



ANNUAL RESIDENT SURVEY

The annual resident survey will soon be available on both paper copy and online.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2022

Nominations now open!
Learn more on page 12.



STRATFORD SPIRIT

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Let's embrace winter with fun virtual activities all month long!



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



New Year Greetings!

I hope you had a peaceful and joyous holiday season and that 2022 is a very happy and healthy year for everyone.

Let me begin by offering a warm welcome to our new Chief Administrative Officer which we will introduce to residents in the next edition of Town Talk. At this time, I would like to acknowledge and thank Robert Hughes, who after 22 years of exemplary service to Stratford, retired at the end of 2021. Council, staff, and residents owe Robert a tremendous debt of gratitude for his vision and leadership during his distinguished tenure with the Town and I extend heartfelt thanks to Robert for everything he has done and wish him all the best in his retirement.

- Since September's last update, several Town initiatives have advanced significantly:
- Regarding the new high school, we are grateful to the Province for their continued commitment to build the school on the Community Campus as noted in their fall capital budget. We are completing the Community Campus conceptual layout and have applied for funding to construct the roadway, water, sewer, and stormwater systems in 2022.
 - I would like to thank the many residents who provided input to the waterfront park plan. The latest version of the plan is available on the Town's website. We hope to complete Phase 1 in 2022, which will consist of building a boardwalk and lookouts.
 - The Annual Resident Survey will be released in late January. I encourage all residents to complete it as your views on key issues are important considerations in all Council and staff decisions. This past fall, a survey of Town businesses was completed. We were pleased to see that 84% rated the Town as an excellent or good place to do business. Thank you to all who participated, and for choosing to #ThinkStratford and locate your business here.
 - Development of the Town's 2022-23 budget is well underway. Please watch for a public opportunity to comment on the draft budget in late February or early March.
 - There has been phenomenal interest and success in the Switch Stratford Program which is helping homeowners to make the switch to greener solutions while saving on their energy costs. Visit the Town's website or www.switchstratford.ca for more information.

The Gray Group's Crossroads development plan demonstrates their confidence in Stratford through the investment of close to \$1Billion which is proposed to transform our Town core and represent the next generation of the Town of Stratford. Public meetings will be held to review any proposed changes to the Official Plan and Zoning and Development Bylaw.

In closing, let's look forward with optimism and hope to longer days, warmer sunshine, and a healthier environment as we continue to work together to make Stratford the best community possible!

Sincerely,
Steve Ogden, Mayor

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INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT



WATER USE DURING PROLONGED POWER OUTAGE

In the event of a prolonged power outage, we ask Stratford Utility customers to limit their water use as while water will remain available, the Town's pumping stations will need to be serviced manually since they are not equipped with backup generators.

This can be a slow process that requires a continuous loop by staff to visit each pumping station and manually empty them. Therefore, the least amount of water that goes into the sewer system during a power outage is easier for our system and staff.

WHILE EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO ENSURE THAT CONTENT IN THIS EDITION IS ACCURATE AT THE TIME OF PRINTING, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THIS ACCURACY AS THE COVID-19 SITUATION EVOLVES DAILY AND MAY IMPACT OUR OPERATIONS AND DECISION-MAKING. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH US AT (902) 569-1995 OR FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UPDATES!

> Utility Projects

Subdivisions

Infrastructure staff are busy closing out 2021 projects while preparing for a busy 2022 season. Ongoing Stratford Utility projects from 2021 include sewer pipe lining to reduce inflow and infiltration, upgrades to our Corish, Bayside, and Pondsides sewer lift stations and upgrades to the SCADA communications system which remotely monitors our sewer lift and water stations.

The Utility added water and sewer infrastructure from three new subdivisions in 2021 which means that Utility staff now monitor and maintain a water and sewer system comprised of 87 kilometers of sewer main, 1246 sewer manholes, 28 sewer lift stations, 4 water stations and a reservoir, 82 kilometers of water main, 618 water main valves, 274 hydrants and valves, and finally, 3741 residential and commercial water meters.

As development continues in 2022, several subdivision extensions and new subdivisions are in the concept and/or design phase. Staff are busy removing Christmas decorations, preparing equipment for the summer, and completing maintenance and repairs as needed inside our buildings.

Wastewater Treatment Delivery System

Stratford's wastewater is now being pumped to Charlottetown for treatment since February 2021. Contractors have been busy decommissioning our lagoons and preparing the land for our new waterfront park. Work will continue this spring.

> Public Works

The Town's maintenance building received a new heat pump and steel roof in 2021. Other work includes construction of

a dry storage building which began in December 2021 and will be completed by the summer, access risers added to our septic tank at Tea Hill Park, new sidewalk installed around the Stratford Emergency Services Centre, and the Town added a new dump trailer and used water truck to our inventory. Four electric vehicle charging stations were added in 2021 through a partnership with Maritime Electric with the Town currently having three charging stations at Stratford Town Hall, one at Stratford Emergency Services Centre, and one on Sheppard Drive.

Sidewalks, Trails Bike Lane, and Storm Water

In the fall of 2021, contractors completed the paved multi-purpose path on Keppoch Road. While the path has been opened since November 2021 and will be cleared of snow this winter, reinstatement will continue in 2022. This 2.3 km path was the largest active transportation project to date in Stratford. The Town is budgeting for additional multi-use paths in the 2022-23 budget.

The Province completed the multi-purpose path across the Hillsborough bridge as well as the Trans Canada trail connection from Fullerton's Park to Mt Herbert Road in 2021. Users can now travel from Charlottetown to Wood Islands on an active transportation system. The province has paved over four kilometers of streets this year. Our thanks go to the Province of PEI for their continued support of projects throughout Stratford.

Please note that it is illegal to discharge any storm water, surface water, water from sump pumps, roof run-off, surface drainage, subsurface drainage, foundation drainage, or water used for heating or cooling into our sewer system.



INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT



Safety Services

The Town's Safety Services committee reviews lighting requests along with requests for speed and traffic signs, crosswalks, and other traffic calming devices. These traffic recommendations then need to be approved by the Province who owns 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 and used in 2021 with a plan to add more of these devices in 2022.

Maritime Electric will continue their program to replace high pressure sodium lights with LED throughout Stratford.

As part of their daily work, they also replace lights with LED as they need repair or add new lights as requested by the Town.

Snow Clearing of Roads, Sidewalks and Trails

Sidewalks, along with select trails that are along the public right of way, which lead to public services or are groomed by the Recreation department in some of our parks for walking or skiing in Stratford, are cleared of snow.

See our website for a list of locations.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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

SPEEDING ENDANGERS EVERYONE ON THE ROAD

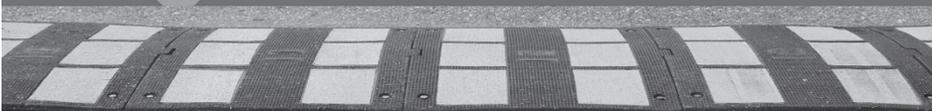


We ask and encourage everyone to drive responsibly. Please show respect to everyone on the road.

Residents can help the RCMP by reporting the speeder with the following information:

- time and day of the incident
- description of vehicle
- license plate number
- description of the driver

Please call the Stratford RCMP at 902-367-9300 (or 911 in an emergency).



“Slow down, move over, think of others”

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!

Egg Farmers of PEI

Brudenell Tire

**Jason MacKay at
Century 21 Colonial Realty**

McDonald's Restaurants

**Clifford Lee at
Provincial Realty**



> The Building Bylaw and National Building Code

In the spring of 2020, the Town of Stratford adopted a new Building Bylaw (Bylaw #50), which included the adoption of the 2015 National Building Code and the 2017 National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings. The Building Bylaw is enforced through scheduled inspections during construction at various stages of completion. These inspections will verify work against the approved submitted plans and against the NBCC.

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

- Development Application Form
- Utility Application Form
- Entrance Way Application Form
- Completed Deck Pamphlet (if using Helical Piles, an engineer stamped helical pile design is required)
- Building Plans; including, floor plans, elevations, and cross-section
- Truss Package; including, layouts and individual truss design
- Site Plan/Grading Plan
- Letter of Authorization
- Additional information may be required

*** Please note that preliminary plans will no longer be accepted ***

To ensure that your permit is ready in time for your project start date, please submit your complete application as early as possible, while allowing enough time for staff to process it.



> Bylaw information

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



> Official Plan Review Update

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

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

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

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

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

> Stratford Honour Roll Project



The purpose of this project was to ensure that those who died while serving our country during times of war are not forgotten. This project recognizes and honours 10 soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice; those who did not return from overseas conflicts or died at home as a result of the injuries received in those conflicts. This project has also made the existing cenotaph

fully accessible to the public so that it can be used as an engagement piece for Veterans, Armed Forces members, and residents. It will also serve as a community learning piece for our youth. It is intended to be a place that people can gather throughout the year for remembrance and reflection. Two Interpretive Panels have also been created by the Town of Stratford Heritage Committee to tell the story of these 10 individuals, one each for WWI and WWII.



> Development Permits

From January to October 2021, the Planning Department has issued a total of 208 development permits. The following Table shows a summary of development activities between January and October 2021.

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PERMITS January, 2021 to October 2021

Permit Type	No. of Permits	Estimated Value
Single Family Residential	53	\$29,677,410.00
Residential Additions, Renovations, and Demolitions	12	\$887,800.00
Semi-Detached/Duplex	8	\$3,545,000.00
Townhouse	5	\$3,528,500.00
Apartment	1	\$1,600,000.00
Accessory Buildings	16	\$133,050.00
Accessory Structures (pools, decks, fences)	39	\$722,276.00
Other (signage, demolition, etc.)	20	\$87,632.00
Commercial (new, renovations, additions)	18	\$2,656,269.00
Industrial (new, renovations, additions)	0	\$0
Institutional (new, renovations, additions)	0	\$0
Totals	208	\$45,143,222.00

DO YOU NEED A PERMIT?

Call the Town of Stratford to be sure. Staff can assist and advise you of the requirements before your project – big or small – begins!

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Should you have any questions relating to building permits or the National Building Code, please contact our Planning Department at 902-569-6255.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND BYLAW INFORMATION?

A copy of the Building Bylaw, application forms, and other related information can be found on the Town’s website or you can pick up copies in person from the Planning Department.

RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

BABYSITTING COURSE

Friday, February 18, 2022

One day course

(9:00am - 4:00pm)

Cost is \$45 per child

Location: Stratford Youth Centre (57 Bunbury Road)
(Children must bring their own lunch)

Masks are required by all participants

Designed for youth a minimum age of 11 (or completion of Grade 5), this course teaches the skills necessary to care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. It emphasizes safety, dealing with emergencies, and first aid basics, along with hands-on practice that will help build confidence.

Course materials include a student activity book, a certificate suitable for framing, and a wallet-size certificate.



STRATFORD YOUTH CENTRE

The Stratford Youth Centre offers youth in Grades 5-12, a safe and supportive environment to participate at the social and recreational centre, in various clubs, and at special events. 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 however 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 with our different events as well.



Youth 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 and adult volunteers. If you would like to become a Stratford Youth Centre Member, volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Duane at (902) 367-3294 or dpineau@townofstratford.ca

Please Note: Due to Covid Restrictions, registration numbers are limited at the Youth Centre this season. Registration is based on space availability.

> Stratford Youth Centre Clubs

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



RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

> Stratford Youth Centre – Drop-In Schedule

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



Mondays:

Grade 5 – 6 (3:00pm – 5:00pm)
Grade 7 – 8 (5:00pm – 6:30pm)
Grade 9 – 12 (6:30pm – 8:00pm)

Wednesdays:

Grade 5 – 6 (3:00pm – 5:00pm)
Grade 7 – 8 (5:00pm – 6:30pm)
Grade 9 – 12 (6:30pm – 8:00pm)

Thursdays:

Grade 5 – 6 (3:00pm – 5:00pm)

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

YOUTH PROGRAMS

> Brush Stop

Tuesdays from 10:00 - 11:00am
 Location: Online
 No cost (free program)

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

> Let's Get Creative Youth Art Classes

January 8 to March 12, 2022
 Ages 5 - 9: 12:00 - 1:30pm
 Ages 10 - 14: 2:00 - 3:30pm
 Location: Stratford Town Centre (stage area)
 Cost: \$190 per youth (for 10 weeks)
 Supplies included

These sessions are meant to foster creativity and connection for youth by engaging them in fun arts and crafts projects. This program is designed and presented by Ryan McAdam-Young, artist and creative educator.

> C.H.A.N.C.E.S. Free Drop-in and Play

Every Friday from 9:30 – 11:30am
 January 15 to March 19, 2022
 Location: Stratford Town Centre
 For children from birth to age 6
 No cost (free program)

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

> Stratford Summer Day Camp

9-week summer camp
 Ages 8 - 12
 Max. of 20 youth per week
 Program can be booked for the full 9 weeks or weekly.
 Registration begins January 4, 2022
 Cost: \$145/week or \$1200/full summer

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.



STAY SAFE PROGRAM

Friday, March 4, 2022

One day course
 (9:00am - 3:00pm)

Cost is \$50 per child

Location: Stratford Youth Centre (57 Bunbury Road)
 (Children must bring their own lunch)

Masks are required by all participants

The Stay Safe Program is for children a minimum of 9 years of age and older (or completion of Grade 3), who may have to spend a brief amount of time home alone. Students will learn home safety procedures, ways to obtain emergency help and when it is appropriate to call 911, and other related topics.

Space is limited – Register early!

To register for one of these programs, contact the Town of Stratford at 902-569-6250 or visit www.townofstratford.ca

PLEASE NOTE!

All activities and programs will comply with CPHO regulations pertaining to mandatory masks and Vax pass requirements for ages 12+ years.

RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

ADULT PROGRAMS

> Intermediate Watercolour Painting Classes

Saturdays from 10:00 - 12:00pm
January 15 to March 19, 2022
Location: In person (Vax pass with photo ID) and Online
Cost: \$25/person (supplies not included)

Ideal for those with prior watercolour painting experience!

> Beginner Watercolour Painting Classes

Tuesdays from 7:00 - 9:00pm
January 10 to March 14, 2022
Location: Gertrude Cotton Building
Cost: \$50/person (supplies included)

This program is for those interested in learning watercolour and will include step by step exercises to help you complete your watercolour paintings on your own and with confidence.

> Art Club

Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00pm
January 13 to March 17, 2022
Location: In person (Vax pass with photo ID) and Online
Cost: \$25/person (supplies not included)

For all levels and abilities! Register early to book your spot!

> Online Drawing Class

Mondays from 7:00 - 9:00pm
January 10 to March 14, 2022
Cost: \$25/person

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

To register, or for more information, please call the Town of Stratford at 902-569-6250, visit the website at www.townofstratford.ca or drop by the Recreation Welcome Desk in person.



> Men's Recreational Basketball

Wednesdays from 8:15 - 9:45pm
January 5 to April 27, 2022
Location: Stratford Town Centre
Cost: \$25/person

Recreational basketball league for those over the age of 18 - everyone is welcome to come and play. All levels encouraged in this "for fun" league!

> Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball

Mondays from 8:15 - 9:45pm
January 3 to April 25, 2022
Location: Stratford Town Centre
Cost: \$25/person

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

> Pickleball

This program is for all skill levels (beginner to advance play together) and considered non-competitive. Pickleball is a mix of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. The basic equipment (ball & net) is provided by the Town of Stratford. Every ability is welcome and open to 16+ years of age. Must have your own racquet!

Various days & times available - please check our program offerings online at www.townofstratford.ca or in person with the Town Centre gym attendants.

Min. 12 / Max. 24 participants for most recreational programs. Please note that players must pre-register to play. At this time, drop-ins are not welcomed due to COVID-19 regulations and in the event a program is cancelled for the same reason, a credit or refund will be issued.

You can register for recreational programs with the Town Centre Attendants at the Recreation Reception Desk. You can also view upcoming programs and registration dates and create a personal account to register or pay for the program you'd like to sign up for directly from our website at www.townofstratford.ca. If further information is required, please call 902-569-6250.

> Outdoor Skating in Stratford



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



TRIVIA

CAN YOU GUESS HOW MANY WATER HYDRANTS WE HAVE IN TOWN?
(answer page 18)

RECREATION, CULTURE & EVENTS

> Permissions to use Town Facilities

Groups and individuals who want to use Town facilities 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, Pondside Park, Kinlock Park, Robert L. Cotton Memorial Park, and Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park.

Town facilities include the Stratford Town Centre, MacNeill Community Centre, Bunbury Rink Building and Cotton Park buildings. Town facilities are available to groups or individuals on a priority basis.



> Town Centre Gymnasium

The Stratford Town Centre is open for Stratford residents to use seven days a week. The centre is equipped with a gymnasium, walking track, fitness centre, multi-purpose meeting rooms, change rooms, stage, and kitchen. Residents are welcome to use the fitness centre and walking track any time the building is open. Please check our social media or call 902-569-6250 to inquire about current COVID-19 protocols or restrictions.

To book any of our meeting rooms or gymnasium for private use, please contact the recreation office at 902-569-6250. We ask that you please sign in and out with the gym attendants when using our facility.



> Stratford Gymnasium Track Direction and Rules

Lanes at the track are for walking and running. Directions for walking/running change daily - these are posted everyday by the top of the stairs. We ask that people 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.

> Scent-free

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



SNOWSHOES



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

GROOMED TRAILS



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



PLEASE NOTE

Masks and Vax Pass are required for admission into our recreational facilities as of the time of this printing.

Hours of Operation:
 Monday to Thursday: 6:00 am - 10:00 pm
 Friday: 6:00 am - 9:00 pm
 Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm (Sept - June)
 Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (July - Aug)
 Statutory Holiday Hours: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm



TOWN CENTRE GYM, WALKING TRACK & FITNESS CENTRE



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

AWARD OBJECTIVES

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

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

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

ELIGIBILITY

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

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

SELECTION PROCESS

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

HOW TO SEND IN A SUBMISSION

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

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

PLEASE NOTE:

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

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

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



TOWN EVENTS & INITIATIVES

> Residential Tree Planting Program

Last spring, the Town of Stratford launched a pilot program to help residents plant a good-quality, large native tree in their front yard. The program was a success, and 100 mature trees were planted throughout Stratford, including tree species like red maple, red oak, and white birch. Each tree was planted in the front yard so that, once full grown, they will provide shade and other benefits to street users and the entire neighbourhood. In 2021, the pilot program was funded by the PEI Climate Challenge Fund, and due to the initial success, the Town intends to run the program again this year. Sign up for the Town's e-newsletter to find out more about the upcoming 2022 Residential Tree Planting Program. Details will be shared in the coming months.



> Stratford Switch Program

In July, the Town launched a new program to help residents make energy improvements to their home, such as installing solar or increasing insulation, called "Switch Stratford". The goal of the program is to remove barriers for residents looking to make the switch to renewable energy and/or energy efficiency. Through the program, residents can apply to receive support through the planning stages, a free home energy audit, 0% financing on the cost of the project, and help to coordinate rebates. Interest in the program so far has been higher than expected, and over 200 residents of Stratford have already reached out to the program, and many have completed projects. The program operates with a small administration fee that is based on the cost of the total project and is also available to residents of Charlottetown and Wolfville, NS. More information is available at switchstratford.ca.

> Community Gardens Expansion



Photo credit: Phil Matusiewicz

This fall, the Stratford Area Watershed Improvement Group and the Rotary Club of Charlottetown Royalty teamed up to assist the Town in expanding the always-popular Community Gardens. Sixteen new garden plots were built and installed and will be ready for use in Spring 2022. The gardens now offer 87 plots, making it one of the largest community gardens in PEI! Each year there is high demand for a plot; if you are interested in gardening at the Stratford Community Gardens, you can place your name on the waiting list for a plot by emailing stratfordcommunitygardens@gmail.com.

> Diversity and Inclusion

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

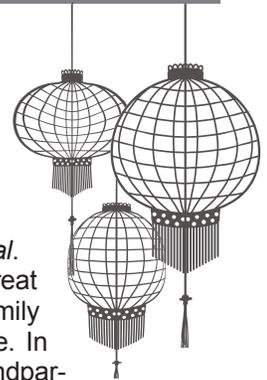
Town of Stratford is a welcoming and inclusive community and in this edition of Town Talk, we would like to recognize our Chinese community members and celebrate their rich culture, especially for the upcoming Chinese Spring Festival on February 1, 2022.

Chinese culture is one of the oldest cultures, originating thousands of years ago and deeply rooted in philosophy, virtue, etiquette, and traditions. Here's some interesting facts about Chinese culture and customs and great conversation starters (and tips):

- The most important festivals include *Spring Festival* (also known

as *Chinese New Year*), *Lantern Festival*, *Qingming* or *Tomb Sweeping Festival*, *Dragon Boat Festival*, and *Mid-Autumn Festival*.

- Chinese place great importance on family and family structure. In many families, grandparents tend to live with their children even after they are married and have their own children, and children will look after their parents once they are married and working.
- Tea is the national beverage of China. Having a pot of tea when visitors come around is the typical way for Chinese people to welcome them.
- When you're visiting a Chinese home, it's customary to take off your shoes before entering their home; most homes will have guest slippers that you can slip on.
- Respect is important in Chinese culture. You will often see Chinese people do a slight bow when greeting someone and greet elders first as a sign of respect. In fact, elders take the lead at dinner; they sit first and get served first, and families will often wait until their elders take their first bite before the rest of them begins eating.
- If you notice Chinese people accepting business cards or gifts with two hands, it's because they are showing respect. Similarly, if you're receiving a business card from them, make sure to glance at it for a few seconds and tuck it away in a chest pocket, never in your back pocket (which is a sign of disrespect in Chinese culture).



STRATFORD AREA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT GROUP

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



YOU CAN BECOME A MEMBER

Memberships are only \$10/year for Individuals, \$20/year for Families, and \$100/year for a Business Corporate Membership.

Pick up a membership at Town Centre, call (902) 367-3605, or find it online at sawig.wordpress.com.

Your membership fee goes directly to helping SAWIG complete projects in your community!



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

BIG THANK YOU to our generous funders this year including the Canada Summer Jobs, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Jobs for Youth, PEI Climate Challenge Fund, PEI Watershed Management Fund, PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund, Skills PEI, Rotary Club of Charlottetown Royalty, Town of Stratford, and Wildlife Habitat Canada

> Water Audit Program

The average person on PEI uses 220 L of water per day – that's a lot of water. Have you thought about how much you use and how you might use less?

With funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada and support from the Town of Stratford, SAWIG continues offer our Water Audit Program. The aim of the program is to reduce water use by auditing the water efficiency of fixtures and appliances in the home, household member water usage habits, looking for undetected leaks, and identifying potential ways to save water.

If you are interested in this program email wateraudits@townofstratford.ca or call 902-367-3605.



> Summer Field Season Wrap up

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

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

- ✉ stratfordwater@gmail.com
- f [Stratford Area Watershed](#)
- 📷 [@stratfordwatershed](#)
- 🌐 sawig.wordpress.com



MICHELE BEATON, MLA

As we celebrate this holiday season and turn the calendar to 2022, it is a great time to reflect on a year that has given us the opportunity to reunite with family, gather with friends and resume some of our normal activities.



The pandemic has taught me that empathy is essential. Throughout the past two years every single person has a story of some way the pandemic affected their health and happiness. We are in a time of healing when we need the most support from our healthcare system; a system that is overburdened, aging and needs our attention.

In the fall sitting of the Legislature, I raised a lot of the concerns that our frontline healthcare workers are dealing with. Working short staffed creates a stressful work environment but staff shortages are a symptom of greater issues. Excessive workloads, workplace violence, low wages and lack of work/life balance have caused shortages in many areas within our healthcare system. I will continue to press government to make necessary changes to address the actual issues, not just the symptoms. This is more than just press releases and platitudes. Our healthcare workers need capacity built into a system that is struggling. Islanders need our healthcare workers to be healthy and safe. I believe that we can improve the healthcare system, but it will take listening to the workers.

I was proud to move a motion this sitting to improve access to preventative pelvic floor healthcare, especially for women. Many in our community do not know what kinds of preventative care is available for pelvic floors. This motion passed unanimously. We also passed a motion to implement a pilot to allow pharmacists to work their full scope of practice on PEI. The intent is to provide more points of access for primary healthcare so more Islanders can get the care they need.

I love volunteering in the community as it gives me the opportunity to connect with so many residents. This fall, I started helping at the Birchwood breakfast program every Tuesday morning and get to greet the Grade 7s. They are a great group of kids. This year I am also leading the Stratford Sparks and Brownies and love being back with these curious and inquisitive kids.

I will be continuing my office hours at Stratford Town Centre in the new year with a slight change in time; Monday morning at Stratford Town Centre from 9:30 - 11:00 am. To book an appointment, call (902) 620-3977 or send me an email at mlbeatonMLA@assembly.pe.ca.

Happy New Year to everyone in the Mermaid-Stratford community! I wish you and your families health and happiness for 2022.

Sincerely,
Michele Beaton

Michele Beaton
MLA District 5 Mermaid - Stratford

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

ORGANIZATION NAME CHANGE

This past fall, the PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada (PEIANC) officially changed its name and will be known as Immigrant and Refugee Services Association PEI (IRSA) moving forward. The new name better reflects who the organization is, what they do, and most importantly, who their clients are. All staff, services, programs, and activities will continue as they have in the past, including providing services to new immigrants, settlement services for individuals and families, employment assistance to those seeking employment, and organizing community engagement and integration events that bring the new and established Islanders together. You can find out more at www.irsapei.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

RCMP IN STRATFORD

Stratford RCMP are keeping roadways safe

The safety of Island roadways is a top priority for Stratford RCMP. Over the past several months, members have increased patrols and enforcement operations targeting speeding, impaired and distracted drivers. To help combat impaired driving, PEI RCMP recently received training on a new device. This roadside device screens for drug impairment and is another tool in helping to remove impaired drivers from the road.

To help keep you safe on the road this winter, the RCMP are sharing some winter driving tips to help you prepare:

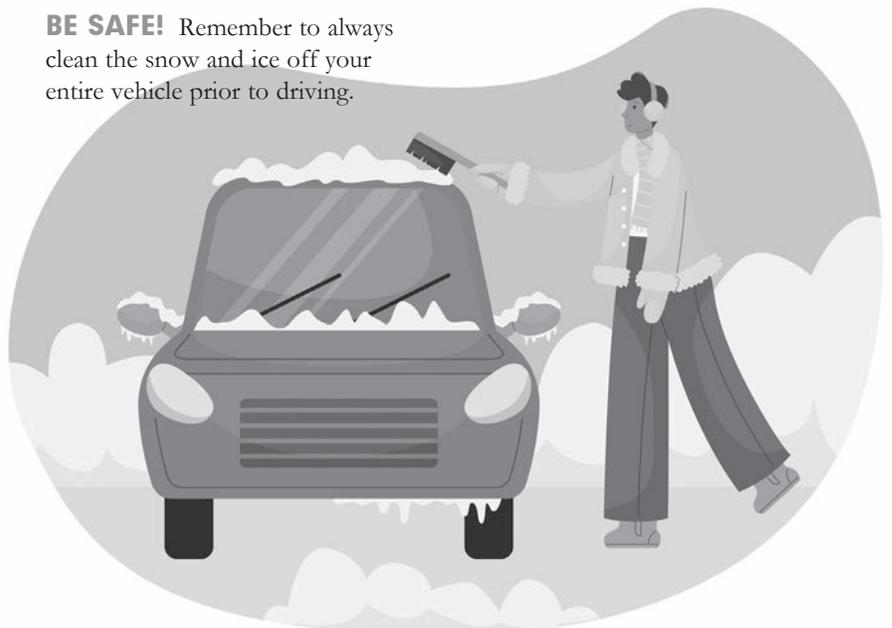
- Drive for the road conditions. Slow down when conditions are poor.
- Always ensure that you plan for your commute ahead of time, especially if inclement weather is in the forecast.
- Make sure that your vehicle is equipped with tires appropriate for the season, and that they have plenty of tread.

- Do not use cruise control when driving on any snow or ice-covered roads.
- Always clean all snow and ice off your entire vehicle prior to driving.

The public plays an important role in helping to keep roadways safe. If you suspect an impaired or dangerous driver, please call 9-1-1 immediately in a safe manner. Providing as much information as possible regarding the vehicle, driver, location, and direction of travel can help police get these drivers off the road.

RESPECT |||
IT'S A TWO WAY STREET

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



STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY



HOURS OF OPERATION:

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

It's a great time to discover Libby, the Overdrive app that gives you access to our ebook and audiobook collection. Check out peipls.overdrive.com/ to check out some of the thousands of titles that are available without a trip to library! Magazines more interesting to you? Try Flipster instead!

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

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

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

Nature Club at Cotton Park

Join us for stories and activities in the beauty of Cotton Park. Learn to catalogue and identify trees and flowers, take nature hikes through different environments and seasons. Different activities each month!

Third Tuesday of the month at 4pm. Registration is required, please call 902-569-7441. Vax pass is required for adults and children over 12. Meet at the Gazebo behind Gertrude Cotton Art Building, 57 Bunbury Rd.

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!

> Town of Stratford – Storm Closure Policy

When winter storms arrive and you are unsure whether the Stratford Town Centre (including the Gymnasium and Fitness Centre are open), please be aware that we follow the Provincial Government offices for Charlottetown's cancellation or delays. Our cancellations are also sent to local radio stations (CFCY, Ocean 100, CBC, Q93, Hot105.5) and are posted on the Town's Facebook, Twitter accounts

immediately upon a decision being made. We also try to update the Town's website however the Town's social media is your best place to look.

Since cancellation notices may be reported by media later than when the doors to the Recreation Centre normally open in the morning, we suggest you call 902-569-2535 for the latest updates on storm-related events.



REMINDER TO RESIDENTS: WINTER UPKEEP OF PROPERTY

Residents are responsible for ensuring proper upkeep of their property when travelling 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.

STRATFORD AND AREA LIONS CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBERT ON HIS RETIREMENT!



Robert Hughes has been with the Town for 22 years as the Chief Administrative Officer and under his leadership, the Town has achieved many milestones in areas of sustainability, diversity and inclusion, citizen engagement, asset management, and open governance to name a few! Robert has contributed largely to placing Stratford on the map.

On behalf of staff and council, we wish him a happy retirement and all the best in this next chapter!



TRIVIA

Trivia answer from page 10

The answer is 275 water hydrants! They are part of a complex network of pipelines and storage reservoirs in our water distribution system.

Warm seasons greetings from the Stratford and Area Lions Club!

Thank you to those who supported our apple pie project this past fall. With your support, we were able to provide monetary support to the Glen Stewart Primary, Stratford Elementary, and Birchwood Junior High breakfast programs.

Wondering where the funds we raise go? We have a list on the wall in our building that details where funds are donated which includes the QEH, IWK telethon, Diabetes Foundation, Cancer Society, Camp Gencheff, CNIB, local youth sports teams, youth organizations, senior orientated groups, and many more worthwhile causes. We also help individuals in need of financial support for off-island medical assistance as well as others in the community in need of a helping hand. We hold their information in confidence. If you or someone you know in the Stratford area needs assistance, please feel free to email us at stratford.area.lions@hotmail.com or contact any Lions member. We look forward to hearing from you and will always try to help in any way we can.

This past fall, we honoured a long-serving Lion, Barry Sherren, with a lifetime membership with Lions International, for his long-standing commitment to volunteering in his community. We also welcomed four new members: Paul, Mabel, Howard, and Carmen. We value what new members bring to the club.

We have also received permission to hold our crib games every Wednesday at the Cotton Centre at 7:30pm. Admission is \$6, and these game nights will strictly be a Vax Pass event. For more information, please reach out to Avery or Marlene at 902-569-2409. We hope to see you there!

Do you have some extra time in your life and a passion to help others? We would love to talk to you about becoming a Lion member! Contact us for more information and we will get you involved in the community. Everyone is welcome. Trust us, you can expect to feel an overwhelming sense of self-satisfaction, generosity, and pride when you know YOUR contribution helped to make a difference in your community, and all while having FUN doing it! Please feel free to contact our president, Cathy Martin, at (902) 367-8949 or any Lions member to learn more.



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

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



STRATFORDS OF THE WORLD

Although the Stratfords of the World Reunion committee in Ontario is hoping to host the reunion in late July 2022 (after postponing 2 consecutive years), there are still many unknowns regarding COVID-19 for travelers and therefore, the committee has deferred making a decision until at least mid-December whether to host or postpone the reunion.



The other Stratfords (Great Britain, United States, New Zealand, Australia, Ontario) along with PEI have had two recent ZOOM meetings for updates in each of our communities, to lend support to the Ontario committee, and to discuss the future of the Stratfords of the World. Upon hearing the reports of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in the other Stratfords, their states and countries, it certainly re-enforces how fortunate we are in PEI (less than 400 cases, 2 hospitalizations and no deaths at the time of writing this report on November 20), still we ALL must remain vigilant to protect ourselves and our loved ones.

Another topic at our ZOOM meetings was the future of the Stratfords of the World. Many of the founding members are aging and have some health concerns which make travelling, especially overseas, more cumbersome. And it seems to be difficult to get new members interested in participating. In the 1990s, the reunions were a cultural exchange of music and drama participants between Stratford, Ontario and Stratford, Connecticut. Within a very short time, it evolved into a broader mandate so that delegates no longer needed to be participants in choirs, bands, or drama clubs. In

other words, although 'the arts' are still very prominent in the weeklong cultural events at the reunions, it is more 'attendance' rather than 'performance' by delegates that is the focus. In fact, attendance is optional at the scheduled events (bus tours, theatrical performances, luncheons, banquets, historical sites, etc.) but most take advantage of these events as they are provided at no cost, and they are opportunities to experience local culture and mingle with delegates. Participants are billeted with local families which is not only cost effective but provides opportunities to experience 'living' in a different Stratford. However, it is optional and occasionally delegates will choose to stay with relatives or in a hotel (at their own expense).

As always, anyone interested in finding out more information about the Stratfords of the World, please contact me at dxcampbell@live.ca. Wishing everyone all the best for a healthy, happy 2022.

*Respectfully submitted by
Daphne Campbell, Chair
Stratfords of the World-PEI*

> Callout to local artists and artisans in Stratford

Hey! Are you an Artist or Artisan living in Stratford?

The Town of Stratford is building an artist/artisans business directory. If you would like to be included, please contact tcraig@townofstratford.ca or call 902-569-6925.



WELCOME NEW BUSINESS!

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

Cross Roads Animal Health Centre

ReCar PEI

Red Mud Buds

THINK! STRATFORD!

DEFINITELY NOT THE SYMPHONY (DNTS)

Definitely Not The Symphony (DNTS) is an orchestra suitable for players of all levels. We meet 10 -11.30am every second Saturday, led by our two (new) experienced conductors. Cost is \$5 each practice. COVID protocols are observed, meaning recruitment is currently limited to only a few more spots including, in particular a percussionist. For more information, please email Jenny at dnts.pei@gmail.com

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF PEI: MENTORS NEEDED IN STRATFORD!

This year, keep your New Year's resolution to help others. Sign up to be a Big Brother, Big Sister, Big Couple, or In-School Mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters! You can help build a child's self-esteem, provide guidance, and have lots of fun too. Since we base our matches on personality and interests, you might be a great mentor for a child who is waiting. Be the spark that ignites a child's potential.

Volunteer today by calling 902-569-KIDS (5437), emailing info@bbbspei.ca, or applying on-line at www.bbbspei.ca

HEALTH & WELLNESS

> Island Karate Club



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

> Shake It Up Line Dancers



Classes are Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 8:00 pm and Wednesday mornings 10:00 - 11:30 am (until end of April 2022). Winter classes will take place on the stage area at the Town of Stratford Recreation Centre.

Your requirements to participate: a love of music (which we offer through a mixture of rock 'n roll, country, pop, Latin, and everything in between). Come out and meet new friends and we promise you'll have a good (fun) workout. Everyone is welcome! There is a small fee charged.

For more information or to register, contact Karen at 902-569-8516 or carynhop@hotmail.com.



> S.O.S. (Seniors on Strength) for 50+

Geared to the active VP (vintage person)! Have fun and listen to music while challenging and improving your strength, balance, mobility, and agility. Workouts include use of a stability ball and light equipment. These classes will help you become stronger to lift, carry, climb stairs, avoid falls and do the things in life you wish to do. Sessions are 4 weeks. Contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at bfitjv42@icloud.com.

Tuesdays at 9:30am
Session 1: starts January 11, 2022
Session 2: starts February 8, 2022
Session 3: starts March 8, 2022
Session 4: starts April 12, 2022

> Chair Yoga/ Stretch & Tone for 50+

A four-week session open to VPs (vintage persons) of all levels. The class is geared to promoting body awareness, balance, functional strength, and flexibility. We will work on gentle stretching, strengthening and balance movements, combined with breath work while sitting in a chair and/or standing using the chair for support. Part of each class will include use of light equipment.

Contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at bfitjv42@icloud.com.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

> Cardio Pump for 50+

Have fun, burn calories, tone, and strengthen your body! This workout is geared toward active VPs (vintage persons). Class initially starts with low impact cardio moves to oldies music before moving to using light equipment to help create endurance, strength, balance to improve your overall energy. Class ends with a relaxing stretch. Sessions are four weeks. To register, contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at: bfitjv42@icloud.com.

Thursdays at 9:30am
 Session 1: starts January 13, 2022
 Session 2: starts February 10, 2022
 Session 3: starts March 10, 2022
 Session 4: starts April 14, 2022



> Gentle Flow Yoga for 50+

Gentle Yoga movements on the mat to warm up and loosen your muscles with focus on breath. Standing movements are also included to promote ease of movement, balance, functional strength, and flexibility in the body. This class will leave you feeling relaxed and energized. Suitable for all levels. Sessions are 4 weeks. To register, contact Joan at 902-213-6187 or email her at: bfitjv42@icloud.com.

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> Privateers Football Club

The Privateers Football Club fields numerous teams playing tackle football in age-specific divisions. The Privateers tackle program includes youth from the Charlottetown and Stratford areas. Each of the teams have a knowledgeable and caring coaching staff dedicated to, not only teaching sport specific skills, but valuable life lessons such as teamwork, leadership, and self-confidence. NO experience is required. Registration fees include health insurance coverage and the necessary equipment, with the exception of a pair of cleats and a mouth guard. For more information, visit www.peiprivateers.com. Register by contacting David Henderson at PrivateersFlag@gmail.com or 902-367-8962.



> Dance Stars Academy

Dance Stars Academy offers dance lessons for all ages! Daytime class offerings include parent and tot sessions from 18mos to 3 years, weekday evenings and weekend lessons for ages 3 and up! Private instruction is available upon request for both daytime and evening appointments, available in all offered styles!

For information regarding our studio's COVID-19 strategy, as well as class schedule and registration, please visit us on our website at www.DanceStarsAcademy.com or email info@DanceStarsAcademy.com.



STRATFORD COMMUNITY CHOIR



If you like to sing, you are welcome to join us. Choir practices are every Tuesday at 7:00 pm at Andrews of Stratford. You are not required to know how to read music to join. Choir is open to residents outside of Stratford as well. Call or text: 902-367-6912 or 902-672-1814 for more information.

STRATFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOL



For any questions or information about the Stratford Community School, please contact Kathy Livingstone at 902-569-3098 or email stratfordcommunityschool@gmail.com.

ISLAND FIRST AID SERVICES

Island First Aid is now offering blended learning First Aid courses, where participants spend only half the time in the classroom and complete the rest from home or work! Register for blended learning at www.islandfirstaid.ca.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

> 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 www.kidsport-canada.ca/prince-edward-island/ or drop into the Sport PEI Office at 40, Enman Crescent in Charlottetown.



> 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>.

> 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 in our community. Please contact Rachel Arsenault at rarsenault@townofstratford.ca.

> 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.



> Stratford Scout Group



It starts with Scouts.

Our mission is to help develop well rounded youth, better prepared for success in the world. We do this by following the Scout Method which uses non-formal educational methods to engage youth in the process of their own development, giving them program activities, guidance, and tools to help them become self-reliant, confident, caring, responsible and committed to the world around them. For more information, please visit www.scouts.ca or contact Derwin Banks at (902) 393-1700.

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

- Beaver Scouts (ages 5-7)
Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- Cub Scouts (ages 8-10)
Wednesday 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- Scouts (ages 11-15) Wednesday or Saturday

> 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.

> Seniors College of Prince Edward Island



For an annual fee of \$160, those over fifty can enjoy an unlimited array of courses spanning three semesters. With no academic requirements and no exams, it's learning just for the fun of it! A full list of our programming for 2022 is available on our website at www.seniorscollege.ca. We can also be reached by email at seniorscollege@upeil.ca or by phone at 902-894-2867.

> 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 elderdog-pei@gmail.com for more information.

See your
business
here in the
next issue.

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



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**Stratford
Winter Fest
2022**



February 1-28

- * Virtual Month Long Event
- * Winter Fun Activities
- * Check in Daily for Winter Fun Ideas.
- * Let's Embrace Winter!



Facebook: Town of Stratford PEI Winter Fest
902-569-6925 www.townofstratford.ca



Take the Bus

Senior

One way fare \$2
Sheet of 6 senior tickets \$9*
Monthly pass \$40.50

Children

6 - 12 (with adult) \$1
Under 6 free

Student

Monthly pass \$40.50

Adult

One way fare \$2
Sheet of 10 adult tickets \$18
Monthly pass \$58.50

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



Our **Community Spotlight** profiles have been a hit so we're looking for more residents to come forward and share your story with us. Every resident is eligible – this initiative is about celebrating the things that make us unique. From residents of different ages, education levels, work experiences, cultures, passions, interests – you name it, we want to hear about YOU!

Find out more by emailing info@townofstratford.ca

Community Spotlight



Imagine that!

ADAM RAMSAY

Share your voice. This community really belongs to every neighbour. If there's an idea you have, a problem to solve, a suggestion to make, feedback to share, or input you can give - have your say. To me, Stratford is, and always has been 'home'.

-Meet Adam- Adam has been living in Stratford for 26 years. Aside from his work in radio broadcasting, he also works in philanthropy and marketing. Adam has a unique passion for voiceovers, leading him to lend his voice to one of Nintendo's games and an HGTV show, which he did without leaving his home in Clearview!

DAPHNE CAMPBELL

I am proud to have written the curriculum for the first ESL (English Second Language) course on PEI. Piloted at Colonel Gray High School, it became a stepping program for further courses at all schools.

-Meet Daphne- Daphne worked for 34 years, first in mental health services, and later as a School Counsellor. She enjoyed working with youth, helping and guiding them in their lives and careers. Daphne retired in 2009, but still keeps busy as an active member of our community.

JAYODA TENNEKONE

The people in Stratford have shaped me into the person I am today. The Stratford community is so genuine, welcoming, and respectful. This community promotes recreational activities like no other, along with inclusivity, diversity, and healthy and active living.

-Meet Jayoda- Jayoda has lived in Stratford his whole life. He's a graduate of UPEI and has worked with Child & Family Services for four and a half years. Currently, he works for the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of Prince Edward Island and is also pursuing his Bachelor of Social Work. Jayoda practices martial arts in his spare time; Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Muay Thai kickboxing. When he's not active, Jayoda enjoys watching sports and anime.

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