



SAINT JOHN

What's Happening Saint John

February 9, 2022

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

Snow, snow, and more snow!

January certainly came in like a lion and it hasn't stopped since! As always, the City has been working hard to keep our streets, sidewalks and public areas clear of snow, and safe for residents. City departments continue to use to coordinated effort to storm response, often seven days per week, 24 hours per day.



There have been **six** storm events so far in the 2021-2022 winter season:

- Two of the six snowstorms have been more severe than any storms in the previous three winters
- There have been **10** overnight parking bans called so far
- Over **1,500** truck loads of snow have been removed from Saint John streets in the past week alone. This is approximately half the amount of snow that is removed during an entire average winter season!
- **100 cm** of snow fell in January 2022 in Saint John. In January 2015, the year of "Snowmagedon," 135 cm of snow fell that month. We're not far off!

The City's Customer Service Team has been busy answering calls and engaging with the public. They have received 731 snow-related service requests since January 1, in addition to the significant number of storm emails and calls they have received that don't require service.

The City has issued 12 storm-related public news releases, 36 social media posts, and coordinated four radio interviews in response to the storms.

City launches telephone survey around transportation needs in Saint John

A City-sponsored phone survey has begun to gather input from Saint John residents on community needs with regards to modes of transportation within the city. The survey results will help to support decisions related to transportation infrastructure investments, sustainable development, and healthy communities.

The survey will run from February 8-15. All residents and businesses are encouraged to have their say and participate in the survey if contacted.



Canadian Armed Forces tested their navigation skills in Rockwood Park

On Sunday, February 6, members of the Canadian Armed Forces tackled the trails of Rockwood Park near the Fisher Lakes area for cold weather navigation skills training. The exercise provided local reservists with an opportunity to train outdoors in challenging winter conditions and put their orienteering skills to the test. The exercise involved approximately 16 personnel from the Third Field Artillery Regiment and centred around map and compass navigation combined with testing winter survival skills. For details click [HERE](#).

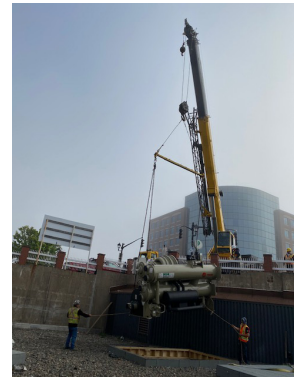


Mayor showcases City's climate change efforts as guest speaker at federal event

Mayor Donna Reardon recently participated as a guest speaker at an Environment and Climate Change Canada online event after Saint John was chosen as a success story in developing projects through the federal government's Low Carbon Economy Fund (LCEF). The event was held to announce this year's funding to other jurisdictions in Canada.

"As a coastal city, Saint John is acutely aware of the effects of climate change, especially rising sea levels, flooding, and unpredictable weather," said Mayor Reardon during the event. "The Saint John District Energy System Project and the Municipal Buildings Deep Energy Retrofit Project, funded through the Low Carbon Economy Fund, are an important part of our commitment to net-zero emissions by 2050 and environmental stewardship."

In 2018 the City received partial funding for two environmental projects after applying for federal support under Saint John's Climate Change Action Plan. Since 2019, the Municipal Buildings Deep Energy Retrofit project has led to energy audits of more than 80% of the City's building portfolio, more than \$1 million in infrastructure investments, 645 tonnes of CO2 eliminated as well as over \$150,000 annual energy savings.



Phase one of the Saint John District Energy System Project is underway and once complete, several buildings in the Uptown core will have their heating and cooling needs run through this system. This investment has already seen 256 tonnes of CO2 eliminated from the atmosphere and \$84,000 in energy savings.

Both projects are on track to be completed by end of March 2024. Funding from the LCEF has allowed the City to be strategically positioned to accomplish long-term transformational energy changes in Saint John.

Ethnocultural Support Program receiving plenty of interest

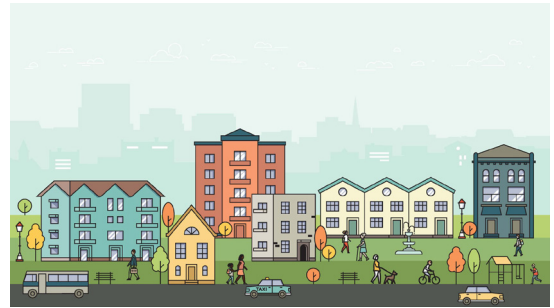
The City of Saint John Ethnocultural Support Program continues to receive a great deal of interest. To date, Latin American group RED LATIN Inc. has successfully incorporated, while Indigenous group Eastern Circle is working through the application process with the assistance of City staff. Local associations from Nigeria, Philippines and Mauritius are also in the process of filling out application forms. Applications and information can be found [HERE](#).

Black History Month marked at City Hall

On February 1, Mayor Reardon and Ralph Thomas, co-founder of the Black Historical Society of New Brunswick, raised the Pan-African flag at City Hall in honour of Black History Month.

Saint John Affordable Housing Action Plan begins engaging community

As part of a first step in the public engagement process, the Saint John Affordable Housing Action Plan held a successful focus group on January 31 that brought together a select number of community stakeholders to discuss emerging needs and priorities. The focus groups also provided important insight into potential strategies for addressing these issues. More details about the Affordable Housing Action Plan can be found [HERE](#).



Fundy Winterfest in full swing!

Fundy Winterfest 2022 kicked off on February 1 and will continue until March 13. A wide range of activities are planned throughout the region this year. Information about events and activities can be found on the Fundy Winterfest Facebook page, [HERE](#).

City supports Bell Let's Talk Day

On January 26, Mayor Reardon raised the Bell Let's Talk flag at City Hall. The City of Saint John encourages staff and residents to join the conversation on mental health. Visit www.bellletstalk.ca for more information. Let's keep talking.



New Envision Saint John Regional Growth dashboard now available

Envision Saint John has launched a new feature on their website that provides up-to-date statistics around regional growth and tourism. View the dashboard [HERE](#).

Upcoming Saint John Early Music Studio concert partially funded by Community Arts Board small grants program

Saint John's Early Music Studio is celebrating their 15th season and on Wednesday, February 9 they performed a noon-hour Midwinter Mozart concert at the Saint John Arts Centre. The performance featured violinist Danielle Sametz and pianist Tim Blackmore. All performance are open to the public with proof of vaccination and masks required. Further details and upcoming noon-hour concert dates are available [HERE](#).

Community Arts Board spring and summer grants applications open this week

The Community Arts Board will be accepting applications for their Spring and Summer grant funding beginning Tuesday, February 8. These small grants allow non-profit organizations working with artists to create events, projects, and or festivals within the City of Saint John. Any organizations wishing to apply can email Kate Wilcott (kate.wilcott@saintjohn.ca), Arts and Culture Coordinator, for more information. The application deadline is March 18, 2022.

New Brunswick Law Society to honour Dr. Abraham Beverley Walker

On February 16 the New Brunswick Law Society in conjunction with the New Brunswick Black History Society and PRUDE will be unveiling a memorial tablet in honour of the first Canadian-born Black lawyer, Dr. Abraham Beverley Walker. The unveiling will take place at the Saint John Law Courts at 11:00 a.m. To learn more about Dr. Walker, click [HERE](#).



Growth At A Glance

As of January 31, the One Stop Development Shop received **28** building related permit applications with a value of **\$1.2 million**.

Two previous development projects have reached an exciting milestone! 29 Canterbury Street and 95 Wentworth Street now have tenants moving in! Both uptown residential development projects are now nearing full occupancy.



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!



Stories To Share

A day in the life of a City of Saint John plow operator. Saint John plow driver Josh Lee provided his perspective on what it's like to drive a plow during winter storms. Listen [HERE](#).

Barbour's General Store damaged by fire. Click [HERE](#).

According to research by Turner Drake and Partners, the Saint John office vacancy rate sits at 17.8 per cent, up 1.08 percentage points. For the full Atlantic Canada report, click [HERE](#).

Emergency "Out of the Cold" shelter set up at The Stone Church. The shelter is open seven nights per week, offers ten beds, and is open to homeless men and women. To listen to the Information Morning interview, click [HERE](#).



Don't Forget!



Shape Your City Saint John

The City wants to hear from you on key projects and plans. Visit the new public engagement platform, shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca and let your voice be heard!

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](#).

Winter storm parking bans

To find out whether an overnight parking ban has been declared for your area, follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), visit www.saintjohn.ca or call the City's automated line at 658-4040.

It's time to nominate your Snow Angels! To nominate someone who goes that extra mile to help during the winter months, click [HERE](#).



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.

