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Monthly Newsletter

Town of Sackville

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January Important Dates

Wednesday, January 1, 2020
1:00 - 3:00PM
Mayor's New Year's Levee
Town Hall Council Chambers

Monday, January 13, 2020
6:30PM
Special Council Meeting (Budget)
Town Hall Council Chambers

Saturday, January 18, 2020
Marketing Plan World Cafe
1:00 - 4:00PM
Town Hall Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 28, 2020
6:00PM
Sports Recognition Night
Tantramar Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre

FULL COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE: SACKVILLE.COM/CALENDAR



Happy New Year from Mayor John Higham

On behalf of the Council and staff, I want to wish all our residents a Happy New Year!

2019 was a tremendous year for the Town of Sackville. We reintroduced the popular Street Chalk Art Festival, secured funding partners and completed the Natural Playground at Lillas Fawcett Park. We continued cost-shared work on the Lorne Street Flood Mitigation Project. The Town gratefully accepted the Lund family donation of land off Squire street and with the Rotary Club's assistance, connected it to the Waterfowl Park. We also established the Mayor's Roundtable on Climate Change to work on local adaptation and mitigation opportunities. And we secured a donation of 100 mature trees for our public spaces.

With sound financial management and multiple external sources of funds, our financial picture is strong heading into the New Year. While the tax rate remains the same, we have now reached the stage where we can maintain expected services, implement capital projects with little-to-no costs of borrowing, and take steps toward a long-term asset maintenance plan. This is a context most local governments continue to aspire toward.



2020 we have set aside $1,215,000 for capital projects tied to a long list of projects including: renewal of firefighters protective gear and communications equipment; a modern road sign at the rink; an emergency generator for the civic centre to function as a refuge during emergencies; an accessible dock at Lillas Fawcett Park; several street reconstruction projects; and much more!

Sackville's leadership will continue in 2020. The senior governments study on flood threats across the marsh, begins next year and recognizes the Town as a key stakeholder. Our Climate Change Roundtable is innovative and promises local solutions –so will be watched by many. The Union of NB municipalities will pursue five initiatives stemming from Sackville proposals that offers benefits for all. Our staff have been elected by peers to leadership roles in provincial firefighting, planning, and recreational associations. Sackville's voice is now regularly heard in regional, provincial, and maritime contexts and increasingly invited to speak at larger stages.

2020 promises to be another very exciting year! Council and Staff are looking forward to continuing to serve the public in the new year and on behalf of all of us, I would like to wish you and yours nothing but the best in 2020!

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Now Accepting Bordertown Project Submissions

The 7th edition of the Bordertown Festival, which showcases local organizations and local talent, will be held May 27 – 31, 2020. Non-profit groups in Town can receive financial support up to 60% of eligible costs of their project. The deadline to submit projects is January 31. Information and criteria for submitting projects can be found at www.sackville.com/bordertown or by emailing visitor@sackville.com

Accepting 2020 Visitor Guide Updates

The Town of Sackville is currently accepting updates and ad bookings for the 2020 Sackville Visitor Guide. All ad bookings and Visitor Guide updates are due by **January 15, 2020**. For more information, or to submit information, contact Ron Kelly-Spurles at r.kellyspurles@sackville.com or 364-4938.

Women's Shinny Hockey Has Arrived!

Starting up again on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 8:30pm the women's only recreational hockey program at the Tantramar Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre has been a great success. This program is open to females ages 17+ at all skill levels. Full gear is required and we encourage any female who is interested to take part.

As an added incentive, you can register for the remaining 10 ice times for the price of 8 drop-in fees, by **clicking here** or visiting Sackville Town Hall. You can drop-in to any of the ice times at a cost of $8 per ice time. You can find the full schedule by **clicking here**.

2020 Dog Tags Now Available

2020 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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Accepting Sports Recognition Night Submissions

On January 28, 2020, the Town of Sackville and the Sackville Sports Wall of Fame Board of Directors will be hosting our 15th Annual Sports Recognition Night at the Tantramar Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre. This event recognizes our local athletes, teams and coaches who have had success at the provincial level or higher in their respective sport during the 2019 calendar year.

This event is an amazing celebration that is appreciated by our local athletes, but it simply cannot happen without your help. We ask our citizens to encourage coaches, parents, team managers and sports associations to send us the information we need to ensure all our local athletes are adequately recognized.

Submitting information is simple! Just download the submission form by **clicking here** and provide us with the team or individual's name, their sport and what they accomplished. For teams we'll also ask for a roster and coach's names.

Anyone who is submitted and meets the criteria will be recognized! Submissions are due to Sackville Town Hall or d.cadman@sackville.com by 4:30pm on Monday, January 13, 2020.

Now Accepting Nominations for The Sackville Sports Wall of Fame

The Sackville Sports Wall of Fame Board of Directors, the Mayor, and Sackville Town Council is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for consideration to the 2020 Sackville Sports Wall of Fame. In 2018, Heather Smith, Earl Thompson and Steve Ridlington were all added to the wall, proudly displayed at the Tantramar Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre.

The Sackville Sports Wall of Fame Governance Guidelines outline three categories in which a nomination may be put forward. First, Athletes are chosen on the basis of playing ability, sportsmanship, character and their contribution to their particular sport and to sport in general. Next, Builders are defined as officials, sponsors, executives, trainers, volunteers or coaches whose work for sport has been outstanding, providing services of a consistently high level over an extended period of time. Finally, Teams must have been outstanding in their athletic field of endeavour, while in competition against peer teams. This involves those competing on a strictly local level, but priority is given to those going on to district, provincial, national and international success.

To receive more information or to download a nomination form, please **click here** or contact 364-4930. All nominations are due by January 10, 2020 and the induction ceremony will take place in June 2020 at the Tantramar Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre.

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Holiday Hours

We would like to inform the public that the Town of Sackville Municipal Offices; including Town Hall, Public Works and the Tantramar Veteran Memorial Civic Centre Office, will be closed during the holiday season from Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at noon until Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 8:30 am.



Winter Overnight Parking in Sackville

The Town would like to remind all residents that winter parking restrictions will come into effect December 1, 2019 and will be enforced until May 1, 2020.

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.

Holiday Garbage Pickup

With the Holidays there is always some confusion over garbage pick-up schedules. Here are the changes that may effect you:
December 25, 2019: Garbage will be picked up on Saturday, December 28, 2019 instead.
December 26, 2019: Garbage will be picked up as usual.
January 1, 2020: Garbage will be picked up on Saturday, January 4, 2020 instead.

Christmas Trees should be placed at curbside for collection the week of January 13, 2020. Trees will be picked up on your regular garbage day only. If trees are not placed at curbside during pickup week, please bring your tree Christmas tree to Public Works, 101 Crescent St. for disposal.



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Know Your Town Employees

Employees of the Town of Sackville regularly visit private properties to change water meters and respond to various water utility issues. All Town employees carry authorized Identification Cards and our water utility personnel drive Town vehicles.

When in doubt, always ask to see identification before letting an unknown person into your home. If you have any questions on our water utility procedures, please contact the Department of Engineering and Public Works at 364-4960.



World Cafe on new Marketing Plan

We want to hear from you! Portfolio, the consulting team leading the development of the Town's new Marketing Plan, will be hosting a World Café on January 18, 2020 from 1:00 - 4:00pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Residents are invited to give their input on the Town's positioning efforts and provide guidance for future marketing initiatives. The results of the session will be integrated into a realistic and achievable five-year Marketing Plan, which is aligned with existing assets and priorities of the Town. We look forward to seeing you on January 18 (Snow Date: January 25)!

Public Forum on Climate Change

The Mayor's Roundtable on Climate Change will be hosting a Public Forum on February 1, 2020 from 1:00-4:00pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers. This is an opportunity for individuals, groups, businesses, etc., to present suggestions to a panel of Roundtable members on what the town and/or community can do to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

If you are interested in making a presentation, please contact the Clerk's Office to register at d.beal@sackville.com or 364-4930. Only those wishing to make a presentation need to register and the event is open to the public for those wanting to watch the proceedings.



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Sackville Recreation

Here are some of our exciting programs being offered this month:

Co-Ed Adult Pick-up Basketball
Beginning Janaury 13, 2020: Monday AND Wednesday evenings from 8:00 - 10:00pm
Marshview Middle School Gymnasium
Ages 25+ Free!

Recreational Pickleball
Mondays, 1:30-3:00 PM
Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 AM
Fridays, 1:30-3:00 PM
Mount Allison Athletics Centre Gymnasium
$2.00 drop-in fee required to play and no experience necessary!
Nets, balls and paddles will be provided.

Sackville RECREATION
Play like you remember!

Preschool Play Program
Wednesdays starting January 15, 2020
Bill Johnstone Memorial Activity Center
10:00 - 11:30am
Ages 3 -5
Please bring your own healthy snack and a reusable water bottle.
Register by calling Deanna Cadman at 506-364-4958 or by email at d.cadman@sackville.com

Tantramar Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre Activities

January is a busy month at the rink! The full Civic Centre schedule is available **here.**

Hockey Tournaments:
From January 2-3, 2020, the rink will host several games from the West Kent Blizzard Female Hockey Tournament.
January 31-February 2, 2020: Wayne Hicks Classic

Family Skates:
All skates cost $8 a family, $3 for adults or $2 for 12 and under and seniors.
Sundays, January 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2020 from 2:30 – 3:30 PM
Mondays-Friday from 12:00 - 1:30 PM

Pickup Hockey
Mondays and Friday from 7:00 - 8:00 AM. $260 for year or $155 for once week. $8 drop-in.
45+ Hockey. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 - 10:00 AM. $360 for 3 ice times per week, $260 for two ice times or $155 for once per week. $8 drop-in.

Women's Shinny Hockey
Saturday, January 11th at 8:30pm, Friday, January 17th at 8:30pm and Friday, January 24th at 8:45pm. $8 drop-in fee.

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Town Hall Updates

Here's a list of the motions passed by Council during another busy meeting in December:

Council approved Account Management Policy 2019-03.

Council approved IT Security Policy 2019-02.

Council approved the Business Improvement Association budget for 2020, which is $24,133.80 at a rate of $0.2000.

Council gave third and final reading to By-law No. 273 – The Establishment of a Special Business Improvement Area Levy.

Council authorized the closure of Ford Lane – from Bill Johnstone Memorial Park to Lansdowne Street - on February 7, 2020 from 4-9pm (storm date - Feb. 8) to accommodate the Winterfest fireworks.

Council authorized the purchase of fireworks from Mac Fireworks, to be held at Bill Johnstone Memorial Park on February 7, 2020 for the Town's 2020 Winterfest.

Council authorized a 2019 Small Capital grant to Bob Edgett's Boxing Club in the amount of $5,000.00, to assist with their new building which will be completed in 2020.

Council approved Andrew D. Wilson Industries to repair the ski hut at Beech Hill Park in the amount of $10,350 hst included.

Council awarded Tender 2019-015 – Mulching, Re-ditching and Related Work (pertaining to the Town's Lorne Street Stormwater Mitigation Project), to Beale and Inch Construction Ltd. in the amount of $225,000.00 hst incl.

Council approved the 2020 Operational and Capital Budgets.

Council gave second and third reading to By-law 270 – Subdivision By-law.

Council gave first and second reading to By-law 244I – to amend the Zoning By-law to accommodate a large residential development on Wright Street.

Council gave first and second reading to By-law 243B – to amend the Municipal Plan to accommodate a large residential development on Wright Street.



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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 to questions.



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/or 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. **Click here for a direct link**. If you do not have a computer to register, please call 364-4960 to get yourself registered.

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.