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Monthly Newsletter

Town of Sackville

www.sackville.com December 2020

Important December Dates

Special Council Meeting
December 7, 2020
6:30pm
Participate or watch at Sackville.com

Regular Council Meeting
December 14, 2020
7:00pm
Participate or watch at Sackville.com

Virtual Town Hall (MTA Library/Innovation Hub/Learning Centre Project)
December 8, 2020
7:00pm
Participate or watch at Sackville.com

Town offices Holiday Closures
December 24, 2020 at noon - January 4, 2021 at 8:30am

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

Council Approves 2021 Budget

In November, Town Council approved the 2021 General, Utility and Capital Budgets. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 was a good year financially for the Town and forecasts show that 2021 should be a good year as well! With good fiscal management, Council was able to balance the 2021 budget without raising tax rates.

The total 2021 Capital Budget in 2021 is $1,232,000; and includes road paving, equipment upgrades for the Fire Department, playground equipment upgrades, trail development, crosswalk upgrades, fleet replacements, and much more!

The Utility Operating Fund continues a modest 5- year increase to help us meet our yearly utility budget targets. Residents can expect their minimum quarterly bill to be $117.50 in 2021. $200,000 is budgeted to be transferred to the Utility Capital Reserve Fund in 2021 as we work towards mandated lagoon upgrades down the road. In addition to this $200,000 the total Utility Capital budget in 2021 is $444,000 and includes water meter installation, lift station upgrades, various utility renewals, and water treatment plant upgrades.

We are pleased to be able to continue to offer our citizens a balanced budget each year. A detailed outline of the 2021 Budget can be found at www.sackville.com.



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Moonlight Madness is Back!



Although it may not look exactly the same as it has in the past, Mainstreet Redevelopment is pleased to present the second edition of Moonlight Madness on December 11 and 12, 2020. Local businesses will have plenty of specials and sales for shoppers to take advantage of and you can still expect to see the Amherst Chrystler Toy Drive.

For full details on what to expect, please visit the Mainstreet Sackville Facebook Page.

The Visitor Information Centre

Although travel counselling services have now ended for the season, the Craft Gallery remains open five days per week, Tuesday to Saturday, from 10 am to 5 pm.

For more information about the Craft Gallery please call 536-4163.

Introducing the Holiday Business Passport

Following a successful summer and fall Business Passport Program, the Town is excited to be partnering with Mainstreet Redevelopment and many local businesses to offer a holiday themed shopping passport.

Passports have been mailed to every mailbox in the region and are also available to be picked up at participating businesses or Sackville Town Hall. You can even print your own passport by downloading a copy from the **Town's website**. Take the passport to ten local businesses (those in the passport, or you can write in other local businesses), and get it stamped. You can then turn in your passport at Town Hall for a cool free t-shirt and a chance to win a $1000 local shopping spree. Remember, the more stamps you get the more you are supporting local businesses!

The deadline to submit is December 21, 2020. For more information on the passport program please contact visitor@sackville.com

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Winter Overnight Parking Notice

The Town would like to remind all residents that winter parking restrictions will come into effect December 1, 2020 and will be enforced until May 1, 2021. Remember, keeping your cars off the street will allow us to keep the roads clear and safe!

Parking between the hours of 1:00 AM – 6:00 AM is not permitted on any day, highway, street, portion of a street, or public parking lot owned or maintained by the Town of Sackville. Parking is also not permitted at any time so as to interfere with snow plowing or snow removal.

Violations for a first offense range from $50 – $500, and may also include the vehicle to be towed at the vehicle owners expense.

Help us keep our roads clear and safe this winter!

Holiday Hours

We would like to inform the public that the Town Municipal Offices; including Town Hall, Public Works and the Tantramar Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre, will be closed during the holiday season from Thursday, December 24, 2020 at noon until Monday, January 4, 2021 at 8:30 am.



2021 Dog Tags Now Available

It's that time of year again- 2021 Dog Tags are now available at Town Hall, 31C Main Street, 2nd Floor.



Registration fees until March 30, 2021:
· $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)

Tags issued after March 30, 2021 will be subject to an additional $20 fee.

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

Copies of By-Law 218 regarding dog tags are available at Town Hall or visit www.sackville.com

Recreation Programming

Fall programming is wrapping up and we hope to have more opportunities in the New Year.

Here is a list of some of our current program opportunities:

Women's Shinny Hockey (When we're in the 'Yellow Zone')
Fridays until March 26, 2021
6:30-7:30 PM
$8.00 drop-in fee per ice time
Full gear required
Tantramar Veterans' Memorial Civic Centre

Recreational Pickleball (When we're in the 'Yellow Zone')
Tuesdays from 10:00am-noon
Thursday from 10:00am-noon
Friday from 1:00pm-3:00pm
$2.00 drop-in
Equipment provided
Mount Allison Athletics Centre Gymnasium

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**.



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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 (When we're in the 'Yellow Zone')
7:00 – 8:00 am, Mondays and Fridays
$8.00 drop-in

45+ Hockey (When we're in the 'Yellow Zone')
9:00 – 10:00 am, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
$8.00 drop-in

Lunchtime Skates
Weekdays from noon – 1:30 pm. $8 per family of 4, $3 per adult, or $2 per senior/child under 12.

Sunday Public Skates
2:30 – 3:30 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 (When we're in the 'Yellow Zone')
Register at **www.sackville.com/programs** or Town Hall.
Friday Evenings until March 26, 2021: 6:30-7:30 PM
$8.00 drop-in fee per ice time
Full gear required
Ages 17+
All skill levels welcome
Tantramar Veterans' Memorial Civic Centre



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Staff Recognition

Every year we take the time to celebrate long-standing Town employees and this year we would like to recognize the following valued individuals:

Donna Beal (10 years)
Before being hired by the Town of Sackville, Donna Beal worked with Meldrum Law and Atlantic Wholesalers in Sackville. Donna was hired with the Town in 2010 as Assistant Clerk before moving into the role of Clerk in 2013, where she continues to work full-time as a member of the Town's Management Team. Thank you, Donna, for your years of service.

Adam Archibald (10 years)
After graduating from NBCC Moncton with a welding diploma, Adam Archibald worked as a welder for a short time prior to being hired by the Town of Sackville Parks & Facilities Department as a part-time rink attendant on October 21, 2010. Adam worked part-time in both the parks and the arena until December 1, 2014 when he became a full-time rink attendant where he continues to work. Adam is a dedicated employee and is well respected in the community. Thank you for your years of service.

Kathy Best (40 years/retired)
Kathy worked for the Town of Sackville in several different administrative capacities throughout a 40 year career. On March 27th, 2020, Kathy officially retired from the Town. Thank you, Kathy, for your dedication to the Town over the past 40 years!

Holiday Garbage Colection

During the Holidays there is always some confusion over garbage pick-up schedules. Here are the changes that may effect you:

December 25, 2020: Garbage will be picked up on Saturday, December 26, 2020 instead.
December 26, 2020: Garbage will be picked up as usual.
January 1, 2021: Garbage will be picked up on Saturday, January 2, 2021 instead.

Christmas Trees should be placed at curbside for collection the week of January 11-15, 2020. Trees will be picked up on your regular garbage day only. If trees are not placed at curbside during pickup week, please bring your Christmas tree to Public Works, 101 Crescent St. for disposal.



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Virtual Town Hall Invitation



The Town of Sackville and Mount Allison University invite you to a virtual community town hall on Mount Allison's future Library/Innovation Hub/Learning Centre.

The event will take place on Wednesday, December 9th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. You can join the meeting with Microsoft Teams by **clicking here**.

Grannies Soup Night 2020 Fundraiser

A message from the Tantramar Association of Grandm/others:

We know that each year our community looks forward to Grannies' Soup Night- a time to eat good food, catch up with friends old and new, and support a good cause at the same time. It is a great community event that, over the past ten years, has come to be a seasonal highlight for many. Sadly, due to the pandemic, our usual soup night is not possible this year.

However, the needs of the grandmothers in Africa continue and, in fact, are increasing due to pandemic lockdowns in many of the countries in sub-Saharan Africa. In many places, grandmothers' ability to leave home to buy and sell at the market has been taken away, thus drastically reducing their opportunities to generate income and access food. It has also become more difficult for them to travel to clinics for medicines and ongoing health care. The community-based organizations that the Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF) supports have been quickly adapting to meet the challenges of this moment. The dollars that we donate to the Stephen Lewis Foundation here in Canada go to community-based organizations delivering services and meeting these needs. If you would like to learn more about how organizations supported by the SLF are responding to local needs during the pandemic, we suggest the article "**Until the Day We Can All Meet Again**" from the SLF's Grassroots newsletter.

Because we want to continue to support these efforts during the pandemic, we are reaching out to ask you to consider making a December donation this year in lieu of Grannies' Soup Night. Each year the generous citizens of Sackville and Tantramar donate around $1000 at our soup night, not to mention all the donations-in-kind of soups, biscuits, cookies and labour. We are grateful for each and every contribution. This year we would be delighted if we could reach that $1000 amount (or even exceed it!) again. Will you help?

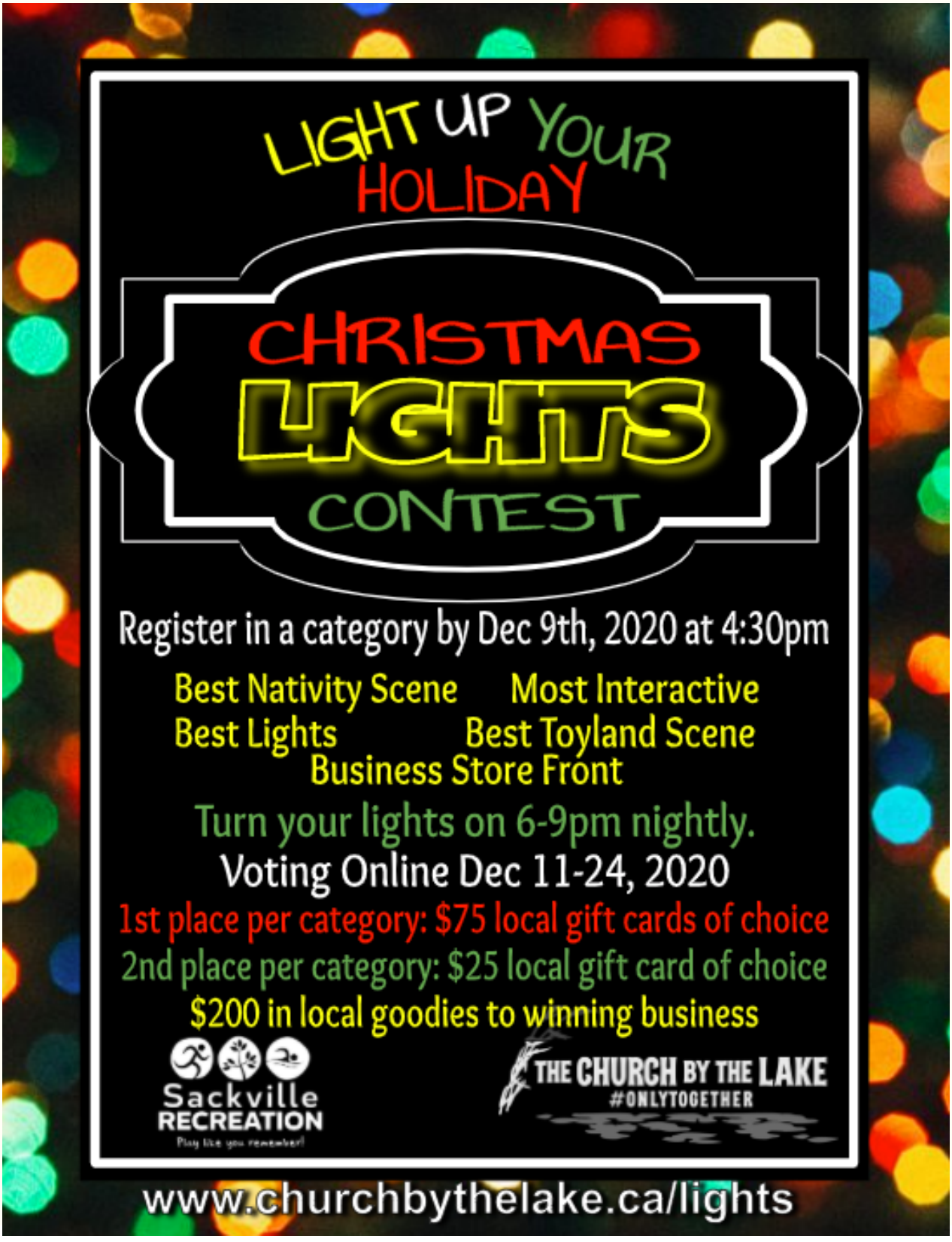
We have set up a Tantramar Association of Grandm/others Virtual Soup Night fundraising page for the month of December with the Stephen Lewis Foundation. You can make a donation online quickly and securely by clicking **this link**. The Stephen Lewis Foundation will promptly email you a tax receipt for any donations over $20. If you prefer to give cash or a cheque locally instead, you may drop these off at Tidewater Books. Please make cheques payable to the Stephen Lewis Foundation with a note that it is for the Grandmothers to Grandmother Campaign. You may also email Nancy at nan.burridge@gmail.com or Heather atpattersonheather1@gmail.com to arrange a pick up or drop off.

Thank you for considering this. Please feel free to share this letter with friends and family. We appreciate your solidarity with us and with the grandmothers of sub-Saharan Africa.

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Town Hall Updates

The November Regular Council Meeting was another busy one. Here are a list of motions that were presented:

Council resolved that the sum of $11,465,061 be the total 2021 operating budget of the municipality, that the sum $10,328,280 be the warrant for the municipality for the ensuing year and that the tax rate for the municipality be $1.5600.

Council resolved that the total budget for the water and sewer utility for the ensuing year would consist of total revenues of $2,052,166 and total expenditures of $2,052,166.

Council approved an application to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board for authorization to borrow or guarantee the repayment of money borrowed for a capital expense for the terms and amounts, and authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign the document.

Council approved the 2021 Capital Budget in the amount of $1,232,000.

Council awarded tender 2020-12, supply and installation of a backup generator for the Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre, to the lowest bidder, J&D Electric Ltd., in the amount of $483,181.00 hst included.

Council awarded RFQ 2020-14 for the mobile generator for public works/lift stations to Toromont Cat Power Systems in the amount of $68,442.32 hst included.

Council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal the MOU between the Town of Sackville and Eos Eco-energy and for staff to work with Eos Eco-energy to design and construct an addition to the green roof at Town Hall.

Council authorized the disposal of the 2010 John Deere excavator model no. 190d, s/n no. 1ffj90dw031046, plus accessories; ripper tooth, and ditching bucket by Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers.

Council gave third and final reading to by-law no. 277, a by-law relating to the establishment of a special business improvement area levy in the Town of Sackville and enacted the by-law on all non-residential property within the business improvement area of the municipality that is liable to taxation under the assessment act. The levy shall be in the amount of $24,124.40 at the rate of $0.2000.

Council approved the 2021 business improvement levy budget as provided by Mainstreet Redevelopment.

Council repealed by-law no. 154, a by-law regulating the duties of the Fire Chief and by-law no. 189, a by-law respecting smoking in the Town of Sackville.

Council repealed the 6 steps of conflict resolution policy and the conflict resolution between managerial employees and the Chief Administrative Officer.

Council formally requested the consent of the Southeast Regional Service Commission Planning Review and Adjustment Committee as part of the land exchange process as presented during the Special Meeting of Council on November 2, 2020.

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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.