



SAINT JOHN

What's Happening Saint John

September 23, 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

Updated requirements for proof of vaccination and masking within City facilities

Effective Wednesday, September 22, 2021, and following the direction and guidance of the Government of New Brunswick and Public Health officials, masks will be required in all indoor public spaces, including public transit.

In addition to the wearing of masks, proof of full vaccination (two doses) and Government-issued identification must be presented to access municipally-owned recreation facilities including arenas, community centres, and workspaces beyond front desk customer service counters. These same requirements also apply to City-organized indoor events, including public information sessions and meetings.

Additionally, restaurants and public eating areas within the Saint John City Market will remain open with proof of vaccination and government issued identification required for any indoor dining or drinking. Proof of vaccination is not required for takeout orders. Public seating within the Market solarium will be adjusted and open for extended lunch hours only, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

For all Common Council and Committee meetings, the public, including presenters, must show proof of vaccination and government-issued identification for in-person attendance. Those who do not wish to provide the required documentation for in-person attendance can participate in the meetings virtually.

The proof of vaccination requirement applies to anyone aged 12 and older. The only exception applies to those who are able to show a medical exemption certificate.

King's Square is home to seven new maple trees

City arborists and public works crews were hard at work in King's Square on September 15, planting seven beautiful maple trees. These new trees are replacing the five 200-year-old trees that fell during Hurricane Dorian in 2019.

King's Square is a highly valued park in the centre of the City that welcomes hundreds of people passing through each day and plays host to some popular gatherings and historic events. Beautification and maintenance of King's Square is important to the City to ensure the space can be enjoyed by residents and visitors for years to come.



City begins educational campaign for employees as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation approaches

The City of Saint John recently announced that it will be joining other communities across Canada on September 30 to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a statutory holiday for municipal employees. By marking the day, City employees will have an opportunity to pause and reflect.

As the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation approaches, the City of Saint John has begun an educational campaign for employees called Truth and Reconciliation Moments. The campaign includes daily communication to all employees leading up to September 30 to provide reflections, information and resources about the history of Indigenous peoples, residential schools, and the need for Truth and Reconciliation.

“The City of Saint John wants to ensure our employees are provided with resources that will enable them to become active participants in Truth and Reconciliation,” said Mayor Donna Reardon. “This is a reflection of the City’s commitment to recognize, learn and respond to this important journey as a path to understanding our country’s past as we move together into the future.”

Let’s Shape Our Waterfront: Join us and provide your feedback on initial design concepts for the Public Space along Market Slip, Harbour Passage, and Pedway Connection Projects

Join us and provide your feedback on initial design concepts for the Public Space along Market Slip, Harbour Passage, and Pedway Connection Projects.

We’re hosting a follow-up discussion on public spaces near the proposed Fundy Quay Development. Initial designs of the proposed Fundy Quay Development will also be available to view.

When: Monday, September 27, 2021

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Where: Market Square Atrium
Presentations begin at 6 p.m.

RSVP: feedback@saintjohn.ca

Attendees are required to wear a mask and show proof of vaccination and photo ID to enter the event.

Everyone is invited to participate. We need your ideas, questions, and feedback on the initial design concepts for the Fundy Quay Development. For more updates visit the [Facebook event page](#).

The Public Space along Market Slip, Harbour Passage, and Pedway Connection Projects are supported through funding from the Government of Canada, the Government of New Brunswick, and the City of Saint John.

Presentations will be recorded and published to the City’s YouTube channel following the event. Public feedback can be sent to feedback@saintjohn.ca





Events & Activities

The Saint John Community Arts Board presents Saint John Culturescape 2021

From sea shanties to visual arts and beyond, Saint John Culturescape 2021 will showcase Saint John’s deeply rooted artistic traditions and mosaic of diverse cultures through a series of open houses and workshops.



Saint John Culturescape is a volunteer event organized by the Celebrations Committee of the Saint John Community Arts Board. As facilitators, the Celebrations Committee are presenting the open houses as one cohesive event through branding and promotion. The goal is to bring attention to the people, businesses, and organizations that build up Saint John’s thriving arts & culture scene.

Saint John Culturescape will take place from September 24 to September 26 (Friday to Sunday) in line with Culture Days, Canada's annual celebration of arts & culture.

“Saint John has a flourishing Arts and Culture community,” says Saint John Mayor Donna Reardon. “Culturescape is an exciting opportunity for the public to visit studios and engage with artists, musicians, and performers where they create. It’s a cool chance for a behind the scenes look at everything that goes into creating art.”

The hope is to have an event that will continue to grow in participation and is celebrated year after year, bringing attention to the arts & culture organizations in Saint John.

The inaugural SJ Culturescape has an impressive lineup of artists and organizations including the Fundy Comic Arts Society; SJ Jewish Historical Museum; Early Music Studio of Saint John; Sheila Howell (artist); Fractured Arts Mosaics; VISITORS; Saint John Arts Centre; Loyalist House; Paris Crew; PRUDE INC.; Spicer Merrifield Gallery; New Brunswick Museum; Lorenzo Society at UNB Saint John.

For more information, please visit: www.facebook.com/sjculturescape/

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!



Growth At A Glance

So far in September, the One Stop Development Shop has received **30** building related permit applications with a value of **\$726,000**. Year to date, the City has received **532** permit applications with a value of **\$50.4M**.





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.

Be ready in the event of an emergency

The City has updated its public Emergency Notification System. You can sign up to receive emergency alerts and notifications by email, voice and text by visiting www.saintjohn.ca

City Hall will be closed on September 30 for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

City hours and service schedules for Thursday, September 30 can be found [here](#).



Stories To Share

The Canadian Hockey League announces the Saint John Sea Dogs will host the 2022 Memorial Cup: <https://sjseadogs.com/article/the-saint-john-sea-dogs-will-host-the-2022-memorial-cup>

Saint John Chamber launches Lift Up Local Campaign to help support local businesses: <https://the-chambersj.com/liftuplocal>

HERE 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 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.

