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Monthly Newsletter

Town of Sackville

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Important October Dates

Special Council Meeting
October 5, 2020
6:30pm
Live Streamed at Sackville.com

Regular Council Meeting
October 13, 2020
7:00pm
Live Streamed at Sackville.com

First Draft of 2021 Budgets
October 19, 2020
7:00pm
Live Streamed at Sackville.com

First Draft of 2021 Budgets (if necessary)
October 20, 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.

Mayor's Final Message to the Public

Many of you already know that I have resigned as Mayor of Sackville effective October 1st. I regret that I cannot reach out individually to let you know or to chat about the past 4 and a half years, but events simply will not allow that right now.

I remain humbled by the opportunity you gave me to lead the town government. There have been many surprises over the term including a pandemic, a constant flood threat, and ill-conceived changes to the hospital, but the response to each in Sackville has been extraordinary.

I believe this attitude and resiliency bodes well for the future of the Town. So I thank you for the honour of being your Mayor, and wish each of you all the best as you continue to contribute to building Sackville's future.

John Higham



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Council Resignations

At the September 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, Council accepted the resignations of both Mayor John Higham and Councillor Joyce O'Neil effective October 1, 2020. Both have served the community for many years with John Higham serving on Council in the past and Joyce O'Neil serving on Council for 16 years, included several years as Deputy Mayor.

Staff would like to thank both for their commitment to improving the Town of Sackville and wish both Mayor Higham and Councillor O'Neil nothing but the best.

Monthly Meetings with Local Businesses

In these uncertain times the Town of Sackville has been reaching out to local businesses to try to find ways we can assist, to see where people's concerns are, and to see how we can work together to move forward constructively. With this in mind, we are having monthly meetings with local business owners (virtual for now at least) on the last Tuesday of the month (this month October 27). At these meetings we will update on initiatives we are working on, hear your ideas and concerns, and give you a chance to speak with each other.

We will be sending out an invitation to everyone who has contacted us about the meetings, but please also feel free to pass this along to any local business owner or manager you think might be interested. They can contact us at r.kellyspurles@sackville.com and we'll make sure they are added to the invitation list.

Thank you, and we look forward to speaking with you.

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 is also open and located in the the Visitor Centre. For more information on the Craft Gallery call 536-4163.



Recycling Pilot Project

At long last, Sackville is proud to announce the commencement of a recycling pilot project in the multi-unit apartment complex located at 172b, 174 and 178 Main St. The pilot project is the result of the hard work of Maggie Ivimey, an honors environmental studies student who is passionate about waste management. Maggie is in her fourth year at Mount Allison University and has spent her summer working as an intern for RCE Tantramar. She hopes to encourage more people to take advantage of both the reduced costs and lessened environmental impacts of adhering to a three-stream waste sorting system, and has chosen to undertake this recycling project as part of her honors thesis.



The project will allow apartment residents to adhere to the three-stream waste management system, in which they can sort their waste into recycling, compost, and garbage as opposed to only garbage. The project will run until May 2021 and will include an educational component facilitated by Maggie and ECO360 to encourage residents of the buildings to sort their waste correctly.

The goal of the project is to demonstrate that by following the three-stream system, the overall costs to the landlord are actually cheaper than sending all of the unit's waste to the landfill. Upon successful completion of the project, it is the hope that more landlords will follow suit, and soon recycling and composting waste will be standard in every apartment in Sackville.

A special thanks to Charles Estabrooks, Miller Waste, ECO360 and RCE Tantramar for their continued support of the project.

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.

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Recreation Programming

Fall programming is back in full swing, and although we are hoping to add additional opportunities as facilities begin to open, here are some programming opportunities we are offering.

Outdoor Pickleball is taking place several days throughout the week, with Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 am being two of the more popular times. We're even offering lessons this year for those who would like to learn more about the game!

Prime Time and 50+ Aerobics registration has come and gone, but we're pleased to offer this free program to over 100 seniors from Sackville and the surrounding areas.

Scavenger Hunt
October 25, 2020
Time: Every 30 minutes from 9:00-1:00 pm
Start at Bill Johnstone Memorial Park
Register before October 21, 2020

Nutrition Program
Mondays from November 2 - 23, 2020 at 6:00 pm
Tantramar Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre
$10
1) Forget the Fad Diet & What to Focus on Instead
2) Making Sense of Nutrition Labels
3) Reducing Sugar & Cravings
4) Meal Planning & Prep

Trailblazers
Location: Lund Trail Sackville Waterfowl Park Entrance off Squire Street
Dates: Saturday afternoons, October 24 - November 28, 2020
Marshview students noon - 2:00 pm
Grades 3-4 from 2:15-4:15 pm.
Free

Women's Shinny
Friday, October 9, 2020 - Friday, March 26, 2021
6:30-7:30 PM
$120 for the full season (~$5 per ice time)
$8.00 drop-in fee per ice time
Full gear required
Tantramar Veterans' Memorial Civic Centre

For full details or to register for any of the above programs, please visit **www.sackville.com/programs**.

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

Business Passport Program

The Town is excited to be partnering with many businesses to offer a local shopping passport. Passports can be picked up at participating businesses, Town Hall, or the Sackville Visitor Information Centre. You can also print your own by **clicking here**.

Spend $10 at ten local businesses (those in the passport, or you can add other businesses), and ask them to stamp your passport. You can then turn them in at Sackville Town Hall for a free t-shirt and a chance to win a $1000 local shopping spree. Deadline to submit is October 31. For more information contact visitor@sackville.com



Tantramar Veterans' Memorial Civic Centre

The ice is in and the Civic Centre is up and running. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this season will look a little different, but we're still pleased to be able to offer a wide range of public programming opportunities:

Adult Pick-up Hockey
7:00 – 8:00 am, Mondays and Fridays
There are a few payment options:
$260 for 2 days per week, $155 for once per week, $8.00 drop-in

45+ Hockey
9:00 – 10:00 am, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
There are a few payment options:
$360 for 3 days per week, $260 for 2 days per week, $155 for once per week, $8.00 drop-in

To register in advance, contact the Civic Centre office at 364-4955 between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm Monday–Friday to make an appointment. Make cheques payable to the Town of Sackville.

Lunchtime Skates
Weekdays beginning September 28, 2020. Noon – 1:30 pm. $8 per family of 4, $3 per adult, or $2 per senior/child under 12.

Sunday Public Skates
Public Skates beginning October 4, 2020. 2:30 – 3:30 pm (October 4th time is 2:00 – 3:00 pm)
Cost is $8 per family of 4, $3 per adult, or $2 per senior/child under 12.

Due to COVID-19, restrictions on the number of skaters on the ice at any given time will be enforced. Please be sure to follow COVID-19 rules posted at the rink and always check the **Tantramar Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre Calendar** for the most up-to-date schedule as times are subject to change.

Women's Shinny Hockey
Register at **www.sackville.com/programs** or Town Hall.
Friday Evenings
October 9, 2020 - March 26, 2021: 6:30-7:30 PM
$120 for the full season (~$5 per ice time) or $8.00 drop-in fee per ice time
Full gear required
Ages 17+
All skill levels welcome
Tantramar Veterans' Memorial Civic Centre

Cheers to Volunteers: Soccer supports the well-being of our youth



Submitted by Susan Amos
This month, in our series, “Cheers for Volunteers”, we cheer Gregor MacAskill for his volunteer work with the Sackville Youth Soccer Association (SYSA).

Gregor has been involved with soccer most of his life, having started into the sport at the ripe young age of eight and continuing to play during his university years as well as onward into adulthood. He and his young family moved from Halifax to Sackville about 10 years ago and Gregor has been involved with the Sackville Youth Soccer Association ever since.

The SYSA runs youth soccer programming for Sackville. They have about 250 registered players making it the largest sport in town. Gregor is currently President of the seven-member SYSA board. As President, he is involved in every aspect of the organization.

Ordinarily, the season starts with registration in the spring. Then, teams are established, coaches recruited, equipment maintained in good working order and fields reserved for practices. Gregor also does the necessary coordination with other soccer clubs and with the provincial soccer organization.

The SYSA offers soccer programming for ages four and up. They run a Co-Ed Grassroots Soccer program for four-to-eight year olds, a developmental U10 program for nine and ten year olds and organize teams for all other ages where there are enough registrations to fill a team roster.

Gregor became involved with the SYSA mainly because his children, a son now aged 12 and a daughter aged 14, were keen to play although he believes he would have become a volunteer with the organization even without the involvement of his children. Why? Gregor credits his longstanding involvement in soccer with a number of positive outcomes in his own life.

He was a high-energy child so soccer gave him the outlet he needed to burn off his excess pep. As he got older, he began to value the social aspect of the sport since many of his friends also played soccer. And, Gregor points out, ‘Soccer teaches you life skills which are transferable to all kinds of different situations. You learn what it means to be part of a team where you work with each other to achieve your goals. You learn that hard work pays off. And, soccer can build confidence and self-esteem.’

Youth Soccer continued...

What is special about the Sackville Youth Soccer Association? Interaction with the Town, for one. Gregor places a high value on the Town's contribution to the SYSA. This year, the SYSA has received $1,200 under the Community Development Grants Program. Additionally, the Town provides some storage space for equipment during the winter, maintains fields for summer soccer and arranges with the Anglophone East School Board for the SYSA to use school gyms for winter soccer programs.

'As a SYSA participant, you become part of the soccer community, both locally and globally,' says Gregor. In 2017, for instance, SYSA members had the opportunity to watch the men's world cup finals together and a good time was had by all!

Gregor values the fact that soccer is a financially accessible sport. The necessary equipment is minimal and relatively inexpensive. Families often donate equipment their children have outgrown to others with younger children. And, sometimes, the SYSA waives registration fees. "If not for volunteers, a lot of things in this community wouldn't happen. I feel a sense of responsibility to see that the work of the SYSA continues,' says Gregor.

In addition to his work with the SYSA, Gregor also coaches soccer at Marshview Middle School and at Mount Allison University. Who has inspired Gregor along the way? Both his parents did volunteer work and, as a child involved in a variety of activities, he saw what volunteers did to make the work of these organizations possible. 'I've also been coached by some amazing people,' he adds.

Of course, COVID-19 has had an impact on the SYSA. Gregor updates us as follows. 'The Sackville Youth Soccer Association programs ran this summer with additional measures to address COVID-19 requirements. We were not able to offer soccer to our youngest players, so enrolment was about half across all age groups. There were no competition games, only training and development right in Sackville. We were very fortunate to have many parents answer the call for volunteer assistance at the field, as additional roles were required by Soccer NB. Coaches worked with players to deliver a fun experience with more emphasis on individual skills and fitness training.'

The SYSA is presently waiting to hear about access to schools for their winter programs. Says Gregor, 'We hope there will be a way to continue offering soccer. New Brunswick's exceptionally low COVID-19 case count keeps us optimistic that we will be able to run more soccer next spring and summer. The exercise, team sport experience and fun social gathering are all worth the extra efforts everyone is putting in.'

The SYSA can always use more volunteers. If you are interested in lending a hand, contact Gregor (gregormacaskill@bellaliant.net or 506-939-2257). Stay tuned to the SYSA **website** for updates or get in touch with Gregor.

Gregor, we are delighted you and your family have chosen to make Sackville your home. We appreciate all you do to support the physical, emotional and social well-being of our youth and we hope the SYSA, under your leadership and with the support of all our local volunteers, will be able to continue to provide this wonderful well-being opportunity for our youth.

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FUN FACE MASK CONTEST

Post your best face mask photos before October 1, 2020
using #MaskUpSackville and be entered
in a draw for a chance to win a $25 gift card
from a local business of your choice!

Sackville RECREATION
Play like you remember!

Face Masks Mandatory in Town Operated Buildings



As of noon on September 4, 2020 masks will be required in the public areas of the following Town buildings:

Town Hall
Visitor Information Centre and Sackville Craft Gallery
Sackville Public Library
Bill Johnstone Memorial Activity Centre
Tantramar Veterans' Memorial Civic Centre upon opening to the public

Full media release available at
www.sackville.com

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Town Hall Updates

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

Council set the October 5, 2020 Virtual Special Council Meeting at 7:00 pm for the public presentation of Council's intent to amend the Town of Sackville Municipal Plan and by-laws 243 & 244. Council also set the 7:00 pm Virtual Meeting of November 9, 2020 for the public hearing of consideration of objections to the proposed by-laws.

Council approved repairs on the audio-visual equipment within Council Chambers from Ivan's a/v of Moncton, NB in the maximum amount of $34,310.87 HST included.

Council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal two gift agreements with the Tantramar Heritage Trust.

Council approved the bulk salt supply agreement with Windsor Salt Ltd., for the 2020/2021 winter season in the amount of $74.47 per metric ton (delivered) for approximately 800 to 1200 tons of road salt and authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal the agreement.

Council approved the transmission rebuild for the 1997 Spartan Aerial Fire Truck from Eastcan Fire Truck Inc., in the amount of $14,662.50 HST included.

Council accepted Mayor John Higham's letter of resignation effective October 1, 2020 and hereby declares a vacancy for the position of Mayor on the Town of Sackville's Municipal Council.

Council accepted Councillor Joyce O'Neil's letter of resignation effective September 30, 2020 and hereby declares a vacancy for the position of Councillor on the Town of Sackville's Municipal Council.



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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.