



SAINT JOHN

# What's Happening Saint John

September 9, 2021

The City of Saint John is pleased to provide the following summary of some of the great news, updates and important information about what's happening in the City.



## News & Updates

### **City announces COVID-19 vaccination or testing policy for municipal employees, Members of Council, and workplaces**

The City of Saint John has announced it will be implementing a COVID-19 vaccination or testing policy. The policy will take effect on September 20, 2021 and will apply to all City employees and Members of Common Council.

The policy will require municipal employees and Members of Common Council who attend the workplace to either provide proof of full (double dose) vaccination or wear masks and undergo COVID-19 testing.

Should an employee choose not to disclose their vaccination status, they will be required to wear a mask while at work and undergo testing.

"The City of Saint John remains focused on providing a safe work environment for its employees and for members of the public who interact with City employees," says Mayor Donna Reardon.

The City will continue to monitor recommendations from the Province of New Brunswick and Department of Health to ensure the health and safety of our employees.

### **Saint John Fire Department provides unique training and teamwork experience for Saint John Sea Dogs**

Joined by Mayor Donna Reardon, the Saint John Fire Department (SJFD) welcomed players from the Saint John Sea Dogs to the fire training facility on Wednesday, September 1 for a unique day of teambuilding and training. Firefighters provided a hands-on experience for players, putting them through some of the training drills used by the SJFD, focusing on teamwork and performing under pressure.

Wearing full firefighter uniforms and gear, players had a chance to experience high-rise ladder climbs, hose carries, dummy drags and forceable entry and search in the four-story training tower.

"The Saint John Fire Department has a long history of working with local organizations and we were excited to have the Sea Dogs here to experience some of the training, both physical and mental, that we use to develop the camaraderie and work ethic it takes to excel as a team," said Peter Ehler, Division Chief, Training for the SJFD.



The day finished off with a touching presentation by SJFD team members to the Sea Dogs of a service-worn fire helmet customized with the Sea Dogs' logo.

## City to recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a statutory holiday

The City of Saint John will be recognizing the federally proclaimed National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30 as a statutory holiday for municipal employees.

By marking National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, City employees will have an opportunity to honour the day, and reflect on its importance to the country's past, present, and future. Flags at City Hall will be lowered to half-mast on September 30 in special acknowledgment.

City hours and service schedules for Thursday, September 30 will be as follows:

**City Hall, Rothesay Avenue and Adelaide Street offices:** Closed

**City Hall Customer Service Centre:** Closed

**Saint John City Market:** Closed

**Saint John Transit:** Will follow its regular schedules.

**City parks, playgrounds, and other greenspaces:** Will remain open.

**Recreational Facilities:** Confirmed bookings at City ball fields and tennis courts will be honoured. The Peter Murray Arena is being operated by The Lord Beaverbrook Rink. Inquiries about this facility should be directed to 652-6710.

**Community Centres (Carleton & Nick Nicolle):** Closed

**Garbage and compost collection:** Will follow its regular schedule.

**All emergency services will be fully operational and available.**

## City shares stories on why people are choosing Saint John as their home and loving it!

Keep your eye out for billboards around the City featuring newcomers and long-time residents who have chosen Saint John as their favourite place to live, work, study and play.

Dahlia and Som Das have chosen to raise their family here in Saint John because "People are looking out for each other, they are there for each other, and we can sense that all the time wherever we go.": [Why this couple moved from India to Saint John and started a family - Huddle.](#)

The billboards showcase Saint John as a welcoming and diverse community, growing in population and a City full of opportunity for success.

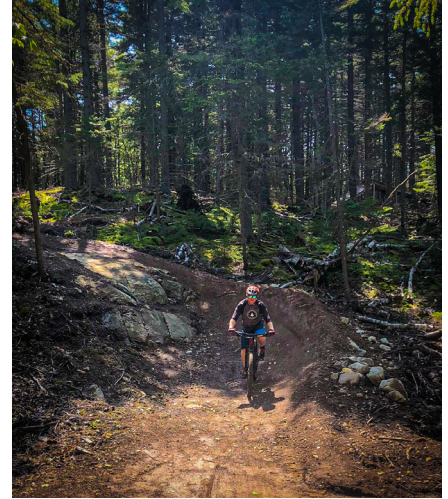


### Two new mountain bike trails opened in Rockwood Park and enthusiasts are eager to test them out

The Saint John Cycling Club (SJC) announced the opening of two new mountain bike trails in Rockwood Park (old ski hill area off Sandy Point Road) this and enthusiasts are eager to try the new experience. This expansion adds almost two kilometres to the existing 56 kilometres of trails in the park. The trails, built by Shoreline Dirtworks from Nova Scotia, meet International Mountain Bike Association standards and offer adventure for beginners and experts alike.

“Rockwood Park is a great place for mountain biking in New Brunswick and the new trails offer a fun biking experience through the old ski hill area,” said Dean Price, Vice President of the Saint John Cycling Club.

The Club has raised over \$200,000 so far and plans to add more trails next year during phase two. The trails will also feature some interesting artwork from local artists, expected to be completed this fall.



The Saint John Cycling Club would like to invite anyone to submit names for the trails via their [Facebook page](#). The names will be announced by the SJC at a later date.

The new trails are open during regular park hours, seven days a week from dusk until dawn. For more information, visit [www.rockwoodpark.ca](http://www.rockwoodpark.ca)

### Reminder: Slow down in school zones

Please keep the safety of our children and youth top of mind at all times

As a new school year approaches, and more students are walking to and from school, the City of Saint John wishes to remind motorists to avoid any distractions while driving and slow down in and around all school zones.

Fluorescent yellow School Zone and School Zone End signs identify school zones. Speed limits in these zones are in effect from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on school days.

The 30 km/h default school zone speed limit is in effect in all City school zones, unless otherwise indicated. Some City streets have specific school zone speed limit signs of 40 km/h.

### Saint John Water public filling station now open

A public water filling station has opened outside the City Market. The Saint John Water branded sea can is located along South Market Street and is the first in the city. The filling station is free of charge and will be open during regular City Market hours as well as during Thursday Night Markets.





**Events & Activities**



**Night Market Street Party rescheduled**

The rescheduled Night Market Street Party will take place on Thursday, September 16 from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. The original event had to be postponed due to bad weather. Family activities and live concerts will highlight the event, check the [Night Market Facebook event page](#) for full details and updated information.

**Be ready in the event of an emergency**

The City has updated its public Emergency Notification System, effective June 30. You can sign up to receive emergency alerts by visiting [www.saintjohn.ca](http://www.saintjohn.ca)

The new email, voice and text notification system is used by the Saint John Emergency Management Organization (SJ-EMO) and City of Saint John to broadly communicate urgent public safety notices.

All residents, including those signed up in the former emergency notification system, will need to sign up in the new system to receive notifications.

**Events Calendar!**

Looking for things to do? The Saint John Region has you covered with events in arts, culture, heritage, community, comedy, culinary, sports, music & performing arts. Visit [Discover Saint John](#) and check back often!



**Don't Forget!**

**Saint John Transit continues to offer free bus fare for residents traveling to and from vaccination clinics**

You can view the latest updates on clinics and bus schedules, [here](#).

**Route 15A Harbour Bridge ramp closure**

Effective August 24 drivers will not be able to use the Harbour Bridge on ramp from Chesley Drive (westbound) due to a planned closure. For details, visit [www.saintjohn.ca](http://www.saintjohn.ca).





## Growth At A Glance

The One Stop Development Shop has received **501** permit applications this year, with a value of **\$49.7M**. In the month of August, we received **53** building-related permit applications have been processed with a value of **\$5.4M**.

There were 3 high-value building permit applications in August:

- 730 Dever Rd – Construction of a berm for \$2.0 M
- 77 Heather Way – Construction of 24-unit apartment building for \$2.5 M
- 45-69 Rockingstone Drive – Construction of 4 townhouses (total of 8-units) \$1.3 M



## Story To Share

City shares stories on why people are choosing Saint John as their home and loving it!  
Read the full story [Why this couple moved from India to Saint John and started a family - Huddle.](#)

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TO HELP!**

For inquiries related to municipal services, contact the City of Saint John Customer Service Centre at (506) 658-4455, email [service@saintjohn.ca](mailto:service@saintjohn.ca) or visit us in person on the Ground Floor of City Hall, 15 Market Square, Monday to Friday (excluding holidays), 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

