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Monthly Newsletter

Town of Sackville

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Important April Dates

Special Council Meeting April 6, 2020 (by teleconference for the Mayor and Council). Recording to be provided on the website after the meeting.

Dates and meetings are changing daily. Please visit www.sackville.com or the full Community Events Calendar for the latest updates.



Mayor's COVID-19 Message to Residents

In these unprecedented times, I am amazed at how our community continues to shine and come together. Whether it be singing on Union Street, or stringing hearts and bears in windows, Sackville finds ways to be positive and work together. This spirit is what makes our community so great!

I want to update you on several items. Given the circumstances created by COVID-19, you are likely aware the province has cancelled local elections and extended the mandate of existing municipal governments. Most councillors have committed to remain in their posts for the duration of this extension. Councillor Joyce O'Neil and I were not intending to reoffer, but have both committed to staying on until at least October 1st. I believe that stability through these times is essential and am glad our town has an experienced Council in place.

The province recognizes that governing practices will need to be adjusted while measures to fight COVID-19 are in place. Our focus on the safety of staff and all citizens while continuing delivery of essential services, must respect legal restrictions on group sizes and physical space between individuals. This has required changes in staff deployments, as well as development of a different framework for Council meetings. In the short term, Council will hold one meeting by teleconference on April 6th with a very limited agenda, and will post an audio file of the meeting soon thereafter. Future meetings will be announced as needed and conducted in similar ways. It will be different than our usual practices, but will meet all legal requirements and allow the town to function under these circumstances.

Let's continue, and search for new ways, to be active, to govern, to look out for one another, and to live the spirit that makes Sackville such a great place.

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Mayor's Message Continued...

I want residents to know that community leadership and staff remain committed to your safety and well-being. We have taken steps to lessen the administrative and financial burden of town services. Where we can, we have suspended charging interest on overdue accounts. We are also monitoring all parts of our budget to ensure we have a sound path ahead when things return to normal. In addition, I want you to know that work is underway to create a volunteer COVID-19 task force to facilitate services for the at-risk population of Tantramar. More on this initiative will be shared in the coming days.

I want to thank Sackville residents and businesses for following the advice of the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Chief Medical Officer of Health for New Brunswick on COVID-19. We know we all have a responsibility to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Frequent handwashing, physical distancing, avoiding non-essential travel, and self-isolating should now be part of our way of life. When we each respect these requirements, we lessen the threat to us all.

All of us are concerned for the local business community and I encourage you to offer your support in whatever ways you can. You can find information on adjusted business operations on the town website.

I cannot emphasize enough how important it is that we all pay attention to our own self care. Regular exercise, eating well, and getting enough sleep are critical. Please ensure you respect physical distancing requirements when outdoors as well.

Be safe, be well, and be resilient.

Mayor John Higham

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Adpot-A-Senior Program

This pandemic has effected us all, and possibly nobody more so than those in our local nursing homes. The Town of Sackville and Main Street Baptist Church's MISSION: 504 KIDS invite you to join the "Adopt a Senior" Program!

We will be mailing cards, letters and drawings to residents of the Drew and Autumn Lee homes, in hopes of sending them a little joy during these long, lonely days of isolation. We want to flood the seniors with love from their community! Simply address your envelope to "Adopt a Senior", put a stamp on it and mail it to:

Adopt a Senior
c/o Main Street Baptist Church
20 Main Street
Sackville, NB
E4L 4A5

All letters will be held for 3 days at both the church, and then at the nursing home before being distributed to residents to ensure their safety. If you have travelled out of the country lately, have been in contact with others who have, or are showing any COVID-19 symptoms, please do not send a letter.

We would love to see what you come up with, so post pictures on Social Media using #mission504adoptasenior



Town of Sackville COVID-19 Update

Updated April 2, 2020
The Town of Sackville continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation very closely and following the instructions given by the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for New Brunswick.

In an effort to protect our employee and residents, and to continue to provide essential services to our community and help reduce the spread of the virus, the following measures have been implemented and are based on the information we currently have. Given the manner in which the COVID-19 situation is progressing, we will look to provide further updates as this situation continues to develop.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR
The Mayor provided a community message by video today, which you can view here.

REDUCING THE POSSIBILITIES OF TRANSMISSION
We all have an obligation to reduce the spread of the virus. Residents need to follow the prevention measures suggested by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for New Brunswick to reduce the possibility of spreading the virus as presented on the website of Health New Brunswick.

Key messages include:

Wash your hands often.
Cough and sneeze into the elbow.
Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with your hands.
Cough into a tissue and throw it away.
Stay at home if you are sick.
Avoid contact with a sick person.
Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if there is no soap and water.
Avoid shaking hands.
Practice social distancing, (maintain at least 2 metres (6 feet) distance between yourself and others)
If a person experiences symptoms, call Tele-care 8-1-1
Residents must follow good health practices and strict adherence to the measures as outlined by the Province of NB to help reduce the delay and spread of COVID-19.

We are in contact with the Province's Emergency Measures Organization and are currently reviewing Town operations to ensure business continuity and service delivery (especially essential services) in the event of an emergency activation.

Additional measures may be added as directed by the New Brunswick Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. We will keep you informed through our social media sites and website.

For more information, please visit the following websites:

Government of New Brunswick
Government of Canada

Town of Sackville COVID-19 Update Continued

INFORMATION LINE AND EMAIL
A toll-free information line and email address, which offers services in both languages, has been established by the Province of New Brunswick to help answer non-health related questions, including questions about compliance with the state of emergency. The number, 1-844-462-8387, is operational seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The email address is helpaide@gnb.ca. Concerns about workplace safety should continue to be directed to WorkSafeNB.

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS
Tele-care: Patient Connect NB; 811
Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868
CHIMO Helpline (crisis line): 1-800-667-5005
RCMP/Fire: 911 for emergencies only
Sackville Memorial Hospital: 364-4100

GROCERY SHOPPING TIPS
Designation one person in your household to get essential items, such as groceries, prescriptions, fuel, etc.
Do not make daily visits to the store.
Wait your turn when shopping and avoid reaching over others.
Always maintain social distancing and make sure there is 6-feet (2-metres) between you and another individual at all times.
Pay very close attention to the instructions provided by the store.
Use one of the delivery or pick-up options available.
Wherever possible, stay home.

E-MAIL AND PHONE SCAMS
Unfortunately, e-mail phishing and telephone scams are increasing, and we want to remind residents and business owners to be mindful to use caution when opening e-mails and providing personal information over the telephone.

SELF-CARE
The Chief Medical Officer of Health for New Brunswick has emphasized the importance of people taking care of themselves during this stressful time and has encouraged healthy eating, exercising and getting enough sleep.

UPDATES FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES
As a result of COVID-19 and the State of Emergency in the Province of New Brunswick, many of our local businesses have been forced to close, change processes and alter opening hours. To help promote these necessary business changes we have created a page to share current opening hours and options. If you have an update that you would like us to include, please contact 364-4930. Business updates can be found here.

Town of Sackville COVID-19 Update Continued

DISINFECTANT WIPES
While we encourage residents to take the necessary precautions to ensure their homes and belongings are clean, please do not flush these wipes as they can clog our sanitary sewer lift station pumps. They belong in your clear bag.

FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES AND OTHER EVENTS
Town Hall is closed to the public until further notice.

Effective March 23, our unionized employees are working two split shifts of one week on and one week off and are focusing on essential services only. In addition, a variety of managers are alternating working remotely where possible.

All recreational programs and facilities (except for our parks and trails) are closed to the public until further notice. Playground structures are also closed, as are all public washrooms. While our parks and trails are open, users must practice social and physical distancing of 2 metres at all times.

- A full list of recreation program cancellations and events/workshops is provided below.
- The Sackville Public Library is closed until further notice.
- The Public Works Facility, Civic Centre and Bill Johnstone Activity Centre are closed to the public.
- The Fire Station operational areas are available to active members only and required town staff.
- Access to the secure area of Town Hall is limited to the Mayor and Town staff.
- The skate park, playgrounds and community garden are closed to the public until further notice.
- Water bill and property tax payments can be made online. Dog tags and By-law ticket payments are being suspended until further notice.
No open backyard fires until May 1, 2020.
- Interest will not be charged on overdue water and sewer accounts for the month of March.
- All deliveries, courier pick-ups, etc., will continue at Town facilities with minimal interaction.
- We will work with our community stakeholders to encourage cancellation and/or postponement for non-Town facilitated events and programs.
- The May 2020 Municipal Elections have been delayed until on or before May 2021.
- The border between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia is closed to all non-essential travel as part of the Nova Scotia State of Emergency.

These measures are intended to reduce the spread of the virus to protect the health of our employees and community. In all other respects, it is business as usual for our organization, including Office Hours at Town Hall, snow clearing, garbage collection, police and fire protection, water and wastewater utilities, etc.

Town of Sackville COVID-19 Update Continued

OTHER TOWN CANCELLATIONS

Recreation Programs:
Aquasize
50+ and Primetime Aerobics
Adult Basketball
Pickleball
Trailblazers Afterschool Program
4 on 4 Youth Hockey Challenge
Ukulele
Granny's Playgroup
Women's Shinny Hockey
Recreation and Sports Fair – April 9

Other upcoming events that are pending:
Poetry Month Open Mic – late April
VIC/Craft Gallery Opening May 1
Operation Beautification May 7
Web Presence Bootcamp for Businesses – May 20
Bordertown May 27 – 31
Sports Wall of Fame Induction June 11
Volunteer Night June 25

Events/Workshops:
Mountie Day Flag Raising – March 26
Anti-Inflammatory Eating Workshop – April 1
Tourism Strategic Plan Public Input Meetings – March 31 and April 2
Municipal Open House – March 24

CLEANING OF TOWN FACILITIES
The municipality has already taken measures in its facilities to try to reduce the risks of contamination, such as:

The frequency of cleaning in high traffic and public areas has been increased.
New automatic hand sanitizing stations have been installed throughout Town Hall.
Posting of COVID-19 information posters, websites and other information as produced by the provincial government.
Monitoring of soap dispensers in order to ensure that they are always filled.

TRAVEL FOR TRAINING AND MEETINGS OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE
All work-related travel for training and meetings that is to take place outside the province is suspended for our employees, with the exception of the Amherst area which is permitted with management authorization.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL
The Town is following the Federal and Provincial Government's travel advice, including:

All employees have been encouraged to avoid all non-essential travel outside of Canada until further notice.
All travellers arriving in Canada from international points as of March 13, 2020 must self-isolate for 14 days. Self-isolation means staying at home and avoiding contact with other people to help prevent the spread of disease to others in your home and your community.

All international travellers must self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days after returning to Canada. If you start having symptoms, immediately call Tele-care 8-1-1. Describe your symptoms and travel history. They will provide advice on what you should do.

Social Distancing Photo Contest

We understand that this is a stressful time, but we are also happy to see so many people still enjoying one another's company in creative ways while maintaining an appropriate distance. From noon sing-alongs on Union Street to a group bike ride with friends, neighbours are coming together and families are rediscovering the outdoors.

Please tag your best social distance socializing photos using #StillSocialSackville and share how you're keeping in touch!



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Help for Residents and Businesses During COVID-19

March 24, 2020

Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses
They have a list of useful business resources for small businesses: Click here

Government of Canada Assistance Programs
The Government of Canada has a COVID-19 Economic Response Plan. This includes general support for individuals and for businesses. You can see the full list of Federal programs here.

Service Canada Citizen Specialist Contact
Chantal Lepage is the Citizen Service Specialist for Service Canada in our area. If you are an employer in the region that needs information concerning employment insurance for your employees, she can help. Contact chantal.lepage@servicecanada.gc.ca or Tel:(506)777-4610, BB(506)875-1638.

Province of New Brunswick
The provincial government will provide a one-time $900 income benefit to either workers or self-employed people in New Brunswick who have lost their job due to the state of emergency. .

Click here for more information about the New Brunswick Workers Emergency Income Benefit.

The list of Provincial programs for businesses is here.

Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour
There is a quick reference guide for resources for NB Workers and Students affected by COVID-19 here.

Tourism Industry Association of New Brunswick (TIANB)
TIANB has published a page of resources for tourism related businesses and other businesses, to see it click here. They are also doing a survey of businesses affected by COVID-19.

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We have updated our website with the most up to date information we have received about local businesses, including hours and options under these unfortunate circumstances. Please click here for a list of updates, we'll also be sharing it on social media. If there is a change in your operations, please update us at visitor@sackville.com or call 364-4930 and we will update our news item.

Mainstreet Redevelopment
Mainstreet Redevelopment has a, "We are all in this together" initiative to help local businesses. Please contact gwenzwicker@gmail.com at Mainstreet to participate.

Chamber of Commerce for Greater Moncton
The Chamber has an extensive list of information and resources to help businesses, which you can find here. The Chamber is also offering a series of free online webinars to help business owners during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. Check their website for details.

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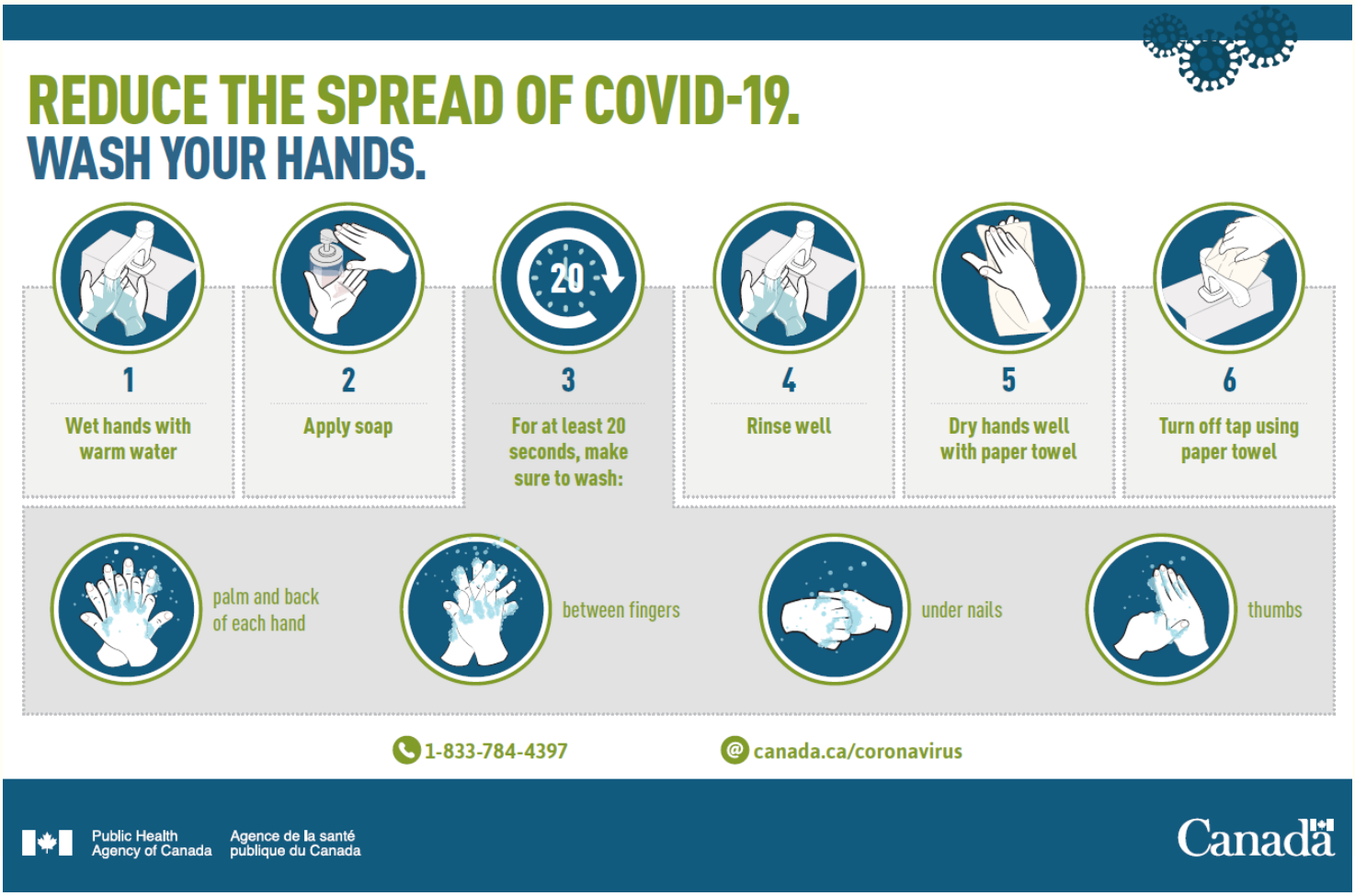
Help for Residents and Businesses During COVID-19 Continued

Chamber of Commerce for Greater Moncton Continued
Sackville businesses are aencouraged to take part in the Love For Local campaign the GMCC started on Facebook. It is a platform where any business that is still operational (restaurants doing takeout, delivery services, online services, etc.) can advertise on the page and spread the word. They have videos, radio spots, print advertising underway and will be pushing this heavily on social media to raise some awareness that now is the time to support local business.

The Chamber is also offering a series of online webinars to help business owners during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. These webinars are all free and are open to members and non-members and will be presented to address some concerns raised by chamber members over the last week.

Register for the following webinar here.

March 31st, April 1st, April 2nd 2020: 9:00 am to 10:30 am
Leading in a time of Crisis to Save your Business



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April is Poetry Month

E mail your entry with your name, email address and category to a.hastie@sackville.com before April 17, 2020



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Other Items to Keep in Mind

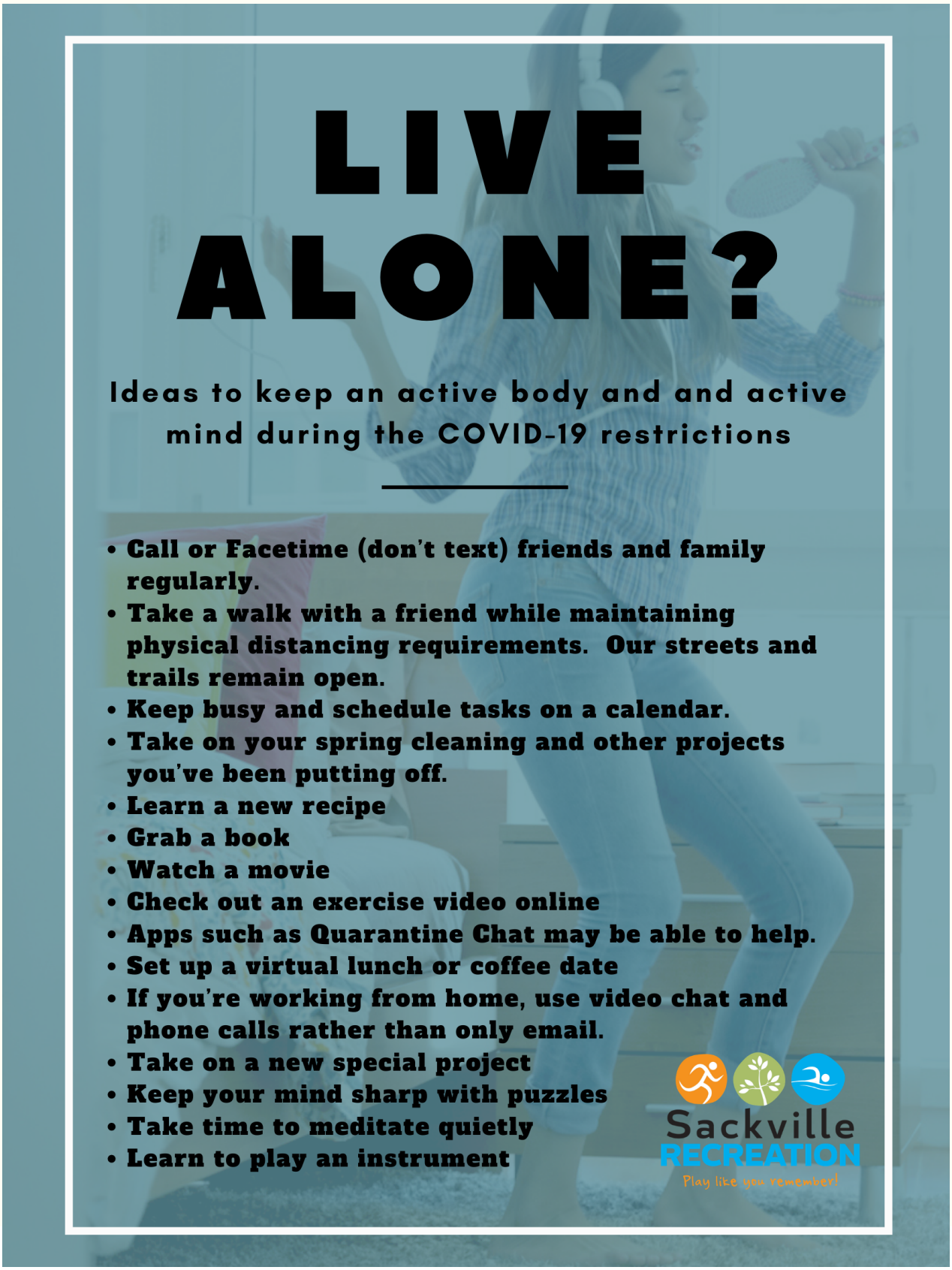


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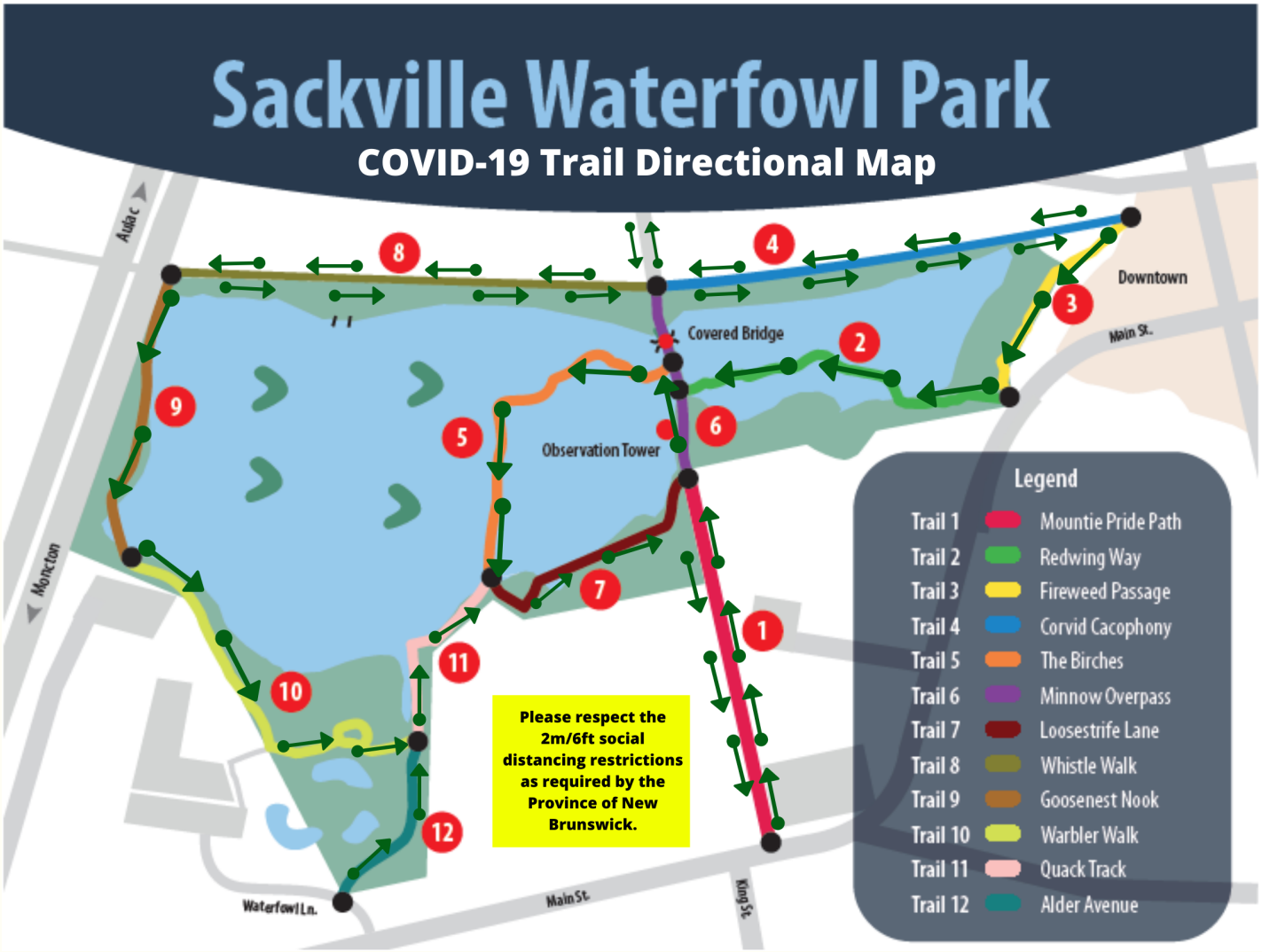
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The Sackville Waterfowl Park is now One-Way Traffic

Remember to keep to the right, make sure you give other park users plenty of space and always follow the signage. Most importantly, enjoy and stay safe.



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Shop Local during COVID-19

Now, more than ever, it is important to do what you can to support local. Check out this program by Mainstreet Sackville.



Mainstreet and the Town of Sackville Present

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER: SACKVILLE

During this difficult time it is important to support our local businesses anyway you can. Check out this local gift card promotion!

Purchase a 5 X $20 local gift card package for $100	10% of proceeds will benefit the Sackville Food Bank	90% of proceeds will directly benefit participating local businesses

To purchase a gift certificate package, contact Gwen Zwicker at gwenzwicker@gmail.com

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Town Hall Updates

Our March Regular Council Meeting was a busy one. Here is a list of the motions passed by Council on March 9, 2020:

Council gave second and third to By-law No. 272 – A By-law Respecting the Procedure and Organization of Council.

Council gave second and third reading to By-law No. 271, A By-law Relating to Establishing a Code of Conduct for Members of Council.

Council adopted s an economic development incentive program for commercial, industrial and multiple unit residential development as presented at the Special Meeting on March 2, 2020.

Council gave first reading in name only to By-Law No. 262a, A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 262, a By-Law to Regulate Street Traffic – which would remove 2-hour parking on Saturdays and statutory holidays.

Council approved work to Black and MacDonald for the supply and installation of a gutter system in the Fire Department - to protect bunker gear – for $7,402.55 hst included.

Council approved the purchase of 5 cast iron flowerpots from Black River Casting for $12,937.50 hst included.

Council approved work to remove and install new dugouts and a backstop at the Chester Cole Memorial Field to Dean Welling and Son Ltd., in the amount of $23,925.22 hst included.

Council approved the supply and installation of the accessibility dock at the Lillas Fawcett Park to Dock Shop 134 inc / Centre du Quai for $17,393.75 hst included.

Council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal an extension agreement of the existing contract with Liberty Utilities (Gas New Brunswick) formerly Enbridge Gas until August 31, 2020.

Council approved the breakdown for the 2020 Gas Tax Fund for paving projects in the amount of $405,085.00 for a variety of streets and distances in Town.

Council awarded Tender No. 2020-03 Street Asphalt Patching to the lowest bidder, MacDonald Paving and Construction, for $299,000.00 hst included.

Council authorized the Treasurer to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation a debenture for $340,000 relating to refinancing for the water tower (2010) and borrowing related to 2019 Utility Capital Budget.

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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.