were purchased or upgraded in 2022. The plan is to add more of these devices in 2023.

Maritime Electric will continue their program to replace high pressure sodium lights with LED. As part of their daily

work, they replace lights with LED when they need repair or add new lights as requested by the Town.

> Snow Clearing of Roads, Sidewalks and Trails

Sidewalks and trails in Stratford are cleared of snow if they are along the public right of way, lead to public services or are groomed by the Recreation department for walking or skiing.

The Town currently clears 30 km of sidewalk and trail, and grooms another 7 km. The groomed trails are through Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park and Cotton Park, the trail from Langley Road to Rosebank Road, through Kenny Park, and the trail from Petro Can to Mason Road through Williams Gate Park.

The Town would like to note that contractors in Stratford, like every community on the Island, make every effort to clear snow diligently. However, there are times when Provincial snow plow operators clearing our streets and private contractors clearing driveways, sidewalks, etc. overlap, resulting in leftover snow. Please be patient and reach out to these contractors if you observe issues that require their attention.

DID YOU KNOW?

All roads and streets in the Town of Stratford are owned and cleared of snow by the Province of PEI. If you find any issues with the clearing of snow off the streets, please direct them to the Department of Transportation at 902-368-4770 or 902-368-4750.

This includes issues with storm water drainage that occur during heavy rain or melt events where ditches and storm water catch basins are overwhelmed or covered.

Snowmobiles and all other motorized vehicles are NOT permitted on any Town of Stratford trails.

Please help us spread the word and remind everyone that our trails are for snowshoeing, cross country skiing, fat biking and walking.

If you encounter a snowmobile, please contact the RCMP with a description of the driver, snowmobile, time of day, direction of travel and anything else that may be helpful in identifying the person operating the snowmobile.



PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

Thank You

Every year leading up to Remembrance Day, the bus shelters in Stratford become a reminder of our Stratford Heroes program. We would like to recognize the advertisers who provide us their space at no cost to allow our Stratford heroes to be displayed.

We thank them deeply for their ongoing support year after year!

Jason MacKay
Century 21 Colonial Realty

Egg Farmers of PEI

Northumberland Ferries

Clifford Lee
Provincial Realty

Wine Kitz

McDonald's

2023 Canada Games



> 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.

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> 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, and the Charlottetown Regional Growth Study and Housing Needs Assessment has been completed, 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 both propose changes from the original proposal that was put forward in 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 early 2023.

> Wartime Tragedy in Stratford – Stratford Adds Third Interpretive Panel

The Town of Stratford Heritage Committee, with funding from the Community Museums Association of PEI, unveiled a third interpretive panel that tells the wartime story of an 80-year-old accident which claimed the

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lives of seven individuals in Stratford on January 12, 1942. Two aircraft were undergoing routine air testing after having been recently serviced when they were observed maneuvering and banking. After a few minutes, one plane clipped the wing of the other and both were sent crashing to the ground. All six crew members and one 16-year-old civilian were killed. Reports of numerous air force officials and civilians, including many farmers



from the area, responded quickly however there was nothing they were able to do to save any of these young lives.



The Town of Stratford would like to thank eyewitness to the accident, Carl Hamm, for attending the unveiling and providing his recollection of the events as a young schoolboy. As well as members of the Heritage Committee, including Doug Kelly, for their leadership and research for these projects.

> Development Permits

From January to October 2022, the Planning Department has issued a total of 183 development permits. The following Table shows a summary of development activities between January and October 2022.

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PERMITS January, 2022 to October 2022

Permit Type	No. of Permits	Estimated Value
Single Family Residential	49	\$24,742,359.50
Residential Additions, Renovations, and Demolitions	11	\$1,482,753.00
Semi-Detached/Duplex	10	\$5,482,753.00
Townhouse	13	\$14,325,385.00
Apartment	0	\$0
Accessory Buildings	26	\$1,104,900.00
Accessory Structures (pools, decks, fences)	46	\$1,374,000.00
Other (signage, demolition, etc.)	13	\$138,847.00
Commercial (new, renovations, additions)	13	\$837,500.00
Industrial (new, renovations, additions)	0	\$0
Institutional (new, renovations, additions)	1	\$800,000.00
Totals	208	\$50,298,744.50

DID YOU KNOW?

The greenspace area surrounding the cenotaph is now known as Veterans Memorial Green. This naming project was brought forward by the Town of Stratford Heritage Committee with the intention of ensuring that future development of this area is in keeping with the theme of service recognition and remembrance. Any future work in this area will be done to complement the existing interpretive panels, honour roll, walkway, and cenotaph area.



RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

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.

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.

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.

RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

> Stratford Youth Centre – Drop-In Schedule

Stratford Youth Centre Members are welcome to stop in and hangout during their allotted drop-in times. Drop-in centre activities include video games in our Game Cave, computers, arts and crafts, movies, pool table, teen lounge area, and much more!



Mondays:

Grade 5 – 6 (3:00pm – 5:00pm)

Grade 7 – 8 (5:00pm – 6:30pm)

Grade 9 – 12 (6:30pm – 8:00pm)

Wednesdays:

Grade 5 – 6 (3:00pm – 5:00pm)

Grade 7 – 8 (5:00pm – 6:30pm)

Grade 9 – 12 (6:30pm – 8:00pm)

Thursdays:

Grade 5 – 6 (3:00pm – 5:00pm)

Grade 7 – 8 (5:00pm – 6:30pm)

Grade 9 – 12 (6:30pm – 8:00pm)

Youth drop-in times only apply to school days. If there is no school, or school is cancelled due to weather, the Stratford Youth Centre will be closed. This schedule is subject to change. For more information, contact Duane at 902-367-3294 or by email at dpineau@townofstratford.ca

YOUTH PROGRAMS

> C.H.A.N.C.E.S.

Free Drop-in and Play

Every Friday from 9:30 - 11:30am
Stratford Town Centre (Gym)
For children from birth to age 6
Free program

The C.H.A.N.C.E.S. family resource centre hosts this weekly playtime for caregivers and children. Call 902-892-8744 for more information.



> Brush Stop

Tuesdays from 10:00 - 11:00am
Starting January 10, 2023
Gertrude Cotton Building
Free program

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

> Let's Get Creative Youth Art Classes

Saturdays from January 28 to April 1
Ages 5-9: 12 - 1:30pm
Ages 10-15: 2 - 3:30pm
Stratford Town Centre
Cost: \$195/student

These classes led by Ryan McAdam Young, artist and creative educator, are meant to foster creativity and connection for youth by engaging them in fun arts and crafts projects.

> Indoor Tennis Programs

Junior Challengers

(Lessons for youth interested in going up the levels quickly)
January 3 - February 16
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30 - 5pm
Ages 10-15
Cost: \$315/person

Red & Orange Ball

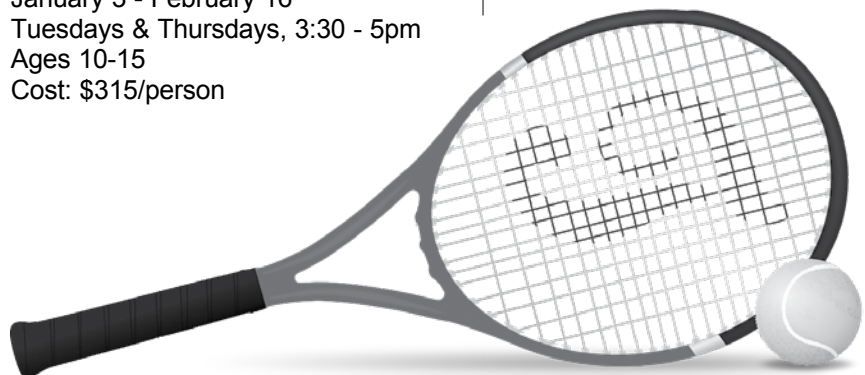
(Fundamentals of tennis through drills and games)

January 4 - February 15
Mondays & Wednesdays, 3:30 - 5pm
Ages 7-10
Cost: \$292/person

High Performance Training

(For juniors committed to training for competition)

*Tournament results or performance evaluation required
January 3 - February 16
Mondays: 6:15 - 7:45pm
Tuesdays: 6:30 - 8:30pm
Wednesdays: 6:15 - 7:45pm
Thursdays: 6:30 - 8:30pm
Fridays: 6:30 - 8pm
Cost: \$825/person



RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

ADULT PROGRAMS

> Drawing Class

Mondays from 7:00 - 9pm
January 9 - March 27
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.

> Beginner Watercolour Painting Classes

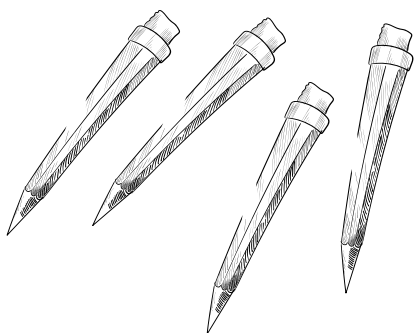
Tuesdays from 7:00 - 9pm
January 10 - March 28
Location: Online and in-person (Gertrude Cotton Building)
Cost: \$75/person
(supplies included)

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.

> Urban Sketching

Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9pm
January 11 - March 29
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!



> Art Club

Thursdays from 7:00 - 9pm
January 12 - March 30
Location: Gertrude Cotton Building
Cost: \$65/person
(supplies included)

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

> Intermediate Watercolour Painting Classes

Saturdays from 10:00 - 12:00pm
January 14 - April 1
Location: Online and In-person (Gertrude Cotton Building)
Cost: \$25/person
(supplies not included)

Ideal for those with prior watercolour painting experience!



> Co-Ed Badminton

Wednesdays from 8:15 - 9:45pm
January 4 - April 26
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
January 9 - April 24
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.

> Co-Ed Recreational Soccer (new offering)

Tuesdays from 8:15 - 9:45pm
January 3 - April 25
Location: Stratford Town Centre
Cost: \$25.00

All levels encouraged in this 'for fun' league! Teams are made prior to each session with those in attendance.

> Indoor Tennis Drills

Stratford Town Centre
Cost: \$90/person
Min 4 ppl/Max 8
Keep your game sharp over the winter!

Mondays from 11:15 - 12:15pm
January 9 - February 13

Wednesdays from 11:15 - 12:15pm
January 11 - February 15

Fridays from 3:30 - 4:30pm
January 13 - February 17

> Pickleball

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combine elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. The basic equipment (ball & net) is provided by the Town of Stratford. Every ability is welcome and open to 16+ years of age. Must have your own racquet! Various days & times available.

RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

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

> Outdoor Skating in Stratford



Bunbury Rink (located off Clifton Rd.) and Pondsides multipurpose surface (off Keppoch Rd.) are maintained over the winter months for skating and pick up hockey for youth & adults. Both locations are lit till 10pm daily for use.



STRATFORD GYMNASIUM TRACK DIRECTION & RULES

Lanes at the track are for walking and running. Directions for walking and running change daily – these are posted everyday by the top of the stairs. We ask that users do not walk or run more than two feet wide so that faster walkers/runners may pass in the outside lane when traffic allows.

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

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



SNOWSHOES



Did you know snowshoes are available to borrow at Stratford Town Centre? Speak to one of our gym attendants during Town Centre hours for more information.

GROOMED TRAILS



Groomed trails can be found at Cotton Park and Fullerton's Conservation Park. These trails are ideal for snowshoeing, cross country skiing and walking. Motorized vehicles are NOT permitted on our trails at any time of year.

2023 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 2. 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

> Canada Games Torch Relay

The Town of Stratford is pleased to participate in the 2023 Canada Winter Games Torch Relay on PEI. More events/activities will be announced in the lead up to February 3, 2023 – watch our social media pages for all updates!

> Lantern Making Workshop

We invite you to participate in our lantern making workshop to create lanterns that will be displayed at Stratford Town Centre during the Canada Winter Games.

> Stratford Connects

Stratford Connects is a project developed by the Town of Stratford to help senior residents connect with one another in an effort to encourage senior engagement and combat social isolation. There are 3 programs under the Stratford Connects umbrella:

- Newcomer Match Program: where newcomer families/individuals in the community will be matched with senior residents. The aim is to help seniors create new connections while helping newcomers adjust to their new home.
- Stratford Grandparents Program: where seniors will be matched with families in Stratford. Seniors will fulfill the role of a mentor or grandparent to families who are missing the emotional and social support of 'grandparents'.



PEI-ÎPÉ 2023 JEUX DU CANADA GAMES

We're excited to take part in the Canada Games Torch Relay on February 3, 2023!

To mark this community celebration, we invite residents to share previous Canada Games memorabilia, old photos, uniform/clothing, or other similar items that we will display in modular display cases for everyone to view and enjoy!

We will be accepting items until **January 9, 2023!**

For more information or to send your memorabilia, please email Tanya at tcraig@townofstratford.ca or call (902) 569-6925.

- Senior Match & Exchange Program: This program will allow seniors to expand their social circles through the exchange of skills, knowledge, and friendship. Seniors can find a shopping buddy, exchange tools and equipment, explore the outdoors with a friend and many more. Interactions are through a mobile application that seniors can download on their smartphone or tablet.

More information about each of these programs is available on our website!

> Shape Stratford

The Town of Stratford is pleased to be a recipient of \$1.1M, funded by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) through the

Housing Supply Challenge. This project supports finding solutions around barriers to new housing supply. We look forward to having community conversations along the way and encourage you to become involved in this project to help us identify gaps and develop solutions as we 'Shape Stratford' together. Watch our social media pages for more info!

> Sustainable Stratford - Results Matter

Stratford developed a performance management system called Sustainable Stratford – Results Matter in 2011. It includes high level strategic objectives for our community that is updated each time a new Council is elected. We have been collecting data across all departments for many years now. The Town of Stratford is working on developing a website that will help report these findings to residents and the wider community. Watch our social media for further announcements!




FREE!

LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS

Sat, Jan 21 10am to 4pm &
Sun, Jan 22 12pm to 4pm
Stratford Town Centre,
Southport Room

All ages & skill level art activity.
No Registration Required.
Parental Supervision required for children under 13.

www.townofstratford.ca
info@townofstratford.ca
902-569-6925



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

> Climate Trackers: What to look for in Winter



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.

Some things to look out for and record this winter include date of first snowfall, date of first snow to whiten the ground, sightings/sounds of birds or mammals, freezing of waterbodies, ice storms, extreme weather events, power outages, and unseasonable temperatures.

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.

> Natural Adaptation: Living Shorelines

Have you heard about or visited either of the living shoreline demonstration sites in Stratford? We have one located at Tea Hill Park and the other is at Michael Thomas Park at the Stratford waterfront.

Living shorelines are a natural approach to coastal adaptation. The

installation of a living shoreline typically involves planting a variety of salt-tolerant native shrubs and trees, and using natural materials such as local rocks, logs, and hay or straw staked in place to trap sediment over time. The plants help absorb overland flow and dissipate wave action, and their roots help to hold the soil in place and slow down erosion. Living shorelines also provide a wide range of additional benefits, including providing habitat and food sources for local wildlife, supporting pollinator species, sequestering and storing carbon, filtering water and air, and providing aesthetic value to coastlines.

If you have a coastal property, consider installing a living shoreline for shoreline protection- they work even better when neighbours join together to install the living shoreline along multiple properties!

*Please note that living shorelines may not be suitable for all locations, you will have to do some research to determine if your site conditions are suitable. You will also need a Watercourse, Wetland and Buffer Zone Activity Permit from the PEI Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action to install a living shoreline. Winter is a great time to seek out advice and make a plan for the spring!

> Community Energy Plan: Update

We are currently in the process of updating our Community Energy Plan (CEP). The CEP provides the Town with an action plan to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. As of 2021, we met our original target to reduce our corporate (Town) GHG emissions by 20% below 2015 levels and to reduce our community (residents and businesses) GHG emissions by 6% below 2015 levels by 2026.

In the new year, we will be looking for resident input in choosing new greenhouse gas emissions targets, and new goals and actions to meet these targets. Look out for these opportunities through our social media and e-newsletters in 2023.



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.

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; Wildlife Habitat Canada; PEI Watershed Alliance.

> Fall Highlights

As part of our PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund grant, we have set up a network of trail cameras in our watersheds to help us to understand what wildlife is using our natural rural and urban areas and how we can better enhance the environment to support wildlife populations. We are excited to share that our trail cameras have detected many species including racoons, red squirrels, American crows, eastern coyotes, red foxes and most recently we spotted a barred owl!



After post-tropical storm Fiona caused significant damage to the forests across the province, the PEI Watershed Alliance provided 180 trees and shrubs to SAWIG and the Town of Stratford to plant at Robert L. Cotton Memorial Park and to provide to the community.

These plants were funded through the PEI Climate Challenge Fund.



Left: Katie Sonier (Town of Stratford Environmental Sustainability Coordinator); Right: Lily McLaine (SAWIG Environmental Intern) planting trees at Cotton Park

BECOME A MEMBER!

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

DID YOU KNOW?

The presence of insect eating bats can decrease the need for use of chemical pesticides in agriculture! For example, each summer one little brown bat can eat up to a kilogram of insects, including mosquitoes, moths, and beetles. That means it eats more than 100 times its own weight in insects each year!

SAWIG and the PEI Watershed Alliance have been participating in a project to monitor bat presence and population and we need YOUR help. If you have any roosting sites on your property, we would like to know about them – these sites can include old barns or old wells. Contact us at 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
- 📍 Stratford Area Watershed
- 📷 [@stratfordwatershed](https://www.instagram.com/stratfordwatershed)
- 🌐 sawig.wordpress.com
- ☎ (902) 367-3605



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

This past fall, we experienced one of the worst hurricanes that many people living in PEI have ever experienced, Hurricane Fiona. As a community, we realized just how important emergency preparedness is in the face of an impending storm/hurricane.

We are seeing the impacts of global warming year-round and similarly, the winter season is gradually changing with the influence of a warming trend from climate change, warming of the Gulf Stream and increasing ocean temperature. Hence, we are sharing a few tips and resources to help you prepare for any storm event, including winter storms.

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.

> Preparing for a storm event

- Have your emergency preparedness kit ready for your household, including your pets (prepare a kit that will last you at least 72 hours). Think: batteries, battery-operated/wind up radio, flashlights, first-aid kit, water, and non-perishable food
- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle as well. This includes but is not limited to salt/kitty litter, jumper cables, safety vests, fire extinguishers, flashlights, flares, light sticks, first-aid kit, extra blanket, clothes, water, and non-perishable food
- Be prepared for power outages. Consider alternative heating sources. If you plan to run a generator, remember, they must be operated

outdoors only

- Secure or bring indoors items around your lawn and deck that could be blown around, such as patio furniture, toys, construction materials, trampolines, garbage bins, or similar items that can become projectiles
- Remove leaves or debris from your gutter especially when significant rain is expected
 - Unplug TVs, appliances, computers, and other electronic devices that may get damaged from power surges
 - Remove broken/rotten limbs from trees that may be a hazard risk to your property or your neighbours'
 - In the event of a power outage, please limit your water use to aid Town staff in their efforts to monitor and service the various pumping stations manually (limit doing laundry, running dishwashers, and having

long showers – even if you have a generator)

- Avoid the roads and stay in and stay safe
- Be aware of the location of fire hydrants and ensure that you or your driveway contractor are not

clearing snow on top of them. Check/replace batteries for all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Remember to practice home fire drills with your family

- Check the Town of Stratford's social media pages for weather-related closures and updates

> Post-storm recovery

- Check in on your neighbours and help them if you can with cleanup of snow/debris
- Be patient with emergency response workers. Provincial snow plow operators and private contractors will do their best to clear the snow and Maritime Electric crew will work to restore power as soon as they can
- Avoid the roads so that emergency workers can get around easily

> Tree staking



1. Stake trees that are physically

THROUGHOUT ANY STORM EVENT, remember to follow the Province's website or social media pages for the latest and most accurate information. If power outages are anticipated, always have a battery-operated radio at hand to ensure you continue to receive reliable information! Below is a list of telephone numbers that we recommend sticking on your fridge (or keep accessible), so they are available if you need them.

HERE ARE THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO SAVE:

- 911 for an emergency
- Dept. of Transportation Text: 902-200-6649 or 902-368-5100
- Maritime Electric 1-800-670-1012
- Road Conditions 511
- Temporary Emergency Shelter 1-833-220-4722
- Town of Stratford 902-569-1995

Please Note

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- manageable for you (this is at least a 2-person job)
2. Use a metal bar (wood can snap and possibly damage the tree)
 3. Consider using an old garden hose that will also provide some flexibility (instead of wire, string or rope that can damage the tree)
 4. Once secured, tamp the root down to secure it further and backfill with soil to ensure it is sturdy and well covered
 5. Do this while the ground is moist and flexible
 6. Keep an eye on the tree for a few weeks. Leave the stake for at least an entire growing season, and re-evaluate

> Tip!



If you still have branches lying around, you can put some of these branches (depending on the type) to good use by covering your garden with them. They will protect your plants and prevent erosion. The needles from these trees will biodegrade, add extra nutrients, and supply your garden with the right amount of acidity plants need to thrive.

Apply just one layer to give your plants room in case they emerge before removal of the branches in spring

> Shoutout!

We want to say **THANK YOU** to all staff, Council, and volunteers who helped us keep the Stratford Town Centre open as a warming centre during Hurricane Fiona. We saw tears and laughter, and shared words of comfort and hugs with the community. This would not have been possible without the efforts of each and all.

THANK YOU to the many businesses in the community who gave away free supplies to the Town to be distributed to residents.

And last but not least, **THANK YOU** to all residents of Stratford who looked after one another, and cared for their neighbours (from the kids in Cameron Heights who distributed free lemonade to neighbours helping each other out clearing debris, and many more!)

STORM CLOSURE POLICY



When winter storms arrive and you are unsure whether the Stratford Town Centre (including the Gymnasium and Fitness Centre) are open, please be aware that we follow the Provincial Government offices for Charlottetown's cancellation or delays. Our cancellations are also sent to local radio stations (CFCY, Ocean 100, CBC, Q93, Hot105.5) and are posted on the Town's social media accounts immediately upon a decision being made. We also try to update the Town's website; however, the Town's social media pages are your best places to look. Since cancellation notices may be reported by media later than when the doors to the Recreation Centre normally open in the morning, we suggest you call 902-569-6250 for the latest updates on any storm-related event.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Town of Stratford is currently working on a Forest Management Plan, which will identify planting opportunities and other management methods to restore and maintain our forests. Keep an eye on our social media for resident engagement sessions to provide your input on the Forest Management Plan.

Also, keep an eye out for the 2023 Residential Tree Planting Program application intake period, which we plan to open in late January 2023. We encourage residents to take action and plant trees on your property to mitigate climate change and help grow the forest canopy in Stratford!



WINTER GARDENING TIPS FROM THE TOWN'S HORTICULTURALIST

DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE

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

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



For most gardeners, we tend to wish we could garden all year long. When the winter weather arrives, take this time to start planning for next season's garden. If you haven't already ordered seeds for spring, now is the time to study all the gardening catalogs and make a wish list. This is especially enjoyable on a snowy day with a warm cup of coffee! Plan to grow the vegetables you and your family like to eat and choose flower seeds that will attract beneficial insects such as borage or sunflowers. This will ensure your plants have suitable pollination. I like to make a detailed list and pick out varieties at local garden centers. Some plants, such as peppers, onions, leeks, and

branches for good structure rather than removing large branches. This will help you get ahead on your gardening tasks before the busy spring begins!

Winter is also an ideal time to maintain your garden tools. Whether it's maintenance for lawnmowers, chainsaws, or hand pruners, it is essential have these in proper working order before the spring and ensure the blades remain sharp. Sharpening and cleaning your tools will enable clean cuts, reducing pathogens from entering your plants, during the growing season.

When the snow disappears, take a walk around your property to check



celery, are best started indoors in late winter under grow lights. If you enjoy eating greens, you can grow microgreens or sprouts all winter long indoors – they are very easy to grow!

After all the destruction from the hurricane this past September, some of our trees may withstand some pruning. For some deciduous trees and shrubs, winter is an effective time to prune. The trees are essentially dormant at this time and if you choose small branches to prune, the plant can compartmentalize (recover from) the cut more successfully. This can help to reduce pathogens and possible decay. Choose to remove small

plants, especially ones that were newly planted, for heaving. When the frost lifts, it can sometimes cause your plants' roots to surface (heaving) resulting in dried out or frost damage roots. If this occurs, you can simply pile up loose soil or cover these areas with mulch until the warmer weather arrives.

Gardening can be done anytime of the year even in winter, just in a different way!

Happy Gardening!

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 Jewish community members and celebrate their rich culture.



Judaism started nearly 4,000 years ago. The 14 million people worldwide who practice Judaism are called Jews, and they worship in holy places called synagogues. Jewish spiritual leaders are called rabbis. Jewish faith is rich in laws, tradition, and symbolism. Here are some interesting facts about Jewish customs along with some great conversation starters:

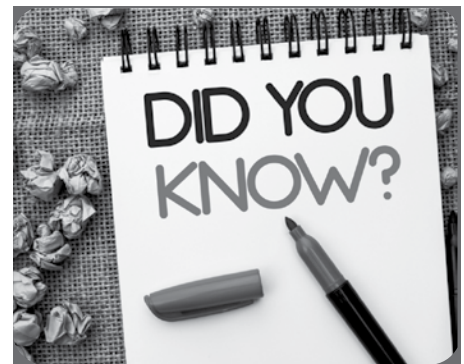
- Jewish identity is traditionally passed through the mother.
- The three major branches of Judaism—Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform—differ based on their philosophical approaches to traditions, and adherence to and interpretation of Jewish laws.
- The Jewish sacred text is called the Tanakh, which is also known as the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament of the Christian Bible. Its first five books are called the Torah.
- “Kosher” is used to describe foods that are fit for consumption based on Jewish dietary laws. The basic elements of keeping kosher are: 1) eating only kosher animals (fish with fins and scales, mammals that chew their cud and have split hooves, certain birds), 2) not eating meat and dairy together, and 3) only eating meat from animals that were slaughtered and drained of

blood in a certain way. There are also laws concerning kosher kitchens and utensils.

- Jewish people follow a calendar that is both solar and lunar. The Jewish calendar has 12 months which each consists of 29 or 30 days. Each new day begins at sundown. The Jewish year 5783 began in 2022 and will end in 2023.
- Rosh Hashanah (“Jewish New Year”) is when Jewish people celebrate the creation of the universe and humanity. It usually takes place in September or early October. On Rosh

Hashanah, it is customary to listen to a ram’s horn being blown, symbolically cast away sins in a body of water, and eat symbolic foods such as round challahs sweetened with raisins and pieces of apple dipped in honey.

- Yom Kippur (“Day of Atonement”) is the holiest day in Judaism, and it usually falls in September or October. Many Jews attend a special service on the eve of Yom Kippur then spend the day fasting. The fast is broken by having a meal with friends.
- Hanukkah (“Festival of Lights”) usually occurs in late November or December. This eight-day holiday commemorates the rededication of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem after the Maccabees defeated the Seleucid-Greeks over 2,000 years ago. Hanukkah is also seen as a celebration of religious freedom. This holiday is celebrated by lighting a Hanukkah menorah, playing dreidel (a four-sided top), giving chocolate coins, and eating potato pancakes and jelly doughnuts.



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The Town was pleased to celebrate the second night of Chanukah on December 19th with the lighting of the community menorah with members of the PEI Jewish Community.



MICHELE BEATON, MLA

As we turn the calendar to 2023, I would like to take this time to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. I hope you enjoyed time with family and friends over the holidays.

I know 2022 was a very difficult year for so many of us. We are facing extraordinary challenges – from the rising cost of living to lack of affordable housing and shelter, and healthcare access, while still dealing with the aftermath of post-tropical storm Fiona.

Life has not gotten easier under the current government, and I believe things can be so much better.

I am proud to be a part of the Green Caucus who are standing up for Islanders and making sure you have the help and support you need, when you need it, and where you need it.

For years my Green colleagues and I have been advocating for Islanders to get the full carbon rebate back. Islanders know best what they need and how they can help fight climate change. Yet last spring during debate on his government's carbon plan, Premier King said no to a full carbon rebate and even suggested Islanders could not be trusted with more than \$150. He said instead he would put the money into programs that only benefit some people.



In a time of rising costs, it is important we get as much money into the pockets of Islanders as we can. Thankfully, Premier King's carbon plan was rejected by the federal government, and we will now see a full rebate returned to Islanders. Unfortunately, because Premier King didn't come up with an appropriate plan, Islanders will be hit with a large increase in costs, while missing out on years of lost carbon rebate funds. My colleagues and I will be pressuring government to sup-

port Islanders, so they don't have to pay for the Premier's inaction and bad decisions.

The often promised, but perpetually delayed, Residential Tenancy Act finally made it to the Legislature for debate. I was proud to be a part of the team that pressured government to bring protections and predictability to our rental market. Under this new law, tenants and landlords have a clear understanding of their rights and responsibilities. The rent cap will also bring predictability to rental rates. This is helpful to both tenants, who can plan their budgets around how their housing costs may climb, and to landlords, who can now bank on what they

can expect in rental incomes.

I was also happy to put forward a number of motions in the House that would urge government to do things like increase access to ovarian cancer drugs, improve retention of nursing staff by funding education opportunities, improve diagnosis and resources for people suffering from endometriosis, remove barriers to access diabetes supports, and invest in upstream mental health supports. These motions were all passed and now it is up to the government to do the will of the people.

2022 may have been difficult, but we are a strong and caring community. I am proud of how we come together to help our neighbours and friends. It uplifts me and strengthens me in my work. As your elected representative, I am privileged to stand in the House on your behalf, pushing forward the initiatives and supports that help you. I am committed to making things better for our community in 2023 and beyond.



*Sincerely,
Michele Beaton*

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

JAMES AYLWARD, MLA

WISHING ALL STRATFORD RESIDENTS A SAFE AND HEALTHY 2023!

2022 was a challenging year. Covid remained an ongoing threat and Hurricane Fiona brought unimagined devastation, personal hardship, a forever altered landscape and the realization that it was undoubtedly the first of similar future extreme weather events.

It is my intention going forward to focus my efforts on ensuring our government is adequately prepared to meet these inevitable crises.

Additionally, let me commend the staff and volunteers who organized and manned the Warming Centre at Stratford Town Hall post Fiona. It became a 'home away from home' for those most in need.

Announcing additional state of the art equipment for Crossroads Fire Department

I am particularly proud that my advocacy to obtain Provincial funding for an up to date 'Jaws of Life' for our fire department was successful. This integral piece of equipment was delivered this Fall, thereby ensuring the citizens of Stratford a much-improved level of safety and service from our first responders.



James Aylward, MLA Stratford/Keppoch and Hon. Jamie Fox, Minister of Fisheries and Communities with Crossroads Fire Department

Canada Winter Games

Our Island has the distinct honour to be hosting the 2023 Canada Winter Games from February 18th thru March 5th, the largest multi-sport event in the country welcoming over 3600 athletes and support staff, competing in 20 different sports and complimented by a robust parallel arts and culture program. I encourage everyone to make time to attend as many events as possible – show off our legendary Island hospitality.

I am honoured to have been selected as a torch bearer, here's hoping I do everyone proud!

Thank You

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself, our son Connor, my in-laws, Doreen and Pius MacPhee and our 'Fur Baby' Axel, to thank the many residents of Stratford for their kind expressions of condolence, demonstrations of neighbourly assistance including delivering meals and pitching in to help with Fiona cleanup, following the passing of my beloved wife CeCe (Cecelia).

Nothing defines the true meaning of 'community' more vividly than the outpouring of support we were accorded at such a difficult time. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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

Sincerely,
James Aylward

Hon. James Aylward,
MLA Stratford-Keppoch
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Home: 902-569-1615



The Town of Stratford, including staff and Council, would like to express heartfelt thanks to committee volunteers whose term ended November 30, 2022.

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

We also extend a warm welcome to the new committee members who have risen to the challenge and applied to volunteer on our committees. We are delighted to have you and we look forward to your input as we work together to build a community we can all be proud of.

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



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

Cold weather is on its way, bringing with it winter storms which is why PEI RCMP is reminding residents to be prepared.

Firstly, plan to get groceries, gas, and other essentials before a storm so that you don't have to go out later. If you must travel in stormy weather or you are travelling when a surprise storm hits, here are some tips to help keep you safe on the roads and highways.

PLAN AHEAD. Prepare your vehicle for winter weather before the first snow fall and create an emergency kit specific for cold temperatures. If you must travel, always check local weather conditions, and clear all snow and ice from your vehicle before heading out on the road.

SLOW DOWN. Roads are unpredictable when they're snowy and slippery, so drive at a slower speed than you would normally. Accelerate and stop gradually to maintain traction and avoid spinning your wheels.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE. It takes longer to stop on a slippery road. Look ahead and keep plenty of distance between you and other vehicles. Avoid passing a working snow plow as it can be dangerous for both vehicles. It's best to stay back at least 10 car lengths and be patient.



BE SAFE! Remember to always clean the snow and ice off your entire vehicle prior to driving.

STAY CALM AND FOCUSED. Remaining calm and focused will allow you to respond better to unexpected challenges on wintery roads. Remember, other drivers are dealing with the same challenges.

Winter driving can be stressful, and it can challenge even the most experienced drivers, so it's important to remember to drive to the road conditions. By taking the time to prepare for the hazards of winter and heeding the above road safety tips, you are more likely to keep you and others safe when the temperatures fall and the snow flies.



> Stratfords of the World

The next Stratfords of the World Reunion will be held in Stratford, Ontario the first week of August. There are 10 delegates from PEI registered and we are looking forward to meeting old and new friends from the Stratfords in Ontario, Connecticut, UK, Australia, and New Zealand. It is anticipated (but not confirmed) that the following Reunion will be hosted by New Zealand in March of 2024 or 2025 so stay tuned to Town Talk for more information.

Respectfully submitted by:
Daphne Campbell, Chair
Stratfords of the World - PEI
dxccampbell@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!

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

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

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

> Library 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 1:30 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
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
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

No School? No Problem!

Tech Time at the Library on PD Days. Check out a wide variety of science and technology experiments at the library!

Fridays from 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Ages 5 – 12

Family Storytime

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

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Ages 12 – 36 months

RESPECT

IT'S A TWO WAY STREET



PEI Winter Driving Emergency Kit

Use this checklist to ensure your vehicle is prepped for winter driving on PEI—don't get caught unprepared!

Full tank of gas



Cellphone charger



Extra windshield washer fluid



Jumper cables



Ice scraper / brush



Shovel



Tow strap



Blanket



First aid kit



STRATFORD AND AREA LIONS CLUB



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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.



Best wishes for the season from the Stratford and Area Lions Club!

Stratford and Area Lions Club President, Donnie MacLean, and all club members want to thank all those who supported our Lions Club throughout this year with a special thank you to Sobey's in Stratford for their support with our apple pie project.

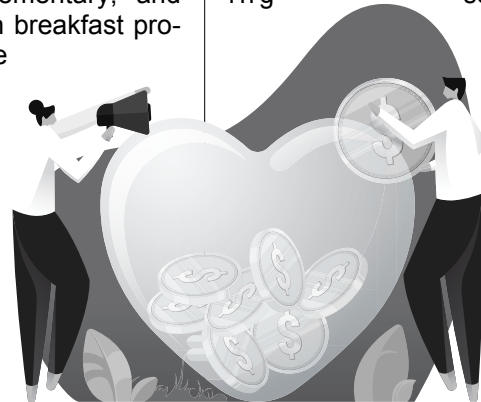
Our club was pleased to supply 80 apple pies to our Town's warming station during hurricane Fiona. With your support, we were able to provide monetary assistance to Glen Stewart Primary, Stratford Elementary, and Birchwood Junior High breakfast programs. We also made a donation to the new Ronald MacDonald House, being built in Halifax. Lion clubs from PEI and NB, with a matching grant from Lions International, donated \$212,000.00.

All the money we raise in our community is donated. We have a list on the wall in our building to show where funds are donated, which includes the QEH, IWK telethon, LFC Dog Guides Canada, Diabetes Foundation, Cancer Society, Camp Gencheff, CNIB, local youth sports teams, youth organizations, senior orientated groups, high school graduation monetary gifts and many more worthwhile causes.

We have also helped individuals in need of financial support for off-island medical travel 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 any way we can.

We hold community crib games every Wednesday at the Cotton Centre at 7:30pm and Ceilidhs on the 3rd Tuesday each month. For more information, contact Lions Avery or Marlene at 902-569-2409. We hope to see you there!

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. 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!



We value what new members bring to the club and are pleased to welcome our newest member, Lion Linda Sigsworth.

Please check our Facebook page for updates on our activities.

Respectfully submitted:
Lion Paul Gauthier
Club Secretary
stratford.area.lions@hotmail.com



MAYFLOWER SENIORS CLUB

For over 20 years, the Mayflower Seniors Club has been an active and vital part of the Town of Stratford. Since 2001, the Mayflower Seniors Club has been holding meetings at the Robert L. Cotton Centre located at 57, Bunbury Road.

Meetings are held every 2nd Monday of the month from September to June at 1:30 pm. There is time to socialize before and after each meeting; coffee, tea, and cake are offered following.

If you are a person over the age of 55, please consider joining the Mayflower Seniors Club. Membership is only \$7 annually. The club also offers several activities you can participate in:

MONDAY

Crafts: 9:30am - 12pm (except on meeting day)
 Bocce Ball: 1pm - 3pm (except on meeting day)

TUESDAY

Tai Chi: 10am - 12pm
 Auction 45's: 1:30pm - 3:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Line Dancing: 9am - 11am
 Seniors College: 1pm - 4pm
 Crib: 7:30pm - 10pm

THURSDAY

Tai Chi: 9am - 11am
 Guitar Jam: 7pm - 9pm

FRIDAY

Crokinole: 7:30pm - 10pm

Other activities:

Lions Club Ceilidhs (3rd Tuesday of each month, (Sept – June at 7pm).
Stratford Area (2nd Sunday of each month, supports Camp Gencheff at 7pm

We are always looking for new activities that may fit an active senior's lifestyle. If you are looking to hold a special event (family reunions, birthday/ anniversary parties, church function, community meetings), the Seniors' Room is available to rent. Contact Cliff Martin at 902-569-2732 for more information or to arrange a booking.

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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!

- Alignment Dance Arts Inc.
- Megan Muckler Counselling Therapy
- Mums Maternity
- Upcycle Green Technology Auto Shop Inc.



LET'S WORK TOGETHER THIS WINTER

Winter can be a tough time for Islanders to navigate snow-covered roads and ice conditions. Here are some ways to ensure a successful winter season with bin collection:

When possible, place carts and recyclables out by 7 a.m. the morning of collection.

Place carts and recyclables on the right side of the driveway (when you are facing the road).

Remove empty carts as soon as possible to prevent them from falling onto a road.

These are just a few ways in which you can assist Collection Teams as we collectively work to keep our Island clean.

For updates on IWMC storm closures and collection cancellations:

- Visit IWMC.pe.ca
- Check IWMC Facebook
- Download the Recycle Coach app
- Call IWMC: 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. We are currently recruiting volunteers who wish to get involved with GO PEI in program delivery. Please contact Rachel Arsenault at rarsenault@townofstratford.ca

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



What if you could take a recess from your busy life and help a child succeed at the same time? Spend an hour a week with a child at their school helping 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 contact Steve Ellis at peislander1@hotmail.com or call 902-218-4885.

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

- **Beaver Scouts** (ages 5-7)
Wednesday 6:15 - 7:15 pm
- **Cub Scouts** (ages 8-10)
Wednesday 6:15 - 7:45 pm
- **Scouts** (ages 11-15)
Wednesday or Saturday
(time vary)

We are also in need of volunteers to help at our meetings. If you have a love of the outdoors and/or a love of working with youth we would love to have you! To register a Scout or to volunteer visit: www.myscouts.ca



> Seniors College of Prince Edward Island



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 to view available classes for the winter and spring, including a number of online courses! If you have any questions, we can also be reached by email at seniorscollege@upe.ca or by phone at 902-894-2867.

> Definitely Not The Symphony (DNTS)

Definitely Not The Symphony continues to practice at 10:00 a.m. every second Saturday at the Benevolent Irish Society in Charlottetown. Our music is eclectic and arranged for almost every level of ability. If you currently play an instrument, or are thinking of re-honing the musical skills you once learned, or are even a relative 'beginner', let us know if you'd like to join us! Contact DNTSStratford@gmail.com for more information or find us on Facebook.



> 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.



REMINDER TO RESIDENTS: WINTER UPKEEP OF PROPERTY

Residents are responsible for ensuring proper upkeep of their property when traveling for extended periods of time. In winter, you must ensure your driveway is kept cleared.



POTHoles AND SNOW PLOW DAMAGE

If you wish to report potholes and/or damage caused by snowplows, please reach out to the Department of Transportation at 902-368-4770.

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>

50/50

EVERY WEEK

> 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 are Monday and Thursday nights at Our lady of the Assumption Parish Hall (145 Stratford Road, Stratford).



Ages 8 to 11: 6:10 - 6:50pm
Ages 12 and up (beginner to orange belt): 7:00 - 8:00pm
Green belt and higher: 8:10 - 9:20pm

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@upe.ca.

> Shake It Up Line Dancers

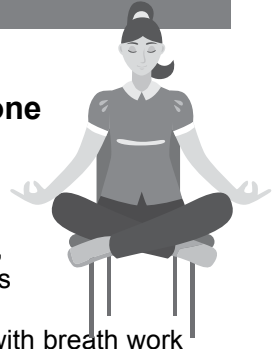


Your requirements to participate: a love of music (which we offer through a mixture of rock 'n roll, country, pop, Latin, and everything in between). Come out and meet new friends and we promise you'll have a good (fun) workout. Everyone is welcome! There is a small fee charged. For more information or to register, contact Karen at 902-569-8516 or carynhop@hotmail.com.



> Chair Yoga/ Stretch & Tone

Class is geared to help you improve your balance, flexibility, strength, and mobility. Starts with gentle movements combined with breath work – moves onto use of light equipment (bands, dumb bells, small balls) to strengthen, tone, and balance your body (bring your own stretch band). Open to VPs (vintage persons) of all levels. All sessions are 4 weeks. Contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at bfitjv42@icloud.com.



Tuesdays at 11:00am
Session 1: starts January 10, 2023
Session 2: starts February 7, 2023
Session 3: starts March 7, 2023
Session 4: starts April 4, 2023

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

Have fun and listen to music while challenging and improving your strength, endurance, balance, mobility, and agility. Starts with 20 minutes of low impact cardio moves to music, 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 light equipment (bands, light dumb bells, small balls – bring your own stretch band and mat). Open to active VPs (vintage persons). All Sessions are 4 weeks. Contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at bfitjv42@icloud.com.

Tuesdays at 9:30am
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Session 2: starts February 7, 2023
Session 3: starts March 7, 2023
Session 4: starts April 4, 2023



HEALTH & WELLNESS

> Cardio Pump

Have fun, increase your endurance and balance, tone and strengthen your body. Low impact cardio moves to music, followed by use of light equipment (bands, light dumb bells, small balls). Includes some mat work (bring your own stretch band + mat). Geared toward active VPs (vintage persons). All Sessions are 4 weeks. To register, contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at: bfitjv42@icloud.com.

Thursdays at 9:30am

Session 1: starts January 5, 2023

Session 2: starts February 9, 2023

Session 3: starts March 9, 2023

Session 4: starts April 6, 2023

> 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 to promote mobility, balance, functional strength, and flexibility. Leave feeling relaxed and energized (bring your own mat). All levels. Sessions are 4 weeks. To register, contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at: bfit-jv42@icloud.com.

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> Privateers Football Club

The Privateers Football Club fields numerous teams playing tackle football in U12, U14, U16, and U18 divisions; also offering Spring Flag Teams for ages U10 through U18. 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. New players are encouraged to join us for Off Season training indoors at the Norton Diamond Soccer Complex [fees apply]. 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 us on GOALLINE at www.charlottetown-privateers.goalline.ca.

> Dance Stars Academy

Dance Stars Academy offers dance lessons for all ages, from 18 months and up! We offer certified and accredited instructions in ADAPT Jazz & Tap, Acrobatic Arts/AcroDance Teachers Association Acrodance, Baton Arts, Vaganova Ballet/Progressing Ballet Technique.

New in January!

Dance Cirque (free trials for children over 5 yr/o)

Includes: Interactive circuits, lyra, silks, trapeze, juggling, hula hoops and more all under the supervision of our fully qualified teachers.

Studio Fine Arts Club (fun and active program for preschool-aged children) It combines dance, yoga, fitness, music, art and drama in a two-hour class filled with imagination and creativity.

Dance Stars Academy is dedicated to creating a safe and fun space for dancers of any interest level, recreational to pre-professional! Sign up for a free trial class today! www.dancestarsacademy.com/sign-up-for-your-free-trial-class

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

THROUGH YOUR PERSONAL ONLINE BANKING

IN-PERSON AT ANY CHARTERED BANK

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

IN-PERSON DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE STRATFORD TOWN CENTRE

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

MAIL IN A CHEQUE

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



YOUR TOWN OF STRATFORD QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

INQUIRY	WHO SHOULD YOU CALL...	CONTACT INFORMATION	NOTES
Road repairs and conditions, snowplow inquiries and to report damage caused by a snowplow	The Provincial Government - Department of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy	902-200-6649, 902-368-5100 or go to roads@gov.pe.ca	
Culvert and Ditch Inquiries	The Provincial Government - Department of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy	902-368-4770	
Wildlife Related Inquires	The Provincial Government - Department of Forest, Fish and Wildlife	902-368-5000 and select option 3	The Town of Stratford staff is not trained in wildlife removal
Public Transit Services and Schedules	T3 Transit	902-566-9962	Passes can be purchased in Stratford at: Murphy's Pharmacy, Shoppers Drug Mart and the Town of Stratford Office
Garbage Collection inquiries and to request garbage bins	Island Waste Management (IWMC)	1-888-280-8111	
Animal Control	PEI Humane Society	902-892-1190	
Safety concerns, speeding, noise issues, 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



"Promoting positive social and emotional well-being for children, parents and caregivers"



To find a program near you call 902-368-1870 or visit the program calendar at <https://www.ecdaofpei.ca/community/index.php>

See your business here in the next issue.

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



Your business. Your community. We are proud to be your Chamber! cha@townchamber.com



Get to know other seniors in Stratford today.

Download our app, Stratford Connects!



Take the Bus

Senior
One way fare \$2
Sheet of 6 senior tickets \$9*
Monthly pass \$10

Student
Monthly pass \$10

Children
18 and under ride FREE!

Adult
One way fare \$2
Sheet of 10 adult tickets \$18
Monthly pass \$20

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

These rates are made possible throughout 2022 with funding from the Province of Prince Edward Island





Introducing Shape Stratford

As part of the Housing Supply Challenge, the Town of Stratford has received \$1.1M funded by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. This project supports finding solutions to barriers around new housing supply in our community!

Learn more ↘

Visit shape.townofstratford.ca or scan the QR code to learn more!



Are you a senior in Stratford looking to create new connections and friendships in the community?

Visit our website www.townofstratford.ca for more info or download the Stratford Connects app today!



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Go to: Residents > Community outreach > Stratford connect mobile App

This is a FREE app for Apple and Android mobile devices.