



SAINT JOHN

# What's Happening Saint John

October 20, 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

### Saint John Common Council sets priorities for 2021 – 2025

The priorities – Grow, Green, Belong, Move, and Perform were developed through several workshop settings using input from an online public survey and guided by several municipal strategic plans including Plan SJ, Play SJ, Move SJ, and the Long-term Financial Plan.

The five priority areas will guide all aspects of municipal activities, policies and procedures, and budgets during the term.

“These priorities reflect what we hear from the public and what we need to accomplish as a city to grow, prosper and serve our community,” says Mayor Donna Reardon. “This is an exciting time for Saint John, and I am incredibly proud of what our City has to offer. Through our priorities, we have set our sights even higher to ensure that Saint John continues to be the community of choice for residents.”

City staff are in the process of developing the work plan that will move Council's priorities forward. The work plan will be presented to Council by City Manager John Collin in the weeks ahead.

“Saint John has a highly competent, professional and dedicated workforce across all service areas,” adds Reardon. “Together, we can accomplish a lot, and I look forward to seeing the work plans our team will develop to achieve our goals and priorities.”

#### GROW



We value smart growth.

#### GREEN



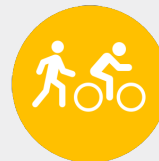
We value the environment.

#### BELONG



We value a welcoming community.

#### MOVE



We value sustainable transportation choices.

#### PERFORM



We value the best use of our resources.

[View the 2021-2025 Common Council priorities HERE.](#)

## Sharpen your skates and get ready for some family fun in Saint John!

The City is pleased to offer free public skating beginning Friday, October 8, 2021 at our municipal arenas: Charles Gorman Arena, Peter Murray Arena and Stewart Hurley Arena. Free skating times are also available for seniors and preschoolers. The skating schedule is available by [visiting here](#).

In addition to the wearing of masks in common areas, proof of full vaccination and Government-issued identification must be presented to access municipally owned recreation facilities. Masks are not required on the ice. The Stewart Hurley Arena has a delayed opening date, which will be communicated once it is determined.

## Many new residential units will soon be ready for occupancy in Saint John

The City reports that hundreds of new units are expected over the coming months with an additional 500-600 added when several large-scale residential projects are completed over the coming years. [Saint John Has Strong Development Season Because Of Apartment Developments - Huddle](#)

## P.R.O. Kids Update: Raising children up through positive experiences and recreation

So far this year, P.R.O. Kids has placed 500 children/youth, whose families have expressed a financial need, in a sport, art or cultural activity of their choice. Through the generosity of donors and the work of the City's P.R.O. Kids team and the Advisory Committee, every child in our community is being given the chance to play and participate.



Our hats are off in deep appreciation to The Dickie Crossman Memorial Foundation. This year's 19th annual Dickie Crossman Golf Tournament was held in late August and saw a record-breaking year, with \$32,000 raised for P.R.O. Kids! According to friends who manage the Foundation's Facebook page, this year would have been Dickie's 55th Birthday.

For more information about P.R.O. Kids, [click here](#).

## City of Saint John has two newly painted orange crosswalks in honour of Truth & Reconciliation

The crosswalks are a symbolic gesture among the many steps the City is taking on our path towards Truth and Reconciliation.

The two City crosswalks are located on King's Square South and at the bottom of Chipman Hill. Seven feathers in the crosswalks represent the Seven Grandfather Teachings recognized by many Indigenous communities in Canada. The teachings are love, respect, courage, honesty, humility, truth, and wisdom. We thank the Georgia Strait Road Marking Corp. for the use of their feather stencil for this important project.



Residents are encouraged to view other initiatives the City has undertaken, most recently the employee education campaign on Truth and Reconciliation. Find out more [here](#).



### **The City is actively seeking volunteers for the City Market Strategic Plan Steering Committee**

[Apply now](#) to become a member of the City Market Strategic Plan Steering Committee. Applications must be submitted by Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

The City of Saint John is developing a new strategic plan for the City Market that will guide its operations and development and support the Saint John Community over the next 10 years. As a part of this strategic planning process, a City Market Strategic Plan Steering Committee is being created through an open public nomination process. This steering committee will be responsible for:



- Setting vision, goals, and objectives for the City Market;
- Reviewing and advising on any analytical work required to support the strategic plan;
- Make important decisions regarding the City Market based on stakeholder engagement;
- Recommending the overall strategic plan for endorsement by the Growth Committee and ultimately approval by Common Council.

The City is seeking four nominations from the public to serve on the steering committee in a volunteer capacity. This committee will play a major role in the development of the new 10-year strategic plan for the Saint John City Market.

### **Land for Public Purpose (LPP) Trust Fund available for community recreation projects**

Applications for financial support must be submitted by October 31, 2021.

The City advises community groups that the City's LPP Trust Fund is available to financially support new community-led recreation projects on public lands. Applications are processed bi-annually in April and October. Visit [www.saintjohn.ca/lpp](http://www.saintjohn.ca/lpp) for the application form and policies (see related documents).

### **Traffic calming measures installed at the intersection of Sandy Point Road and Foster Thurston Drive**

The City, in partnership with the Ethos Ridge Development Team, are in the process of installing traffic calming measures at the intersection of Sandy Point Road and Foster Thurston Drive. Rumble strips to draw motorists' attention to the intersection are being completed today, Friday, October 15, with installation of electronic motorist speed feedback signs underway.

These traffic calming measures are intended to slow vehicle speeds. Recorded speeds of vehicles more than the 50 KM/H speed limit, in combination with limited sight lines on the approaches to this intersection, initiated the need for these measures.

These measures, in addition to motorists' co-operation in respecting the posted speed limit signs, are expected to improve safety at this intersection both for current motorists and as our community continues to grow!



## Test of City emergency alert and notification system a success

The Saint John Emergency Management Organization (SJ-EMO) and City of Saint John successfully tested the new emergency alert and notification system on October 7. More than 1,800 residents who have subscribed to date received a test alert notification through either email, voice or text. This was the first test of the new notification system since it was launched in June.



Emergency alerts and notifications are distributed by the SJ-EMO and City of Saint John to broadly communicate urgent public safety notices and important municipal news and information. The City encourages all residents to register to receive notifications. Don't wait for an emergency to sign up. The best time is now. Signing up is quick and easy and can be done by visiting [www.saintjohn.ca](http://www.saintjohn.ca).

## Public Notice on behalf of Saint John Transit Commission: Vehicles for Hire Annual Rate Review

For more information, [click here](#). Any written comments should be forwarded to the attention of the General Manager of the Saint John Transit Commission, emailed to [SJTransitCustomerService@saintjohn.ca](mailto:SJTransitCustomerService@saintjohn.ca) or via facsimile at: 658-4704.

## Greater Saint John Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony postponed

The ceremony has been postponed to the spring of 2022 due to COVID-19 mandatory order. The City will assist in communicating a new date once it has been set and announced by the committee. [Greater Saint John Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony postponed | City of Saint John, New Brunswick](#)



## Growth At A Glance

The One Stop Development Shop has received 580 permit applications this year, with a value of **\$65.6M**. So far in October **26** building-related permit applications have been received with a value of **\$14.4M**.

- There has been one high-value building permit application this month: 815 Millidge Avenue \$14 million – Phase 2 construction of apartment buildings
- Occupancy of 29 Lower Cove Loop is expected in the next two weeks!



## Events & Activities

### 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](#).

**Horizon Health Network has organized a Free Rapid Test Kit Pick-up location in Saint John**

Open to any member of the public who does not have COVID-19 symptoms, Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Diamond Jubilee Cruise Terminal, 333 Water Street.



**Stories To Share**

Envision Saint John unveiled its 10-year roadmap for growth during their presentation to council on Monday October 4th. [Saint John's Growth Plan Includes Increasing Population, Tax Revenue - Huddle](#)



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