



SAINT JOHN

What's Happening Saint John

December 1, 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 approves General Fund and Utility Fund capital budgets for 2022

The budgets focus on enhancements to quality of life for residents, while also addressing the City's infrastructure deficit and supporting the renewal of community assets

Both budgets were approved at the meeting of Common Council on November 15, 2021.

Together, the budgets will invest approximately \$6.35M into quality-of-life initiatives, with a strong focus on tax-based growth, public safety, greening and beautification efforts, recreation, active transportation, asset renewal, and a vibrant waterfront. The budgets leverage significant funding opportunities from other levels of government, and are directly aligned with the City's financial policies, growth and quality of life plans, and Council priorities. For more details, and to view the full Council report, visit www.saintjohn.ca



The City of Saint John

Saint John Community Arts Board launches Community Arts Winter Funding program

The Saint John Community Arts Board is now accepting applications for a new round of arts grants that encourage artists and community organizations to animate Saint John during the winter months.

Arts projects, initiatives, and festivals should be inspired by the winter season, and installed, released, or performed in conjunction with the City of Saint John Winterfest celebrations in February and March 2022.

Program guidelines and the application form can be found [HERE](#).

City of Saint John issued initial response to provincial government white paper

The City of Saint John provided an initial response to the Minister of Local Government and Local Governance Reform, Daniel Allain following the provincial government's release of the White Paper *Working together for vibrant and sustainable communities*.

View the City's letter [HERE](#).



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Applications are now available for Ethnocultural Support program

Approved by Common Council at the October 18 meeting, the Ethnocultural Support pilot program will support the City of Saint John's focus on being one of the most welcoming communities in Canada.

The Ethnocultural Support program will provide financial support for the establishment of or further development of an ethnocultural community group in Saint John.

Community groups seeking support may apply at any time beginning November 18, 2021 on the City's website. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis while the program remains open. Please read the guidelines before submitting the application.

Applications, guidelines, and more information are available at www.saintjohn.ca

P.R.O. Kids launches fundraising campaign: Give the Gift of P.R.O. Kids

Local sport, art and music champions within the Greater Saint John community are encouraging residents and organizations to give the gift of P.R.O. Kids this holiday season.

On Friday, December 10 beginning at 10:00 a.m., P.R.O. Kids and K-100 radio station will be broadcasting live from TD Station, where P.R.O. Kids will be accepting in-person donations. Individuals, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to stop by and donate throughout the day.



Now more than ever, children and youth in our community need our support. Giving the gift of P.R.O. Kids means more children and youth can benefit from recreation, art, and cultural activities their families could not otherwise afford. For full details, click [HERE](#).

Join us for the annual Mayor and Council Christmas Tree Lighting, set for December 3

Join us as we light the City tree and kick off the holiday season!

Mayor Donna Reardon and members of Common Council will officially light the City's Christmas tree on Friday, December 3. This year, the tree will be displayed in a new location in front of City Hall.

Friday, December 3, 2021

6:00 p.m.

City Hall Plaza, in front of City Hall
15 Market Square, Saint John, N.B.



Winter is on its way! Be prepared when an overnight parking ban is declared by the City

A reminder to residents that on-street parking is allowed during the winter months unless a parking ban is declared by the City or unless otherwise prohibited by on-street signage and the Motor Vehicle Act.

The temporary parking bans are declared to enable safe and effective snow clearing operations. When declared, it is the responsibility of the vehicle owner to have their vehicle removed from the street during identified hours. Any vehicle left parked on the street may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.



An overnight parking ban can be declared for areas North, East and West when snow clearing is required. This parking ban is referred to as the "North, East and West Temporary Overnight Parking Ban".

The other on-street parking ban is on the South-Central Peninsula, where separate on-street parking bans will be declared by the City when snow clearing is required. This parking ban is referred to as the "South-Central Peninsula Temporary Overnight Parking Ban."

Call the 24/7 parking ban phone line at 658-4040 to know when a ban is declared, and sign up to receive City news and information at www.saintjohn.ca. For full details, click [HERE](#).

City of Saint John recognized for gender equity by Recreation New Brunswick

Recreation New Brunswick has recognized the City of Saint John as being one of the first municipalities in New Brunswick to implement the gender equity policy for recreation, Equity in the Allocation of Public Recreation Spaces for Those Who Identify as Women or Girls. Staff member Jen Reed has completed a 'Gender Equity' training module and incorporated language in the latest revision of the 'Ice Time Management and Allocation Policy,' which was approved by Common Council in July 2021.



A warm welcome to our new Artist-in-Residence at the Saint John City Market

The Saint John City Market has an artist-in-residence for the winter months. Artist Andre Haines, whom many residents have met over the summer as he wheeled his art-cart around the uptown capturing the visual splendour of the City will be creating visual art, music, and welcoming people into his studio to explore creativity. Be sure to stop by to say hello to artist Andre in his studio at the foot of the Market.

InterAction Spotlight pilot program a success

A partnership between InterAction School of Performing Arts, the City of Saint John and Uptown Saint John known as the Spotlight program has wrapped up after a successful pilot season. Three projects were completed under the program; to view the details, visit [HERE](#).





Growth At A Glance

This November, the One Stop Development Shop has received **33** building related permit applications with a value of **\$24.7** million. Year-to-date, **640** permit applications have been received with a value of **\$94.6** million.



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!

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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](#).





Stories To Share

Saint John Energy wins Advancement of an Integrated Approach to Sustainability Award

For details, click [HERE](#).

Human Development Council has launched a housing blitz entitled “In From the Cold”

Read more about the campaign [HERE](#).

Council approves rezoning applications for residential developments in Millidgeville and South End

Click [HERE](#) for details.

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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 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.

