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Monthly Newsletter

Town of Sackville

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January, 2019



January Important Dates

January 1, 2019:
1:00 - 3:00PM
Mayor's New Year's Levee
Town Hall

January 7, 2019:
6:30PM
Lorne Street Phase 2 Public Information Session
Town Hall Council Chambers

January 14, 2019:
7:00PM
Regular Council Meeting
Town Hall Council Chambers

January 7-11, 2019
Christmas Tree Curbside Collection

Janaury 16, 2019
Working Minds Together Workshop
$30 per person
Call 852-2370 for information

January 22, 2019:
6:00PM
Sports Recognition Night
Tantramar Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre

FULL COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE:
SACKVILLE.COM/CALENDAR

Happy New Year to our Residents!

Mayor John Higham, Members of Council and all of the Town Staff would like to thank the residents of Sackville for another amazing year!

After a busy and successful 2018, we are all set to move ahead with some great plans in 2019! The Sackville Street Chalk Festival will be back and work on Phase 2 of the flood mitigation project will get underway. We'll be busy repaving roads, upgrading our parks and offering top-notch events and activities throughout the Town.

Please enjoy the first edition of the 2019 monthly newsletter series and we look forward to having you be part of another great year heading into 2019!



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Town of Sackville Warming Shelter

The Town would like to make our residents aware that the Tantramar Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre can be used as a warming shelter during extreme situations. For example, if the highway were closed and traffic needed an alternative location to park/stay for a period of time, or if we experienced a large-scale power outage. Normally, the Civic Centre is available regardless of whether it's been officially activated as a warming shelter or not, as we have regular programming scheduled throughout the day. If a program is cancelled, the Centre remains open during its regular operating hours – the schedule can be found at Sackville.com.

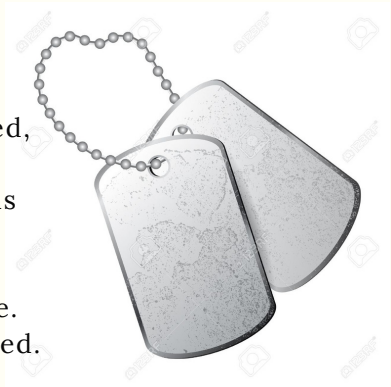


Even if the Civic Centre is without power, the doors are open and residents are welcome to come to the centre for shelter, although electricity would not be available. In December, Council approved the 2019 Capital Budget, which includes putting aside over half of the $500,000+ required to install a generator at the Civic Centre that will provide the centre with power 24/7. The intention is to have the generator installed in 2020.

We would like to assure all of our residents that your safety is our top priority in all that we do, and that the Town has emergency plans in place and is well equipped and willing to react to emergency situations when they arise.

2019 Town of Sackville Dog Tags

2019 Dog Tags are now available at Town Hall.



Registration fees (January – March):
$20 for a spayed or neutered dog or a dog that is not spayed or neutered, but is less than 12 months old (must provide proof of age)
$40 for a dog that is not spayed or neutered, but is more than 12 months old (provide proof of age)

Tags issued after March 30, 2019 will be subject to an additional $20 fee.
Proof of rabies vaccination must be shown when the dog tag is purchased.

Copies of By-Law 218 regarding dog tags are available at Town Hall or at www.sackville.com

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2019 Town of Sackville Budget

In December, Town Council approved the 2019 General, Utility and Capital Budgets. 2018 was a great year financially for the Town and forecasts show that 2019 should be a good year as well! With plenty of new development in Town, Council was able to balance the budget without raising tax rates.

The total 2019 Capital Budget in 2019 is $1,505,359; and includes road paving, equipment upgrades for the Fire Department, replacing some fencing at Lillas Fawcett Park, trail development, crosswalk lighting, park beautification and improvements, and much more!

The Utility Operating Fund continues a modest 5-year increase to help us meet our yearly utility budget targets. Residents can expect their quarterly bill to be $99.30 in 2019, $108.40 in 2020 and $117.50 in 2021. $120,000 is budgeted to be transferred to the Utility Capital Reserve Fund in 2019 as we work towards mandated lagoon upgrades down the road. The total Utility Capital budget in 2019 is $482,000 and includes water meter installation, lift station repairs, various utility renewals, trunk sewer upgrades and water treatment plant upgrades.

We are pleased to be able to continue to offer our citizens a balanced budget each year. A detailed outline of the 2019 Budget can be found at www.sackville.com.

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2019 Operating Budget

Service	2018 Budget	2019 Proposed Budget	Percentage change
General Government Services	**$1,718,691**	**$1,759,626**	**2.38%**
Emergency Measures	$18,000	$18,000	0.00%
Fire	$507,192	$504,280	-0.57%
Fire (Water costs)	$336,000	$336,000	0.00%
Police	$1,841,225	$1,896,167	2.98%
Protective Services	**$2,702,417**	**$2,754,447**	**1.93%**
Engineering	$159,983	$162,202	1.39%
Public Works	$1,718,630	$1,776,933	3.39%
Transportation Services	**$1,878,613**	**$1,939,135**	**3.22%**
Garbage & Waste Disposal	**$361,629**	**$331,181**	**-8.42%**
Tourism	$340,572	$328,033	-3.68%
Corporate Projects	$270,530	$288,429	6.62%
Environmental Development Services	**$611,102**	**$616,462**	**0.88%**
Library	$38,008	$42,260	11.19%
Recreation Programs and Events	$441,858	$460,102	4.13%
Parks and Facilities	$937,581	$943,521	0.63%
Recreation and Cultural Services	**$1,417,447**	**$1,445,883**	**2.01%**
Capital out of Revenue	$950,000	$1,000,000	5.26%
Debt Charges	$1,191,925	$1,144,452	-3.98%
Fiscal Services	**$2,141,925**	**$2,144,452**	**0.12%**
Total Operational Budget	**$10,831,824**	**$10,991,186**	**1.47%**

2019 Revenue

	Amount	Percentage of Revenue
Property Taxes	$9,900,318	90.08%
Equalization Grant	$65,757	0.60%
Finance and Administration	$130,291	1.19%
Public Works and Engineering	$96,391	0.88%
Police	$361,000	3.28%
Parks and Facilities	$284,500	2.59%
Fire	$108,226	98.00%
Corporate Projects/Tourism/Rec. Programs and Events	$44,700	0.41%
Total	**$10,991,183**	

2019 Utility Operating Budget

Expenses	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	Percentage Change
Administration	$292,315	$250,114	-14.44%
Fiscal Services- Water	$427,641	$446,612	4.44%
Fiscal Services- Sewer	$103,838	$141,541	36.31%
Reserve Fund Transfer	$80,000	$120,000	
Water Services	$600,037	$595,481	-0.76%
Sewer Services	$288,242	$282,685	-1.93%
Engineering Services	$111,635	$113,177	1.38%
Total Expenses	**$1,903,708**	**$1,949,610**	**2.41%**
Revenue			
Transfer from General Fund	$336,000	$336,000	0.00%
Surplus from 2018	$21,083	$9,330	-55.75%
Other Revenue	$99,500	$92,500	-7.04%
Total Revenue	**$456,583**	**$437,830**	**-4.11%**
Revenue Required through rates	**$1,447,125**	**$1,511,780**	**4.47%**

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Sackville Arts Wall Accepting Nominations

The Sackville Arts Wall recognizes and celebrates Sackville and area artists who have attained International, National or Regional prominence and distinction in any field of art as well as honouring a Sackville and area citizen or group who has been instrumental in the cultural and artistic development within our community.



In 2017, The Sackville Arts Wall Committee and the Town of Sackville were pleased to add Julie Doiron, Thaddeus Holownia and Mary Connelly to the new display overlooking the Sackville Waterfowl Park. With the 2019 induction ceremony planned to take place in the fall, we are eager to once again recognize a new crop of artists and arts builders. Nominations are being accepted for all four categories: Literary Arts, Arts Builders, Visual Arts and Performing Arts.

If you know someone who you would like to see join the likes of Alex Colville, Sir Charles G.D. Roberts, Ray Legere, Douglas Lochhead, and Pauline Spatz on the Sackville Arts Wall, please submit a type written nomination form by May 10, 2019. Forms can be found online at www.sackville.com. For more information, please contact 364-4930.

Winter Overnight Parking in Sackville

The Town would like to remind all residents that winter parking restrictions came into effect December 1, 2018 and will be enforced until May 1, 2019.

Parking between the hours of 1:00 AM – 6:00 AM is not permitted on any day, highway, street, portion of a street, or public parking lot owned or maintained by the Town of Sackville.

Parking is also not permitted at any time so as to interfere with snow plowing or snow removal.

Violations for a first offense range from $50 – $500, and may also include the vehicle to be towed at the vehicle owners expense.

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Sackville Recreation in January

With a draft of the Recreation Master Plan completed and currently being reviewed by our management team, we are excited about what the future of recreation may look like here in Sackville. In the meantime, we have plenty to look forward to in the new year!

Hockey Tournaments
Wayne Hicks Classic- January 31 to February 3, 2019

Family Skates
Most Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday from 12:00-1:30pm
Most Sundays from 3:00-4:00pm

Pick-up Hockey (prices vary)
Mondays and Fridays 7:00-8:00am
Fridays 1:45-3:00pm
Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday 9:00-10:00am

For an up-to-date Civic Centre Schedule, visit www.sackville.com

Sackville RECREATION
Play like you remember!

In the New Year:

Mayor's New Year's Levee on January 1st from 1:00-3:00pm at Town Hall

Pickleball at the MTA Gymnasium
Beginning January 7th. $2 drop-in fee.
Mondays, 1:30-3:00 PM, Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 AM, Fridays, 1:30-3:00 PM

Drop-In Ukuelele Group
Fridays 1-3pm in the Bill Johnstone Memorial Activity Centre

Sunday Night Aquasize
Register at www.sackville.com/programs before January 3, 2019

More information to come:
Drop-in Lego for Preschoolers
Trailblazers After-School Program

Bordertown Festival Public Survey

Are you interested in becoming involved with the Town's annual Bordertown Festival as a presenting partner, a potential performer, or an audience member?

The Town is conducting a survey to improve the Festival in 2019, and your input is needed. To participate, please visit www.sackville.com/bordertown.

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Sports Recognition Night

Presented by The Town of Sackville and the Sports Wall of Fame Board of Directors, Sports Recognition Night honours those who, through their athletic endeavours, have brought recognition to their hometown in 2018 at provincial levels or higher.



You are invited to forward names of local athletes, teams, coaches, officials and volunteers to be recognized at the Sports Recognition Night on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre.

Submission forms and criteria can be found by clicking here.

Deadline for submissions is **Friday, January 11, 2019.**

For further information, contact Deanna Cadman at 364-4958 or d.cadman@sackville.com.

12th Annual Sackville Winterfest

February 21 – 24, 2019 will mark the 12th Annual Winterfest here in Sackville! The Town will spring to life during four fun filled days that will get you outside to enjoy everything winter in Sackville has to offer!

Here's a little bit of what you can expect in 2019!



Fireman's Winter Carnival
Town vs Gown Charity Hockey Game
Family Day at Beech Hill Park
Outdoor Dance Party at Bill Johnstone Memorial Park
Fireman's Breakfast
Winterfest Fireworks
Legion Luncheon
Professional Ice Sculpture Creation

Anyone interested in hosting an event that they would like to be included on the Winterfest Schedule should contact m.pryde@sackville.com before January 9, 2019.

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Town Hall Updates

Here is a list of the motions passed by Council at the December Regular Council Meeting:

Council approved Mayor Higham, and Councillors Phinney and Tower, to attend the 2019 FCM Conference in Quebec City on May 30 – June 2, 2019.

Council changed the date of the Regular Council Meeting for May 2019, from Monday, May 13, 2019 to Tuesday, May 14, 2019 to accommodate Mount Allison Convocation.

Council gave 3rd & final reading to By-law No. 264, a By-law Relating to the establishment of a Special Business Improvement Area Levy and then sets budget for 2019 at $23,311.00.

Council appointed Shoshanna Wingate as the Town's new Poet Laureate, effective January 1, 2019 for a two-year term. A special thanks to our outgoing Poet Laureate, Marilyn Lerch, for her terrific work over the last 4 years.

Council approved several motions for our 2019 Winterfest, including fireworks at the Bill Johnstone Memorial Park and the temporary closure of Ford Lane, on Friday, February 22, 2019. Rain date is Saturday, February 23.

Council awarded Tender No. 2018-17 – Lorne Street Storm Water Mitigation – Construction of New Storm Water Retention Pond and Related Works, to Birch Hill Construction Ltd., for $1, 985,499.58 HST included.

Council approved new, 3-year lease agreements with our local Craft Gallery and Robert Lyon Graphics for space at our Visitor Information Centre.

Council approved the 2019 General Operational with no change in tax rate, approved the 2019 Utility Operating Budget in accordance with 2017 approvals, and approved the 2019 General and Utility Capital Budgets.



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Follow us on Social Media

The best way to stay up to date on Municipal events, updates and news is to follow our various Social Media platforms. Staff work hard to update them all regularly and are quick to respond when questioned.



The Town has various accounts:
Facebook (www.facebook.com/SackvilleNB)
Instagram (@SackvilleNB)
Twitter (@SackvilleTownNB)

You can even subscribe to our Youtube Channel for video of our Regular Council Meetings!

Community Calendar

Do you regularly host public events or know others that do? Are you looking for a great way to get the word out? Our calendar on the Town of Sackville website is by far the most popular feature on the site.

You can easily submit your events to the Town Calendar by visiting www.sackville.com/calendar. Your submission will be reviewed by staff and published in short order for anyone visiting the website to see!

Emergency Public Alert System

The Emergency Public Alert System has been established in Sackville to make residents aware when major emergency events take place. To receive a text, voicemail and an email when a major emergency is taking place in the Town, we encourage all residents to register for the system by visiting https://sackville.com/residents/resident-services/ and clicking on the link on the right-hand side of the page.

Sign Up With the Community Directory

The Town of Sackville's website has many great features, but one that we are particularly proud of is the Community Directory. Here, local organizations and businesses can submit a directory listing with their contact information, website, and so forth. This easy to use directory makes it much easier for potential customers and users to find your information.

To submit a business or organization, or if you're trying to find one, simply visit www.sackville.com/directory/ and follow the instructions.