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Monthly Newsletter

Town of Sackville

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Important June Dates

Special Council Meeting
June 1, 2020
6:30pm
Live Streamed at Sackville.com

Regular Council Meeting
June 8, 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.



A Message from the Mayor

I want to start by expressing my sincere thanks to the essential workers in our community and throughout the province. We greatly appreciate your time, energy, and dedication during these unprecedented times.

Sackville is at an important and trying time in the pandemic – we all continue to take steps to stave off the virus, but we are also taking initial steps toward recovery and, we are considering what the future new normal will look like – all at the same time. Challenging yes; but others continue to look to us for leadership

I want to highlight the important work being undertaken by the Tantramar COVID Task Force. Dedicated local volunteers are helping coordinate a community response to the pandemic and working strategically on: food security; mental and physical health services; community economic development; and communications and technology. If you need help, or know of someone who might, please reach out to the task force via Facebook, e-mail at enquiry.tctf@gmail.com or simply call 501-8445.

As we move into the recovery plan, I want to remind residents of the importance of our local economy and the challenging times entrepreneurs are facing. The loss of convocation weekend, SappyFest, our own Bordertown, Chalk Festival and Fall Fair -- combined with the border closures -- are creating a market that is particularly difficult for our local economy. I encourage you to offer whatever support you can to our business community.

As local establishments adapt their practices, you can find that information on the town website; please share this site with family and friends. You're also encouraged to show support for local businesses by taking a selfie after local purchases and use the hashtag #SupportSackvilleNB to post it. Capturing images that also demonstrate our businesses are diligently following safe practices and ready to welcome patrons, helps us all play a part in local economic recovery efforts.

Mayor's Message Continued

The Town of Sackville is working closely with the team at Mount Allison in preparation for the fall academic term. The health and well-being of the university is critical to the success and strength of our community. We need students to return to Sackville; they must be assured whether they are on campus or in town that they will be welcomed and safe, that they will get an extraordinary community experience alongside the top academic one in the country.

As we contemplate what our new normal will be, we can be thankful that New Brunswick has demonstrated ingenuity and leadership in its response to the coronavirus. Here in Sackville, we're lucky to be small, aware, and tightly knit -- a community where businesses and citizens can band together and offer an exemplary and safe visitor and shopping experience. We don't have large crowds, making social distancing inside premises easier to practice. And we have wonderful outdoor experiences, including various self-guided tours, parks, scenery and patios. We must show people that we take the responsibilities of one another's safety seriously, but also that our town is open for business.

Once again, 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. We have mastered the basics -- handwashing, physical distancing, avoiding non-essential travel, and self-isolating. As emergency rules are loosened, we will continue to exercise these while we return as patrons of the reopening shops, restaurants and services. Let's be as vigilant about this stage as we were with the first.

Lastly, remember to check on those living alone, and those more vulnerable among us. Let's continue our focus on community spirit, do what we can to help with economic recovery, look out for one another, and show how Sackville will continue to lead in the days ahead.

Be well.

Town of Sackville COVID-19 Updates

Updated May 29, 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.

Update from the Province

The Province of New Brunswick has initiated Phase Three of their recovery plan, which was released on May 22, 2020 (with the exception of the Campbellton area which has reverted back to Phase Two after three new cases). Phase Three includes expanding social bubbles to include family and friends, outdoor gatherings of 50 or less people provided they are practicing social distancing, and opening of several other businesses, among other things.

Please note that some aspects of Phase 3 have been delayed, so it is always best to check the Government of New Brunswick website for updates. Additionally, please note that some aspects of the plan are different than what is being enforced locally given the expectation for sanitization procedures, so please 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 Three of the provinces' plan **here**.

Town Resuming Operations

On May 25, 2020 Town Hall opened to the public and is operating under regular business hours of Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. To ensure the health and safety of our staff and the public, a thorough operational plan that follows the requirements outlined by the province of New Brunswick has been implemented. The public can expect to be asked health assessment questions before being permitted to enter the building, and traffic will be limited. We would ask that the public wear a facemask whenever possible. For questions about the Town's operational plan, please contact Jamie Burke, CAO, at 1-506-364-4930 or j.burke@sackville.com.



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.



Annual Resident's Survey

Town staff love to hear how we're doing and how we can serve you better. The Sackville Resident's Survey has become a yearly tradition that allows us the opportunity to evaluate our services and make improvements where necessary.

The 2020 Resident's Survey is the third installment and had 259 participants. Here's an overview of the results.





81%

Residents are satisfied with the quality of life in Sackville

TWO SERVICES THAT COULD IMPROVE

Town Road Conditions and Economitc Development

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS

79%

The satisfaction rate of the top 5 rated Town services (Fire, parks, garbage collection, cultural events, recreation programs.

72%

Use Social Media to receive information about Town Services. 63% use the Town's website

66%

Residents satisfied with their customer service expereince with Town staff and council

TOP 3 2020 TOWN PRIORITIES RECOMMENDED BY RESIDENTS

1. Health Care Services/Hospital
2. Economic Development/Jobs
3. Climate Change

52% of residents are satisfied with the Town's leadership and budget processes.

Council Meetings

The Special Council Meeting for the month of June is scheduled for June 1, 2020 at 6:30pm. The June Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2020 at 7:00pm. Both will be streamed live on the Town's website. The meeting will take place virtually using Microsoft TEAMS software.

Facilities, Activities and other Events

• Town Hall re-opened to the public on May 25, 2020 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please be mindful of new operational changes that have been implemented.
• Public Works Facility will remain closed to the public until further notice.
• The following recreational facilities remain closed to the public until further notice:
  o 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, the Visitor Information Centre/Craft Gallery and the Community Garden.
• All town operated public washrooms remain closed.
• The public boat launch at Lillas Fawcett Park has been installed to accommodate emergency response needs and all users are expected to respect social distancing requirements.
• 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 bills have been issued and payments can be made online or at Town Hall and have a 60-day due date and a senior discount. Dog tags are available for purchase. Late fees will not be charged until after July 31, 2020. By-law ticket payments are being suspended until further notice.
• 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.

Other Town Cancellations

All in-person town operated recreation programs are cancelled until further notice. We continue to offer virtual and physical distancing programs to keep our residents active. For programing opportunities follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sackvillenb.

Events/Workshops:
All Town operated events that result in large gatherings of people have been cancelled for the remainder of 2020 unless otherwise directed by the province. Plans are underway to offer options virtually for some of our events, including Canada Day. Please stay tuned for updates as they become available. Cancelled events include:
Volunteer Recognition Night
Bordertown Festival
Sports Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Concerts in the Park
Movies in the Park
In-person Canada Day Celebrations
BHP Challenge
Friday Night Antique Car Cruise
New Brunswick Day Celebrations
Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sackville RECREATION
Play like you remember!

Others:
Visitor Information Centre Opening – Pending

Unfortunately, our list of cancelled events includes the popular Sackville Street Chalk Art Festival, the 20th Anniversary of the Sackville Fall Fair and the always popular Family Day at the Doncaster Farm. We wish this was not the case but promise to come back bigger and better than ever once the COVID-19 pandemic subsides.

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.
· All staff are sanitizing their workstations and vehicles twice per day.
- Monitoring of soap dispensers in order to ensure that they are always filled.
- Planning is underway to implement a sanitization schedule for our recreational facilities to allow them to be opened to the public.

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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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Geocaching at Beech Hill Park



BEECH HILL PARK GEOCACHING COURSE

Sackville RECREATION
Play like you remember!

Can you find all 10?

EXPLORE #BEECHHILLPARK LIKE YOU NEVER HAVE BEFORE! INPUT THE COORDINATES INTO YOUR GPS OR USING A GEOCACHING APP ON YOUR PHONE AND BE SURE TO DOCUMENT YOUR FINDS USING THE HASHTAG ABOVE!

N45°56.295' W064°23.969'
Hint: The trees have fallen.

N45°56.408' W064° 23.896'
Hint: The tallest pine.

N45°56.452' W064°24.126'
Hint: Just north of the mud pit

N45° 56.578' W064°24.048'
Hint: The big rotten stump

N45°56.695' W064°23.926'
Hint: Who's up for some disc golf?!

N45°56.976' W064° 24.177'
Hint: Near the trail's end

N45° 56.862' W064°24.178'
Hint: The new hut

N45° 56.778' W064°23.971'
Hint: The old hut

N45° 56.719' W064° 24.114'
Hint: Birch through the stone

N45°56.579' W064°24.135'
Hint: Big tree

Dog Tag Notices

2020 Dog Tags are now available at Town Hall, 31C Main Street, 2nd Floor.

Please be advised that due to Covid-19, dog tag sales were suspended from March 15, 2020 - May 24, 2020. Town Hall reopened to the public on May 25, 2020 and residents are now encouraged to get their dog tags. No late fees will be charged if tags are purchased on or before July 31, 2020.



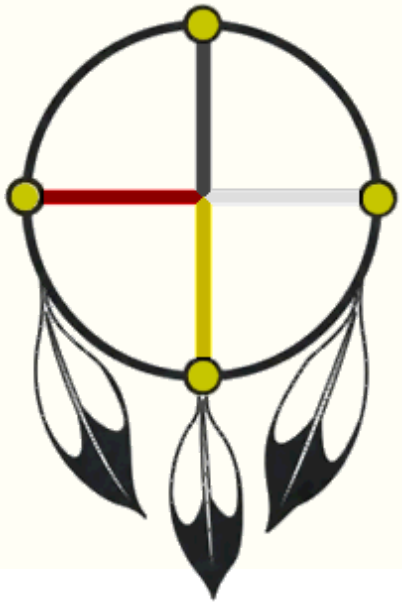
Registration fees:
· $20.00 for a castrated male/spayed female
· $20.00 for an un-castrated male/un-spayed female up to 12 months (proof of age must be provided)
· $40.00 for an un-castrated male/un-spayed female over 12 months (proof of age must be provided)

Please note that tags issued after July 31, 2020 will be subject to an additional $20 fee.

Proof of rabies vaccination must be shown at the time the dog tag is purchased.

National Indigenous People's Day

On June 21, 2020 we will be celebrating National Indigenous People's Day. Virtual activities will include learning to make Luskini'kin (Bannock), a dream catcher art project and much more.



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Town Hall Updates

Here is a list of the motions approved by Council during the May Regular Council meeting:

John Higham, Mayor of the Town of Sackville, proclaims May 2020 be designated Lyme Awareness month in the Town of Sackville.

Council appointed Paul Embree as a Temporary By-law Enforcement Officer.

Third and final reading was given to By-law no. 262a, a by-law to amend by-law no. 262, a by-law to regulate street traffic.

Council authorized the disposal of 8 carbon fibre cylinders and 4 scba scott air packs to the Village of Cap-Pele Fire Department in the amount of $10,000.00 plus hst.

Council awarded tender no. 2020-06 asphalt resurfacing of various streets to Macdonald Paving & Construction Ltd., in the reduced amount of $350,000 hst included.

Council awarded tender no. 2020-05 new 20ton tag-a-long to Valley Equipment Ltd., in the amount of $37,260.00 hst included.

COVID-19 Support:
Water/sewer interest has not been charged for the month of March 2020. Meters will not be read by staff but completed remotely and/or by the resident.

Dog tags being required are suspended until further notice.

Water bills have a 60-day due date.

Senior discount date rather than the normal 30 day.

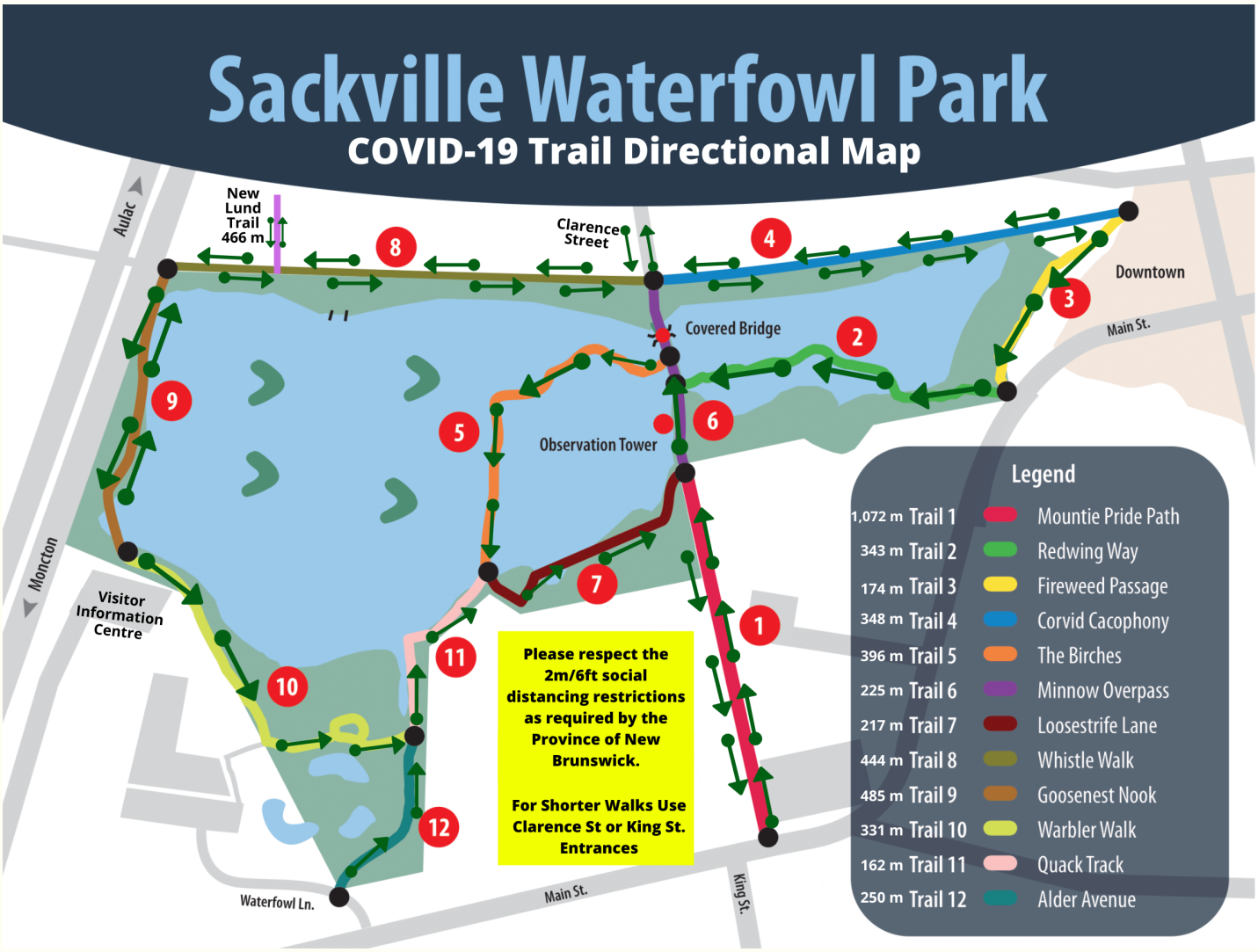
The $20 quarterly sewer treatment charge be waived from Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2020. That interest for the month of April and May 2020 be waived on all overdue accounts.



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The Sackville Waterfowl Park Continues to be 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.