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Monthly Newsletter

Town of Sackville

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January 2021

Important January Dates

Regular Council Meeting
January 11, 2021
7:00pm
Participate or watch at Sackville.com

Monthly Virtual Business Meeting
January 26, 2021
For more information, contact r.kellyspurles@sackville.com

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

New Year Welcome from Deputy Mayor

The battle against the COVID-19 virus has put us under restrictions as to how we can celebrate the advent of a new year. So I offer this message about the past year and what we might look forward to in the coming year.



Obviously, in the last year, most aspects of our lives have been dominated by the largest pandemic since the Spanish flu of the early 20th century – COVID-19. I think we can all take no small measure of pride in having passed the last few months with very few cases of COVID in Sackville and no instances of community spread.

COVID has also lead to major changes in how we conduct the business of the Town. Town staff have really stepped up and put a lot of effort into setting up virtual Council meetings, developing and managing a COVID operational plan, planning the joint Mt.A./community bubble, and working with volunteers to create of the Tantramar COVID-19 Task Force.

As we are all well aware, COVID has closed the border with our friends and family in Nova Scotia and, for many, made this Christmas very different from normal. We can only hope that if we are all very diligent about following public health rules, the Atlantic Bubble can be established again in the New Year.

But for Sackville, the year hasn't been entirely about COVID. We have accomplished a number of things that, even without COVID, would have been real milestones. What have we done?

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New Year Welcome from Deputy Mayor Continued

We hired Jamie Burke as our new CAO, welcomed Kieran Miller as Senior Manager of Corporate Projects and appointed Michelle Sherwood as the new Superintendent of Public Works. We began installing the necessary infrastructure to promote the development of the Exit 506 area.

Our Climate Roundtable has been very active in setting priorities for dealing with climate change in Sackville. Our Fire Department planned and designed a new training facility, upgraded their Personal Protective Equipment and added to their fire fighting arsenal with new entry and extraction tools. It is especially significant to note that much of this was done with contributions from funds that the firefighters raised themselves. Their dedication to the safety of the citizens of Sackville is deeply appreciated.

Mainstreet Redevelopment has a new Board and, partnering with the Town, established the very popular Business and
Holiday Passports to promote local shopping.

To me, one of most gratifying events that happened this year was how the people of Sackville came together with one very loud voice to protest the 'reforms' to our hospital that were forced on us with no consultation. Our protest rallies at the hospital (and those in the five other communities affected) forced the Province to back away from those measures. Since then, the mayors of the six communities have kept in regular contact to plan our strategy for dealing with future changes to health care. Provincial authorities will begin a series of consultations with municipal leaders and health care professionals. These efforts will continue well into the new year.

Finally, I'll close this with some thank you's. First, to all the employees of the Town for their hard work in managing the affairs of the Town in such a professional manner through what has been a most difficult year. One thing I can say to the residents of Sackville is that one of our greatest assets is the dedication and professionalism people who work for the Town.

I'd also like to thank two people who devoted years of dedicated service to Sackville – Joyce O'Neil and John Higham. Both Joyce and John are missed on Council.

And last, but far from least, the citizens of Sackville for your forbearance through COVID, involvement and work to make Sackville the kind of place we all want to live in.

And to close a quote from Alfred Lord Tennyson: *Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering "It will be happier..."*

Have a great 2021 and let's defeat this virus once and for all.

Deputy Mayor,
Ron Aiken

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Town Names New Superintendent of Public Works



The Town of Sackville has hired Michelle Sherwood as their new Superintendent of Public Works. Sherwood will start her new role on January 4, 2021.

Sherwood brings over 24 years of experience with the Town to this position. She has worked as an Engineering Technologist with Public Works since 1996 and sat on various committees including Trees for Tomorrow, Mock Disaster Work Group for EMO, and served as Co-Chair of the Joint Health and Safety Committee for several years. Michelle also has her Class II Water Distribution System Operator certification.

“I’m very pleased to have Michelle join our management team in this new capacity” said Town Engineer, Dwayne Acton. “Michelle brings with her at least 24 years of experience in municipal construction and operations, which will be a great asset to our organization.”

Sherwood was hired by a unanimous vote of Council at the December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting following a competitive search. Sherwood replaces the Town’s former Superintendent Robert McLean, who left the post in August 2020 to pursue another opportunity.

Michelle Sherwood was born and raised here in Sackville where she graduated from Tantramar Regional Highschool. She completed coursework in the Engineering School at UNB in Fredericton and received her certificate in Civil Engineering Technology from New Brunswick Community College in Moncton.

Michelle is a proud Mom to Riley, Carley and Ashley and loves watching her grandchildren play sports. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering with their different activities.

Christmas Tree Collection

The Town would like to remind residents that Christmas trees should be placed at curbside for collection the week of January 11-15, 2021. 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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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.

Winter Snow Clearing

The Public Works Department would like to remind all residents and visitors to Sackville to be careful around our snow clearing equipment. Whether plowing a road, parking lot or a sidewalk, we do our absolute best to keep the snow clear and to keep you all safe. Please do your part and if you see us coming, give yourself a wide berth to avoid an unecessary accident or injury.



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

Our winter program planning is just getting started.

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



Saturday Trailblazers
Dates: Saturday afternoons, January 30 - March 20, 2021
Location: Lund Trail Sackville Waterfowl Park Entrance off Squire Street
Grades 1-2 from 12:00-1:00 pm.
Grades 3-4 from 1:15-2:15 pm.
Grades 5-7 from 2:30-3:30 pm.
Register **here** before January 27, 2021.
There is No Cost for this program.

Saturday Aquasize Classes (When we're in the 'Yellow Zone')
Saturdays from January 16 - June 5, 2021
3:00-4:00 pm
Mount Allison Pool
20 Classes
Cost: $120.00
Register at Town Hall or **here** by Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

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

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Play like you remember!

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**.

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:

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
$8 per family of 4, $3 per adult, or $2 per senior/child under 12.

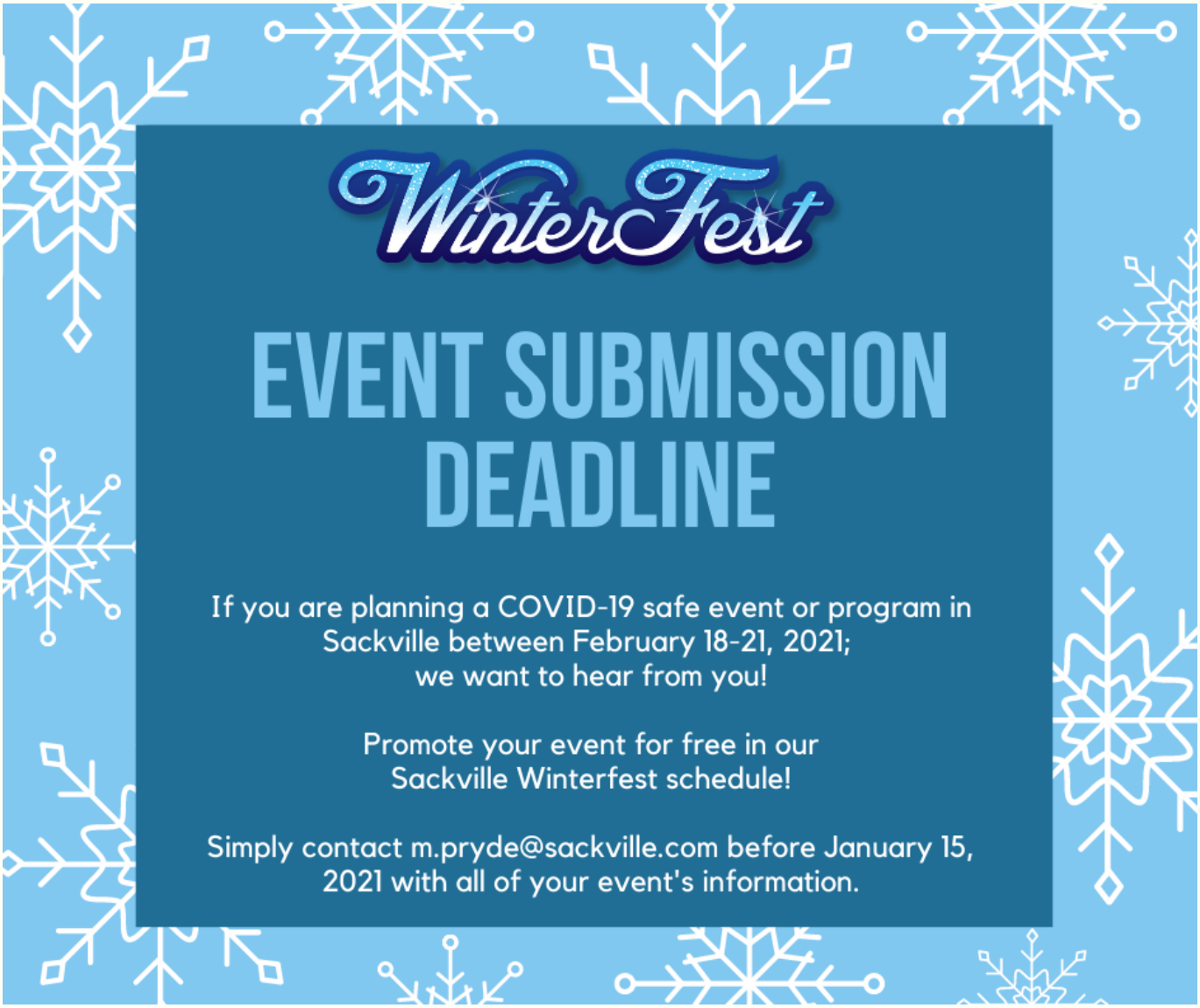
Due to COVID-19, restrictions on the number of skaters on the ice at any given time will be enforced. Please be sure to follow COVID-19 rules posted at the rink and always check the **Tantramar Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre Calendar** for the most up-to-date schedule as times are subject to change.

Women's Shinny Hockey (When we're in the 'Yellow Zone')
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

Sackville's Annual Winterfest

Planning is underway for our 14th Annual Sackville Winterfest; which is set to take place between February 18-21, 2021. Although we are not able to promote large gatherings at this time, residents can still anticipate a variety of outdoor activity opportunities throughout the weekend. Most activities will require pre-registration.

Stay tuned for a full schedule of events as it becomes available in mid-Janaury, 2021!



Sackville's Arts Wall now Accepting Nominations

The Sackville Arts Wall recognizes and honours achievements of Sackville and area artists who have attained international, national or regional prominence and distinction in the three classifications of Literary Arts, Performing Arts, and Visual Arts. It also honours a Sackville and area citizen (or group) who has been instrumental in the cultural and artistic development within our community.

Initiated in 2008, the year of Sackville's designation as a Cultural Capital of Canada, its first members were named in 2009. At least one and up to a maximum of four new members (one per category) may be added to the wall biannually, as chosen by a jury from among candidates nominated by the public.

Nominations and Eligibility

Candidates may be nominated in any one of four categories:
Literary Arts - eminent writers of poetry, novels, short stories, essays, dramas and screenplays, distinguished works of non-fiction and serious journalism.
Performing Arts - outstanding musicians, actors, dancers, and other performing artists.
Visual Arts - artists who have achieved distinction in painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, film and other visual media.
Arts Builders - individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the artistic life and cultural development of the community as champions, supporters, patrons, administrators, teachers and mentors.

To be considered for selection to the Sackville Arts Wall, candidates must meet the following criteria of nomination:
Residency: The candidate shall have resided in Sackville or the immediate surrounding area for a significant portion of his/her formative years and/or working life.
Achievement: The candidate shall have achieved a sustained level of excellence and recognition in his/her chosen category of endeavour.

The next induction ceremony will be held in fall of 2021. To nominate an artist, please download our 2021 Nomination Form and submit by **May 14, 2021**. If you have any questions about the Sackville Arts Wall, please contact Recreation Programs and Events at 364-4930.

Nomination forms are available **here**.



Tantramar Seniors College Winter 2021 Registration

The Tantramar Seniors College invites its members to register for online classes via Zoom beginning midnight on January 11, 2021 and continuing until midnight on January 14, 2021. We will be offering 28 online courses and 7 outdoor activity courses (social distancing regulations apply), running January 25, 2021 until the end of March. You can register by emailing tsccoordinator@gmail.com.

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For a full list of our Winter offerings, consult our website at www.tantramarseniorscollege.ca.

New members are welcome!

Baton Atlantik Hosts Winterfest Baton Twirling Competition



Baton Atlantik hosted the 2020 Winterfest Baton Twirling Competition at the Moncton Coliseum on Saturday, December 12th with over 40 athletes competing in-person while judges from Ontario and British Columbia judged virtually. This was the first in-person competition since December 2019.

Tesfa Cruttwell and Sophia Boomer-Searle from Sackville participated and came home with great results at their first competition as competitive athletes.

Since COVID-19 first hit us in March 2020, Tesfa and Sophia continued training with the club through ZOOM classes and have been travelling to Dieppe twice a week since September to continue their training in the sport they love.

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9th Annual Tantramar Climate Change Week: January 30 – February 5, 2021

EOS Eco Energy and our community partners are proud to present our 2021 Climate Change Week schedule of events, free all week!

Saturday, January 30th
Official Launch of Climate Change Week
Sackville Farmer's Market Booth
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
43 Main Street, Sackville

Monday, February 1st
Eco-Action virtual Lettuce Eat for Meatless Monday

Energy Transition Webinar
7:00 - 8:00 pm
Dr. Brad Walters

Tuesday, February 2nd
Lunch and Learn – PCP Milestone 5
12:00 – 1:00 pm
Lauren Clark
Online webinar

Exploring Flood Risk and Vulnerability in Tantramar Local Service Districts (LSDs)
7:00 – 8:30 pm
New Brunswick Southeast Planning Commission
Online webinar

Wednesday, February 3rd
Vermiculture
12:00 – 1:00 pm
John Castell and Michael Freeman
Online webinar

Waste Sorting Webinar
7:00-8:00 pm
Patrick Langis - ECO360 & Southeast Regional Service Commission

Thursday, February 4th
National Sweater Day

Lunch and Learn - Climate Reality
12:00 – 1:00 pm
Tracey Wade
Online webinar

Food Sustainability in a Changing Climate
3:00 – 4:00 pm
Dr. Holly Abbandonato
Online webinar

Trivia Night
8:00 – 11:00 pm
Zoom link + Locations TBA

EOS ECO-ENERGY ÉCO-ÉNERGIE INC.

For links to any of the virual events, please contact Lauren Clark, Energy Projects Coordinator/Coordinatrice des projets d'Énergie

EOS Eco-Energy Inc. - EOS Éco-Énergie Inc.
energy.eos@nb.aibn.com
506-536-4487

Other Activities and Opportunities



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Town Hall Updates

The final Regular Council Meeting of 2020 was a busy one. Here are a list of the key motions that were presented:

Council gave first reading of by-law no. 243-C, a by-law to amend by-law no. 243 the Town of Sackville Municipal Plan, but have delayed second and third reading to January 2021.

Council gave first reading of by-law no. 244-J, a by-law to amend by-law no. 244 the Town of Sackville Zoning by-law, but have delayed second and third reading to January 2021.

Council gave first reading of by-law no. 244-K, a by-law to amend by-law no. 244 Town of Sackville Zoning by-law, but have delayed second and third reading to January 2021.

Council awarded the work to upgrade the public works compound gate with a cantilever sliding gate system together with additional fencing, to Dean Welling and Son Ltd., in the amount of $12,442.14 HST included.

Council appointed Rachel Thornton and reappointed Linda Dornan to the Sackville Arts Wall Committee effective immediately and expiring on October 31, 2023.

Council authorized the purchase of one 2nd generation forcible entry door simulator from H & R Machine Welding and Fabrication in the amount of $9,085.00 hst included; which funds will be donated to the Town of Sackville from the Sackville Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

Council approved Policy no. 2020-12, Providing of Water for Purposes Other Than Those Listed in the Water & Sewer by-law and repealed the existing Providing of Water for Purposes Other Than Those Listed in the Water & Sewer by-law policy.

Council granted management staff the discretion to waive the rental fees for the TVMCC (based on facility availability and is not guaranteed) for not-for-profit community based organizations beginning immediately and ending upon return to the "green phase" of the province's covid-19 recovery plan.

Council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the sale of property identified as lot 94-5 on the Sackville Industrial Park Subdivision Plan as per the offer presented at the in-camera meeting of December 7, 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.