



## SHAPE STRATFORD

The Town is excited to roll out Build Your Town virtual platforms as part of the Shape Stratford project. Learn about these new features on pages 16-17



## ANNUAL RESIDENT SURVEY

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



## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nomination for the 2024 Volunteer of the Year awards is open! Learn how you can recognize and celebrate deserving residents in our community on page 12.



# TownTalk

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WINTER 2024 EDITION



# Stratford Winterfest 2024

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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Contact information for councillors is available on our website: [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca)

Happy New Year! We welcome the new year with great hope and anticipation as we continue to strive to make Stratford the best community possible.

It was so great to see construction begin in 2023 on our new community campus, waterfront park, new active transportation paths, a new water tower, and many other long-awaited projects.

The Gray Group is beginning the development and building of downtown Stratford as evidenced by several major construction projects in the Town Core area they have underway. We know that many in our community are eagerly awaiting both the housing and commercial development they have planned.

Council, management team members, and I held a priority setting exercise in the fall and have worked together to identify what we see as the Town's major priorities for the next three years. Currently, we are working on an operational plan which will be closely linked to the 2024/2025 budget and the long-term forecast to determine the impact on budgets for the following two years with these priorities in mind.

Our budget consultation will take place in coming weeks and further information from our priority setting exercise will be shared with residents at this time. You will also be asked for input to the draft 2024/25 Town budget and to respond to the Annual Resident Survey. Please take part in both of these opportunities as they provide valuable feedback to us.

The Shape Stratford Project is nearing completion and has been a great means of identifying how the Town can reduce barriers to construction, which in turn can help put in place adequate, affordable and attainable housing. We have been working closely with developers, residents, municipal partners, Federal and Provincial government representatives, and social and co-op housing advocates and service groups to address this pressing need in our Town. Through a great deal of analysis, research and discussion, barriers to development have been identified and solutions proposed. Conversations will continue in our community, particularly as we complete a review of the Town's Official Plan and the Planning and Development Bylaw.

Over these winter months, I encourage you to find ways and places to connect with others, it can be easy to stay indoors but social isolation is a big issue for many in our community. Volunteer, join a club, call a friend, and check in on one another. Although the winter can be long, there are many ways we can enjoy the numerous social and recreational activities available within the Town. Thank you for everything you have done to make our community better in 2023.

I wish you and your families all the very best in 2024.

Sincerely,  
**Steve Ogden, Mayor**

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## INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT



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Fall is the time of year when wildlife may start looking for winterized accommodations. Help protect your home by making sure all windows, doors, and other gaps and cracks are secure and ensuring you do not leave food, water, or shelter accessible to them.

**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.**

### > Infrastructure Projects

Infrastructure staff are busy closing out 2023 projects while preparing for a busy 2024 season. Ongoing Stratford Utility projects from 2023 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 backup power at the Bunbury Road sewer lift station, concrete floor installation in our dry storage building on Hollis Avenue and an additional transit shelter on Bunbury Road.

The Utility added water and sewer infrastructure from Kelly Heights Phase 2 in 2023 and the Greensview subdivision on the Stratford Road, across from Moores pond. Utility staff now monitor and maintain a water and sewer system comprising of 90 kilometers of sewer main, 1302 sewer manholes, 29 sewer lift stations, 4 water stations and a reservoir, 85 kilometers of water main, 648 water main valves, 312 hydrants and valves and finally close to 3200 residential and commercial water meters.



New Reservoir Construction

As development continues in 2024, several new subdivisions are in the concept, design or construction phase. Staff will be busy over the coming weeks removing Christmas decorations, preparing equipment for the summer and completing maintenance and repairs inside our buildings.



Existing Reservoir

### > Public Works

The dry storage barn at Cotton Park was relocated and upgraded in 2023. Electrical power was installed at the community gardens site for holiday lighting and other events. Additionally, the Town added a rear mount backhoe attachment for the Town tractor. The parking lot paving was completed at Cotton Park, the Town Hall and at the Town maintenance facility



Cotton Park Paving

### > Sidewalks Trails Bike Lane & Storm Water

The multipurpose paved path project on Kinlock Road from Trans Canada Highway to JK Beauty Lane was completed in the summer of 2023 along with paving over 2 km of Trans Canada Trail through Stratford. Contractors recently completed the installation of a portion of the new paved multipurpose path at Stratford Community Campus. When completed, the path will connect Hollis Avenue to Bunbury Road, however, until the entire trail is complete, this section will not be open to the public. Work on the wooden boardwalk along the waterfront by the Hillsborough bridge will continue early into the new year. The Town recently adopted our updated Active Transportation plan to help guide staff and Council through the coming years. More information on active transportation work for 2024 will become available following the Town's budget process.



Paved Path at Community Campus

# INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

## > 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 Town. Several more traffic calming devices (speed humps and speed signs) were purchased or upgraded 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 these need repair or add new ones as and when requested by the Town.

## > Snow Clearing On Roads, Sidewalks & 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 in some of our parks for winter sports.

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

All roads and streets in the Town of Stratford are owned and cleared by the Province of P.E.I. If you have any issues with the clearing of snow off streets, please direct them to the Department of Transportation's Highway Maintenance at 902-368-4770 or 902-368-5103. These include issues with storm water drainage that occur during heavy rain or melt events where ditches and storm water catch basins are overwhelmed or covered.

**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.**



## WINTER DRIVING

Driving at fast speed is the main cause of winter collisions. Be sure to drive slowly and carefully on snow and ice-covered roads. Please **DO NOT** speed!

Winter driving also means accelerating and decelerating slowly. Do not attempt to move too quickly; apply gas slowly to regain traction and avoid skids and take the time to slow down for a stoplight or before entering turns. Remember, it takes longer to slow down on icy roads.

## 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.

## Motorized vehicles are NOT permitted on any Town of Stratford trails at any time of year.

Please help us spread the word and remind everyone.

### How can you help?

If you encounter a motorized vehicle (ATV, snowmobile, dirt bike, etc.) please contact the RCMP with a description of the driver, vehicle, time of day, direction of travel, and anything else that may be helpful in identifying them.



Imagine that!



## 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!

**Centum Mortgage Partners**

**World Under-17  
Hockey Championship**

**McDonald's Restaurants**

**Jason MacKay,  
Century 21 Colonial Realty**

**Egg Farmers of PEI**

**PEI Cannabis Corporation**

**Province of  
Prince Edward Island**



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

### > Official Plan Review Update

With numerous Town projects and plans being completed or adopted over the past few years, as well as amendments to the Stratford Official Plan and Subdivision and

Development Bylaw #45, the Town is anticipating a major review of both documents in 2024. This review will not only capture these items but will examine extensively the increase in population growth in the Town, in coordination with the need for additional housing units and housing types to best address these items.

An important part of the Official Plan and Subdivision and Development Bylaw #45 review process will be extensive public engagement involving residents, developers, and stakeholders to promote open and respectful discussions, ensuring the public will play a role in modernizing both documents while contributing to the decision-making process.

Town planning staff will continue to provide updates on the progress of the Official Plan and Subdivision and Development Bylaw #45 review into 2024.

# DID YOU KNOW?

A copy of the Building Bylaw, Application Forms, and Fee Bylaw can be found on the Town's website ([www.town-ofstratford.ca](http://www.town-ofstratford.ca)) or you can pick up copies in person at the Planning Department, located within the Town Centre. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department by phone 902-569-6255.

# PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

## > Development Permits

From January to October 31, the Planning Department has issued a total of 169 development permits. The following Table shows a summary of development activities between January and October 2023.

### SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PERMITS January 1, 2023, to October 31, 2023

Permit Type	No. of Permits	Estimated Value
Single Detached Residential	26	\$13,215,000.00
Residential Additions, Renovations, and Demolitions	15	\$4,150,026.00
Semi-Detached/Duplex	9	\$4,910,000.00
Townhouse	9	\$10,540,000.00
Apartment	0	\$0
Accessory Buildings	24	\$635,500.00
Accessory Structures (pools, decks, fences)	58	\$1,152,391.00
Other (signage, demolition, etc.)	17	\$214,000.00
Commercial (new, renovations, additions)	11	\$7,917,799.00
Industrial (new, renovations, additions)	0	\$0
Institutional (new, renovations, additions)	0	\$0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>\$42,734,716.00</b>

## > Stratford Heroes Banners

The Town continued its tradition of honouring the Stratford heroes who served the country through its annual display of life-size banners in the lead up to Remembrance Day. Three news banners have been added in 2023, bringing the total to 45. A video of the display and the Remembrance Day Service is also accessible on the Town's YouTube channel.



## > Wartime Tragedy in Stratford – Stratford Adds Fourth Interpretive Panel

The Town of Stratford received funding from The Community Museums Association of PEI for the Museum Development Grant. The funding was awarded for a new interpretive panel to tell the story of two Mi'kmaq Sisters who served in World War II.

On Indigenous Veterans Day, November 8, 2023, the Town unveiled the panel commemorating the wartime story of Rachael and Blanche Thomas from Stratford, then Southport. This event was attended by the family of the Thomas sisters. The interpretive panels are part of a series commemorating wartime acts of significance and serve to educate and honour veterans and their stories.

For the full story of Rachael and Blanche Thomas, visit the **Heritage, History, and Culture** section of the Town of Stratford website.



### THINKING ABOUT A BACKYARD RINK THIS WINTER?

Be a good neighbour and if you plan to have a backyard rink this winter, we ask that you:

- Start by having a conversation with your neighbours. They may have concerns about lights, noise or other issues and addressing them from the beginning can go a long way to maintaining good relations.
- Be aware that rink flooding will affect your water bill and plan ahead for where your water will drain at the end of the season or during warm periods.
- Ensure your rink is within your property boundaries.
- Limit the number of users, especially in the early morning or later evening hours, to respect neighbours.
- And most importantly - Have Fun!

## 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.

### 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 help out with the Centre's different events.



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, please visit our website [www.stratforyouthcentre.com](http://www.stratforyouthcentre.com) for more information and to register.**

### > Stratford Youth Centre Clubs

The Stratford Youth Centre has a number of great clubs for youth to join. The clubs are open to Youth Centre members and are free of charge. For more information about these clubs or to become a Stratford Youth Centre member, visit our website at [www.stratforyouthcentre.com](http://www.stratforyouthcentre.com).





## RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS



### > Stratford Youth Centre – Drop-In Schedule

Stratford Youth Centre Members are welcome to stop in and hang-out during their allotted drop-in times (youth must be registered as a Youth Centre Member to participate).

#### **Mondays:**

**Grade 5 – 6 (3:00pm – 5:00pm)**

**Grade 7 – 12 (5:00pm – 8:00pm)**

#### **Wednesdays:**

**Grade 5 – 6 (3:00pm – 5:00pm)**

**Grade 7 – 12 (5:00pm – 8:00pm)**

#### **Thursdays:**

**Grade 5 – 6 (3:00pm – 5:00pm)**

**Grade 7 – 12 (5:00pm – 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, please visit our website at [www.stratforyouthcentre.com](http://www.stratforyouthcentre.com)



### > Party Packages at the Stratford Youth Centre

The Stratford Youth Centre offers party packages in 2-hour time slots on designated Saturdays and Sundays throughout the year. Our party package program is run and staffed by older Youth Centre members (high

school aged youth). Visit our website at [www.stratforyouthcentre.com](http://www.stratforyouthcentre.com) for more information, for availability and to request a party booking.

#### **Basic Package**

**\$100.00 / 2 hour session**

Basic use of the facility, including our Pool Table, Air Hockey Table, Ping Pong, tables, chairs, and couches.

#### **Karaoke Party**

**\$150.00 / 2 hour session**

Basic use of the facility, including use of our Karaoke System. The Youth Centre provides a host to run the system for the party.

#### **Video Game Party**

**\$150.00 / 2 hour session**

Basic use of the facility, including use of our various game systems. Take your own games in, play online, or access our library of video games.

#### **Movie Party**

**\$150.00 / 2 hour session**

Basic use of the facility, including use of our big screen, sound system and Blu-ray player. Choose from Netflix, our selection of movies, or bring your own. Youth Centre staff will provide popcorn for your guests.

All bookings require payment in full prior to the party date. Each 2 Hour booking includes 15 minutes before for set up and 15 minutes after for tear down. A minimum of one week is needed prior to all bookings.

## 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. Make new friends and discover all sorts of fun things to do together! Call 902-892-8744 for more information.

### > Let's Get Creative Youth Art Classes

Saturdays from January 13 to March 16

Ages 5-9: 12 - 1:30pm

Ages 10-15: 2 - 3:30pm

Stratford Town Centre

Cost: \$200/student

Led by Ryan McAdam-Young, these classes are meant to foster creativity and connection for youth by engaging them in fun arts and crafts projects.

### > Indoor Tennis Programs

Each day includes a short practice time including fundamentals followed by supervised competition in which the rules and good sportsmanship in tennis is taught.

#### **Tennis Games and League**

(Great for those just starting as well as for those who have had some lessons but would like some experience competing)

Ages: 7-9

Mondays 3:45 - 5pm

Wednesdays 4 - 5:15pm

Session 1: Jan 8 - Feb 12 (\$110)

Session 2: Feb 14 - Mar 20 (\$100)

Session 3: Apr 3 - May 8 (\$110)

Simplified scoring with underhand serves is the starting point with overhead serving and real tennis scoring introduced later in the session.

#### **Tennis Matches and League**

(Great for those just starting as well as for those who have had some lessons and competitive experience)

Ages: 10-14 (including youth ages 7-9 with competition experience)

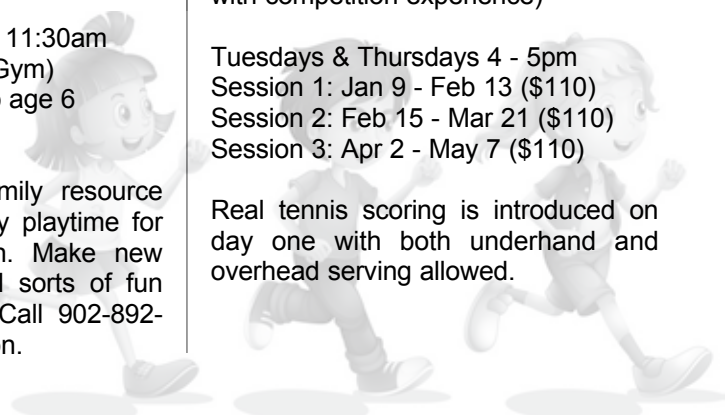
Tuesdays & Thursdays 4 - 5pm

Session 1: Jan 9 - Feb 13 (\$110)

Session 2: Feb 15 - Mar 21 (\$110)

Session 3: Apr 2 - May 7 (\$110)

Real tennis scoring is introduced on day one with both underhand and overhead serving allowed.



## RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS



### 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.

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### 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.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### > Art Club

Thursdays from 7 - 9pm  
January 11 - March 14  
Location: Gertrude Cotton Building  
Cost: \$70/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](http://www.townofstratford.ca)

### > Beginner Watercolour Painting Classes

Sundays from 7 - 9pm  
January 9 - March 12  
Location: Online and in-person (Gertrude Cotton Building)  
Cost: \$80/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.

### > Drawing Classes

Mondays from 7 - 9pm  
January 8 - March 11  
Location: Online  
Cost: \$30/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.

### > Intermediate Watercolour Painting Classes

Saturdays from 10 - 12pm  
January 13 - March 16  
Location: Online  
Cost: \$30/person  
(supplies not included)

Ideal for those with prior watercolour painting experience!



### > Urban Sketching

Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9pm  
January 13 - March 13  
Location: Online  
Cost: \$30/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!

### > Co-Ed Badminton

Wednesdays from 8:15 - 9:45pm  
January 3 - April 24  
Location: Stratford Town Centre  
Cost: \$30

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 8 - April 29  
Location: Stratford Town Centre  
Cost: \$30

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

Min. 12 participants/Max. 24 participants for most recreational programs. Players must pre-register to play; drop-ins are not allowed. You can register for recreational programs with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk or online on the Town of Stratford's website [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca). If further information is required, please call 902-569-6250.



# RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

## > Pickleball

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. The basic equipment (ball & net) is provided by the Town of Stratford. Every ability is welcome (including beginners) and open to 16+ years of age. Must have your own racquet! Various days & times available. Please visit the Town of Stratford's website at [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca) for more information or to register.

## > Indoor Tennis

### Winning Tennis Tactics

Ball machine drills & point situations  
*(Intermediate to advanced level)*

Mondays from 1:40 - 2:40pm

Session 1: Jan 8 - Feb 5 (\$75)

Session 2: Feb 12 - Mar 18 (\$75)

Session 3: Apr 8 - May 6 (\$75)

Fridays from 3:55 - 4:55pm

Session 1: Jan 12 - Feb 9 (\$75)

Session 2: Feb 16 - Mar 15 (\$75)

Session 3: Apr 5 - May 3 (\$75)

### Adult Intro & Refresher Tennis

*Beginner to novice level*

Wednesdays from 1:40 - 2:40pm

Session 1: Jan 10 - Feb 7 (\$75)

Session 2: Feb 14 - Mar 13 (\$75)

Session 3: Apr 3 - May 1 (\$75)

### Advanced Training

*This training is specifically for high performance juniors and adults competing in tournaments. Level Evaluation may be required.*

Monday - Thursday

6:30 - 8:30am & Fri 6:30 - 8am

Session 1: Jan 8 - Feb 20 (\$775)

Session 2: Feb 26 - Mar 22 (\$600)

Session 3: Apr 2 - May 3 (\$600)



## > Outdoor Skating in Stratford

Bunbury Rink (located off Clifton Rd.) and Pongside 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.

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.**

**Reminder to Residents:**

Our outdoor rinks are for the enjoyment of all residents. Please respect the posted schedule at both rinks. This will allow all residents the chance to enjoy themselves playing hockey or having a skate during the scheduled and posted times.

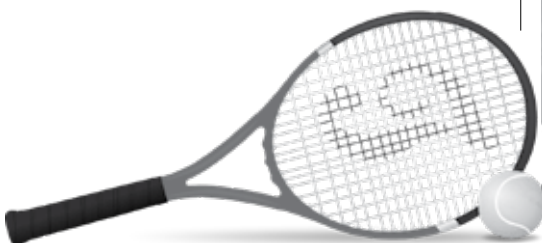
Thank you for your cooperation.

**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



## 2024 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](http://www.townofstratford.ca) or picked up at Stratford Town Center, 234 Shakespeare Drive. Completed nomination forms may be forwarded to the Town of Stratford's Recreation, Culture & Events Department at the address below.

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

#### PLEASE NOTE:

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

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

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





# ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

## > Upcoming workshops on invasive plants and insects



Photo Green Thumb Photography (adult Japanese Beetle)

Join us as we host experts from the PEI Invasive Species Council who will provide information on common invasive species found in Stratford.

Have you been struggling with Japanese beetles in your garden? Or have you noticed a particular plant you can't seem to get rid of? A series of workshops during late winter and early spring will teach you how

to identify common invasive species, how to manage them on your property, and how to better use native plants on your property. Come with your questions and photos and learn about the best approaches to invasive plants and insects.



Please check Town of Stratford's social media pages or contact the Town of Stratford or the PEI Invasive Species Council for dates and locations (still to be confirmed).

## > Residential Tree Planting Program returns for a fourth season

To increase Stratford's urban canopy, the popular Residential Tree Planting Program is back for Spring 2024. Trees in your yard have many benefits, including increased property value, shade and wind buffering, privacy, and air purification, to name a few. The program can accept 50 residents interested in receiving a good quality, native species tree for \$50. Registration will open in February and trees will be planted starting in May! Contact the Town at 902-218-3336 or [mcrowell@townofstratford.ca](mailto:mcrowell@townofstratford.ca) to see if

you are eligible and to apply. More information can be found on the Town of Stratford's website by searching for the Residential Tree Planting Program.



## > Become a Climate Tracker

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 changing climate. We are collecting data about agriculture, plants and animals, weather, and local climate change impacts like flooding and erosion. You can pick up a Climate Tracker booklet and reference guide from the Stratford Town Centre and start recording your observations! This is a great activity to do with kids; observing bird migration, tide patterns, spring blossoms, and weather trends is a great way to learn about our local environment. For more information contact our Environmental Sustainability Coordinator at [mcrowell@townofstratford.ca](mailto:mcrowell@townofstratford.ca) or 902-218-3336 or you can add observations to the UPEI Climate Diary website.



UPEI Climate Diary website



Climate Diary



Tailgating is a bad idea, especially in winter weather. Stopping takes much longer on snowy and icy roads. Be sure to leave enough room between your vehicle and the one in front of you. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.

Please drive safely and be patient and understanding with other road users. Remember, not everyone is comfortable driving in wintery conditions.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

### NEED ADVICE ON YOUR ENERGY PROJECT?

Through the Switch Stratford program, you can talk to an advisor on the phone about your home energy project. They can provide guidance on the many financing and rebate programs



### THERE ARE MANY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS!

Reach out to our Environmental Sustainability Coordinator at [mcrowell@townofstratford.ca](mailto: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 energy advisor service and free home energy audit (financing not available at this time)
- Residential Tree Planting Program
- Community Garden plots

available and can discuss the details of your project if you are unsure of the next steps. Reach out to Switch Stratford at 902-706-4042 or [info@switchstratford.ca](mailto:info@switchstratford.ca).

### > Gardening Tips from the Town's Horticulturist

Now that the cool weather has set in and the gardens are at rest, you may still want to be connected with nature in a certain way. Plus, it is always great for the mind, body and soul!

Although the leaves have fallen from most deciduous trees, we are still graced with the beauty of several native and non-native evergreen trees, even when the snow is deep. Evergreen trees keep their needles all year and bear cones of many different shapes and sizes. The life cycle of evergreens is like other plants, they start as seeds and then germinate into seedlings. While you are out for a walk, try identifying different evergreen species based on the cones. Most common native evergreens of PEI are Hemlock, Junipers, Pines (Red, White and Jack), Spruce (Red, White, Black), Eastern White Cedar and Balsam Fir.

Winter is another great time to get out and explore nature. A fun activity to do either alone, or with your family,

is to find materials to bring into your home. This will continue to keep you connected to nature even when you are limited to time outdoors. Finding elements such as driftwood, dried flowers (Hydrangea, Sumac, Ornamental Pampas grass blooms), smooth rocks, shells and yellow or red twigs. Little changes and additions will surely bring the outside in. Try out your creativity and if you are extra creative use fallen branches to create useful houseware items such as cutting boards or small shelves/tables.

Ever try to identify animal tracks after fresh fallen snow? When out for a walk and you want to challenge yourself with a fun and educational activity, see how many different types of animals walked the same trail as you. Here, on PEI, you are likely to spot lots of tracks from foxes, snowshoe hares, coyotes (hopefully you don't meet one!), squirrels (a little rarer this time of year), domestic animals (dogs and cats), as well as various bird tracks. Things to consider when attempting to identify animal tracks are; location, shape and size of footprints, dropped feathers or fur and possible starting and stopping points.

While searching for animal tracks is interesting, spotting birds that are active in the winter is also fascinating! The Government of PEI website has a list of many common birds that can be spotted during the winter months. I'm sure many of you have seen European Starlings, Downy Woodpeckers, American Goldfinches, Dark-eyed Juncos, as well as hearing the melody of songs performed by Blue Jays, Mourning Doves and Black-capped Chickadees. Along with the birds mentioned here, there are numerous others. See how many more you can add to the list and my hope for you is to enjoy the days of Winter!





## 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 **Ukrainian** community members and celebrate their rich culture.

Ukraine, the second-largest country in Europe by landmass, is twice the size of Italy and slightly smaller than the state of Texas. The country's fertile plains, called steppes, are ideal for growing crops, including wheat. Ukraine is sometimes called the "breadbasket of Europe." Despite being one of Europe's largest countries in size, Ukraine's population of about 43 million people makes it less populated than smaller European countries such as Germany and France. Most Ukrainians are Christians, following a branch known as Eastern Orthodoxy.

Well-known dishes in Ukraine include borscht, a hot beetroot soup traditionally served with garlic doughnuts; *varenyky*, dumplings stuffed with fillings such as potatoes, sauerkraut, or cottage cheese; *holubtsi*, cabbage rolls stuffed with boiled rice or meat; and *deruni*, also known as potato pancakes.

Ukrainians are famous for their warm hospitality and pride in keeping their traditions. One of the most favourite holidays in Ukraine is Christmas. Since 2017, Christmas has become a public holiday in Ukraine, and after the beginning of the full-scale Russian

invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, most Ukrainians began celebrating Christmas on December 25th, as other countries do.

A lesser-known fact is that the world-famous Christmas song "Carol of the Bells", also known as *Shchedryk*, is a Ukrainian composition. The Ukrainian composer, Mykola Leontovych, spent more than 20 years creating this masterpiece. In 1916, *Shchedryk* was performed for the first time by the choir of Kyiv University. Then, in 1919, the head of the Ukrainian People's Republic Symon Petliura sent the Ukrainian Republican Chapel on a world tour to demonstrate the beauty and power of Ukrainian culture and identity.



The premiere concert of the tour took place on May 11th, 1919, at the National Theater in Prague. On October 5th, 1921, *Shchedryk* was performed at Carnegie Hall in New York and the performance was a huge success! Even though Ukrainians still had to survive the horrors of *Holodomor* (The Great Famine of 1932–1933), genocide, and 70 years of Soviet occupation, it was an example of the first cultural diplomacy of Ukraine and thanks to the choir, the world began to learn about Ukraine.

**Our THANKS to the  
Ukrainian Canadian  
Congress - PEI Branch  
for this article!**



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O. Stelmashchuk



### STRATFORD CANDLE LIGHTING FOR CHANUKAH MENORAH

The Town of Stratford was pleased to celebrate the second night of Hanukkah on December 8 with the lighting of the community Hanukkah Menorah with members of the PEI Jewish Community.



## What is Shape Stratford?

In the fall of 2022, the Town of Stratford received \$1.1M funded by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to take part in the Housing Supply Challenge (HSC). From this, Shape Stratford was created as an initiative aimed to finding innovative solutions to barriers around new housing supply.

## What Has Happened So Far?

- Actively engaging with member of the wider community, including residents.
- Established 3 advisory groups including a Working Group, an Affordable Housing Task Force, and an Inter-municipal Committee.
- Hosted an open house and conducted 4 online surveys.
- Encouraging conversation on the Shape Stratford website
- Reviewing and developed material, checklists, and other content to assist the Town's planning department and those looking to develop in our community.
- Publishing an ongoing series of course material allow for the general public, planning board and council members to learn more about the planning process in an open, engaging and easily accessible format at their own space.
- Launched two virtual platforms under "Build Your Town" to give the community a way to play out different development scenarios.
- And much more.

## What Are Residents Saying?



"Stratford needs more diverse housing options. These should include affordable apartments/townhomes for families as well as smaller units for singles and seniors. A diverse community benefits everyone!"

Want to share your story or see what others are saying?  
Visit [www.shape.townofstratford.ca](http://www.shape.townofstratford.ca)





## Build Your Town Virtual Platforms

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The first platform, **Shape of the Future** allows you to visualize how different development decisions play out in land use patterns and housing supply in the Town of Stratford.

The second, **Shape Your Community** allows you to build your own development. You need to build roads, connect utilities, and construct houses - all while making it affordable!

Both are live and ready for you to try out! Visit

[www.shape.townofstratford.ca/modelling/](http://www.shape.townofstratford.ca/modelling/)

## Planning 101: Free Online Courses

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These courses cover what planning is, what we plan, how it works and how plans are applied. As the Shape Stratford project continues to evolve, you will find more information on planning in Stratford and planning for housing affordability and availability. We encourage you to take the short interactive lessons and learn how the land within Stratford boundaries is shaped and used, based on a shared understanding of the common priorities and values of the community.

[www.shape.townofstratford.ca/planning/](http://www.shape.townofstratford.ca/planning/)

## What's Next?

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The Shape Stratford website will continue to serve as a place where the Town of Stratford shares information and community conversations happen. Courses will be available for residents to take and the virtual platforms 'Build Your Town' are there to try. The Shape Stratford project was simply an initial starting point, and we look forward to what comes next.

## How Can You Get Involved?

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Join the conversation at [www.shape.townofstratford.ca](http://www.shape.townofstratford.ca). Take the surveys as they are available, share your own story or learn from others, be open, aware, and willing to provide input when called upon to do so!



Keep up to date with all Shape Stratford initiatives!  
[www.shape.townofstratford.ca](http://www.shape.townofstratford.ca)

## JENN REDMOND, MLA

### 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.



I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and I hope that everyone had the opportunity to create memories with their families and

friends over the holiday season. 2024 is sure to be a great year!

Reflecting on the past few months, I had many great opportunities to connect with residents in District 5 and I look forward to continuing to engage with our community over the winter months. While connecting in our community, I heard from several residents on how they were able to access great support through some of our navigator programs and I wanted to share some of those resources with those that may want to inquire further.

#### Patient Navigator

Navigating health care can be difficult. A patient navigator is a person who can help you access health care services and supports, regardless of where you live in PEI or where you are on your health care journey.

Anyone can access the patient navigator with a question or a concern about how to navigate Health PEI services, including health services that are not offered in PEI and require out-of-province travel.  
Telephone: (902) 620-3418 / 1-844-882-3141 (toll-free)  
Email: [patientnavigator@gov.pe.ca](mailto:patientnavigator@gov.pe.ca)

#### Mental Health and Addictions Navigator

Telephone: 902-218-3289  
Available 24/7

#### Seniors Navigator

Telephone: (902) 213-5820 / 1-866-770-0588  
[seniors@gov.pe.ca](mailto:seniors@gov.pe.ca)

I look forward to continuing to meet and attend great community events in the future. We are very fortunate to live in a community that values the importance of community, family, and friendship and offers some many great occasions to gather and connect. I am energized by people, and we are surrounded by great people!

Within my role as Minister of Workforce, Advanced Learning, and Population I have spent much of the Fall engaging and meeting with stakeholder groups identifying needed support to respond to pressures they are facing in our ever-changing society. These conversations are very important and help guide our policies and priorities while building essential working relationships.

With winter in full swing, I hope everyone takes the time to enjoy some wintery experiences with their family, friends and community.

Please feel free to reach out anytime by email ([jlredmondmla@assembly.pe.ca](mailto:jlredmondmla@assembly.pe.ca)) or phone at 902-213-9518. I am here to help support this great community.

Your voice matters and I will be your strong voice with a purpose - to advocate for you and with you, to make Mermaid-Stratford, and our province, even better.

Let's make great things happen together! Thank you!

*Sincerely,*  
**Jenn Redmond**  
MLA Mermaid-Stratford

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Telephone: **902-213-9518**





## JILL BURRIDGE, MLA



Hello everyone!

As I write this, we have just finished the first week in the Fall legislature. There are twenty bills that the government hopes to pass. Capital budget for 2024/25 is another priority of this sitting. One thing I have heard over and over is the concerns regarding our population growth and how we need the infrastructure to support it. I do hope that in this capital plan you see that we are working on that.

A significant portion of the capital plan is the Stratford High School. The town is doing a great job in showing the progress being made on the Community Campus. It is exciting to see it take shape.

Housing got a boost this fall with the HST rebate on new rental housing. This program provides a full rebate of the provincial portion of the HST (10%) on qualified projects. It can be used in conjunction with other programs (i.e., Housing Challenge Fund) to support housing projects.

We released the public accounts for the 2022/23 fiscal year. We came in with a \$14.4 surplus, net debt of \$2,450.8 million which is 27.2 percent of GDP. We are in a good fiscal position. Our strong economy has performed despite the challenges with high inflation and high interest rates.

Inflation has eased; however, it still remains high, and it is our job in these times to find ways to support Islanders. The basic personal amount will take another step January 1st to \$13,500 and tax rates on lower brackets will be reduced. \$10/day childcare will also be another significant savings for families in 2024.

I encourage you to check out a new release from the College of Physicians and Surgeons on November 2nd (<https://www.cpspei.ca/public-information-release-november-2-2023/>). Changes to legislation have enabled them to implement new policies, allowing for expansion of eligibility criteria. They report receiving 307 applications so far this year, 188 of which were through the Atlantic Registry; 276 completed, 6 withdrew their application/expired, and 25 are currently incomplete. Of the 276 complete applications, they approved and issued registration to 275 physicians, which allows them to practice in PEI. This is up from 133 applications in 2022 and 118 in 2021.

Please reach out at any time. I have a district office set up in the Town Hall and encourage you to stop by anytime. My assistant Danielle is there every day from 9-3 and I come in on Mondays and Fridays if possible.

Finally, I would like to wish you all the best through the holiday season. Enjoy your time with friends and family and I will see you in the New Year!

*Sincerely,*  
**Jill Burrige**  
 MLA District 6 Stratford-Keppoch

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 Telephone: 902-213-2297



### 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](http://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.



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

# STRATFORD AREA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT GROUP



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

## > Zone Boundary Extension

We are broadening our horizons with the extension to our zone boundaries, now encompassing the Earnscliffe sub-watershed zone. This includes areas in Mount Mellick, Cherry Valley and Earnscliffe. As part of our immediate integration efforts, we have been introducing ourselves to the community, hosting shoreline garbage cleanups, and will soon be conducting culvert surveys. We are excited and hopeful for the continuation of positive impacts and collaborations that lie ahead with this new addition.

## > New Interpretive Sign!



We are excited to announce that a new interpretive sign has been installed along the Clearview Estates Trail, located just off of the Trans Canada Highway near Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park. This sign provides valuable insights into our local freshwater ecosystems and riparian zones. Our aim is to cultivate understanding of these crucial ecosystems and their role in our local environment. The next time you stroll along the Clearview Estates Trail, keep an eye out for this informative addition to learn more about our freshwater habitats.



## BECOME A MEMBER (It's free!)

As a member, you'll gain access to exclusive benefits, including event invitations, volunteer opportunities, and up-to-date information on all things related to the watershed. Join us today and become an integral part of our community's efforts to preserve and protect our natural areas. Visit our website to complete a membership form.

**THANK YOU** to all of our generous members and sponsors who continue to support us!

## > THANK YOU to Our Funding Partners!

PEI Watershed Management Fund; Town of Stratford; Environment and Climate Change Canada; Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund; Canada Summer Jobs; PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund; SkillsPEI; Jobs For Youth; Youth on Board; Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI; PEI Aquaculture Alliance; PEI Watershed Alliance.

## > In Tune With Birds



Birds, with their acute sensitivity to environmental changes, play pivotal roles in our ecosystems. They serve both as indicators of ecological health and actively contribute to its well-being, offering valuable insights and painting a picture of the overall health of our environment.

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to the generous support of the PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund grant, we are embarking on a bird survey project. The project will include a combination of bird identification through both song and visual characteristics in order to gather baseline data on the presence and distribution of various species within our watershed.

Through these surveys we hope to gain insights into local bird populations and monitor their seasonal fluctuations. We also hope to learn more about the distribution of at-risk species, such as the Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*) and Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*).

By establishing this baseline, we can better identify measures to enhance the avian environment and ensure the well-being of our feathered friends.

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

✉ stratfordwater@gmail.com

🌐 www.stratfordwater.com

📍 Stratford Area Watershed

☎ (902) 367-3605

📷 @stratfordwatershed





## RCMP IN STRATFORD

### Stay Safe and Sound this Winter: Essential Tips for Driving, Home, and Travel

As winter approaches, it's essential to be prepared for the challenges that the season brings. Winter safety is not just about keeping warm; it's also about ensuring your safety on the road, at home, and while traveling. In this article, we'll provide you with three essential tips for each of these aspects to help you navigate the winter season with confidence.

#### DRIVING TIPS:

##### 1. WINTER TIRES ARE A MUST:

One of the most critical aspects of winter driving safety is having the right tires. Winter tires are designed with deeper treads and a different rubber compound, providing better traction on snowy and icy roads. Ensure your vehicle is equipped with these tires to enhance grip and minimize the risk of accidents.

##### 2. SLOW DOWN AND INCREASE FOLLOWING DISTANCE:

In winter, roads can be slippery, making it crucial to adjust your driving habits. Slow down and increase your following distance to allow for extra stopping time. This simple adjustment can prevent rear-end collisions and help you maintain control of your vehicle in adverse conditions.

##### 3. KEEP AN EMERGENCY KIT IN YOUR CAR:

Preparing for the unexpected is key during the winter months. Keep an emergency kit in your car that includes items like a flashlight, blankets, a first-aid kit, and a small shovel. In case you get stuck or stranded, these items can make a significant difference in your safety and comfort.

#### HOME TIPS:

##### 1. LIGHTING/SNOW REMOVAL:

Clearing snow and having a well-lit property is not only beneficial for you and guests as you navigate around your home; it signals to would-be thieves that you are home, and the property is being cared for.

##### 2. PREPARE A SAFE EMERGENCY HEAT SOURCE:

In case of a power outage or heating system failure, having an alternative heat source is crucial. Remember barbeques and other propane/charcoal powered heaters are not meant for indoor use and could result in poisoning.

##### 3. LOCK YOUR HOUSE AND CAR DOORS:

Remember to keep valuables out of sight and don't leave them in your car. Lock your doors and don't tempt would-be thieves by showing what could be stolen.

#### TRAVEL TIPS:

##### 1. CHECK WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS:

Before embarking on any winter travel, check the weather and road conditions along your route. This will help you plan your journey accordingly, considering any potential delays or road closures due to snow and ice.

##### 2. KEEP PERSONAL EFFECTS AND DOCUMENTS SAFE:

When we travel, it's all about the fun and excitement of new experiences. Don't let your guard down though. Items like your passport, credit cards, vaccination documents and the like need to be safe guarded.

##### 3. INFORM SOMEONE ABOUT YOUR TRAVEL PLANS:

Always let someone know your travel plans, including your route, expected arrival time, and contact information. In the event of an emergency, having someone aware of your whereabouts can expedite assistance and provide peace of mind for both you and your loved ones.

Winter safety is about being prepared, vigilant, and responsible. By following these driving, home, and travel tips, you can ensure a safe and comfortable winter season for you and your family. Stay warm, stay safe, and enjoy all the beauty and festivities that winter has to offer.



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](http://stratfordcop.wordpress.com)

or email us at

[copstratford@gmail.com](mailto:copstratford@gmail.com)

You can also follow us on Twitter @

**COP\_Stratford**



The Town of Stratford was delighted to receive a donation of supplies in support of the Stratford Emergency Reception Centre from Innisfail Lions Club (Alberta) and Nashwaaksis Lions Club (New Brunswick) this past summer – our heartfelt thanks to both clubs as well as the Kensington Lions Club for making the delivery!

## STRATFORDS OF THE WORLD

After a couple of years of postponements, the Stratford's of the World Reunion (SOW) finally took place in Stratford, Ontario, from August 2-9, 2023. Our PEI delegates were Debbie Reid, Judy MacKenzie, Tom Green, Elaine Gaudet, and Shane and Daphne Campbell. Some of us had previously visited Stratford, Ontario while for others, it was the first time to visit and connect with old friends and make new ones. It was a very busy week and some of the highlights included a trip to Niagara Falls, a tour of Perth County, a garden dedication, and the Catalano Concert. Some of us were excited to enjoy the wonderful play *The Wedding Band* in the new 700-seat Tom Patterson Theatre.

The next reunion will be hosted in New Zealand in early 2025. The SOW countries include Australia, New Zealand, USA, England, and Canada.

At the Ontario reunion Daphne Campbell turned over the Chairperson to Debbie Reid and for further information please contact her at 902-367-0450 or via email at [debbie.reid1234@outlook.com](mailto:debbie.reid1234@outlook.com)

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Reid, Chairperson Stratford's of the World [debbie.reid1234@outlook.com](mailto:debbie.reid1234@outlook.com)



Clive Richard from Stratford-upon-Avon is pictured this summer in front of the Town Hall as he visited all the other five Stratfords of the World this year with PEI completing the list. Quite an accomplishment! When asked which Stratford was the best his answer was "I would say the Stratford you are in."

### > Stratford Community Fridge

The Stratford Community Fridge is operated by Gifts from the Heart with current operating hours for donations and use of Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (subject to change). Please inquire about volunteering or other related questions to (902) 628-6871.



#### Tips for staying mentally and physically healthy in winter...

- Eat a well balanced diet
- Stay hydrated with water
- Exercise
- Get outdoors - go for a short (or long) walk, find opportunities to get fresh air every day and explore our various trails in Stratford.
- Get enough sleep
- Connect with loved ones - even if it can't be in person, pick up the phone or have a video call with family and friends
- Find activities that you enjoy and help you relax - read, listen to music or take a bubble bath
- Focus on the positives - be kind to yourself and others!



# 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 - 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 [peipls.overdrive.com/](http://peipls.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 tools, bike repair kits, 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](http://library.pe.ca)" for event details, collection information, book recommendations and so much more!

## LIBRARY EVENTS

### > 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

### > PD Day STEAM Fun Day

New tech, science or art experiments, activities and fun every No School Friday!

Call the library for more information. Ages 6-12

### > Youth Writers Group

Ages 10+ Create characters, creatures, stories and more! New challenges each month.

### > Sensory Friendly Storytimes

This storytime is open to all children, and especially geared to children with sensory challenges. If your child has difficulty sitting through our other storytimes, this program of stories, songs and activities may be just what you are looking for! Registration required - open to all ages.

### > Book Clubs and more!

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










# 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



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

Warm wintery greetings from the Stratford and Area Lions Club!

With the start of a new year, let's make helping one another and our community part of our New Year's resolution. Do this by considering becoming a LION! The overwhelming feeling of generosity and pride within will grow knowing you make a difference in our community and have fun while doing it. This year, we have welcomed three new members.

We recently held our Christmas Seniors' Dinner, which included a visit from Santa himself! All those in attendance enjoyed the meal. We wish to thank the children from Glen Stewart Primary and Stratford Elementary schools for creating artistic placemats for the tables, the Queens County Pathfinders & Rangers for helping to serve, and of course, our Lions members/volunteers.

A quick recap of our fall activities included our apple pie and bagged apple sale, which once again, was a success. Our thanks go out to those who support it and to our members who volunteer lengthy hours to support the event. Our club meets twice monthly on Mondays when we go over submitted requests. This past fall, the club donated \$1000 respectively to Glen Stewart Primary School, Stratford Elementary School, and Birchwood School to support the breakfast programs as well as supporting various youth teams needing sponsoring and individuals in need of a helping hand.

The club holds several events at Cotton Centre, such as weekly crib tournaments at 7pm on Wednesdays. All are welcome to come with a partner or we will pair you up with someone if you come on your own. You may

even end up winning one of the great prizes! Our ceilidhs also happen every third Tuesday of the month at 7pm at Cotton Centre. Admission includes a light meal and a fun evening with local entertainers taking to the stage with great toe tapping music. A list of local entertainers is kept updated on our Facebook page.



We encourage you to look us up on Facebook; search for Stratford and Area Lions Club and like our page to keep updated on activities and projects we are involved in. Our motto is "WE SERVE," so if you or someone you know in Stratford and surrounding areas needs our assistance, please feel free to contact any Lions member or send an email to stratford.area.lions@hotmail.com or reach out to our Club President, Donnie Maclean at 902-393-2264.

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

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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](mailto:koconnell@townofstratford.ca).





# 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!

- FT Venders Inc.
- Island Science Pro Ltd.
- Jennyfer Nails
- Lupins Nails & Spa




# RECOGNITION

## > 2023 Atlantic Canada Water & Wastewater Association Award





Photo (from left to right): Mike Abbott, Mayor Philip Brown, Mayor Steve Ogden, Corey MacPhee, Warren Martin, Janeen McGuigan.

The Town of Stratford was pleased to receive the 2023 Atlantic Canada Water & Wastewater Association Project of the Year Award – Large Utility, together with the City of Charlottetown, for their joint Wastewater Treatment Consolidation Project. The project was a major milestone as it was the largest infrastructure project undertaken by the Town at the time. Thank you to all our partners and everyone who contributed to this project!



### Did You Know ?

Town of Stratford accounts for 13% of all emissions generated at the Charlottetown Wastewater Treatment Plant.

## > PEI Rural Beautification Awards

Town of Stratford was delighted to have the Town's Community/Commemorative Garden place first provincially for the PEI Rural Beautification Awards! The Town also accepted a special award of recognition for Queens County. Thank you to staff and all those involved in making our natural spaces look beautiful! Congratulations to the Stratford Youth Centre for receiving 2nd place in the youth garden competition for Queens County!



## Share your Stratford Spirit

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

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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!

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



## 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](mailto:arsenault@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 confidence 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](http://www.bbbspei.ca), email [info@bbbspei.ca](mailto:info@bbbspei.ca) or call 902-569-KIDS.

### > Stratford Community School



Need some excitement  
in your life?

**TAKE A  
COURSE!**

For any questions or information about the next Stratford Community School in Fall 2024, please contact Kathy Livingstone at (902) 569-3098 or [stratfordcommunityschool@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sopei@sopei.com) or check out our website at [www.sopei.com](http://www.sopei.com).

### > Stratford Scout Group

The Stratford Scouts, Cubs and Beavers are welcoming new members. 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 (times 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](http://www.myscouts.ca)

Our mission is to help develop well rounded youth and better prepare them 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



## COMMUNITY GROUPS

to help them become self-reliant, confident, caring, responsible and committed to the world around them. The Scout Method is an approach unique to Scouting throughout the world and includes each of the following seven essentials: The Scouting Promise and Law, Learning by Doing, The Patrol (Team) System, Nature, Symbolic Framework, Personal Progression, and Scouter Support.

For more information, please visit [www.scouts.ca](http://www.scouts.ca) or contact Steve Ellis at [peislander1@hotmail.com](mailto:peislander1@hotmail.com) or 902-218-4885.

### > 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 2023–2024 year is available on our website. Check out [www.seniorscollege.ca](http://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@upei.ca](mailto:seniorscollege@upei.ca) or by phone at 902-894-2867.

### > Support Group

Pulmonary fibrosis has a support group for anyone dealing with this disease.

We meet on the second Sunday of each month at 1pm at the Stratford Town Centre. Please feel free to call 902-626-7014 for more information.

### > Mayflower Seniors Club



Melanie Melanson, Seniors Navigator, who recently spoke at one of the Mayflower Seniors Club meetings on Services for Seniors on PEI.

(Note: The Mayflower Seniors Club invites a guest speaker each month to talk to seniors about various programming on the island)

The Mayflower Seniors Club was formed in 1986 by a small group of Stratford seniors and has since grown to over 100 members. If you are 55+ and enjoy meeting and engaging with like-minded people from Stratford and surrounding area, please consider joining the Mayflower Seniors Club. The annual membership fee is \$10.00 per person. Monthly meetings are held every second Monday at 1:30 p.m. from September to June.

#### **Mondays:**

Crafts at 9am

Bocce Ball (Mayflower version) at 1pm \*no Bocce Ball on meeting days\*

#### **Tuesdays:**

Cards 45's at 1:30pm

#### **Wednesdays:**

Line Dancing at 9am

Crib at 7:30pm

#### **Thursdays:**

Guitar Jam at 7pm (Oct-May)

#### **Fridays:**

Crokinole at 7:30pm

#### **Every second Sunday of the month:**

Ceilidh at 7pm

Also available now is our Games Afternoon, featuring a variety of board games. If you have a special event coming up (Birthday, anniversary, etc.) the Mayflower Seniors Room at Robert Cotton Centre (on Bunbury Road) is available for rent.



### 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

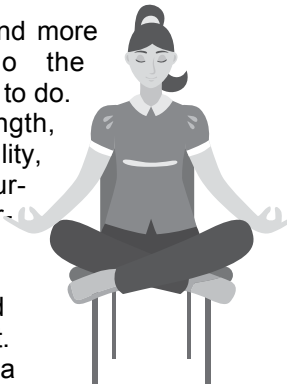
### > Island Karate Club



The Island Karate Club recently hosted the Tsuruoka Karate-Do National Tournament, clinic, and black belt grading. This was our first national tournament for Tsuruoka Karate-Do with participants coming from Newfoundland, New Brunswick, British Columbia as well as our own Island participants. It was a huge success and thank you to all who participated. One of our own students, Evan Gosse, successfully graded for his first-degree black belt. Congratulations and great job Evan! Our classes are on Monday and Thursday nights at the Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall in Stratford (145 Stratford Road). For more information about class times and registering with us, please check out our website, [www.islandkarate.com](http://www.islandkarate.com) or our Facebook page, Island Karate Club.

### > Chair Yoga/Stretch & Tone

Get stronger and more flexible to do the things you love to do. Includes strength, balance, flexibility, mobility, endurance, and coordination training using body weight and light equipment. Includes yoga flow/seated and standing movements (bring your own stretch band). Open to VPs (vintage persons) of all levels. Registration starts 3 weeks prior to each session start date. To register, please contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at [bfitjv42@icloud.com](mailto:bfitjv42@icloud.com).



Tuesdays at 10:50am  
 Session 1: starts January 9, 2024  
 Session 2: starts February 6, 2024  
 Session 3: starts March 5, 2024

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

20 minutes each of cardio, strength and stretch. Have fun doing low impact moves to music, followed by total body strength, mobility and balance training using light equipment. Ends with total body stretch to relax and improve flexibility (bring your own stretch band and mat). Open to active VPs (vintage persons). Registration starts 3 weeks prior to each session start date. To register, please contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at [bfitjv42@icloud.com](mailto:bfitjv42@icloud.com).



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### > Cardio Pump



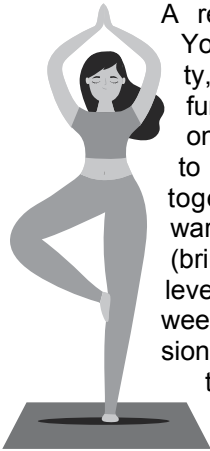
Low Impact Party – move to music! You'll get an amazing fun cardio workout followed by total body strength, mobility and balance training using bands, dumbbells, and small balls (bring your own stretch band and mat). Geared toward active VPs (vintage persons). Registration starts 3 weeks prior to each session start date. To register, please contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at [bfitjv42@icloud.com](mailto:bfitjv42@icloud.com).

Thursdays at 9:30am  
 Session 1: starts January 11, 2024  
 Session 2: starts February 8, 2024  
 Session 3: starts March 7, 2024



# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## > Gentle Flow Yoga



A relaxing form of Hatha Yoga to increase flexibility, balance, mobility, and functional strength. Focus on breath with movement to bring mind and body together. Includes mat warm up and standing flow (bring your own mat). All levels. Registration starts 3 weeks prior to each session start date. To register, please contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at bfitjv42@icloud.com.

Thursdays at 11:00am  
 Session 1: starts January 11, 2024  
 Session 2: starts February 8, 2024  
 Session 3: starts March 7, 2024

## > Privateers Football Club



The Privateers Football Club fields numerous teams playing tackle football in U12, U14, U16, and U18 divisions. The Privateers tackle program includes youth from the Charlottetown and Stratford areas. Each of the teams 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/](http://FootballPEI.ca/members/Charlottetown/).



## > Dance Stars Academy

### Who Are We?

Your friendly neighborhood dance studio! DSA has been Stratford's home of safe and professional dance instruction for ages 18 months and up, providing over a decade of recreational and competitive dance excellence!

### What Do We Do?

Dance Stars Academy is dedicated to creating a safe and fun space for dancers of any interest level, recreational to pre-professional! We do this by providing internationally acclaimed syllabus designed by dance professionals and delivered by accredited Professional Instructors. We offer certified and accredited syllabus instruction in:

- ADAPT Jazz & Tap
- Acrobatic Arts/AcroDance Teachers Association Acrodance
- Baton Arts
- Vaganova Ballet/Progressing Ballet Technique

### New Program:

- Dance Cirque (free trials for children 5+ years old)
- Includes: Interactive circuits, lyra, silks, trapeze, juggling, hula hoops and more all under the supervision of our fully qualified teachers.

Visit our website [www.dancestaraacademy.com](http://www.dancestaraacademy.com) to sign up for a free trial class!



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

Pet owners should refrain from letting their pets visit the yards of those around them, whether while on a walk or by leaving them to wander on their own.

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

Cleaning up after your dog is also part of being a responsible dog owner. Please dispose of the dog poop bag in the garbage – these do not compost and are NEVER to be left along the side of roads, trails, and sidewalks!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**



# 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.



Town of Stratford



# ARTIST BURSARY

The Town of Stratford is pleased to offer bursaries to help support artists/artisans living in Stratford as they continue their education and skill development.

Bursaries are a maximum of \$1,000.00 annually for full-time, part-time and short-term studies.

**Apply by February 1, 2024  
by 12:00 pm (noon)**

Visit [www.townofstratford.ca](http://www.townofstratford.ca) to learn about eligibility and how to apply.



## Shape Your Community





**It's time to develop your own community!**

Build roads, connect utilities and construct houses.  
How many units can you build?  
Can you make them affordable?

[www.shape.townofstratford.ca/shape-your-community](http://www.shape.townofstratford.ca/shape-your-community)  
to give it a try!



# 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](http://www.t3transit.ca)**

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





# 2024

## *New Year's Levee*

Mayor Steve Ogden and Council cordially invite you to attend the Town of Stratford New Year's Levee

January 1, 2024  
12:00pm (noon) to 1:30pm

Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive  
Southport, Bunbury & Crossroads Rooms

