



SAINT JOHN

What's Happening Saint John

March 24, 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

COVID-19 operational changes to municipal facilities and services

On Monday, March 14, in accordance with the Province of New Brunswick's [announcement](#) that all remaining mandatory COVID-19 measures would be lifted, as well as guidance on a variety of other items related to COVID-19, the City announced the following changes to operational requirements:

Masks are no longer required at public facilities owned and operated by the City.

Facilities operated by third parties such as the Canada Games Aquatic Centre, TD Station, and community centres will provide their own direction and updates to the public.

Masks are not required on Saint John Transit buses.

All Common Council and Committee meetings will return to in-person attendance. The option to attend virtually will still be provided.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the City has remained committed to the health and safety of its employees, of visitors to our workplaces and members of the public.

While masks are no longer required in our facilities, mask usage should still be viewed as an excellent safety precaution due to the level of community transmission.

We remind the public to be considerate and supportive of anyone who chooses to continue wearing a mask or practice any other precautions related to COVID-19. These measures are a personal choice and must be respected.

Fundy Quay development project has launched on Shape Your City Saint John

As preparation and planning for the exciting changes coming to Fundy Quay and Market Slip sites continue, the City has launched a project page on Shape Your City Saint John. The page provides residents with an overview of the project including many of the exciting highlights and features that will be part of the redesigned waterfront. The page will be updated as the project continues to move forward. Visit the page [HERE](#).



Help spread the word - The City is now hiring for summer positions

There are several positions available with varying start dates including special event coordinators, playground program supervisors, Rockwood Park Interpretation Centre staff, and more.

Anyone interested is encouraged to apply, and can do so through the City of Saint John website [HERE](#).

City seeks public input on the creation of a ridesharing by-law

The City is looking for your input into the creation of a by-law for ridesharing companies on the City's public engagement platform, Shape Your City Saint John.

The Province of New Brunswick has passed legislation that sets standards for licensing and regulations for ridesharing companies within the Province. Under this legislation, the City of Saint John must create its own by-law for ridesharing companies to operate in our community.

Residents are encouraged to visit the online project site to learn more and provide feedback by taking a short survey.

Have you used ridesharing services before? What was your experience? Do you have concerns about ridesharing companies operating in Saint John? Take the survey and let us know.

The survey will be open from March 24 – April 6, 2022. Visit www.shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca to learn more.

City of Saint John now accepting applications for summer sport facility bookings

The City of Saint John is accepting applications for sport field, arena floor and court facility bookings for the summer 2022 season.

Sport fields: May 20 – September 5, 2022
Arena floors: May 20 – September 19, 2022
Courts: May 20 – September 5, 2022 (weather dependent)

Applications and more information can be found [HERE](#).

Once completed, applications can be sent to jen.reed@saintjohn.ca. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, March 29, 2022.



Saint John Fire Department is actively recruiting holiday relief firefighters

The Saint John Fire Department (SJFD) is currently recruiting holiday relief firefighters with a diverse range of skills, backgrounds, and experiences who will contribute to the success of our team. The SJFD is an inclusive, respectful, and equitable workplace that represents the communities they serve. A focus on diversity in the fire service supports Common Council's priority of *Belong* and recognizes that diversity creates an important environment that promotes inclusion. The SJFD continues to work hard to establish a team that represents the entire Saint John community.

The SJFD strives to promote employment opportunities and education about the profession of firefighting to diverse demographics throughout the city. The department recently participated in the YMCA newcomer fire prevention initiative as well as the Saint John Newcomers Centre employment week. These outreach opportunities allow the SJFD to connect with, promote, and educate community members on the services provided by both the City and the Saint John Fire Department.



The application deadline is April 19. To apply, visit the City of Saint John website [HERE](#).

Saint John Energy installs EV charging stations at TD Station and Market Square Parking Garage

Saint John Energy recently announced the installation of eight additional electric vehicle (EV) charging stations throughout the City, including at TD Station and the Market Square Parking Garage. Each station is equipped with two dedicated parking stalls and two charging ports with separate connectors. The EV stations are owned and serviced by Saint John Energy and are now available for public use. For more information, click [HERE](#).

Lily Lake ice surface closed for the season

With the continued fluctuating temperatures we've experienced, and the arrival of spring, the skating surface at Lily Lake is now closed for the season.

The City was happy to provide the ice surface for recreational use this season, and saw many people enjoy the space with family and friends. This year the surface was open for a total of seven weeks, more than doubling the skating season of last winter.

We encourage everyone to get outside, stay active and enjoy the many natural assets around the City and in Rockwood Park this spring. Visit saintjohn.ca to explore our beautiful parks and public spaces.



Updates to City Market's Charlotte Street entrance continue

Renovations to the Charlotte Street entrance to the City Market continue. A beautifully crafted new door built by the City's Carpentry Shop was recently installed and work on the HVAC system, lighting and ceiling are expected to be completed by the end of March. The Market remains open for regular business hours while the work is underway.



Recent City Market events a success

The City Market has been busy hosting events to attract visitors and residents. During the week of March break, they hosted Staycation at the City Market. The event included decorations, music, art, and specials offered by various vendors, culminating with a final day that included a DJ, pop-up vendors and prize draws. Vendors reported strong sales as a result of the week's activities.

Following on the heels of the March break Staycation promotion, the City Market also hosted a St. Patrick's Day event that included extended hours, live musicians, and vendor specials.

Follow the City Market on [Facebook](#) to stay up to date on events and specials.

Final call for applications for the Ethnocultural Support Program

The City is issuing a final call for applications for the City's Ethnocultural Support Program. Funding for the program will be announced and distributed before the end of March. Applications can be found on the City's website [HERE](#).

Growth and Community Services continues to work with community members from Nigeria, Brazil, the Philippines, Europe, Latin America, local Indigenous groups and others who are looking to develop an ethnocultural group in Saint John. It is anticipated that between eight and ten ethnocultural groups will become incorporated through this grant opportunity.



Growth At A Glance

So far in March, the One Stop Development Shop has received 17 building related permit applications with a value of \$20 million. Year to date, 74 permit applications have been received with a value of \$23.3 million.

There were two high value building permit applications in March:

- 408 Mill Road, \$4.2 million – Construction of a large retaining wall.
- 399 Burchill Road, \$15 million – Construction of 10 wind turbine foundations.



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

City gets protected bike lanes as part of new plan this summer. Read [HERE](#).

City's civic commemoration committee will chart new course. Listen [HERE](#).

Atlantic Canada Premiers to discuss possibility of permanent daylight time. Click [HERE](#).

Hundreds of Saint John businesses opt to maintain some COVID-19 measures, survey finds. Read [HERE](#).

East Coast Lifestyle confirm they will open a shop in the AREA 506 container village. More [HERE](#).

Saint John Energy has added eight electric vehicle charging stations across Saint John. More [HERE](#).



Don't Forget!



Ridesharing By-law survey is on Shape Your City Saint John!

We want to hear from you on the City's ridesharing by-law. Visit the public engagement platform, shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca and let your voice be heard!

Report those potholes!

Residents are encouraged to report potholes using the online reporting form on the City's website [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.

