

Saint John – Positioned to Grow

A LOOK AT OUR GROWTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS



New regional model for economic development

The communities of Saint John, Quispamsis, Rothesay, Hampton and Grand Bay-Westfield unanimously adopted resolutions to proceed with a newly-aligned economic development agency. The agency will introduce a new and exciting chapter for our growth and development as a region.

The agency will benefit from the success and expertise of the three existing agencies to form one of the largest and most comprehensive economic development models in Atlantic Canada.

Work is already underway to transition into the new agency, which is expected to become a reality by 2021.



Economic & community recovery from pandemic

Common Council approved a plan with a variety of initiatives to support the economy and community through the recovery of COVID-19.

- Creation of a new “Pop-Uptown Park”
- Rotating Saint John Open Streets initiative
- Dredging and dock installation at Market Slip
- 15-minute parking areas in the central peninsula
- Launch of the 2020 Saint John Night Market



A virtual One-Stop Development Shop

Within weeks of the pandemic, City staff introduced a new virtual one-stop development shop experience for customers. This enabled the community to maintain development momentum while upholding mandatory orders for social distancing. The seamless transition to virtual permitting approvals continues to play an important role in supporting economic recovery.

Construction activity in Saint John is strong:

- Building permit value is 3x higher this summer: 103 building permits were issued in July 2020 for a value of \$19.4M, compared to 97 permits valued at \$5.7M in 2019.
- Another \$45M worth is in the queue for approval.
- Approved developments include both small-scale home-based projects and major residential projects in the Uptown and east side of the City.

