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Monthly Newsletter

Town of Sackville

www.sackville.com May 2020

Important May Dates

Regular Council Meeting
May 4, 2020
7:00pm
Live Streamed at Sackville.com

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

Keeping Up With COVID-19

The Town of Sackville continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation very closely and we are following instructions given by the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for New Brunswick. To protect our employees and residents, and to continue to provide essential services to our community while reducing the spread of the virus, the following measures have been implemented and are based on the information we currently have. We will provide further updates as this situation continues to develop.

Recently, the Province of New Brunswick has initiated Phase One of their recovery plan. The plan includes allowing 2 households to exclusively socialize with one another. Please note that some aspects of the plan are different than what is being enforced locally, so be sure to check updates locally and review the remainder of this Public Service Announcement for the most accurate local information. You can find phase one of the provinces' the plan **here**.

It is critical that we all do our part to prevent the spread and resurgance of COVID-19 in our community. This issue of our monthly newsletter is dedicated to the various resources available to New Brunswickers and residents of Sackville to combat the virus and keep us all as healthy as possible.



How to Self-Isolate

You have been asked to isolate yourself because you might have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or you might be at risk of developing COVID-19. 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.

For the time period given to you by Public Health or your health care provider, it is expected that you take the following measures:

Limit contact with others

- Do not leave home unless absolutely necessary, such as to seek medical care.
- Do not go to school, work, other public areas or use public transportation (e.g., buses, taxis).
- Avoid contact with individuals with chronic conditions, compromised immune systems and older adults.

Keep your hands clean

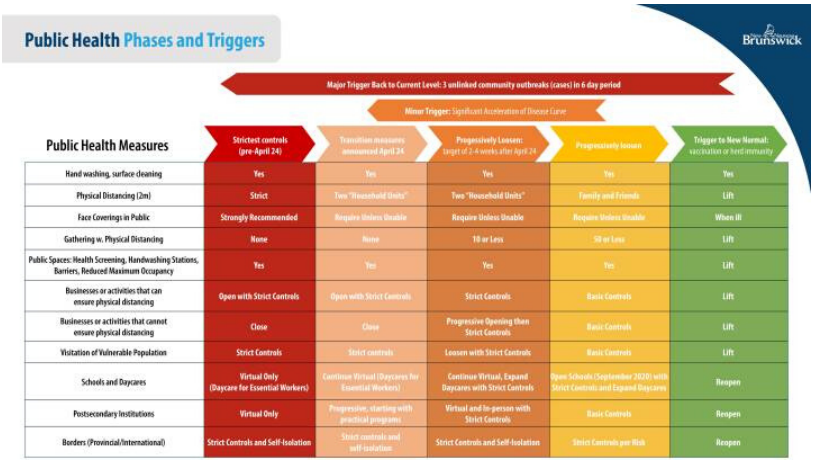
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and dry with disposable paper towels or dry reusable towel, replacing it when it becomes wet.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cough/sneeze into the band of your arm, not your hand, or into a tissue. Dispose of tissues in a lined waste container.

Avoid contaminating common items and surfaces:

- Do not share personal items with others, such as toothbrushes, towels, bed linen, utensils or electronic devices.
- At least once daily, clean and disinfect surfaces that you touch often, like toilets, bedside tables, doorknobs, phones and television remotes.
- Put the lid of the toilet down before flushing.

For the latest information visit: www.gnb.ca/coronavirus

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Public Health Phases and Triggers

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Major Trigger Back to Current Level: 3 unlinked community outbreaks (cases) in 6 day period

Minor Trigger: Significant Acceleration of Disease Curve

Public Health Measures	Strictest controls (pre-April 24)	Transition measures announced April 24	Progressively Loosen: Target of 2-4 weeks after April 24	Progressively loosen	Trigger to New Normal: vaccination or herd immunity
Hand washing, surface cleaning	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Physical Distancing (2m)	Strict	Two "Household Units"	Two "Household Units"	Family and Friends	Lift
Face Coverings in Public	Strongly Recommended	Require Unless Unable	Require Unless Unable	Require Unless Unable	When ill
Gathering w. Physical Distancing	None	None	10 or Less	50 or Less	Lift
Public Spaces: Health Screening, Handwashing Stations, Barriers, Reduced Maximum Occupancy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Lift
Businesses or activities that can ensure physical distancing	Open with Strict Controls	Open with Strict Controls	Strict Controls	Basic Controls	Lift
Businesses or activities that cannot ensure physical distancing	Close	Close	Progressive Opening then Strict Controls	Basic Controls	Lift
Visitation of Vulnerable Population	Strict Controls	Strict controls	Loosen with Strict Controls	Basic Controls	Lift
Schools and Daycares	Virtual Only (Daycare for Essential Workers)	Continue Virtual (Daycares for Essential Workers)	Continue Virtual, Expand Daycares with Strict Controls	Open Schools (September 2020) with Strict Controls and Expand Daycares	Reopen
Postsecondary Institutions	Virtual Only	Progressive, starting with practical programs	Virtual and In-person with Strict Controls	Basic Controls	Reopen
Borders (Provincial/International)	Strict Controls and Self-Isolation	Strict controls and self-isolation	Strict Controls and Self-Isolation	Strict Controls per Risk	Reopen

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Adopt-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



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Reducing the Possibility of Transmission

Updated April 27, 2020
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.

While the province has announced that Provincial parks, beaches, and other facilities are open, the Town sports fields will remain closed until we evaluate the potential for sanitizing procedures at each location. The boat launch at Silver Lake will be open May 1, 2020.

Key messages in prevention include:
Wash your hands often.
Cough and sneeze into the elbow or into a tissue and throw it away
Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with your hands.
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 experiencing 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 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 provincial and federal government websites.

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

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Worksafe NB Health and Safety Measures for Workplaces

WorkSafe NB has introduced heath and safety measures for workplaces, including precautionary measures to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19 when a workplace cannot maintain a two-metre separation between people. We are aware of these requirements and are implementing procedures as necessary. You can read the health and safety measures at the Worksafe NB **Website**.

Tantramar COVID-19 Task Force

On April 5, MLA Megan Mitton, Sackville Mayor John Higham, Dorchester Mayor JJ Bear, Port Elgin Mayor Judy Scott, and Fort Folly First Nation Chief Rebecca Knockwood, established the Tantramar COVID-19 Task Force (TCTF). The TCTF includes key community volunteers from unincorporated areas of Tantramar, such as Aulac and Cape Tormentine. The TCTF has been mandated to coordinate an appropriate community response to the COVID-19 pandemic. If residents need help during the COVID-19 pandemic with groceries, prescriptions, or other issues, they can contact the TCTF for assistance at enquiry.tctf@gmail.com. You can also visit the Tantramar COVID-19 **Facebook page**.

Grocery Shopping Tips

• Designate 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.



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Council Meetings and Town Business

The Regular Council Meeting for the month of May is scheduled for May 4, 2020 at 7:00pm and will be streamed live on the Town's website. The meeting will take place virtually using Microsoft TEAMS software. All essential Town services, including water testing, lift station checks, garbage collection, etc., are continuing as normal.

SPRING CLEAN-UP
The Town's Spring Clean-up will take place as usual and is scheduled for the week of April 27 – May 1.

BORDERTOWN FESTIVAL
The Town's 2020 Bordertown Festival scheduled for May 27-31 has been cancelled.

Facilities, Activities and other Events

• Town Hall and the Public Works Facility are closed to the public until further notice.
• 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, managers are alternating working remotely where possible.
• The following recreational facilities remain closed to the public until further notice: Tennis and basketball courts, baseball fields, town-owned soccer fields, playground equipment, skate and bike park, Tantramar Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre, Bill Johnstone Memorial Activity Centre and the Community Garden.
• All town operated public washrooms remain closed.
• The public boat launch at Lillas Fawcett Park is now open to the public.
• The boardwalk areas in the Waterfowl Park are designated one-way in order to respect social distancing requirements. New signage has been installed in the park and online with updated mapping and instructions on the one-way areas. Please do not run or stop on the boardwalks so that the 2-meter mandatory social distancing requirements can be adhered to.
• Town parks and trails remain open and are being monitored for activity and observations with respect to social distancing.
• The Sackville Public Library is closed until further notice.
• The Fire Station operational areas are available to active members only and required town staff.
Water bill and property tax payments can be made online. Dog tags and By-law ticket payments are being suspended until further notice. Water Bills for the period of January 1 to March 31, 2020 will go out the week of May 11th to 15th and have a 60 day due date and senior discount date
• 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.

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.

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 Playground
Women's Shinny Hockey
Recreation and Sports Fair
Poetry Month Open Mic
Operation Beautification
Volunteer Recognition Night

Events/Workshops:
Mountie Day Flag Raising
Anti-Inflammatory Eating Workshop
Tourism Strategic Plan Public Input Meetings
Municipal Open House
Bordertown Festival
Sports Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Poetry Month Open Mic – late April
Web Presence Bootcamp for Businesses

Others that are pending:
Visitor Information Centre Opening

So What is Happening?
We continue to do our best to engage the public through social media and other innovative programming opportunities. Please be sure to follow the Town on **Facebook** to stay up to date on what is happening next!

Sackville RECREATION
Play like you remember!

Cleaning of Town Facilities

The municipality has already taken measures in its facilities to try to reduce the risk of contamination, such as:

- The frequency of cleaning in high traffic areas has been increased.
- Additional cleaning has been introduced in public areas.
- 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

For prevention reasons, work-related travel for training and meetings that is to take place outside the province is suspended for our employees until further notice.

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.

Other Important Information

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**.

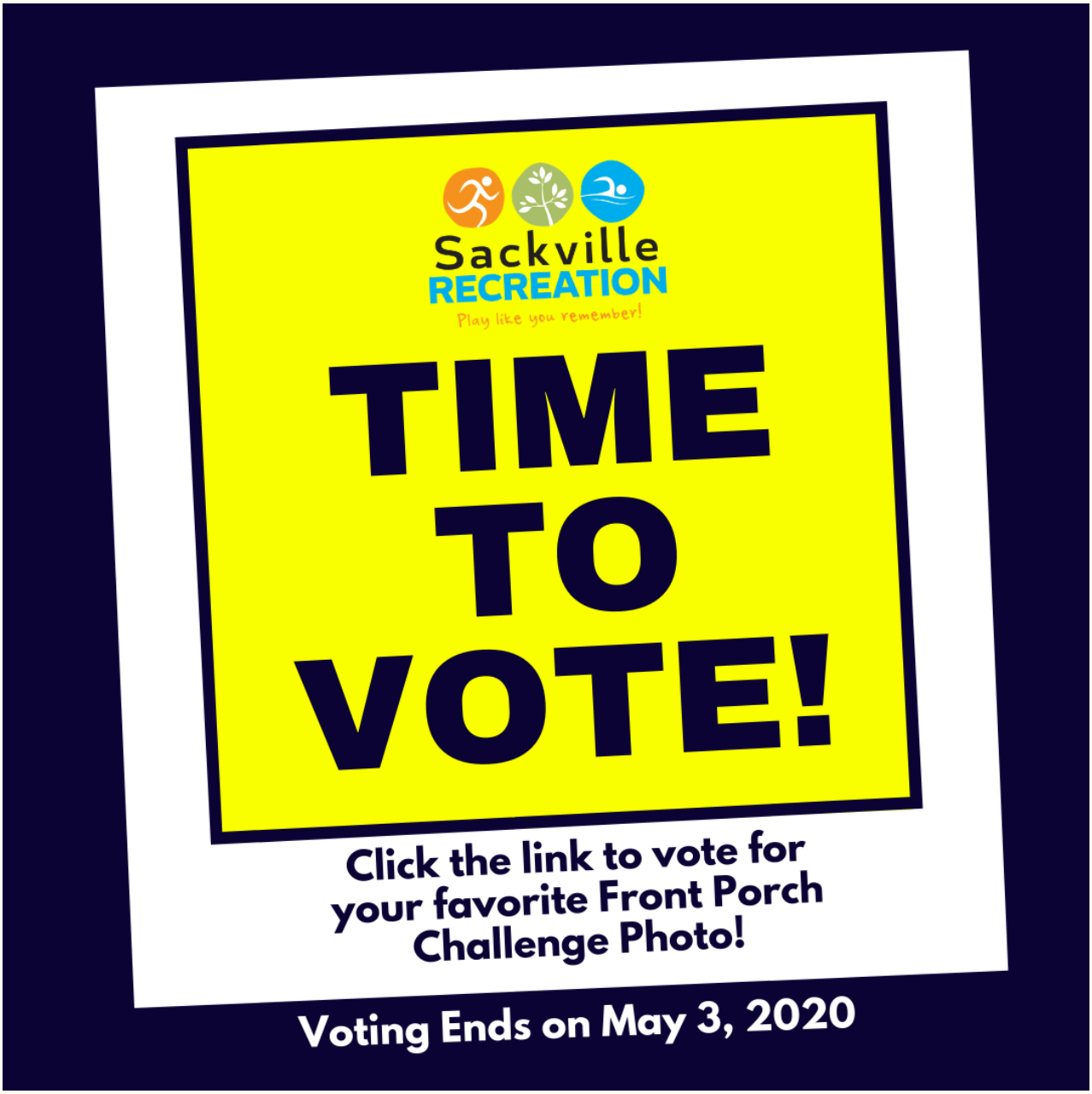
DISINFECTANT WIPES

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.

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Help for Residents and Businesses During COVID-19

It's time to vote for your favourite photo from this year's Front Porch Photography Challenge. you can find all of the entries and vote by **clicking here** before May 3, 2020.



Help for Residents and Businesses During COVID-19

April 24, 2020

FEDERAL RESOURCES:

Canada Emergency Response Benefit

Application and program information is available **here**.

Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy

As a Canadian employer whose business has been affected by COVID-19, you may be eligible for a subsidy of 75% of employee wages for up to 12 weeks, retroactive from March 15, 2020, to June 6, 2020. Click **here** for details.

Federal Government Student Assistance Measures

Details are available **here**.

Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses

They have a **list** of useful business resources for small businesses:

Business Development Bank of Canada

They have a new Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Loan and Guarantee Program. Click **here**.

Government of Canada Assistance Programs

The Government of Canada has a COVID-19 Economic Response Plan. This includes general support for individuals, such as those support for people facing unemployment, and support for businesses, including avoiding layoffs and access to credit. 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 the how, when and what of employment insurance for their employees, she can help. Reach her at 1-506-777-4610 or chantal.lepage@servicecanada.gc.ca

Government of Canada and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce

They have established the Canadian Business Resilience Network to help Canadian businesses navigate the COVID-19 reality and prepare for recovery. They are also partnering with Stats Canada on a national survey – goal to measure the impact on business, from a national perspective. For details visit **here**.

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Help for Residents and Businesses During COVID-19 Continued

PROVINCIAL RESOURCES:
Province of New Brunswick
The list of Provincial programs for businesses is **here:**

CBDC and the Government of New Brunswick Small Business Emergency Working Capital Program
This program is designed to help provide relief to businesses as they responded to the challenges posed by COVID-19. Impacted small business owners can apply for working capital loans up to $100,000. They will not be required to pay interest for the first six months. Interest payments will be required in months 7-12 and principal and interest payments will begin in month 13. More details **here**.

Tourism New Brunswick
The Government Department has a page of resources for tourism operators **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.

Association of Municipal Administrators of New Brunswick
The Association has put together this **list** of useful programs available as of April 1:

LOCAL AND REGIONAL RESOURCES
Town of Sackville
We have updated our website with the most up to date information we have received on local businesses, including current opening hours and options under these unfortunate circumstances. If you have an update that you would like us to include, please contact 364-4930. Please click **here** for a list of updates,. We will 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.

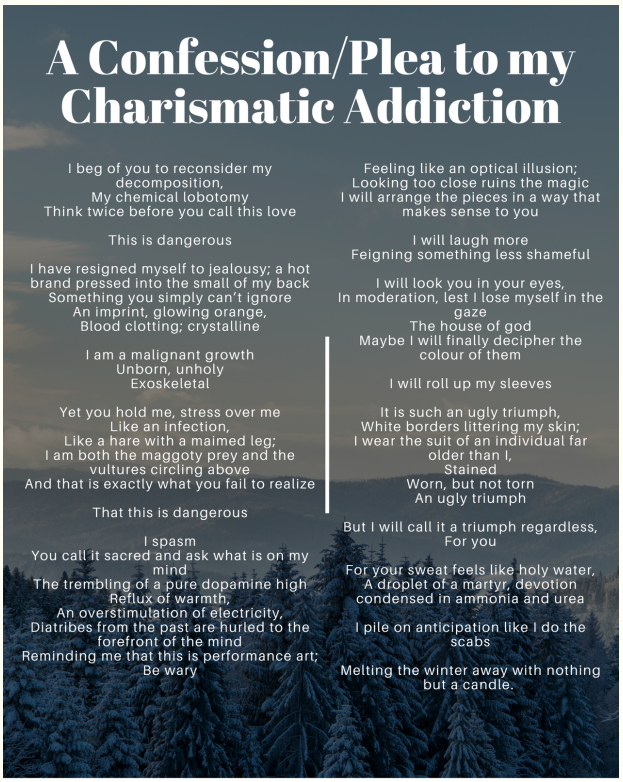
Chamber of Commerce for Greater Moncton
The Chamber has an extensive list of information and resources to help businesses, which you can find **here**.

Sackville businesses are encouraged 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.

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.

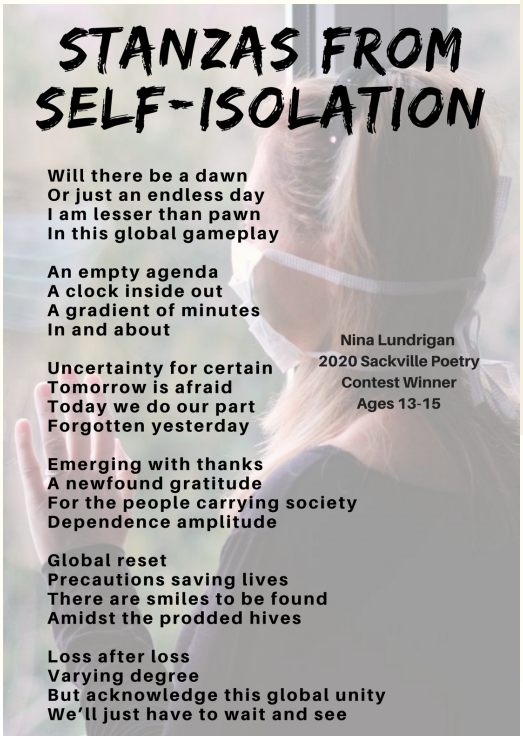
April is Poetry Month

Congratulations to our Poetry Contest winners! We hope you enjoy!

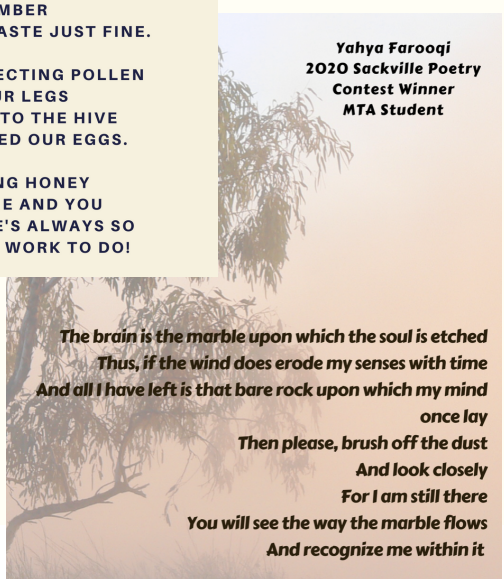


Sarah Tardif
2020 Sackville Poetry Writing Contest Winner
Ages 16-18









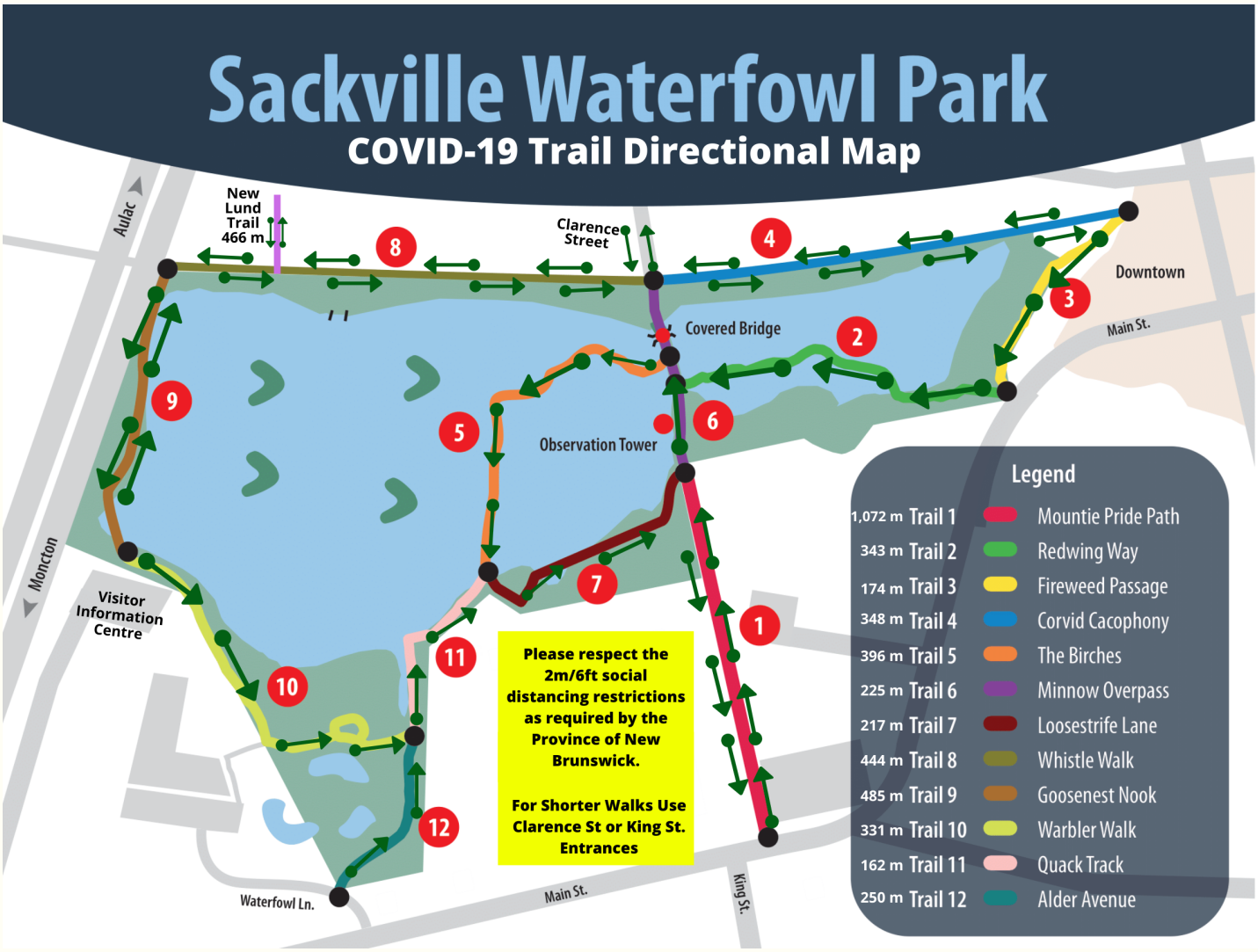
Other Items to Keep in Mind



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The Sackville Waterfowl Park is now One-Way Traffic

Updated April 20th. 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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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.