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Winterfest 2025



Get ready—Winterfest 2025 is just around the corner, and it's shaping up to be a celebration you won't want to miss!

Here's a sneak peek at some of the highlights:

- Town vs. Gown Game – February 6th
- Winter Party – February 7th
- Family Day at Beech Hill – February 8th

These are just a few of the exciting activities planned—there's something for everyone! Stay tuned for updates and full event details, which will be posted in the Facebook event and on our social media channels.

Need a brochure?
A limited number of Winterfest brochures will be available for pickup at the Front Desk of the Municipal Offices starting at the end of January.

Don't miss out—bundle up and join us for four days of winter fun in Tantramar!



Do you know a senior who has gone over and above to help our community this year?

Please visit www.tantramarnb.com/winterfest and submit your nomination before January 24, 2025

Our beloved Trailblazers program is happening again and we're seeking strong leaders to make it happen!

As a Trailblazers leader you will be responsible for creating a program plan for an 8 week period that is age and skill appropriate. You must have experience working with kids and enjoy the outdoors.



This is an outdoors program that will run rain or shine. Applicants must have appropriate clothing and be willing to work outside in many different conditions.

Interested?
Apply by January 17th by emailing your resume to employment@TantramarNB.com. To get more information visit TantramarNB.com/careers.

Important Upcoming Dates

MtA Music Faculty & Guest Recital: Rhythems of Renewal
Saturday, January 11, 2025 - 7:30 PM
Brunton Auditorium
134 Main St, Sackville, NB

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 - 7:00 PM
Municipal Office, Council Chambers
31c Main Street, Sackville, NB

Film Screening: LOCAL HERO (1983)
Friday, January 17, 2025 - 7:00 PM
Owens Art Gallery
61 York Street, Sackville, NB

Winter Hiking/Snowshoeing Series
Saturday, January 18, 2025 - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Walker Road Trail Head

Sports Recognition Night
Thursday, January 30, 2025
Tantramar Regional High School Auditorium
223 Main St, Sackville, NB

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

Municipal News

Sackville Winter Overnight Parking Ban Reminder

The Sackville Overnight Winter Parking Ban will be in effect until May 1, 2025.

Hours: 1:00 AM to 6:00 AM daily.

Applies to streets and municipal parking lots. Vehicles parked during these hours may be ticketed and towed to ensure efficient snow clearing and ice control. Additionally, vehicles obstructing snow clearing operations may face fines and risk damage. Let's work together to keep our streets safe and accessible this winter.



Think before you park—it helps everyone!

Thank you for your cooperation, and let's make this a smooth and safe winter season.

Upcoming Public Hearings - January 27, 2025

Residents are invited to participate in two Public Hearings on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 3:00 PM at the Municipal Office. These hearings are an important opportunity to provide feedback on proposed changes to local zoning regulations.

Public Hearing #1: Minimum Size Dwellings

This hearing will address a Text Amendment to the Town of Sackville Zoning By-Law regarding minimum size requirements for dwellings. The proposed amendment aims to adjust regulations to align with current housing trends and community needs.

Public Hearing #2: Rezoning Request for Kirk Street Properties

The second hearing will discuss a Rezoning Request for properties on Kirk Street in Sackville. The proposal seeks to rezone from R1 (low-density residential) to R2 (medium-density residential) to accommodate future housing development.

Dorchester 2025 Polar Dip

The New Year started with a splash in Dorchester, as the **Greater Dorchester Moving Forward** team hosted another safe and exciting Polar Dip on January 1st, New Years Day! The energy was high, and tons of brave souls took the plunge into the icy waters to kick off 2025 in style.

A huge thank you to the organizers for their hard work in putting together such a fun and memorable event, and to everyone who participated or cheered from the sidelines!









RCMP Sackville Detachment Stuff a Cruiser



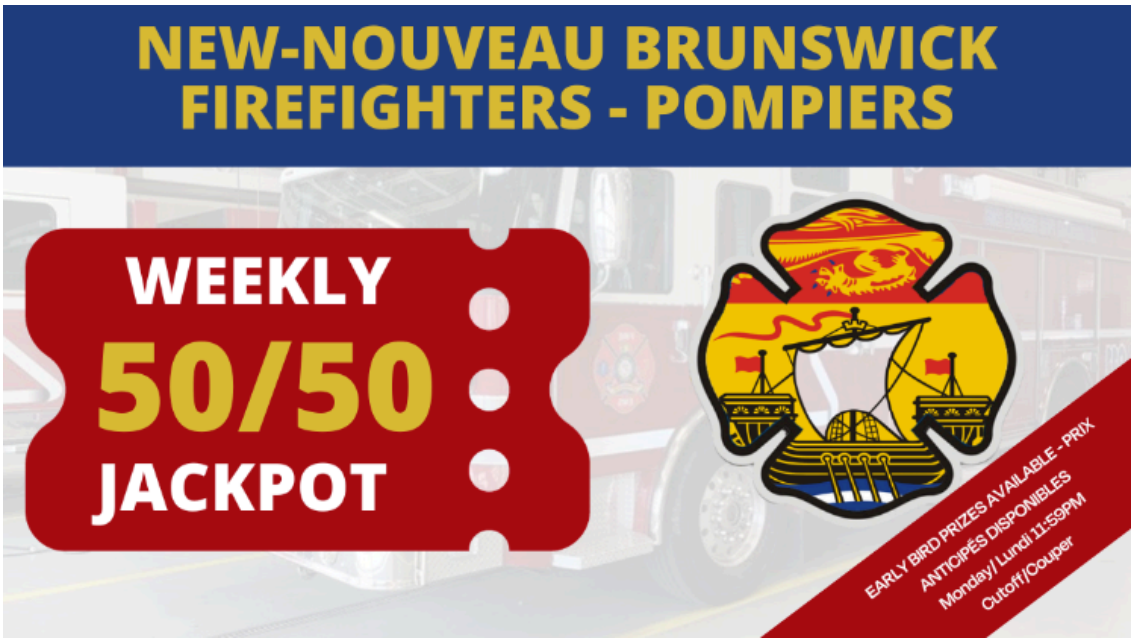
A big thank you to everyone who donated at the RCMP "Stuff the Cruiser" events!

With your incredible generosity, we collected **over $2400 in donations and 430 lbs of food for the Sackville Foodbank.**

This unbelievable community effort helped to make an incredible difference for those in need during what is a challenging time for many.

Special thanks to **the RCMP Sackville Detachment** for organizing this wonderful initiative and for everything they do for our community!

Support the Tantramar Fire Service with the 50/50 Raffle!



Active Living and Culture

All participants are required to wear a CSA-approved helmet while on the ice. This includes everyone—from public skates to hockey practices and games.

Why? Your safety is our top priority. This rule has been implemented to ensure a safer experience for all, reducing the risk of injury.
Please Note: This rule will be strictly enforced. Anyone not wearing a helmet will be asked to leave the ice. Let's work together to keep our rinks safe and enjoyable for everyone!

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.





We've partnered with the Tantramar Outdoor Club to bring you an exciting Hike/Snowshoe Series this winter!

First Event:
Date: January 18th
Location: Walker Road Trails

Join us to explore two brand-new trails at Walker Road! After the hike or snowshoe, take part in a fun trail-naming contest for the newly created paths. Bring along a snack and a hot drink to enjoy at one of the scenic rest stops.

Register Today: Visit TantramarNB.com/programs to sign up for this winter adventure!

Get ready for an exciting winter of outdoor fun and learning!

The Trailblazers Program is back!

🔥 **What Kids Will Learn:**

- Shelter building
- Fire starting
- Animal tracking
- Environmental stewardship (leave nature as we found it)
  ...and so much more!

Program Details:

- Runs from the week of February 3rd to the week of April 3rd
- Locations: Salem and Dorchester
- Cost: Completely FREE!
- Includes a healthy snack each week.

Register now at: TantramarNB.com/programs



Recreation Programs

Mount Allison Gymnasium Pickleball

Evening Pickleball - Salem School
Salem School

Beginning September 16th, 2024
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Fridays
1:00 PM-3:00 PM
($2 drop in fee)

Monday and Wednesdays
8:00 PM-10:00 PM
Free

Dorchester Rec Nights
Dorchester Consolidated School
Mondays - Pickleball and Badminton
5:30 PM-6:30 PM
Tuesdays - Basketball
5:30 PM-6:30 PM
Thursdays - Pickleball
5:30 PM-6:30 PM

For full details or to register for any of the above programs, please visit tantramarnb.com/programs.
For other community recreational opportunities in Tantramar, please visit tantramarnb.com/calendar

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Council Updates

Council Highlights – Regular Meeting, December 10, 2024

Council Highlights provide a brief overview of the latest Regular Council Meeting. For complete details, please refer to the official minutes, which will be available once approved at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Regular Council Meetings are where important decisions are made to guide our community's development and future. Here's a snapshot of the key discussions and decisions from this meeting.

Council Package

Public Presentations:

1. Garth Zwicker – Veteran Banner Campaign: Garth gave an update on the beloved 2024 Veteran Banner campaign. Garth spoke upon the campaign's development throughout the years and thanked staff and council for their ongoing support.

1. Susan Gourley – Tax Rebate Apartment Buildings: Susan Gourley voiced her opinion on landlords allowing pets in rental units and architecture designs.

Council Motions

- Rezoning on Kirk Street: Council approved starting the process to rezone property on Kirk Street from R1 to R2 to allow for new medium-density housing. A public hearing is scheduled for January 27, 2025.

- Climate Change Adaptation Plan: Council approved applying for funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to develop a Climate Change Adaptation Plan in collaboration with EOS Eco-Energy.

- Planting and Maintenance Contract: Council awarded the 2025-2026 flower planting and maintenance contract to The Yard Guyz with additional stipulations, ensuring continued beautification of downtown and public spaces.

- Reserve Fund Transfers: Council approved transferring $1,200,000 into various reserve funds to support future capital projects and reduce the need for borrowing.

By-Laws

- Downtown Building Height Amendment (By-Law No. 244-R): First and second readings passed to increase the maximum building height in the downtown business district to 75 feet.

- Freshwinds Housing Rezoning (By-Law No. 244-S): First and second readings passed to rezone property on Fairfield Road to Urban Residential 3 (R3), enabling a new housing development by Freshwinds Eco-Village. Both by-laws will return for third readings in January 2025.

Celebrating Community

- Dorchester Parade of Lights: Councillor Debbie Wiggins-Colwell commended the organizers and participants for a successful and festive event that brought joy to the community.

- Celebrating a Local Athletic: Mayor Andrew Black highlighted a major achievement by local swimmer Ruben Smith, who represented Tantramar at an international event and reached the finals in all six of his races. Well done, Ruben!

- Shepody IODE Milestone: Congratulations to the Shepody IODE Chapter on their 85th anniversary, marking decades of service and dedication to the community.

Notice of Motion
Councillor Wiggins-Colwell proposed new initiatives:

1. Converting the Dorchester ball field into a dog park.
2. Enhancing school zone safety in Dorchester.

Councillor Goguen proposed an amendment to municipal by-laws to allow accessory building units (ABUs).

Electing a New Deputy Mayor
At this meeting, Council elected a new Deputy Mayor through a nomination and voting process. Any Council member can nominate a colleague for the role, and nominees must confirm their willingness to serve. Once all nominations are made, Council members vote, and the candidate with the majority is elected.

Councillor Matt Estabrooks was elected as the new Deputy Mayor, succeeding **Councillor Greg Martin**. Councillor Estabrooks expressed gratitude for the trust of his colleagues and acknowledged the exceptional work of Councillor Martin during his tenure. Councillor Martin fondly reflected on his two years of service, highlighting the opportunities he had to represent Tantramar across Canada.

Stay Updated:
Join us for the next Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 7:00 PM in person or via live stream on our YouTube Channel to stay engaged with municipal progress and decisions.

Missed the last meeting? Catch up here! Don't forget to subscribe to our YouTube channel for live streams and updates.

Heritage Moment from Tantramar Heritage Trust

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Sackville's first pharmacy was opened in 1863 by Mr. Amasa Dixon? It was located at Crane's Corner (current location of The Corner Drug Store). Some customers commuted to the pharmacy via the ferry boat that ran from Westcock to Westmorland Point. The Tantramar River was fordable at this time, meaning that at low tide, people also crossed by foot to get to Crane's Corner.

Brought to you by the Tantramar Heritage Trust



Community Submissions

Canadian Dental Care Plan



The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) is here to help make dental care more accessible and affordable.

Tantramar Adult Learning Centre - Adult Upgrading and CAEC Preparation

SOUTH EAST
ADULT EDUCATION

Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science

New Students welcome - start any time!
Study with the help of a teacher at your own pace and schedule.

For further information:
Call: (506) 857-9912
Email: info@education-se.ca

Zoomers in Balance

Zoomers in balance! Zoomers en équilibre!

=Winter 2025=

Join this FREE program and improve your balance!



WHERE: Veterans Community Hall, Dorchester
WHEN: Tuesday and Thursday
04:30 - 05:30 PM
from January 14th until April 3rd, 2025.



Benefits:

- Participate in a free exercise class.
- Meet peers in your community.
- Learn how to improve your balance and reduce the risk of falls!

You are eligible if you:

- Are 50 years of age or older.
- Can exercise with minimal supervision.
- Can commit to a 12-week exercise program up to 3x/week.

Email:
contact@zoomersinfo.ca

Website:
www.zoomersinfo.ca

REGISTER HERE
https://forms.gle/648YjJJdXTNZiNMC6

Trauma NB | MEDAVIE | CIHR IRSC Canadian Institutes of Health Research / Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada | UNB ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK | Cardiometabolic Exercise and Lifestyle Lab

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Mounties Women’s Hockey Schedule



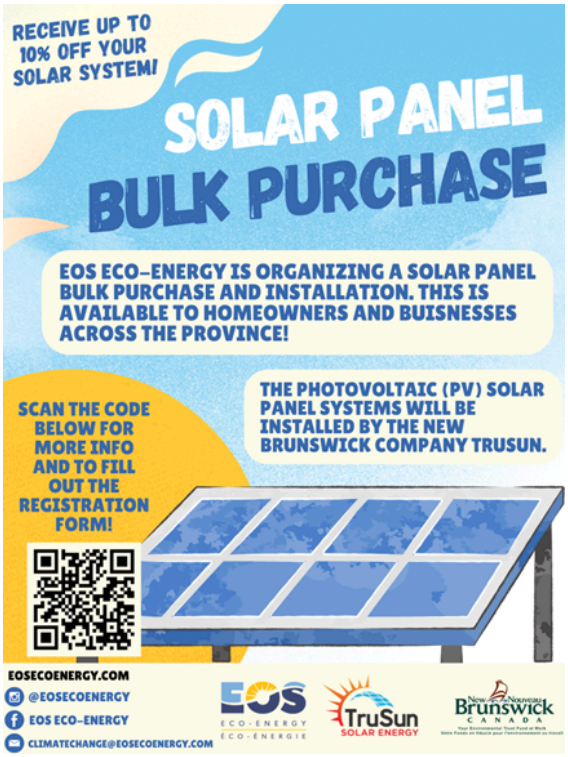
EOS Eco-Energy



Free Home Flood Risk Assessments: EOS is looking forward to offering additional free home flood risk assessments to home owners across southeastern New Brunswick! Sign up today for an appointment with EOS staff to survey the outside and basement of your household to identify tangible flood mitigation strategies. To all participants, $100 rebate will be offered (while funds are available) to contribute to home flood mitigation actions following the report.

Schedule your appointment today!

Solar panel bulk purchase 2024 – EOS is currently gathering participants for this year's solar panel bulk purchase from TruSun Solar Energy. Located in Beresford, New Brunswick, Trusun(www.trusun.ca) is a bilingual solar panel installer and founding member of Green Economy New Brunswick. TruSun offers systems tailored to all needs, from small off-grid installations to industrial setups, and their team will support you from project inception to final connection. This bulk purchase can help people get up to 10% discount on a solar array, and any home, business or municipality located in New Brunswick can participate! For more information, please fill out this form and you will be contacted soon.



Dorchester Memorial Public Library

Dorchester Memorial Public Library
Bibliothèque publique commémorative de Dorchester

https://www1.gnb.ca/0003/Pages/en/Biblio-e.asp?CODE=AO

3516 Cape Road, Dorchester / 506-379-3032 / BiblioDorchesterLib@gnb.ca

~~~ January / Janvier 2025~~~

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Thursday: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Mardi : 10 h 00 - 12 h 00 et 13 h 00 - 17 h 00 Mercredi : 10 h 00 - 12 h 00 et 13 h 00 - 17 h 00 Jeudi : 12 h 00 - 16 h 00 et 17 h 00 - 19 h 00 Vendredi : 10 h 00 - 12 h 00 et 13 h 00 - 17 h 00 Samedi : 10 h 00 - 12 h 00 et 13 h 00 - 17 h 00

Weekly Programs / Programmes hebdomadaires

(Offered in English only unless otherwise noted / Offert en anglais uniquement, sauf indication contraire)

By Appointment

Ninja Reading at the Library
Do you know a child who needs to boost their confidence in their reading or one who already enjoys reading aloud and would like more practice? Contact the library to set up a time for them to read with library staff and Ook the Library Gorilla in our Secret Ninja Reading Corner. (Parents/guardians must remain in the library, but we have comfy chairs for grown-up reading too.) (Available in English only.)

Ninja lisant à la bibliothèque
Connaissez-vous un enfant qui a besoin de renforcer sa confiance en lui dans sa lecture ou un enfant qui aime déjà lire à voix haute et aimerait plus de pratique ? Contactez la bibliothèque pour fixer un moment de lecture avec le personnel de la bibliothèque et Ook le gorille de la bibliothèque dans notre coin de lecture Secret Ninja. (Les parents/tuteurs doivent rester dans la bibliothèque, mais nous avons aussi des chaises confortables pour la lecture des adultes.) (Disponible en anglais uniquement.)

Wednesday / Mercredi

After-School Art, for children ages 10-13: Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30. Explore different art techniques every week.

Art extrascolaire, pour les enfants de 10 à 13 ans: le mercredi après-midi de 15h30 à 16h30. Découvrez différentes techniques artistiques chaque semaine.

Thursday / Jeudi

Library Knitting & Handcraft Group
The library is starting a weekly handcraft group in January. If you'd be interested in getting together every Thursday night from 5:30-7 with knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, and others working on similar projects, beginners and experts alike, the library is a good place to be!

Bibliothèque Groupe de tricot et d'artisanat
La bibliothèque lance un groupe hebdomadaire d'artisanat en janvier. Si vous souhaitez vous réunir tous les jeudis soirs de 17 h 30 à 19 h avec des tricoteuses, des crocheteuses, des brodeuses et d'autres personnes travaillant sur des projets similaires, débutants comme experts, la bibliothèque est un bon endroit où être!

Family Board Game Night
If you're interested in coming for a family board game on a Thursday night between 5 and 7, don't worry! We have room for both a family board game and the knitters at opposite ends of the library! Contact the library at 506-379-3032 or BiblioDorchesterLib@gnb.ca to let us know to set up a table for you.

Soirée de jeux de société en famille
Si vous voulez venir jouer à un jeu de société en famille un jeudi soir entre 17h et 19h, ne vous en faites pas ! Nous avons de la place pour un jeu de société familial et pour les tricoteuses aux extrémités opposées de la bibliothèque ! Contactez la bibliothèque au 506-379-3032 ou BiblioDorchesterLib@gnb.ca pour nous faire savoir afin de vous préparer une table.

Friday / Vendredi

Pre-school Storytime: Pre-school age children and their caregivers are invited to come to the library every Friday at 10:30 for stories and art activities.

Heure du conte préscolaire**:** les enfants d'âge préscolaire et leurs tuteurs sont invités à venir à la bibliothèque tous les vendredis à 10h30 pour des histoires et des activités d'art.

Saturday / Samedi

Saturday Afternoon Music at the Library: All ages, one-on-one guitar fundamentals by appointment between 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoons. Bring your own instrument or use one of the library's guitars. Beginner instruction in playing and reading music (notation and tablature) in all styles is offered, as well as beginner to intermediate classical. The library can provide a place to jam with your friends, too – just ask and we'll set up a time; we also have a piano for in-house use, and guitars and ukuleles that may be borrowed.

Samedi après-midi musical à la bibliothèque: Tous âges, cours individuels de guitare sur rendez-vous entre 14h et 16h le samedi après-midi. Apportez votre propre instrument ou utilisez l'une des guitares de la bibliothèque. Des cours pour débutants en lecture et en notation musicale (notation et tablature) dans tous les styles sont proposés, ainsi que des cours de musique

classique de niveau débutant à intermédiaire. La bibliothèque peut également vous proposer un endroit pour jouer avec vos amis. Il vous suffit de demander et nous fixerons un rendez-vous. Nous disposons également d'un piano à utiliser sur place, ainsi que de guitares et de ukulélés pouvant être empruntés.

Monthly Programmes / Programmes mensuels

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Library Book Club: "Tell Me What You're Reading"
Interested in joining the library's "Tell Me What You're Reading" Book Club, where readers get together at 10:30 on the third Saturday of every month to talk about what they're currently reading? All you need to bring is your travel mug with your favourite warm drink, a book you'd like to share your thoughts on, and an interest in talking about books.

Club de lecture de la bibliothèque : « Dis-moi ce que tu lis »
Vous voulez vous joindre au club de lecture « Dites-moi ce que vous lisez » de la bibliothèque, où les lecteurs se réunissent à 10 h 30 le troisième samedi de chaque mois pour parler de ce qu'ils lisent actuellement ? Tout ce que vous avez à apporter est votre tasse de voyage avec votre boisson chaude préférée, un livre sur lequel vous aimeriez partager vos réflexions et votre intérêt à parler de livres.

Food Security Action Group serving Tantramar & Strait Shores



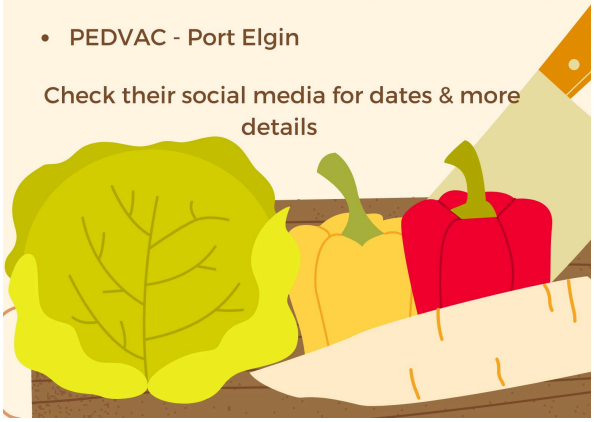
Come cook a new recipe together!

TEACHING KITCHENS!

Hosted in our communities by...

- Greater Dorchester Moving Forward Co-Op
- PEDVAC - Port Elgin

Check their social media for dates & more details





COMMUNITY FOOD BANKS

SACKVILLE

5 Willow Lane
2x/month
Tues 6:30-7:30pm, Wed 9-11am
506-536-4164;
https://sackvillefoodbank.ca/

DORCHESTER

11 School St.
2x/month
2nd & 4th Tues 9am-2pm
506-379-6232

PORT ELGIN

12 Church St.
2x/month
Wed - Fri 10am-3pm by appt.
506-538-7638; https://www.pedvac.org

(If unsure, call to find the foodbank serving your community)



FREE COMMUNITY MEALS

FOR EVERYONE!

Alternating Lunch or Supper at Main St Café, 2nd Tuesday of every month at 20 Main Street, Sackville.
Call **506-939-2276** to confirm time

Lunch'N'Learn at Greater Dorchester Moving Forward.
Contact **programs@station8nb.ca** for date and time

FOR THOSE 60+!

Lunch'N'Learn at Baie Verte Seniors Centre. Call Nursing Homes Without Walls to register **506-538-1904**





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Horizon Health Network



Dorchester Consolidated School



Dorchester Consolidated School is seeking donations of skates and helmets for use in our outdoor rink. This rink is an integral part of our physical education program and a cherished annual tradition for all students.

Unfortunately, sourcing skates can be challenging, and we need your help to keep this tradition alive! Donations of skates or helmets can be dropped off directly at the school during regular school hours.

If you have any questions, please contact our Community Schools Coordinator, Jessie Brown, at Jessie.Brown@nbed.nb.ca.

Thank you for supporting our students and their love for outdoor activities!

Wysmykal Farm

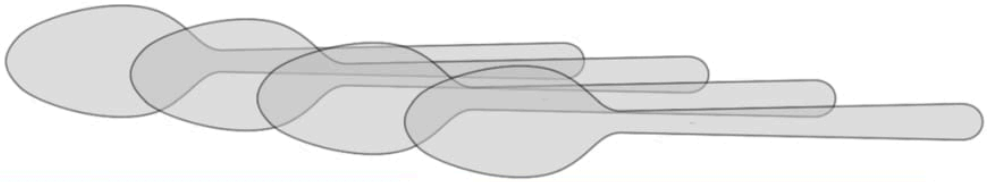
Wysmykal Farm will be selling organic vegetables at the Sackville Farmers Market on Saturday mornings. Wysmykal Farm offers online ordering and home delivery of vegetables in the Tantramar area. https://wysmykalfarm.ca

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Salem Breakfast Program

SPOONS FOR SALEM

BREAKFAST PROGRAM



The **Salem Breakfast Program** operates every school day and offers a selection of healthy foods to **all Salem students** as they get to school and prepare for the school day.

In an effort to cut down on waste and lower our costs, we want to **switch from using plastic disposable spoons** to **reusable metal spoons**, so we're asking for **spoon donations** to build up our supply.

If you have **1, 2 or more metal spoons you'd like to donate**, please send them with your student to school – every classroom will have a collection bin. Or contact the Breakfast Program coordinator listed below to arrange pick up.

The Salem Breakfast Program is able to operate thanks to

- ✓ **food donations from the Food Depot Alimentaire**
- ✓ **financial donations through the Breakfast Club of Canada and local supporters,**
- ✓ **and time and energy donations from our dedicated group of volunteers.**

If you'd like to volunteer with this program, please contact the coordinator listed below. Volunteering in the school involves a 7:30-8:30 am time commitment one day a week, but there are ways to help outside these hours if you'd like to be a part of this program.

For more information, contact: Kathy Treash
kathy0321@yahoo.com
or through Messenger

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The Salem School Breakfast Program is looking for volunteers! Parents, grandparents, community members...if you'd like to spend a little time one morning a week greeting the students of Salem Elementary School and helping to provide them with a healthy start to their day, we'd love to have you as a part of our volunteer team. We offer a variety of food choices to all the students of Salem

School on every school morning, to ensure no students are starting their learning day hungry. The commitment for volunteers is approximately 7:15-8:30am on your chosen weekday. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please email Kathy Treash at kathy0321@yahoo.com

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Upcoming Municipal Office Meetings

Regular Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 @ 7:00 PM
Committee of the Whole Meeting: Monday, January 27, 2025 @ 3:00 PM

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