



SAINT JOHN

What's Happening Saint John

April 6, 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

Saint John Parking has launched a trial of new HotSpot QR code payment method

The City of Saint John has re-opened 13 parking spaces at the top of King Street for the public to use while enjoying the Uptown core. These spaces will be the first to trial the new HotSpot QR code payment method.

A HotSpot sign has been installed at the location showing a QR code that allows users to make secure payments for parking via the HotSpot website, with no app required. Users simply scan the QR code on the sign with their mobile phone to be directed to the website allowing them pay safely and securely by credit card.

For anyone who already uses the HotSpot app or wishes to download it, a four-digit number will be displayed on the sign to automatically process payment.



Alternate payment options remain available across the street. For more information, visit www.saintjohn.ca

Shape Your City Saint John launched a new engagement opportunity to gather input on creation of ridesharing by-law

The City is looking for 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 about their experiences with using ridesharing companies and any concerns they may have.

The survey will be open until April 6, 2022. Visit www.shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca to learn more.

Exciting renovations to the Shoppes of City Hall pedway began on Monday April 4

On Monday April 4, the Fundy Harbour Group, owners of the building, began extensive renovations to the mall level of the Shoppes of City Hall pedway. The project is expected to take four to six months and will be completed in two phases.

Access to City Hall and all businesses in the pedway will remain open throughout the renovation. The pedway will continue to be accessible and elevators and escalators will continue to operate as usual. Signage will be in place and any necessary safety precautions in public areas will be taken as needed. The City of Saint John Customer Service Centre can be accessed using the exterior street level doors at the front of the building or the elevator located in the Shoppes of City Hall pedway.

The City thanks the public for their attention and understanding as these exciting upgrades take shape! We also thank the owners of the building for investing heavily in this renewed space.

Accessible crosswalk on Churchill Boulevard now complete

Upgrades to a signalized crosswalk with audible messaging (Accessible Pedestrian System) on Churchill Boulevard leading to the YMCA of Greater Saint John are now complete and available for use. This is the first of many traffic safety improvement initiatives planned by the City for 2022.

Reminder: Tips for safer sidewalk and crosswalk use

With the weather getting warmer and more Saint John residents out walking along sidewalks, crosswalks, and trails the City is reminding the community about the importance of walking safely. A [Safe Walking Techniques](#) brochure is available on the City's website and while tailored for school children it has important tips for all pedestrians.

Saint John Fire Department continue recruitment for holiday relief firefighters

The Saint John Fire Department (SJFD) is currently recruiting holiday relief firefighters with a diverse range of skills, background, and experience to contribute to the high standard of fire services delivered in Saint John.

To engage with and encourage community members to consider a profession in firefighting, SJFD will be offering a virtual information session about the department, the recruitment process, and the training options available. "The SJFD is an inclusive, respectful, and equitable workplace that represents the communities we serve, focusing on diversity in the fire service," says Fire Chief Kevin Clifford. "We recognize the importance of diversity and continue to work hard to establish a team that represents the entire Saint John community."



Saint John's Fire Service has been operating since 1786, providing essential services including Fire Rescue and Suppression, Technical Rescue, Hazardous Materials Emergency Response, Fire Prevention, Fire Investigation, and Medical First Response to the community of Saint John and surrounding areas.

The virtual information session will be held at 12:00 p.m. on April 7, 2022 and will provide further details and an opportunity to ask questions about the process and profession. Anyone interested can register by emailing fire@saintjohn.ca. The deadline to apply is April 19. Applications can be submitted on the City of Saint John website [HERE](#).

Summer of 2022 events are coming!

The City has steadily been receiving applications for special events that are tentatively scheduled to take place this summer. These include everything from competitive sporting events, tournaments and recreational events to cultural celebrations and large-scale community festivals. Several applications are still being processed, but tentatively to date, the following are being organized:

- Port City Beer Run & Brew Fest
- East Coast Games
- Shriners Parade
- Freedom of the City
- Memorial Cup Street Party
- Rockwood Park Triathlon by the Bay
- Marathon by the Sea presents Bay of Fundy 30km
- Area 506
- Third Shift
- Fundy Fringe Festival



Ethnocultural Support Program a great success

This year the City's Ethnocultural Support Program was a great success, providing financial support to 10 local groups to assist with incorporation and marketing efforts. Ten groups became incorporated with help from the program and two groups were able to achieve some of their marketing goals, for a total of 10 projects.

Groups that completed the incorporation process include Red Latin Inc., Uvlaami Media Inc. (previously Eastern Circle), Mauricians of Saint John Inc., Ukrainian Association of Saint John Inc., Brazilian Association of Saint John Inc., Europeans of Greater Saint John Inc., Kenyans of Saint John Inc., Filipino Association of New Brunswick Inc., and Association FUN D'Y VIVRE Inc.

Funding for marketing support went to the Nigerian Canadian Association of New Brunswick and Red Latin Inc. for website development and Association FUN D'Y VIVRE Inc. for the creation of a logo.

The City's work with local ethnocultural groups is leading the way for municipal governments in New Brunswick, empowering equity, diversity, and inclusion in our community. The number of groups in our region seeking our support is an enormous step towards achieving Council's priority of Belong and to becoming one of Canada's most welcoming communities.

The PALS in the Park program has returned

PALS (Partners Assisting Local Schools) in the Park programming has returned to Rockwood Park. The program, which is a partnership between the City of Saint John, Lily Lake Pavilion Inc., and PALS, offers outdoor education and recreation opportunities to local schools free of charge. After being sidelined by the pandemic, schools are now visiting the park five days a week for both indoor and outdoor activities.



For more information on the PALS program, visit their Facebook page [HERE](#).



Growth At A Glance

In March, 41 building related permit applications were received with a value of \$35.9 million and year to date they have received 98 permit applications with a value of \$39.2 million.

There were three high value building permit applications in March:

- 408 Mill Road \$4.2 million – Construction of a large retaining wall
- 399 Burchill Road \$15.0 million – Construction of 10 wind turbine foundations
- 80 Technology Drive \$14.75 million – Construction of an 87-unit apartment building



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

Province providing online updates to the Harbour Bridge rehabilitation project. Click [HERE](#)

PALS program celebrates their 20th anniversary. Watch the video [HERE](#).

Saint John's Deputy Police Chief Retires. Click [HERE](#).

Saint John Chamber hosts luncheon with Provincial Finance Minister Ernie Steeves. Click [HERE](#).

Area 506 festival line up announced. For details, 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](#).



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.

