



UPDATES TO THE ZONING & DEVELOPMENT BYLAW #45

Read about the two new zones that were created in the Core Area on page 7.



SHAPE STRATFORD

This project is about shaping the future of Stratford. Be part of ongoing community conversations to have your say! Learn more on pages 14-15.



STRATFORD CONNECTS MOBILE APP

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Contact information for councillors is available on our website: www.townofstratford.ca

After a relatively moderate winter we welcome summer, with all the enjoyment and possibilities it offers. This summer will be an especially busy and exciting time for our Town with many major projects including:

- Construction of the roads, active transportation, water, sewer, and stormwater systems, as well as a future solar array as part of the Community Campus development. Building of the new high school by the Province of PEI will also begin over the next few months.
- As part of the Community Campus development, we look forward to concrete plans and timelines for a new junior high school recently announced by Premier Dennis King.
- The Michael Thomas Waterfront Park will see a new boardwalk constructed and the site opened for public use.
- Work will recommence to restore the Kelly's Pond watershed, including Moore's Pond to its former pristine beauty by dredging and improving water quality and flow.
- A new water tower will be constructed to meet the fresh water needs of our growing Town.
- The Gray Group's Crossroads development zoning and bylaw changes have been approved by Council, so we are looking forward to construction beginning soon on the initial phase of this billion-dollar project.

What's New?

- Both the Town and Utility budgets were passed in March. There were no tax increases to residential or commercial rates.
- Stratford received a very prestigious Climate Change Mitigation award at a recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Ottawa. I was very honoured to accept the award, along with Councillor Gordie Cox, Sustainability Chair, and former Sustainability Coordinator for the Town of Stratford, Katie Sonier.
- CMHC has awarded the Town \$1.1 million to find ways to address the current national housing crisis by identifying barriers to development. The project, called Shape Stratford, aims to simplify, and rationalize the approval process to get needed housing in place as quickly as possible. We hope you will join in the conversation every chance you get.

I am very grateful to Council, Staff, and residents for the continued success our Town enjoys as we work together to minimize environmental impacts and maximize opportunities for making Stratford the best place to live, work and play.

I look forward to seeing residents at various upcoming activities, in particular on Canada Day when we again come together to celebrate not only our fabulous country, but also our wonderful community!

Sincerely,
Steve Ogden, Mayor

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INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT



Under the Town of Stratford's Dangerous and Unightly Bylaw (#22), grass must not exceed 8 inches in height.

Property owners are responsible for upkeeping and maintaining their property.

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

SUBDIVISIONS

Developers in Stratford are required to install sewer and water systems during development, and when tested and approved, the Utility takes over the systems. Recently, the Utility took over the infrastructure of Kelly Height Phase 2 and Greenway Heights Phase 2, these subdivisions have close to 70 additional serviced units when fully developed. This summer, extensions are proposed in Clearview Estates, Reddin Meadows and Foxwood Flourish subdivision, while several other developments are in the concept phase.

SEWER LIFT STATION UPGRADES

The Utility has tendered to upgrade the Corish Sewer lift station located at the Kinlock/Keppoch Road intersection. Contractors hope to complete work late this year, pending the availability and delivery of materials. Work will involve a new wet well, valving and a standby generator.

Upgrades to the Bunbury sewer lift station will also take place. This work will involve new pumps, new controls and a stand-by generator.

PLEASE NOTE:

Sump pumps cannot be connected to the municipal sewer system as stated in the Town's Water and Sewer Customer Service Regulations Bylaw. It is illegal to discharge any storm water, surface water, roof run-off, surface drainage, subsurface drainage, foundation drainage, or water used for heating or cooling into the Town's sewer system.

WATER RESERVOIR PROJECT

This year the Utility will install an additional water storage reservoir beside the existing reservoir on Georgetown Road, with work is expected to be completed this fall.

Please note that the Town's water system is operated and maintained to Provincial standards, and water is tested by staff regularly and as required.



> Public Works Department

MAINTENANCE

Staff are busy with spring grass cutting, property and building maintenance, installing and relocating temporary speed humps, maintaining trails and other daily duties.

Contractors have already begun work to relocate and restore the old storage barn at Cotton Park to help increase parking in that area. Following this, the plan is to repave at Cotton Center as well as a portion of the parking lot at the Stratford Town Centre this year. Heat pump energy additions will happen at the Town maintenance building on Hollis Avenue and Stratford Road. Pending funding, energy retrofits are planned for the youth/seniors building in Cotton Park and solar panels at the Emergency Service Center and Town maintenance building. The electric car charging station on Shepard Drive will also be upgraded. The Town has tendered and hopes to purchase an electric car and a Town maintenance truck to replace one of the older fleet trucks.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

The Town is currently updating our 2010 Active Transportation Plan. Consultants and staff have engaged the public and stakeholders for feedback and are planning a public open house to review the consultants' draft plan when it is complete.

The Town has been fortunate to share funding with the Province of PEI and Trans Canada Trail to install a new

INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

multi-purpose paved path on Kinlock Road from the Trans-Canada highway to JK Beauty Lane, and we recently tendered to pave the Trans Canada Trail along Hollis Avenue and MacIntosh Drive. The final scope of paving will be determined by tender pricing.

As part of the Community Campus project, the Town will begin the installation of a 2 km multi-purpose paved and lighted path from Bunbury Road to Hollis Avenue.

We want to thank our funding partners at Trans-Canada Trail and the Province of PEI for their continued support of the development of the Town's Active Transportation network.

SPEED SIGNS/SPEED HUMPS

Staff have been busy installing temporary speed humps throughout Stratford. In our ongoing effort to reduce speeding in Town. We continue to purchase speed radar signs and speed humps. Last year, the Town initiated a new process for requesting a temporary speed hump, where any person requesting one must fill out a written request for which guidelines must be met for final approval. Further information is available on our website, or please call 902-569-1995 for clarifications.

IMPORTANT: If you see speeding in your area, please contact the RCMP in Stratford at 902-367-9300.

TOWN ROADS STREET AND DITCH INFILLING

The Province of PEI owns all roads, streets, and ditches in Stratford. Provincial crews are already cleaning up from winter plow, salt, and storm-water damage, and are also busy patching potholes and installing or replacing culverts.

Please note that any request to infill your ditch or replace a raised culvert can be directed to the Provincial Department of Highways.

UPDATE ON POST-TROPICAL STORM FIONA CLEANUP EFFORTS

The following information may be helpful to residents as provincial maintenance crews and private contractors continue cleanup:

- Provincial crews have worked throughout the winter on cleanup and have approximately 450 properties remaining of 6,100 applications in PEI (as of April 2023). Those properties will be cleaned up this spring and potentially into the summer.
- The province will offer curbside pick-up of large debris, such as tree branches, until June 30, 2023. The Town of Stratford is unable to provide any drop-off locations in the community at this time. Residents can place debris near the curb for pick-up while ensuring it does not impede the road.
- Sixteen pits are open across the island for Islanders to bring Fiona debris free of charge.
- Residents may take Fiona debris to any of the IWMC Waste Watch Drop-Off Centres Island-wide. Standard fees apply.



DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISES BYLAW

Did you know property owners are required to upkeep and maintain their property year-round whether the property owner lives there or rents out the property? This includes (but is not limited to) keeping the grass cut and ensuring waste is not left unattended on the property.

Visit our website at www.townofstratford.ca to learn more about the bylaw that regulates dangerous and unsightly premises in the Town (Bylaw 22).

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 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.

> 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, layout and engineer-stamped truss shop drawings
- Site Grading Plan prepared by a certified surveyor
- Letter of Authorization (if applying on behalf of the landowner)
- Any required engineering for steel beams or columns, or tall walls

***** 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 to allow staff time to process it. Missing documents may cause delays in processing your permit.

> Development Permits

From January to March 2023, the Planning Department has issued a total of 24 development permits. The following Table shows a summary of development activities between January and March 2023.

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PERMITS January 1, 2023, to March 31, 2023

Permit Type	No. of Permits	Estimated Value
Single Family Residential	3	\$2,175,000.00
Residential Additions, Renovations, and Demolitions	5	\$418,500.00
Semi-Detached/Duplex	4	\$2,120,000.00
Townhouse	0	\$0
Apartment	0	\$0
Accessory Buildings	2	\$31,000.00
Accessory Structures (pools, decks, fences)	4	\$96,224.00
Other (signage, demolition, etc.)	4	\$14,550.00
Commercial (new, renovations, additions)	2	\$550,000.00
Industrial (new, renovations, additions)	0	\$0
Institutional (new, renovations, additions)	0	\$0
Totals	24	\$5,405,274.00

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE UPDATE

> Crossroads Core Area Development



On April 12, 2023, Stratford Town Council granted approval to the Gray Group for two new Zones to be created and for an amendment to the Zoning & Development Bylaw #45. The two new zones will be: Urban Core (UC) and Core Mixed Use (CMU), pending approval from the Province of PEI. These two new zones would change portions of the existing Town Centre Core Area (TCC) and Mason Road Core Area (MRC) zones allowing for taller buildings with first floor commercial and residential and/or office uses above – CMU would allow for heights up to 25 metres, and UC would allow for up to 37 metres.

A change to the development application process is also included within these two new zones which will see the Town of Stratford using form-based code methodology.



The form-based code process sees standards built into the bylaw which removes the need for individual applications to go forward to council, streamlining the process for the developer, staff, and council.

The new zones preserve commercial space by using a majority of mixed-use building requirements, while also adding needed residential units to the market. Some other highlights of the proposed form-based code requirements are:

- A move to more underground parking and lowering of the required total number of parking spaces. As well as increased standards for bicycle parking and streetscapes, including sidewalks and AT Paths. Over time this will encourage more active transportation, including use of transit by residents and visitors, more consideration for bicycle parking, and other greener transportation options.
- Required step backs start at 3 storeys depending on the zone and building location. Step backs serve several purposes including providing wind breaks, adding interest to the building design while also limiting the appearance of the height of the building from streetscape, and reducing shadowing.
- Building articulation is used in form-based code to ensure that architectural style such as wall breaks, facade materials, recessed and projection areas, roof changes, distinct colour schemes and roof treatments, etc. are applied and a uniform design of buildings is not used.
- Several architectural materials will be prohibited in the CMU zone for multi-unit or mixed-use housing including the following exterior finishes: vinyl siding, plastic, plywood, unfinished concrete, exterior insulation and finish systems where stucco is applied to rigid insulation, and darkly tinted or mirrored glass, except for spandrel glass panels.
- All buildings with a flat roof will provide no less than 30% of the roof area as soft landscaping. These landscaped areas may not be fully accessible by building tenants but may be included as part of their required common spaces.

Landscape requirements in the CMU zone

- Any portion of a front, flanking, side, or rear yard that is not used for driveways, parking, off-street loading spaces, walkways, wheelchair ramps, stairs, or accessory structures

- shall be hard landscaped or soft landscaped.
- Invasive or highly toxic plant species are prohibited as soft landscaping material and native plants are preferred.
- Trees shall be planted at a rate of not less than 2.5 (60mm caliper) or greater per every 500 m² of ground floor area of the building and trees in parking lots shall include 1 tree per island if parking lot exceeds 24 cars.

On November 3, 2022, 280 letters were mailed to all property owners within 150 metres of the boundaries of the proposed properties to be rezoned and a subsequent public meeting was held on November 23, 2022, which was open to all members of the public to attend in person, watch live or view the recording. Through the public meeting and subsequent period for feedback, The Gray Group have worked to address many of the concerns received, altering their plan to address and make changes where they could.

The Crossroads plan will be developed through phases, expected to occur over the next twenty years. The construction estimates are approximately \$1 billion, with an estimated 2,635 residential units and 300,000 sq. ft. of commercial and light industrial space. By increasing the density and constructing some buildings higher, the development requires only 2.9 kilometres of new roads to be constructed for this amount of residential and commercial development. This is a significant reduction in roadways needed, based on a traditional build of single-family homes to accommodate the same number of units. The plan also includes a central urban park and multi-use trail development.

Further information is available on the Town's website. Our thanks to the many residents who provided feedback throughout the public process both directly with the Town and to The Gray Group through their open houses.

RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS



HAVE YOU TRIED OUR DISC GOLF COURSE YET?

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



LOOKING FOR A FULL BODY WORKOUT?

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

> Youth Programs



STRATFORD SUMMER DAY CAMP

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

Each week youth will experience various activities: healthy eating, theater, arts and crafts, sports, nature-based programs, and lots of free imaginative

time. For more information, please contact Recreation, Culture, & Events department at 902-569-6250.

UNDER 4 SOCCER

Saturdays from 9:00 - 12:00pm
(45 mins sessions)
July 8 to August 26, 2023

Location: Business Park mini field
Age: 4 (born 2019)
Fee: \$70

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



Town of Stratford
**A Day In The Life
Of Stratford**



PHOTOGRAPHY
Event

Documenting a moment in the daily life of Stratford

<p>Submit up to 10 JPEG images by July 4 to tcraig@townofstratford.ca</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">July 1 for 24 hours</p>	<p>Photos will be exhibited Town Centre & Facebook: Town of Stratford PEI beginning July 6</p>
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902-569-6925 www.townofstratford.ca

RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

INTRO TO SPORTS

Day: Tuesday, July 4 - August 22
 Time: 5:30 - 6:15 pm (3 years old)
 Time: 6:30 - 7:15 pm (4 & 5 years old)

Location: Town Centre Gymnasium
 Ages: 3-5 years (Must be 3 y/o before the start of the program)
 Fee: \$70

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

> Adult Programs

OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL PLAY

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

TOWN CENTRE GYMNASIUM

The Stratford Town Centre is open for Stratford residents to use seven days a week. The centre is equipped with a gymnasium, walking track, fitness centre, multi-purpose meeting rooms, change rooms, stage, and kitchen. Residents are welcome to use the fitness centre and walking track any

time the building is open. Residents are also welcome to use the gymnasium during scheduled open gym times. Schedules are posted online at www.townofstratford.ca.

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.

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.

> Stratford Gymnasium Track Direction and Rules

Lanes at the track are for walking and running. Directions for walking/running change daily – these are posted every day by the entrance to the track.

We ask that users do not walk more than two people wide in the walking lane so that faster walkers may pass in the outside lane (running lane) when traffic allows. Indoor footwear is required.

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

> Scent-free

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



DID YOU KNOW?

Stratford has nearly 38 km of trail throughout town to complement the 20 km of sidewalk and 40 km of roadside bike lanes. These trails are a mix of natural, paved or gravel, over public and private lands. We encourage residents to use them for walking, jogging, biking, and hiking. Visit our website for a full list of trails in the town, including maps to access them. ***Please note motor vehicles are not permitted on Stratford trails.***

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

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 1. 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

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TOWN EVENTS & INITIATIVES

> Stratford Connects

Stratford Connects is a mobile app for seniors. This app enables seniors in the community to expand their social circles and create new friendships. Seniors can find shopping buddies, exchange tools and equipment, explore the outdoors with a friend, meet up with others sharing a hobby, and much more.

If you're a senior in the town, you'll be pleased to know we have made the sign-up process easier for you! Here's how:

STEP 1: Head to the App Store (on your Apple devices) or Play Store (on your Android devices), and search '**Stratford Connects**' to search for the app.



STEP 2: Select 'Download' OR 'Get' to download and install the Stratford Connects app.

STEP 3: Next, open your internet browser (e.g., Google Chrome) on your device and type www.townofstratford.ca to visit our website.

STEP 4: Once you are on the Town's website, select 'Register for Stratford Connects app' (which is located under the 'I want to' tab at the top of the page).

STEP 5: Fill out our 'Stratford Connects Sign-up Form' online and select 'submit' to complete your sign-up process electronically.

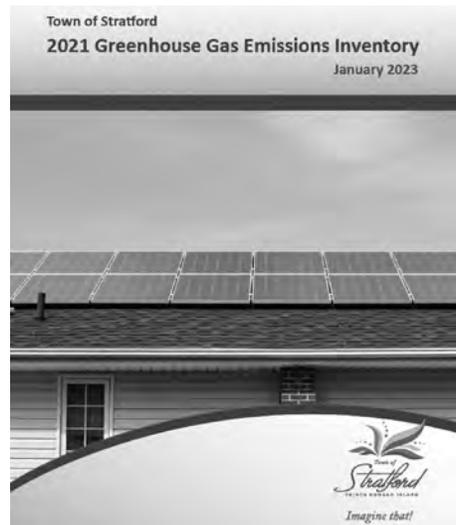
Please allow for a maximum of 4 business days for staff to process your sign-up request. Once it is processed, you will receive an email confirming you can now access the app and start making those connections!

Did You Know? There are many sustainability programs available for residents!

Reach out to our Environmental Sustainability Coordinator at mcrowell@townofstratford.ca or 902-218-3336 to participate in any of the following:

- Toilet Rebate Program
- Showerhead Exchange Program
- Water Audit Program
- Switch Program concierge service and free home energy audit (financing not available at this time)
- Residential Tree Planting Program
- Community Garden plots

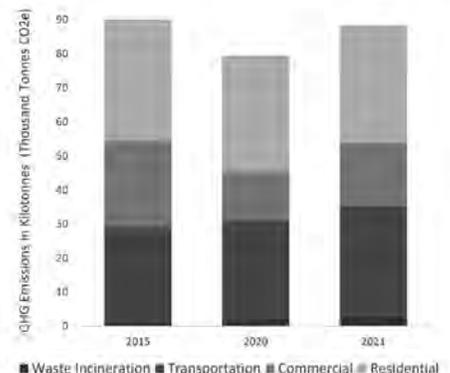
Stratford recently released its updated Greenhouse Gas Inventory!



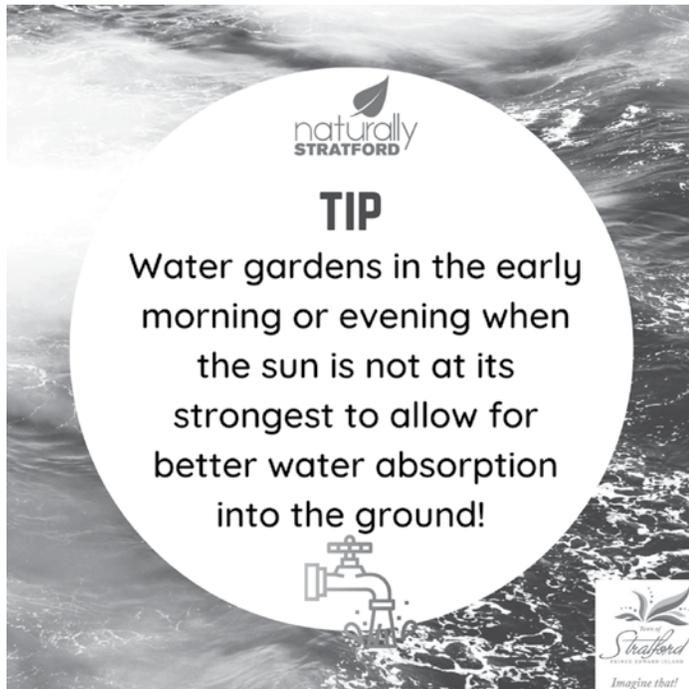
In 2022, Stratford updated its community-wide inventory of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, as part of the Community Energy Plan. Stratford's GHG inventory tracks the direct and indirect emissions of four key sectors: residential buildings, commercial buildings, transportation, and waste. The inventory also tracks all emissions caused by municipal operations. Recording annual emissions is key in informing the Town's energy and climate policy. Learn more about the Community Energy Plan and Greenhouse Gas Inventories at www.townofstratford.ca.

INTERESTING FACT!

In 2021 Stratford's community emissions were 8.7% lower than 2015, or approximately 88,000 tonnes of CO₂e emissions! Emissions in 2020 and 2021 were dramatically impacted by COVID-19 nationwide and are beginning to rise again to pre-pandemic levels. Continued climate actions and programs will be critical in reaching Stratford's climate targets. Residential homes were the largest emissions source, followed closely by the transportation sector.



GARDENING TIPS FROM THE TOWN'S HORTICULTURIST



> Easy and Best Garden/Landscape practices for spring and summer

By now, we hope that the spring sun is shining, the grass is growing, and the leaves are unfurling. Spring garden chores can sometimes feel overwhelming with so much to do, but remember, spring turns into summer, so there is lots of time.

Early spring is a great time to continue pruning trees and shrubs as well as cleaning up debris from last year's perennial growth. When pruning shrubs, it is essential to prune early flowering shrubs such as Lilacs, Forsythia and Rhododendrons until their blooms have passed.

If you want to increase blooms on your trees and shrubs and yield in your vegetable/herb gardens, consider growing plants that attract pollinators/beneficial insects such as ladybugs and bees. Plant wildflower seed mixes and grow perennial plants such as perennial salvia, catmint, and coneflower; this will ensure an abundance of blooms and increase yield and fruit production.

Another excellent garden practice is companion planting; this basically means that plants benefit from being planted next to one another, have the same needs for water and fertility requirements as well as repel annoying pests. A common companion planting example in a vegetable garden is growing carrots in a row next to onions. The benefit of this companion planting is that the aroma from the onion plant deters

the rust fly that generally attacks carrots. Let the plants do the work for you!

As our seasons continue to be hot and dry, consider growing plants that are drought tolerant, which also reduces the need for overconsumption of water. Examples of drought-resistant/tolerant plants are Lavender, Coneflower, and Perennial Salvia. These drought-resistant plants also attract beneficial insects, serving a dual purpose!

If you need to water during a dry spell, it is best done in the morning and apply a generous amount of water once every couple of days. It will saturate the soil more and encourage a deeper root resulting in an overall healthy plant. Shallow watering will only promote a shallow root, limiting top growth and, in turn, using more water. The plants will tell you what they need based on how they grow, whether they are trees, shrubs, perennials, vegetables, annual flowers, or herbs. Always remember to plant in their optimal environment, and they will thrive.

Happy spring and summer growing, and remember to just enjoy your outdoor space!

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

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

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



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

Uganda is one of the most diverse countries in Africa. Uganda's rich cultural heritage stems from a blend of traditions, customs, and practices from over 60 ethnic groups and 30 different languages. The three main linguistic groups are the Bantu, the Nilotic, and the Central Sudanic.

Here are some interesting facts about Ugandan customs, along with some great conversation starters:

- Ugandans greet each other elaborately. A handshake is the most appropriate in greeting situations. However, with those they are well acquainted with, Ugandans may converse while holding on to their hand as an extension of the handshake and a way of connecting with the person.
- Traditional Ugandan dress is often brightly coloured and patterned, reflecting the country's vibrant culture. Ugandan men wear kanzu, a white robe that reaches the ground, and women wear a busuti or gomesi, a colourful floor-length dress with a square neck and puffed sleeve tied with a sash below the waist. DYK? Ugandan men almost always wear long pants, even in the hottest weather.
- Some of the most popular dishes in Uganda are matooke (a type of plantain/green bananas), groundnut sauce, and ugali (a type of maize porridge). Some of their specialties (for discerning palates) include Nsenene (fried grasshoppers) and Nswaa (fried white ants). DYK? Walking over bowls, saucepans or pots containing food is considered rude in Uganda.
- Some of their common drinks include pombe or malwa (from fermented millet and banana) and waragi (from banana). Chai-style tea is also popular, as is coffee, with Uganda being the largest coffee producer in Africa (Robusta and Arabica being two of the well-known varieties).
- Ugandans love dancing and their cultural diversity is reflected in their music and dance, with each tribe having their traditional dances. They dance to vibrant music and celebrate ceremonies, rituals, and traditional practices with dance.
- Uganda's cultural heritage also includes traditional crafts such as basket weaving, pottery, and woodcarving, creating beautiful and intricate pieces representing the country's unique identity.
- One of Uganda's most significant cultural heritage sites is the Kasubi Tombs, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Kasubi Tombs are the burial grounds for the kings of the Buganda Kingdom, and they represent the spiritual and political center of the Kingdom.

Our THANKS to Henry Luyombya for contributing to this article!



Henry Luyombya and his wife, Olivia, dressed in *kanzu* and *gomesi*.

ATTENTION: CYCLISTS



With the summer season, we expect to see more people out on their bikes. Please respect the rules of the roads and users.

- Remember to always yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.
- Where possible, always ride on the right side of the roadway, close to the right curb.
- Be sure to ride in a single file, except when overtaking and passing another bike.
- Give extra space to large vehicles; they have larger blind spots and may not see you if you are too close.
- Never cycle down the wrong way on a one-way street.
- Install a bell on your bike to warn others you are approaching.
- ALWAYS ensure you are visible to other road users.



What Is Shape Stratford?

The Town of Stratford in Prince Edward Island, Canada, has received \$1.1M, funded by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to take part in the Housing Supply Challenge (HSC). The goal of this project is to find innovative solutions to barriers around new housing supply.

Housing supply is a critical issue affecting the community, with an anticipated shortfall of housing to meet population growth over the next 20 years. An increase of housing supply in the homeownership and rental market is necessary to ensure everyone has access to quality and healthy housing.

Have you visited the new Shape Stratford website?

- Explore the zoning map
- Stay informed about upcoming events
- Engage with other community members
- Share your story
- Learn more about Shape Stratford
- Take our free online course around Planning 101

**Most importantly, be part of the conversation!
Your input is most valuable to us.**



Keep checking back for exciting updates as we continue to move forward with Shape Stratford!

Visit the newly designed Shape Stratford website at shape.townofstratford.ca or scan the QR code.

Did you know, the average cost of homes in the Town of Stratford is over \$400,000?

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I've grown up in Stratford and I love it here, but there is nothing available that is within a reasonable price range. I have excellent rental references, I am a perfect tenant, I'm quiet and I have a moderate income with other financial support. It is ridiculous that I am unable to find anywhere to live in Stratford.”

– Resident of Stratford

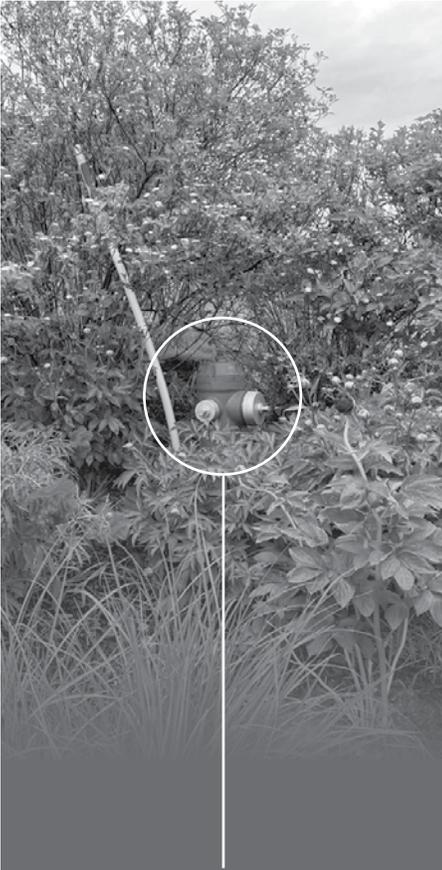


Have you or someone you know been affected by housing affordability?

Share your story by visiting shape.townofstratford.ca or scan the QR code.



JENN REDMOND, MLA



FIRE HYDRANT

We have 314 fire hydrants in the Town of Stratford that form part of a complex network of pipelines and storage reservoirs in our water distribution system.

Did you know they are colour-coded based on their pressure readings? This indicates to the Utility Department and Fire Department how much flow a particular hydrant has.

Remember, **NEVER** obstruct a hydrant.



I am pleased to be your MLA for Mermaid-Stratford, and Minister of Workforce, Advanced Learning, and Population. I am a community-minded, engaged individual driven to make a difference in the lives of all Islanders. Tenacity, determination, and encouragement are vital to achieving goals and being successful. I will use these characteristics every day in my role as your MLA.

Mermaid-Stratford is a vibrant community of people with varied needs for change, big and small. I live in Mermaid with my husband Chad, our daughter Emma and our puppy Milly. My commitment to you is simple - I will meet with you and listen to what is important to you. I will advocate for you and our district of Mermaid-Stratford to bring concerns forward as a strong voice at the table who will work to implement positive, impactful change in our community.

True collaboration means being open to all community members' suggestions, critiques, and ideas. We will continue to build a community invested in growth, diversity, and sustainability by working together. We will continue to attract families of all sizes, grow our recreational opportunities for children and youth, and foster the spirit of open communication.

I have listened diligently to your concerns. As I campaigned, I heard from residents about the continued work needed to ensure our roadways are safe for vehicles and active transportation, ensuring there are supports in place for our aging population, and the need to focus on creating programs that are accessible to support all residents.

I understand the importance of providing close and accessible services and programs, the right ones to meet our community's needs. I have heard the concerns around healthcare and the cost of living and look forward to working with our community and fellow Islanders to make this place we call home an even better place to live and thrive.

Please reach out to me with questions, concerns, or feedback. Your voice matters, and I will be your strong voice with a purpose - to advocate for and with you to make Mermaid-Stratford, and our province even better.

Let's make great things happen together!

Sincerely,
Jenn Redmond

**Hon. Jenn Redmond,
MLA District 5 Mermaid-Stratford**

**jlredmondmla@assembly.pe.ca
902-218-3577**



JILL BURRIDGE, MLA



What a job interview that was! It was tricky in that there were varying qualifications, qualities, and life experience you were looking for, based on who I was speaking to. I was fortunate to have so many references working for me throughout the campaign.

What I heard:

If I were to keep it general, I would say all residents are looking for someone who will listen, take the time to learn, and proceed in decision making with common sense front of mind. I would say you are looking for those decisions to be transparent, fiscally responsible and communicated well to the constituency.

Key takeaways:

- Healthcare is prominent in everyone’s mind. I heard from the patient’s perspective and the perspective of those working in a strained system every day. I will carry the urgency felt on all sides.
- Housing and affordability were brought forward from seniors through to young professionals

trying to make ends meet every month.

- Education is challenged by the increased needs in the classroom today. The students, staff and quite frankly all of us, if we are thinking long term, will benefit from more help in our schools.
- Childcare is difficult for our young families to secure. In fact, it is hindering many from getting back to work, which was hard to hear.
- Our infrastructure, amenity and service gaps, and the desire to close those being challenged by our population growth year over year.
- Sustainability is a key value in Stratford and so a needed focus on long-term, responsible public investment, protecting our natural assets and how doing both, along with good governance will lead to healthier, engaged communities.

I would like to thank Dr. Lana Beth Barkhouse, Greg Arsenault and Olalekan Faromika for putting their names forward. We gave the residents of Stratford Keppoch great options for representation in our community and that is important.

I would also like to thank James Aylward for so many years of service to this community. They are big shoes to fill, but I am ready to step up to the plate. I look forward to working with Hon. Jenn Redmond, the Town of Stratford, and all of you over the next four years.

If you need to reach me, my MLA email is jsburrigemla@assembly.pe.ca. Once the operating budget is presented in mid-May, I will be reserving Mondays as a constituency day if you would like to sit down and discuss anything.

Thank you and enjoy your summer!
Jill Burrige

Hon. Jill Burrige,
MLA District 6 Stratford-Keppoch
jsburrigemla@assembly.pe.ca
902-368-4050

FEED THE BEES

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



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

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.

DISCOVER THE LATEST COMMUNITY ART IN STRATFORD!

LILLIAN'S PLACE

Artist/Designer:

Alexis Bulman

Location:

**Stratford
Waterfront Park**

In the form of a small wooden house, Lillian's Place is situated on the embankment along Hillsborough River. This artwork co-exists with a living shoreline and aims to have visitors reflect on the effects of climate change on the littoral as the structure experiences the fullness of each season. This well-thought-out artwork took inspiration from a resident of Victoria by the Sea who lived in a cedar clad house beside a broken sea wall.



Photo credit: www.creativepei.ca



> Water School

From March 27 to April 12, SAWIG, the Town of Stratford, City of Charlottetown, and Ellen's Creek Watershed Group teamed up once again to hold our annual educational program for Grade 5 students. About 500 students joined us this year to learn all about watershed education and water conservation!



Watershed Coordinators Kaylee Busniuk and Emma Doucette pose with "Willy" our WaterSchool display that teaches kids how to save water while washing their hands.

> Project Announcement

We are excited to share that our project "Rehabilitation of the Fullerton's Creek Watershed" was funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada's EcoAction Community Funding Program. We have been awarded \$48,190 over a period of three years ending March 31, 2025.

Our project focuses on increasing understanding of the importance of freshwater and improving water quality in the Fullerton's Creek Watershed.

Our work will include conducting stream work, including removing debris and managing invasive species, planting native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous species within the riparian zone, and conducting educational activities, including social media campaigns, interpretive walks, and installing an interpretive panel. In addition, we will be conducting monitoring activities including water quality monitoring and plant survival surveys.

We invite residents in Fullerton's Creek Watershed with properties adjacent to wetlands or watercourses who are interested in working with us in any capacity to please reach out to us at coordinator@stratfordwater.com or 902-367-3605.

For more information, including a map of areas included, please visit: www.stratfordwater.com/media-coverage.

SAVE THE DATE

May 29th
Annual General Meeting

June 7th - Tree Day

Visit our website or social media for more information!

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

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

✉ stratfordwater@gmail.com

🌐 sawig.wordpress.com

📍 Stratford Area Watershed

☎ (902) 367-3605

📷 @stratfordwatershed



RCMP IN STRATFORD

> Stratford RCMP note resurgence of Grandparent scams



Across the country RCMP are dealing with individuals who have been preyed upon by someone pretending to be a loved one being hurt or in trouble. These “emergency scams”, more commonly known as Grandparent scams, see the scammers claiming to be someone you know and that they need money from you right away.

Often scammers will claim they’ve been arrested and need bail money, or they’ve been in a car accident, or they are having trouble getting home from a foreign country. Contact can be made by phone call, text, or even email messages. Most of the time scammers will ask for cash, but they may also demand gift cards.

These fraudsters may claim to be law enforcement officials, lawyers or try to impersonate a family member. Be aware, they may also tell you not to speak to anyone else about their situation. Increasingly, the scammer will tell you someone will come to your home to pick up cash or ask you to send it in the mail.

If you receive a call like this, try and verify the identity of the person with very specific questions; better yet, hang up and call the person back with a number you know to be theirs if you can. If the fraudster claims to be law enforcement, hang up and call your local police directly using a known, reputable number. Be very suspicious of anyone asking you to act immediately and send them cash. If it doesn’t sound right, it probably isn’t!

To report a theft, or if you see suspicious activity, please contact Stratford RCMP at 902-367-9300 or call 9 1 1 if it is an emergency.

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> Stratfords of the World

After a couple of years of postponements, the Stratfords of the World Reunion is finally happening in Ontario, August 2-9, 2023. Our PEI delegates are Debbie Reid, Judy MacKenzie, Viola Evans-Murley, Elaine St Pierre, Judy Campbell, Tom Green, Scott MacDonald, Elaine Gaudet, and Shane and Daphne Campbell. Some of us have visited Stratford, Ontario previously while for others, it will be the first time, but we are all excited to explore the area especially the new 700 seat Tom Patterson Theatre as well as connect with old friends and make new ones. It is ‘anticipated’ that the next reunion will be hosted in New Zealand in two years’ time.

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



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

STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

DISCOVER THE LATEST COMMUNITY ART IN STRATFORD!

POLLINATOR'S CLOCK

Artist/Designer:
Kirstie McCallum
Location:
Tea Hill Park

This work consists of 12 baskets, filled with local flower seeds and bulbs mixed with soil, seaweed, and compost, installed in the pattern of circular clock-face. A sapling planted in the circle represents the centre of a sundial. Over time, the baskets will break open and disperse across the site, attracting pollinators to the area. This piece also speaks to the urgency around climate adaptation and draws a metaphor from clock time to cyclical time.



Photo credit: www.riverclydepageant.com



HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	9:30am - 8:30pm
Wednesday:	9:30am - 8:30pm
Thursday:	9:30am - 5:30pm
Friday:	9:30am - 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. Visit pepls.overdrive.com/ to check out some of the thousands of titles that are available without a trip to the library!

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

Did you know you can borrow radon detectors, light therapy lamps, mental health information kits, instruments, 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!

> Library Events In-Person events, starting Summer of 2023

Weekly Nature Club

Stories and nature-themed activities in the beautiful parks of Stratford! Registration required. Ages 6-12

Once Upon a Park: Stories around Stratford

Discover new settings and join us for stories in the wild! New location each week - call to find out where to meet us (meet at the library in case of rain)! All ages

Wiggle, Giggle, Read

Songs and rhymes for babies and toddlers. A gentle way to introduce little ones to the library. Ages 0-3

Family Storytime

Stories, songs, and rhymes for kids and their grown-ups! Ages 3-5

Science Saturdays

New experiments, activities, and fun every week! Registration required. Ages 6-12

And more!

Ask about our program details or register by calling 902-569-7441, email stratford@gov.pe.ca, or drop in for a chat!

STRATFORD BUSINESS



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

- Anthony Delodder Real Estate
- Island Psychology Centre
- Khoaw Pon Authentic Thai
- Starbucks Stratford



Town of Stratford Summer Office Hours

Town offices will open from 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday, starting Monday, June 5th and ending Friday, September 29th.

> Awards

The Town of Stratford is the proud recipient of two major awards.



FCM Sustainable Communities Award

The Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce Presidents Excellence Award (under the Workplace Excellence category).



Photo Credit: The Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce

DISCOVER THE LATEST COMMUNITY ART IN STRATFORD!



LEAP

Artist/Designer:
Gerald Beaulieu
Location: **Pondside Park**

Leap pays tribute to the ecology and fauna associated with pond ecosystems. The installation is of one of the most ubiquitous pond side creatures, frogs, and their place in childhood fantasy narratives. Through the use of leaping art, the artist wanted to frame them as dynamic amphibians that bridge the aquatic and terrestrial worlds, and have them engaging playfully with the audience.

The structure of the two frogs is from laminated pressure treated wood that was carved into amphibian shapes.

The skin of the frogs is from hammered copper. The base of the structure includes blown glass embedded to resemble air bubbles that form from movement in a pond.



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



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

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 arsenault@townofstratford.ca



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

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 prepare 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.

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 2023 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.

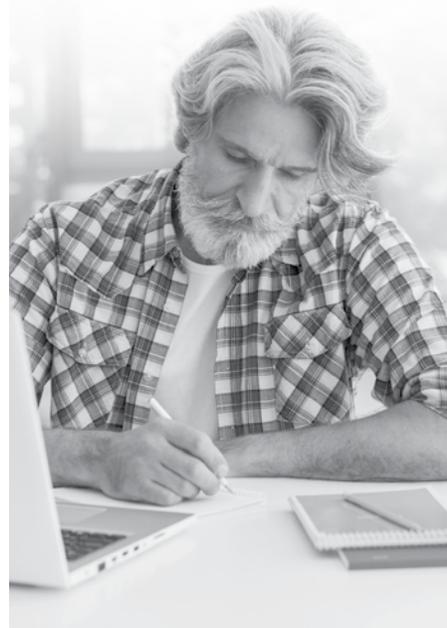
> Definitely Not The Symphony (DNTS)

Definitely Not The Symphony is planning a spring concert on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 10am at Park Royal United Church in Charlottetown. Admission is by donation. We are also recruiting people interested in string, percussion, and wind instruments and welcome all ages, genders, and musical ability. Rehearsals are normally held every second Saturday in Charlottetown. 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 practice is every Tuesday at 7:00 pm at Andrews of Stratford. You are not required to know how to read music to join. The choir is open to residents outside of Stratford as well. Call or text: 902-367-6912 or 902-672-1814 for more information.



DO YOUR RESEARCH BEFORE PURCHASING PLANTS ONLINE!



A key word to be aware of is "groundcover". If a plant can cover much of the ground space in your garden, it may be an invasive species. Some common examples of invasive often sold as groundcovers are goutweed (*Aegopodium podagraria*) and periwinkle (*Vinca minor*). Many invasives are readily available for purchase online. Remember, if a plant is considered invasive in another jurisdiction, it may also become an invader here!

HEALTH & WELLNESS



PETS IN THE SUMMER

Please do not leave pets in a parked car. Parked cars can quickly reach deadly temperatures and with a dog's normal body temperature about 39 degrees, just 5 minutes in the car can rise their temperature to cause irreparable brain damage or even death.

> 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 at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall (145 Stratford Road, Stratford). 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@upepei.ca.



> Shake It Up Line Dancers

Tuesdays: 6:30pm - 8pm
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 per-



sons) 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 September 19, 2023
Session 2: starts October 24, 2023
Session 3: starts November 21, 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
Session 1: starts September 19, 2023
Session 2: starts October 24, 2023
Session 3: starts November 21, 2023

> 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 September 21, 2023
Session 2: starts October 26, 2023
Session 3: starts November 23, 2023

HEALTH & WELLNESS

> 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.

Thursdays at 11:00am
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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 has 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. To register or for further information, please visit FootballPEI.ca/members/Charlottetown/

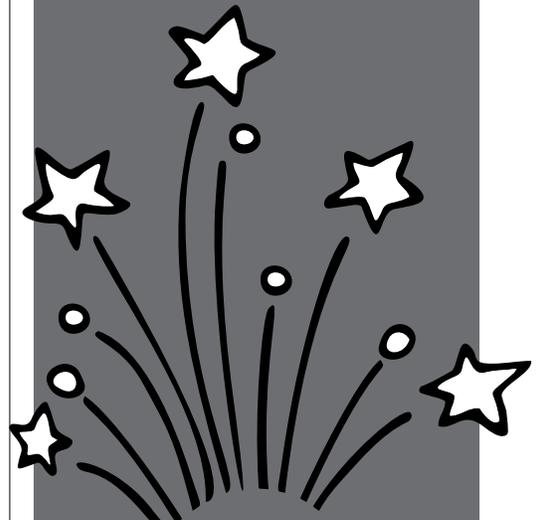


> Dance Stars Academy

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. Dance Stars Academy is dedicated to creating a safe and fun space for dancers of any interest level, recreational to pre-professional!

SHARE YOUR STRATFORD SPIRIT

by saying 'Thank You' to someone in the community!



The Mayor will personally write a handwritten note to this outstanding individual to thank them. This initiative is about the simple, everyday achievements that deserve recognition and a thank-you!

Fill out a form on our website to identify and thank a resident for their good deed or hard work in the community!

LOBSTER SALES

Thurs 1-5:30pm
 Fri & Sat 10am-5:30pm
 or until SOLD OUT.



April 27 – June 17





YOUR TOWN OF STRATFORD QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

INQUIRY	WHO SHOULD YOU CALL...	CONTACT INFO	NOTES
Road Repairs & conditions, snowplow inquiries, report damage caused by a snowplow, culvert and ditch inquires	Provincial Government - Department of Transportation and Infrastructure	902-368-4770 or email roads@gov.pe.ca	Roads, ditches, and sides of roads are owned and operated by the province (D.O.T.) (excludes private roads)
Wildlife Related Inquires	Provincial Government - Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action, Forests, Fish and Wildlife Division	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 main 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	All streetlight poles are numbered. This number is required when reporting an issue
Requests for additional streetlights	Town of Stratford - Public Works Department		To request additional street lighting, you are required to submit a Request for Decision Form, located on the Town's website.
School Related Inquiries	Public School Branch, PEI	902-368-6990	Although the Town and the Public Schools Branch are in the same building, they are separate offices
Pesticide Spraying Inquires	Provincial Government - Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action		
Temporary Speed Hump Requests	Town of Stratford - Public Works Department		Residents are required to submit these requests in writing. Please provide reason for the request, name, address and phone number
Permanent Speed Hump Requests	Town of Stratford - Public Works Department		
Manhole - Grated Covers	Provincial Government - D.O.T.	902-368-4770	Managed by Provincial Government - D.O.T.
Manhole - Solid Covers	Town of Stratford Water and Sewer Utility	902-940-2189	Managed by Town of Stratford Water and Sewer Utility
Crosswalks lights and traffic lights	Provincial Government - D.O.T.	902-368-4770	Please contact department directly to report issues.



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!

Canada

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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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Town of Stratford* invites you to

Canada Day Celebrations

July 1st at Tea Hill Park

1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Imagine that!

In case of inclement weather, flag raising ceremony and some entertainment will be held indoors at the Stratford Town Centre Gym, 234 Shakespeare Drive.

EVENT SCHEDULE

- 1:30 pm Face Painting & Bouncies-Par-T-Perfect
- 1:30 pm Cultural Flavours of Canada & the World Tent
- 1:30 pm BBQ Hotdogs-Stratford Lions Club
- 3:15 pm Canada Day Cake
- 3:15 pm Ice Cream & Strawberries-Served by Council
- 4:00 pm Event Closes

MAIN STAGE

- 1:15 pm Piper & Welcoming
- 1:30 pm Music by Richie Bulger and the Wannabeez
- 2:30 pm **Flag Raising Ceremony & Singing of "O CANADA"**
- 2:45 pm 2023 Volunteer of the Year Awards Presentation
- 3:00 pm Performers



Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket & stay for the afternoon.

Don't forget Sunblock & a hat too.

Please remember that all Town properties are TOBACCO, SMOKE, VAPE & ALCOHOL FREE

****Town of Stratford resides on unceded, unsurrendered Mi'kmaq territory. We recognize the land on which we stand, celebrate its culture, honour it's people and reflect that we are all Treaty People.***

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