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Monthly Newsletter

Town of Sackville

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Important September Dates

Mta Corn Boil
September 6, 2020
10:00am-3:00pm

Special Council Meeting
September 8, 2020
6:30pm
Live Streamed at Sackville.com

Regular Council Meeting
September 14, 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.



COVID-19 Message from the Mayor

Like every year, as the end of summer approaches, we get ready for hundreds of Mount Allison students to arrive. Students make us vibrant, enhance our community, and are essential to the viability of local businesses. However, this will be a much different year for them and for us, and helping to ensure that everyone remains safe, is absolutely critical.

The Town has been working very closely with colleagues at Mount Allison, business owners, student leaders, and community members in preparation for this fall term. We have joined forces to safely welcome students back to the community.

The MtA-Sackville Bubble initiative, announced earlier this month, is part of the collaborative COVID-19 preparations. At the heart of this is a Community Commitment. This personal commitment — based on the belief that we are all in this together — asks students, faculty, staff, businesses, landlords, and all residents to do their part to protect everyone in the bubble, by following the Public Health directives of physical distancing; gathering only in small groups; frequent hand washing; wearing non-medical masks as necessary; and by staying informed and remaining vigilant.

By now you have probably seen notices of this initiative throughout the community. I encourage everyone to display a sticker or decal to show your personal commitment.

To facilitate the safe arrival of new and returning students, we have teamed up with Mount Allison to provide a one-stop welcome and orientation centre at our Civic Centre. This process will help ensure students are fully informed and educated on COVID-19 changes - both on campus and in the community—and what is expected to keep each other safe. The Centre will be open from August 14 to September 7th...

Mayor's Message Continued

It is very important to note that those required to self-isolate upon arrival in the province, will not participate in the Centre's activities but go directly to self-isolation. After the 14-day isolation is complete, these students will join the others. By provincial order international students are also required to provide testing samples during that period. I note that all of us remain eligible for provincial testing and its well-established public protocol.

Mount Allison has posted on-line its Back-on-Track Plan for all students. The plan adheres to all provincial laws and Public Health guidelines and outlines the steps the university has taken to re-open campus, with the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff as the top priority. A safe campus community, helps keep the Sackville community safe too.

There are other initiatives taking place –all with the intent of helping to ensure that students and our community is safe in the first weeks and through the coming year. Landlords are coordinating efforts to help ensure consistent messaging, reminders and protocols for off-campus renters. The Town and University have dedicated pages on their respective websites with ever-current information for students, parents, residents and businesses. There is also an active communications effort through social media, signage, and the efforts of the volunteer Tantramar COVID-19 Task Force.

I wish to emphasize that New Brunswick's Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Provincial Emergency Order already require everyone to wear a mask when 6 feet (2 meters) of physical distancing cannot be maintained. This is an important tool in all of our efforts to help keep one another safe.

While much of our focus is currently on the arrival of Mount Allison students, we have also been active in many other areas that will frame our post-pandemic future. These include working on the border delays, ensuring the Sackville Memorial Hospital continues to provide a full range of health services, continuing the innovative work of the Mayor's Roundtable on Climate Change, and influencing the ongoing Chignecto Isthmus Study. These are all deeply important topics for the Town that require perseverance and ongoing action.

As we have already proven, Sackville businesses and citizens can together offer an exemplary, safe and caring Town. We must continue to demonstrate we take the responsibilities of one another's safety seriously, and ensure our town is alive and open for all of us.

In closing, 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 know we all have a responsibility to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and we must continue to be vigilant. In the meantime all the now familiar but essential practices, are key to our ongoing success.

Let's continue to look out for one another, remain positive, and help keep ourselves and one another safe in the days and weeks ahead.

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Public Presentations Being Accepted on 2021 Budget Priorities

The Town of Sackville is providing the public with the opportunity to present to Council at the September 21, 2020 Budget Meeting, beginning at 7:00 pm. The presentation must be no more than 10 minutes and must focus on potential Town priorities for 2021. This meeting will also provide groups and organizations with an opportunity to make a presentation to Council requesting funding and support in 2021. If you wish to make a presentation on the 2021 Budget or comment on where the Town should allocate money in 2021, please e-mail d.beal@sackville.com or call (506) 364-4930 by September 14, 2020 to reserve a place on the public agenda.



Food Handler and Food Safety Course

The Town of Sackville is offering another food handler and food safety certification course on Tuesday, September 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food handler and food safety certifications are designed for candidates that require certification that meets current health laws passed by the province. Students enrolled in this course will receive training in a variety of different food safe practices including food handling, storage, preparation, sanitation and hygiene.

The course will be taught by Foodsafe Atlantic. The cost for the course is $100 + HST for people or businesses from outside of Sackville, and the Town of Sackville is offering a subsidized rate of $50 + HST to businesses or people who live in the Town.



Please note that all necessary precautions for COVID 19 will be in place. All participants must wear masks during the course and will need to supply their own mask.

For more information on the course, or to register, please phone 364-4938 or email visitor@sackville.com. Registration can be done at the front desk at Town Hall 31 Main St., or online by visiting **www.sackville.com/programs**.

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We're Hiring!

The Town of Sackville Engineering and Public Works Department is currently accepting applications for the Full Time Superintendent of Public Works position. Interested candidates may apply in writing by submitting a detailed resume to
Town of Sackville
c/o Donna Beal, Town Clerk
31C Main St
Sackville, NB
E4L 4A6

or via email to: employment@sackville.com

A detailed job description on the above position can be found by **clicking here** , or by contacting: Donna Beal, Town Clerk at (506) 364-4930 and d.beal@sackville.com

Deadline for Applications: Friday September 18, 2020 @ 4:30p.m.

Recreation Programming

Staff is working hard to develop a fall lineup of programs and events. COVID-19 has caused limitations on access to venues, but we hope to be able to offer more regular programming in October. Stay tuned for more information and regularly visit **www.sackville.com** for updates.

For community recreational opportunities, please visit **www.sackville.com/calendar**.

The Visitor Information Centre

The Visitor Information Centre is located at 34 Mallard Dr. It is now open six days a week, Tuesday to Sunday, 9 am to 5 pm, until October 18 for all your travel counselling needs. We also have information about local attractions and businesses. If dropping in is not an option, you can also reach the Centre at 364-4967 or visitor@sackville.com.



Please also note the Sackville Craft Gallery opens on September 1, 2020 in the Visitor Centre. For more information on the Craft Gallery, call 536-4163.

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Mount Allison Students Corn Boil

Every year the Town of Sackville and the Sackville Rotary Club welcome new and returning Mount Allison students to Sackville with a traditional Corn Boil. The event usually features live music and is offered in conjunction with the Sackville Farmer's Market.

This year, however, will be different. Due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19, this year's Corn Boil will be held on Sunday, September 6th from 10:00 a.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m. at Bill Johnstone Memorial Park. The event will be very structured in nature and will be open exclusively to pre-registered Mount Allison Students. Students will be welcomed with a smile by Rotary volunteers and members of Council before exiting the park to enjoy their corn at locations pre-determined by the Mount Allison Orientation Committee.

All safety measures required by the province of New Brunswick will be followed to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all of those involved. The Town would like to thank residents for welcoming our students with open arms and we look forward to doing the same on September 6th.

Boat Launch Closure

On Saturday, September 12th the public boat launch at Lillas Fawcett Park will be closed to motorized watercraft from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm to accommodate the Levee on the Lake event taking place that day. The site will be used as an access point for people powered watercraft (kayaks, canoes, paddle boats, etc) who are interested in participating in the event.

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.

Registration fees:
- $20.00 for a spayed or neutered dog
- $20.00 for any dog who is not spayed or neutered up to 12 months (proof of age required)
- $40.00 for any dog who is not spayed or neutered over 12 months (proof of age required)

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.

Helping Others to Help Themselves

Submitted by Susan Amos

This month, in our series, “Cheers for Volunteers”, we cheer Heather Longpre (Heather L.) and Heather Payne (Heather P.) for their volunteer work with the Open Sky Co-operative. Open Sky is located on an 1-acre farm in Middle Sackville close to Silver Lake and the Campbell Carriage Factory Museum. It provides assistance to adults who face barriers to an acceptable quality of life due to social disabilities such as Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or mental health challenges like depression, anxiety and schizophrenia.

Although up to two participants may live at Open Sky, most attend day programs designed to assist them to improve their well-being. Some simply need a supportive environment where they can get their lives back on track. Others benefit from social and/or employment skills training.

OPENSKY
Fostering Inclusive Communities

Part of the programming offered by Open Sky includes raising both animals and a garden whose produce is then sold locally through the Sackville Farmers’ Market and Community Shared Agriculture where people can sign up for a weekly delivery of vegetables. All Open Sky participants share in household responsibilities and also work in teams doing gardening, grounds keeping and animal care.

Heather L. and Heather P. started volunteering at Open Sky about two years ago. When Heather P. arrives at Open Sky first thing Tuesday morning, she starts her day by looking after the animals: goats, chickens and even a couple of donkeys. She feeds and waters them and then collects the newly-laid eggs which she washes to prepare them for sale.

In the summer, after attending to the animals, Heather P. moves on to garden work which includes planting early in the season followed by watering, weeding and harvesting. In the winter, she does house repairs, laundry, light housekeeping and dishes after the lunch meal.

Heather L. does her volunteer work indoors. Her main project is the propagation of a variety of house plants which are then sold at the local farmers’ market. She also assists in food preparation and cleanup for the daily meals at Open Sky.

How did these women get involved in volunteer work at Open Sky? Heather L.’s daughter-inlaw, who used to work at Open Sky, introduced her mother-in-law to the organization. And, when Heather P. moved to Sackville three years ago, she was looking for a way to participate in her new community. She has an interest in mental health so, when she read Open Sky’s website, she knew she had found the right place for her contribution. What is special about Open Sky? “Everyone is there for a common cause,” say the ‘two Heathers’. “It’s like one big family: staff, volunteers and participants all working together as a team.” And, in the summer, the students hired to work at Open Sky become part of the team.

Why do these women volunteer at Open Sky? Heather P. cites a number of reasons. ‘It’s a win-win. I learn something new every time I go and my volunteering is a concrete way for participants to know I care about them. When I’m not there, I miss it,’ she adds.

Helping Others continued...

'It feels good to be helping others,' says Heather L. 'I like the people there, the staff, participants and volunteers. I like that people are respectful to the rules and to each other.'

Here's what Margaret Tusz-King, Executive Director of Open Sky, has to say. "Volunteers are at the core of every charitable organization, keeping charities afloat, engaged, and relevant to the needs of the community. The 'two Heathers' each bring valuable talents and they support and inspire the young adults who receive services at Open Sky in ways they may not even be aware of."

Margaret is grateful for the work of volunteers and is always interested in welcoming more from the community. If you'd like to volunteer or learn more about Open Sky, check out their **website**.

And, why not join in the fun on Saturday, September 19th, at Open Sky's fundraising event. It's to be a scavenger hunt by car which will test our knowledge of the Sackville area. After the hunt, Open Sky will host food, drinks, a silent auction and award ceremony out at their farm. It's a great opportunity to support a worthwhile cause, have a good time and get to see Open Sky. For more information, **click here**.

Heather Longpre and Heather Payne, we thank you for giving your time to help those less fortunate have a better quality of life. The work you do is valued and appreciated by your community.

Kitchen Climate Tips

There are many places in our homes where we have the potential to reduce our waste. The kitchen is a big one, as it is estimated that ⅓ of all food produced for human consumption is wasted. Add to this all the plastic food packaging we throw away, and the kitchen starts to become less and less environmentally-friendly. That being said, there's still lots you can do to help reduce your waste! Here are some handy tips to help reduce food waste and packaging:

-Use glass jars that you already buy (pasta sauce jars, salsa jars) as containers for leftovers. Make sure they are cool before freezing!

-Invest in some high quality beeswax wraps (you can also make you own!). They are a great reusable alternative to plastic wrap.

-Regrow your own lettuce. Did you know there are some veggies and herbs that can be regrown? Simply add the lettuce stem to a glass filled with water, wait a week or two, and voila! This works best with romaine lettuce.

-Compost!

-Shop at the Sackville Farmers Market. Bring your own bag, and take advantage of all the wonderful in-season produce.

Seniors Going Virtual

In March, like everything else, the Tantramar Seniors' College cloded its doors. The remainder of the winter term of classes were cancelled and the spring session was abandoned. Seniors' are the demographic that are most likely to get the sickest from Covid-19 so caution was the best decision.

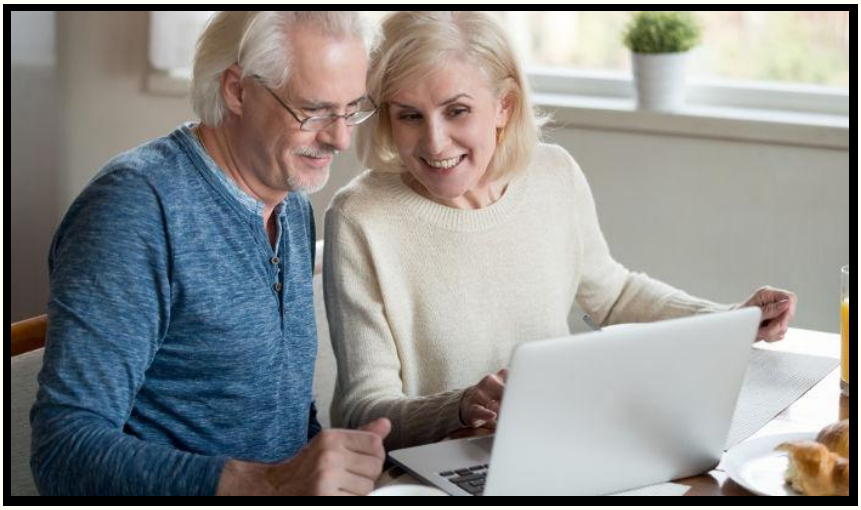
As the summer progressed, the likelihood of classes starting again became more and more remote. At the Board meeting in June, which took place over Zoom, the board members decided to offer a wide variety of online course options. The Board found the online meeting program remarkably easy to use and managed to not only meet but to visit and chat.

By the August Board meeting, a sufficient number of instructors had agreed to offer their courses using Zoom for the fall term and the membership was sent the list of 16 courses. The list includes a course on the American Political System, one on the Ins and Outs of the European Union as well as one about Bringing the Outside In – Making a Flower Arrangement. The best part about the switch in format is that it means any of the members can take any or all of the courses on offer without having to travel to the more distant locations.

The registration has also changed and will take place by email during the week of September 14 to 18.

While online courses may not be the College's first choice, they are the best and safest choice for now.

Membership fees will be on hold indefinitely and members and non-members can find the full list of courses and more details on the **TSC website**.



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Public Face Masks in New Brunswick



When physical distancing of 2 meters or more is not possible, a face mask is required. It's the law! Let's all do our part to protect everyone around us.

Examples include:
Grocery shopping
Visiting a store
Smaller office spaces
A crowded park

Please contact 1-844-462-8387 to report any violations of the province's Emergency Order

Reporting the Province's Emergency Order Violations

Simply call 1-844-462-8387 seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Outside of these hours, contact the local RCMP dispatch line at 1-888-506-7267. These calls are considered non-emergencies, so please do not call 9-1-1.



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Failure to comply can result in fines ranging from $240 to more than $10,000.

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Town Hall Updates

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

Council adopted the Town of Sackville Marketing Plan as presented at the Special Meeting of Council on August 4, 2020.

Council appointed Andrew Black as a representative to the Mainstreet Redevelopment Board.

Council awarded tender no. 2020-10 Cattail Ridge Road Improvements to Bowsers' Construction ltd., in the amount of $390,798.75 HST included.

Council approved the municipal operating agreement with Liberty Utilities (formerly Enbridge Gas) as presented at the Special Meeting of Council on August 4, 2020 and authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal the agreement.

Council accepted the 5-year capital plan for designated highways as presented at the Special Meeting of Council of August 4, 2020 and authorized that it be submitted to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Council appointed John Peters and reappointed Gregor MacAskill to the Sackville Sports Wall of Fame Board for a 3-year term which terms will expire on June 30, 2023.

Council approved the purchase of one complete set of Holmatro Extrication Tools, which includes upgrading the combi tool to the battery-operated platform from Micmac Fire & Safety Source Ltd., in the amount of $56,292.50 HST included.

Council gave second and third readings of by-law no. 274, a by-law to regulate and license the owners and operators of taxi cabs within the Town of Sackville.

Council gave second and third reading of by-law no. 275 fire prevention by-law.

Council gave second and third readings of by-law no. 276, a by-law respecting culverts and water drainage structures.

Council approved policy no. 2020-12, purchase and use of bottled water policy.

Council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal the service level agreement for the CPO position with the RCMP, effective September 1, 2020

Council awarded RFP no. 2020-11, Public Art to Slipper Liu Studio in the amount of $25,000.00 plus HST.

Council approved a motion to call on the UMNB to petition the provincial government that UMNB be a participant in how the money under the Federal Government's Safe Restart Agreement and any future federal government funding for local governments is allocated.

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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.