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Monthly Newsletter

Town of Sackville

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January 2022

Important January Dates

Regular Council Meeting
January 10, 2022
7:00pm
Participate or watch at Sackville.com

January 6, 2022
Winterfest Event Submissions Due Date

January 10, 2022
Sports Recognition Submissions Due Date

January 14, 2022
Sports Wall of Fame Nominations Due Date

Dates and meetings are changing frequently. Please visit the Community Events Calendar for the latest updates.

New Year's Welcome from Mayor Shawn Mesheau



Happy New Year Residents of Sackville. It was my hopes to see you all at the Bill Johnston Memorial Park for the Mayor's Levee, however COVID had other plans for us this year.

Thank you so much for doing your part in helping our community stay safe and healthy during this pandemic. I know it has been tough and I know we have all been doing our part which is why our community has stayed safe and healthy.

In 2022 we look forward to many things as a town. Because of your participation in the ParticiPACTION Challenge, kayak rentals will be available at Silver Lake this summer. That was because of your efforts in making Sackville the most active community in New Brunswick.

The town will continue to support local businesses with opportunities such as workshops, training and promotions. Remember shopping local has so many benefits to our community. We will be there as well to work with the broader business community to make a brighter future for Sackville.

A new partnership has been forged for 2022 with Tourism NB and our Visitor Information Center. This will see expanded offerings to visitors and highlight Sackville as a destination. These initiatives were a result of Tourism NB and Sackville Tourism staff following through on discussions held when the New Brunswick Minister of Tourism, Heritage and Culture visited Sackville in early September.

Mayor's Message Continued



Climate Change will remain a priority in 2022, with the creation of the Climate Change Advisory Committee to Council. Such important work has happened with the Mayor's Round Table on climate change and the climate crisis we are facing.

We will continue to work with Mount Allison University in promoting Sackville/Mt.A as a great place to attend school and live. I look forward to continuing the relationship we have built with the President of the university and the Mount Allison Student Union.

In 2022 we will face the challenges of local government reform and ensure Sackville's priorities are heard and addressed.

The biggest challenge Sackville and the region will continue to face in the new year will be healthcare. We will be there to support every effort in maintaining our hospital. I want to thank the Rural Health Action Group, regional Mayors and Chief Knockwood for your continuing efforts in ensuring the future of this service. The hospital is the glue to the sustainability and growth of our community.

In closing I urge each of you to continue being part of such a vibrant community however you can be. Sackville's diversity is its greatest strength.

All the best to all residents of Sackville and the surrounding areas and I hope you all have an amazing 2022.



Recreation Programs

Many of our winter programs are underway and we have a great lineup for you. Follow us on **Facebook** for updates on various upcoming opportunities.

Here are some of our current programs:

Pre-registered programs (as COVID allows):
Prime Time and 50+ Aerobics
Aquasize
Indoor Ultimate Frisbee

Trailblazers After School Program
Grade K-8 from January 31-April 7, 2022

Drop-in Programs:
Recreational Indoor Pickleball
Beginning the week of January 10, 2022. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM to Noon and Fridays from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. $2 drop-in fee applies. Equipment provided.

Home Alone Virtual Workshop
Sunday, February 13, 2022
Ages 9-11, $25

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 Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre Activities

New COVID restrictions are making things challenging at the Civic Centre. Our family skates have all been converted to Adult Only skates to prevent gathering children ages 11 and under! Remember, you must show proof of double vaccination if you are 12 years of age or older to enter the building.

For the most accurate skating schedule, please visit the **Civic Centre Online Calendar**.

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New Town Trail Map Resource Released

In partnership with the Southeast Regional Service Commission and the Tantramar Outdoor Club, the Town of Sackville is pleased to release our new Trails Map resource. The new resource provides a map of all of the major pedestrian trails in Sackville and even includes close-up maps of Beech Hill Park, The Waterfowl Park and the Crooked Tree/Ogden Loop Trails on Walker Road.

Printed versions of the map will be circulated in spring 2022, but residents can get a sneak peak at this handy resource online at our **Parks and Recreation page** of the Sackville.com website.

2022 Dog Tags Available

2022 Dog Tags are available at Town Hall, 31C Main Street, 2nd Floor.

Registration fees until March 30, 2022:
· $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, 2022 will be subject to an additional $20 fee. Proof of rabies vaccination must be shown at the time the dog tag is purchased.

Winter Overnight Parking Notice

The Town would like to remind all residents that winter parking restrictions came into effect December 1, 2021 and will be enforced until May 1, 2022. 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.

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Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics in Sackville

There will be three COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Sackville at the Visitor Information Centre during the month of January. Hours of operation are approximately 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Dates are as follows:

January 5, January 7, and January 24, 2022

Appointments are required. To book an appointment, please visit **www.gnb.ca/bookavaccine** with your child's Medicare card ready.



Christmas Tree Pickup

Residents are requested to place their Christmas trees at curbside for collection the week of January 11-14th, 2022. Trees will be picked up on your regular garbage day only. If trees are not placed at curbside during pickup week, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to bring their Christmas tree to Public Works, 101 Crescent St. for disposal.

If possible, consider chipping or mulching your Christmas tree as a more environmentally and climate friendly alternative to it decomposing in a landfill, where it would release methane - a potent greenhouse gas.

Snow Clearing and Personal Mailboxes

We would like to notify any resident who has a roadside mailbox, to evaluate the location and condition of the mailbox to avoid potential damage as a result of snow clearing operations.

Please be advised that we do our best to exercise caution to avoid damaging or disturbing mail boxes while clearing snow; however, when snow conditions are such that we unknowingly or unavoidably result in damage or disturbance to a mailbox, the Town of Sackville will not assume responsibility for such results.

Moonlight Madness Thank You

The Town of Sackville would like to take a moment to thank all the businesses, vendors, organizations and shoppers who participated in the 2021 Moonlight Madness Event. A survey to local businesses following the events showed that the two nights were a big success!

Shopping local has become increasingly important the past two years and the Town and all of our local businesses want residents and visitors to Sackville to know how much their support is appreciated.

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Now Accepting Nominations for The Sackville Sports Wall of Fame

The Sackville Sports Wall of Fame Board of Directors is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for consideration to the 2022 Sackville Sports Wall of Fame. In 2020, Alan Snowdon and Ruthie Maxwell were scheduled to be inducted, however COVID-19 delayed that ceremony, making the 2022 ceremony all that more important.

The Sackville Sports Wall of Fame Governance Guidelines outline three categories in which a nomination may be put forward:

Individual Athletes
Teams
Builders

To receive more information or to download a nomination form, please visit **www.sackville.com/sportswall**. All nominations are due **Friday, January 14, 2022** and the induction ceremony will take place in June 2022.

Sports Recognition Night Now Accepting Submissions

Presented by the Town of Sackville and the Sports Wall of Fame Board of Directors, Sports Recognition Night honours those who, through their athletic endeavours, have brought recognition to their hometown in 2021 at provincial levels or higher.



You are invited to forward names of local athletes, teams, coaches, officials and volunteers to be recognized at the Sports Recognition Night which will take place in late January 2022 at a location to be determined.

Submission forms and criteria can be found **here** and the deadline to submit nominations is **Monday, January 10, 2022.**

For further information, please contact Recreation, Programs & Events at (506) 364-4930.

MASU Now Accepting Green Investment Fund Applications

The Mount Allison Student's Union would like to encourage all community members to apply for funding for any projects or ideas they might have! Applications are open Dec. 7th, 2021 – Jan. 10th, 2022.

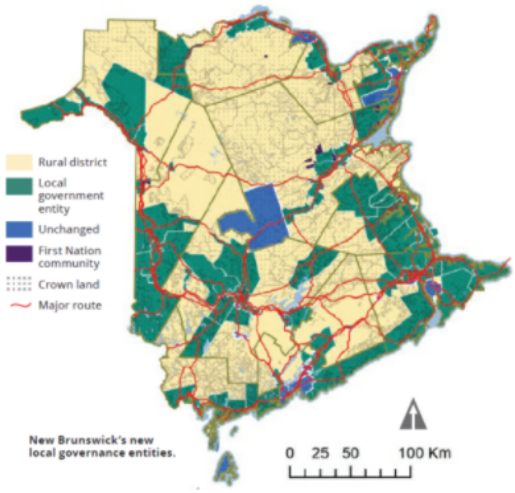
The purpose of the Green Investment Fund is to provide environmental initiatives with the necessary funding to increase community connections and reduce carbon emissions in the region. Funding may be allotted to a single project or divided amongst multiple projects, depending on the amounts requested per application as well as the final decision of the MASU Sustainability Committee. Members of the committee are not eligible for funding.

The application itself and more information is on **MASU's website**.

Any questions can be sent to **sustainability@mta.ca**

Update on Local Governance Reform White Paper Response from the Town

The Province of New Brunswick released its White Paper on Local Governance Reform on November 18, 2021. The plan is aggressive and suggests fundamental change in local government structure and operations in New Brunswick and there are significant impacts for our community.



The Town provided a response to the Province's Green Paper, released in April 2021, which can be found **here**. We want to assure residents that the Town's position on forced amalgamation remains unchanged and we stand by our July submission that opposed such a suggestion.

Mayor and Council recently sent an additional letter to the Minister Daniel Allain in response to the White Paper on Local Governance Reform. The letter outlines the Town's recommendations concerning local boundaries among other items. The full letter can be found **here**.

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Live Bait Theatre Presents

In honour of Robbie Burns Day, Live Bait Theatre is pleased to present "IF THEY COME FOR ROBBIE BURNS". Streaming on the Live Bait Theatre **Facebook page** at 7:30 pm on January 25, 2022 (Robbie Burns Day), this will be the world premiere of a one act play for digital formats by Natalie Meisner. Watch by donation.

Summary: The Cotters are a family from the east coast of Canada. Four generations have been scattered across the country, further and further west in the search of work. Only the grandparents now remain in the family home: a beloved and well-loved saltbox near the wharf. The family has set up a weekly zoom call for happy hour to keep in touch. We join them now on one such call. This one is special for reasons that will become clear as the scene unfolds.

Town Responds to Loss of Acute Care Beds at Sackville Memorial Hospital

On December 3, 2021, Horizon announced that due to the ongoing nursing shortage at the Sackville Memorial Hospital, all inpatient beds will be temporarily converted to transitional care beds for patients who are waiting for long term care placement. Because of this temporary change in service, Sackville patients who require acute care will be transferred to the Moncton Hospital.

Town Council, the Rural Health Action Group, and community stakeholders have been actively working with Horizon since Emergency Department closures were first proposed in February 2020. This announcement was startling given recent collaboration efforts. “Council is deeply concerned about the ongoing cuts in services to the Sackville Memorial Hospital and we know our residents are upset.” said Mayor Shawn Mesheau. “Though Horizon has called this recent change temporary, we want to assure residents that Council continues to work with Horizon to find a long-term solution to these ongoing issues.”

The Memramcook-Tantramar Community Taskforce submitted a letter (Community Taskforce letter to Horizon) to the Province and Horizon Health on December 6th outlining their outrage and disappointment after this recent announcement. Sackville’s Town Council passed a motion in support of this letter at the regular meeting on December 6th (Council motion Dec 6).

Interim Horizon CEO Dr. John Dornan and his team also presented to Council at the meeting and provided a statement outlining nursing opportunities at Sackville Memorial Hospital (Horizon CEO Statement – Nursing Recruitment).

The Town continues to work with stakeholders on this important issue and ongoing actions include a marketing strategy to help recruit medical professionals to our Town.

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News from the Sackville Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

The Auxiliary wanted to show its' appreciation for all the staff that endured the hardships and losses over the last few months due to the pandemic.

A gift of $500.00 for the staff of the Drew nursing home.
A gift of $500 for the Westford nursing home. And
A gift of $500. For the Sackville Hospital staff in addition to helping sponsor their Christmas dinner.

We all know this pandemic is not over, but we, the Auxiliary and the sounding community are so grateful for the care provided. A special thank you to all those who found great gifts at the Hospital Auxiliary Gift shop during Midnight Madness.

The Auxiliary's mission is to support the needs in health care for the whole Tantramar area. Not just equipment for our hospital, but senior care, mental health programs in the schools, bursary funding for students in health care programs and more. Shopping at the hospital gift shop and your donations to the memorial fund make these activities possible. Thank you.

The Sackville Memorial Hospital Auxiliary since 1968, has had its' charitable status and can give receipts for income tax purpose. We welcome your continued support to help fund our endeavours.

Sackville Memorial Hospital Thanks You

A huge thank you to each daycare center, school, group, association and individual who created a card, cartoon, or poem of gratitude for each and every employee of the Sackville Memorial Hospital. The children's drawings were especially wonderful.

And another thank you to Mary Bogaard, Patti Bryden, Jennie DelMotte and Helen Tucker for being willing to gather singers and offer carols at the hospital. Unfortunately, omicron interrupted some of these good intentions. Nevertheless, it is the thought that matters.

New Town of Sackville Flyer By-Law

Are you tired of receiving flyers on your doorstep? With our new Respecting Flyer Distribution By-Law in the Town of Sackville, simply post a sign no smaller than 11"x12", similar to the photo on the right, in a visible location and flyer distribution to your home should stop.



If you have a P.O. Box, you can let the post office know that you no longer wish to receive flyers and they will put a sticker on your mailbox.

Finally, should your flyers continue to arrive after posting a sign, or stop arriving without notice, we encourage you to contact Brunswick News at 1-506-859-4900 and they will be more than happy to assist you.

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Tantramar Seniors College Winter 2022 Registration

The Tantramar Seniors College invites you to register for both outdoor and online classes via Zoom beginning midnight, Jan. 10th and continuing until midnight Jan. 13th. The College will be offering many online and outdoor activity courses (social distancing regulations apply), running January 24, 2022 until the end of March.

For an annual membership of $120, you can register in as many courses as you wish for the next three terms. Payment can be made by e-transfer or by cheque to Tantramar Seniors College, PO Box 6324, Sackville, NB, E4L 1G6. Registration will be **online** only. Email **tsccoordinator@gmail.com** for a full list of their winter offerings, consult the website: **www.tantramarseniorscollege.ca** or **tantramarseniorscollege.wordpress.com**. New members are welcome.

Sackville Continues Baton Success

Club Baton Atlantik had the 2021 Winterfest Open Baton Twirling Competition held at the Moncton Crandall University on December 5th. Three competitive athletes from Sackville took part.: Tesfa Cruttwell, Sophie Boomer-Searle and Elora Wheaton.

Results:

Medley 12-14 "C"
Sophia Boomer-Searle (Baton Atlantik) 2nd
Medley 12-14 "BN"
Tesfa Cruttwell (Baton Atlantik) 1st
Solo 12-14 "C"
Elora Wheaton (Baton Atlantik) 2nd
Solo 12-14 "BN"
Tesfa Cruttwell (Baton Atlantik) 2nd
Sophia Boomer-Searle (Baton Atlantik) 3rd
2Baton 12-14 "C"
Elora Wheaton (Baton Atlantik) 1st
2Baton 12-14 "BN"
Sophia Boomer-Searle (Baton Atlantik) 1st
2Baton 12-14 "BI"
Tesfa Cruttwell (Baton Atlantik) 3rd
Compulsories Junior "C"
Tesfa Cruttwell (Baton Atlantik) 1st
Sophia Boomer-Searle (Baton Atlantik) 2nd
Winterfest Soloist 12-14 "C"
Elora Wheaton (Baton Atlantik) 2nd
Winterfest Soloist 12-14 "BN"
Sophia Boomer-Searle (Baton Atlantik) 1st
Tesfa Cruttwell (Baton Atlantik) 2nd

Tantramar Adult Learning Centre

Upgrade your reading, writing, mathematics, social studies and science and receive your GED, free of charge! You can study in the classroom or at home with the help of the teacher.

For further information, call:
James Upham at 536-2204
Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre
182 Main Street Sackville

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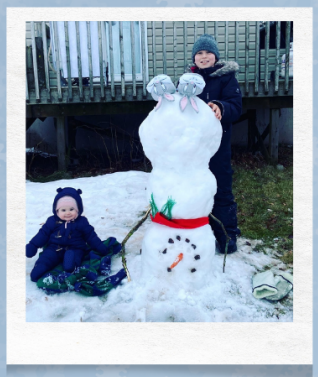
DO YOU KNOW A SENIOR WHO HAS GONE OVER AND ABOVE TO HELP OUT OUR COMMUNITY THIS YEAR? PLEASE VISIT WWW.SACKVILLE.COM/WINTERFEST AND SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION BEFORE FEBRUARY 5, 2022

WinterFest

PHOTO CONTESTS!



Winter Action Shot Photo Contest
Tag photos of you and your friends safely enjoying winter in Sackville using #SackvilleWinter22.



Winterfest Snow Sculpture Contest
Snap a photo of your best 2022 snow creation and post to social media using #SackvilleSnow22

If social media is not an option, e-mail your photo to d.cadman@sackville.com before February 16, 2022.

The top two photos from each contest will win a local gift card with the winning photos being featured in the 2023 Winterfest brochure.



COMING SOON

VOYENTALERT!

The Town is launching its new emergency alert platform Voyent Alert soon, keep an eye out for updates!

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Town Hall Updates

Our last Regular Council Meeting of 2021 was an especially busy one. Here is a list of the key motions that were presented:

Council gave authority to building inspectors (Ghislaine Belliveau, Melanie Chiasson, Denis Frenette, Patrick Gaudet, Jason Leblanc, Adrien Robichaud, Josée Vautour, and bill wright) to issue orders and to lay information for offences under section 14 of the Building Code Administration Act.

Council authorized the transfer of $800.00 to Renaissance Sackville from the Town's 2021 operational budget for the purpose of supporting one application: Partnerships for Community Engagement.

Council authorized the Fire Chief as part of the Winterfest events, to complete an application to purchase from MAC Fireworks, to provide a commercially-organized fireworks display on Friday, February 11, 2022 with a rain date of Saturday February 12, 2022.

Council authorized the closure of Ford Lane from the entrance to Bill Johnstone Memorial Park to Lansdowne Street on Feb. 11, 2022 from approximately 4pm until 8pm with a rain date of Feb. 12, 2022 to accommodate the Winterfest firework's show.

Council approved the purchase of the kayak rental equipment from Outdoors NB in the amount of $12,603.26 plus hst.

Council approved the purchase and installation of new playground equipment for Bill Johnstone Memorial Park from Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. at a cost of $25,660.65 plus hst.

Council approved the purchase of 5 sets of star-field lion bunker gear and 5 sets of haix firefighting boots from Safety Source Fire Inc., in the amount of $21,045.00 hst included.

Council gave second and third reading section by section to By-law no. 282 Town of Sackville Flyer By-law.

Council gave first reading in name only to By-law no. 262c, a By-law to amend By-law no. 262, a By-law to regulate street traffic.

Council gave first reading in name only to By-law no. 283, a By-law regulating parks within the Town of Sackville.

Council approved the following as members of the Climate Change Advisory Committee for various term lengths: Eric Tusz-King, Kate Desrochers, Tracey Wade, Doug Bliss, Corinne Cash, Adam Cheeseman, Barb Clayton, Samara Eaton, Richard Elliot and Amanda Marlin.

Council agreed to provide suitable wall space and cover the cost of installation of a visual representation of the history of Sackville on ceramic tiles by artist Indu Varma.

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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.

Follow the Town here:
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 **clicking here** or by calling 364-4930.

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 **click here** and follow the instructions. **If your organization is no longer operational or if you need to update your information, please email info@sackville.com**.