



SAINT JOHN

What's Happening Saint John

April 21, 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

Residents are invited to participate in affordable housing virtual town hall engagement sessions

Consider yourself invited! The City will be hosting town hall engagement sessions for the Affordable Housing Action Plan. Residents are encouraged to join in the discussion and provide input that will help identify the actions needed to guide the community's response to maintain and create safe, suitable, and affordable housing options for all.

The Affordable Housing Action Plan launched in August 2021 and is a two-year collaborative project between non-profit affordable housing partners, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Government of New Brunswick, and the City.

Initial findings of the Housing Needs Assessment will be presented followed by a targeted discussion with community members.

Town halls are still available to attend virtually on the following dates:

Thursday, April 21 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, April 22 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Registration is required, please register by visiting www.shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca and fill out the quick poll or by sending an email to affordable@saintjohn.ca with your name and preferred meeting date.

Residential Parking Permits now available through HotSpot for May 2022- April 2023

In an effort to make purchasing residential parking permits as simple and convenient as possible, the City has once again partnered with HotSpot for the upcoming year. Residents are able to manage and purchase their annual residential parking permits directly through the Hotspot website or app. Residents need to reapply each year for a permit and resubmit digital copies of proof of residency to complete the application.

By using the HotSpot system residents are not required to have a hanging tag in their vehicle and parking enforcement is done by simply scanning the license plate.

Visit the City's website to learn more about residential parking permits at www.saintjohn.ca and get answers to frequently asked questions. Residents can purchase their parking permit by visiting www.htsp.ca.

Saint John City Market is seeking public input on its 10-year strategic plan

The City Market 10-year strategic plan is well underway, and the public is being asked to provide their input and feedback through the City's public engagement platform, Shape Your City Saint John. The City Market has been a vital piece of the uptown core since 1876 and the strategic plan will help to guide its operations and development and support the community over the next 10 years.



We want to hear from you! Tell us your thoughts on the future direction of the City Market by visiting the online project site to fill out the survey and submit your big ideas. As the plan develops the City will provide updates and more opportunities for the public to get involved and provide feedback.

The deadline to participate in the survey is May 10, 2022. Visit www.shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca to learn more.

Saint John continues to see substantial growth in development

The City has continued to experience impressive growth so far in 2022. A significant increase in the value of construction projects and the number of residential units highlights the work being done to promote and facilitate growth in Saint John! View the Growth at a Glance infographic [HERE](#).



Winter recreation facilities had a strong and successful 2021-2022 season

The numbers are in, and according to the updated statistics, our recreational facilities were well-used this winter! While the overall number of user groups decreased compared to the previous winter, the actual usage rate increased, even with modified hours of 12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Highlights include:

- Daily average usage rate for all three arenas: 91% (this includes public skating)
- Youth are the highest percentage user at: 90%
- Seasonal user groups: 30
 - Youth: 20
 - Adult: 9
 - Senior: 1
- Total users for the season: 1,691
 - Saint John residents: 61%
 - Non-residents: 39%
 - Youth participants: 1,304
 - Senior participants: 41
 - Adult participants: 346

Early summer field bookings indicate 2022 is shaping up to be a strong year with total usage hours to date already increasing over last year:

- Total number of hours used each week at city sport facilities: 395

Senior Spring Fest brings local seniors together once again

The annual Senior Spring Fest took place on Thursday, April 7 at Exhibition Park. The event, which is partially supported by the City is a way for local seniors to get together to enjoy each other's company, along with laughs and fun. The event included musical entertainment by Del and Friends, Bobby's Hospice pop-up shop, lots of dancing, a luncheon, a 50/50 draw, door prizes and bingo. Fun was had by all who attended!



Successful local event raises money for Ukraine

The newly formed Ukrainian Association of Saint John held a very successful fundraiser on Saturday, April 9. The event took place at the Jervis Bay Legion and drew close to 700 people. In total, approximately \$22,000 was raised to go towards medical supplies and essentials. Learn more [HERE](#).

Fireworks planned to celebrate the return of cruise ships to our port!

On April 28, the first cruise ship will arrive on the waterfront in almost two years, and Port Saint John will be celebrating! With the ship scheduled to arrive at approximately 9:20 p.m., passengers will be welcomed with a fanfare of fireworks! For full details on the cruise ship season schedule, click [HERE](#).

Earth Day activities will be taking place in Rockwood Park

Earth Day is on Friday, April 22, but Rockwood Park is extending the celebration into the weekend! Residents are invited to head to the park on Saturday, April 23 to join in some fun activities including guided forest walks, pony walks, bird feeder crafts, a self-guided nature scavenger hunt and outdoor yoga. For more details, visit the [Rockwood Park Facebook page](#).



Easter at the City Market event a success!

On Saturday, April 16 the City Market hosted a public Easter event that included activities for families, special pop-up vendors including a Chocolatier, designer Easter cookies, and fudge. An Easter egg scavenger hunt, puppet shows, and a special visit by the Easter bunny highlighted the day.

Reminder: Traffic flow changes now in place on Reversing Falls Bridge

As the province works to make improvements to the Reversing Falls Bridge, changes have been made to temporarily adjust traffic flow in some areas. The left turn from Chesley Drive to Douglas Avenue is now prohibited because of the installation of concrete barriers on either side of the bridge.

With the barriers in place, there is not enough remaining space for the left turn (third) lane from Chesley Drive to Douglas Avenue. Permitting left turns for all traffic in the remaining single eastbound lane would significantly back up traffic over the bridge. Only "authorized vehicles" can turn left at this location; these include emergency vehicles, Saint John Transit buses, and school buses. Signs have been installed to notify motorists of the changes.



Growth At A Glance

So far in April, the One Stop Development Shop has received **13** building related permit applications with a value of **\$943,000**.

Year to date the City has received **119** permit applications with a value of **\$40.1 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!



Stories To Share

\$36M worth of building permit applications submitted in March. Click [HERE](#).

City of Saint John Growth Committee heard Affordable Housing Action Plan update. Read more [HERE](#).

Consultations begin on Saint John City Market revamp. Click [HERE](#).

Saint John ride-share bylaw gets support, but obstacles remain. Read [HERE](#).

Saint John Energy's Burchill Wind Energy Project is on track to be operational in late 2022. Read more on the project [HERE](#).

Marigolds and Murals to celebrate 25th anniversary. Click [HERE](#).

City considers extending sidewalk cafe rebate initiative. Find out more [HERE](#).

NBEMO reminds residents to keep their distance from waterways. Read [HERE](#).

Higher asphalt prices could impact summer roadwork. Click [HERE](#).



Don't Forget!



Updates on the Fundy Quay development

Information about the Fundy Quay development are now posted on our public engagement platform. Visit shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca to learn more!

Summer employment opportunities!

We're hiring for summer employment! Visit the City's website [HERE](#) for more details.

Report those potholes!

Residents are encouraged to report potholes using the online reporting form on the City's website [HERE](#).

Harbour Bridge construction

Work continues on the Harbour Bridge rehabilitation project. For information and updates visit the Government of New Brunswick website [HERE](#).

Have a large, bulky item that needs to be disposed of?

Residential collection customers can arrange to have it picked up by the city at no cost. For information click [HERE](#).

Did you know?

The City provides an easy and convenient way for City-issued parking ticket payments to be processed online. Payments can be made directly through the website, in addition to regular mail, by phone at 658-4455 or in person at the Customer Service Centre. For more information, click [HERE](#).

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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.

