



SAINT JOHN

# What's Happening Saint John

May 19, 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 Council sets priorities for accelerating growth**

Saint John Common Council endorsed eight key priorities for accelerating growth across the City at a special meeting on May 18 to mark the City's birthday and set a path forward for continued prosperity.

"City Council is optimistic about the future of Saint John. We are committed to working across governments and sectors to unlock and realize the City's growth potential," said City of Saint John Mayor Donna Noade Reardon. "This work will help secure a bright future that enhances Saint John as a destination for people to live, work and play."

The eight items – including four infrastructure projects and four advocacy efforts – will focus City resources on actions that have the greatest potential to accelerate growth. In addition, the priorities help focus the City's work with the federal and provincial governments on key investments and actions.

For more information click [HERE](#).

### **City of Saint John 2021 Civic Award recipients recognized**

The City held its Civic Recognition Awards on May 18 as Mayor Donna Reardon presented this year's deserving recipients with their commemorative certificates. The Civic Awards recognize outstanding contributions and achievements by residents and groups who make a substantial impact on our city. This year's celebration acknowledged those who brought positive recognition to Saint John in 2021.

"The Civic Awards allow us to celebrate the amazing individuals, businesses and organizations that do extraordinary work in the community and make Saint John an even better place to live," says Mayor Donna Reardon. "This year's recipients are a wonderful example of the passion and pride our residents have for the city by making significant contributions to their community. Their efforts create a positive energy and promote a sense of caring within the city they call home."

2021 award recipients:

Shirley McAlary – Citizen of the year

Alex Ash – Council Commendation

Derek Chaisson – Council Commendation

Hazel Clarke - Council Commendation

Paul McDade - Council Commendation



Congratulations to all the recipients for their hard work in shining a positive light on our city!

### **Public invited to offer feedback on Rockwood Park Redevelopment Phase III**

Two public information sessions for phase three of the Rockwood Park Redevelopment Project will be held on May 26, 2022 at the Rockwood Park Interpretive Centre, located just north of the Duck Pond along Fisher Lakes Drive in Rockwood Park.

Residents are encouraged to attend either session if interested, no registration is required. There will be an afternoon session held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and an evening session held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Representatives from the City of Saint John and the design team (GEMTEC Consulting Engineers and Scientists Limited and Glenn Group Limited) will be in attendance.

The purpose of these open house sessions is to present preliminary concepts and designs to the public for this park revitalization project to and receive public feedback.

If you have any questions, comments, or would like to receive additional information, please email [marco.sivitilli@gemtec.ca](mailto:marco.sivitilli@gemtec.ca).

### **Temporary evening closure to the Shoppes of City Hall pedway**

The Shoppes of City Hall pedway (Chipman Hill and St. Patrick Street entrance) now have temporary changes to hours, and will close from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday until further notice. The Fundy Harbour Group has begun extensive renovations to the mall level of the Shoppes of City Hall pedway, and the evening closure will accommodate work that needs to be completed in the public areas.

Access to City Hall and all businesses in the pedway will remain open and accessible during regular business hours during this temporary adjustment and the pedway will return to regular hours in time for the Memorial Cup. 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 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

We thank the public for their attention and understanding as these exciting upgrades take shape!

### **Annual Dominion Park spring clean-up a success!**

Members of the community came together on Saturday, May 14 to help spruce up Dominion Park and get it ready for summer. With some hard work, the community got the park in tip top shape for everyone to enjoy. The Dominion Park Revitalization page has been published on [Shape Your City Saint John](#) and will be updated as plans for exciting changes to the park get underway. Stay tuned for more updates!



### **Pothole blitz is well underway across the City**

After a difficult winter, including severe freeze and thaw cycles impacting City streets, City crews have been working hard repairing potholes, cleaning streets and getting our neighbourhoods and roads ready for the approaching warmer months. So far this spring, crews have filled over 600 potholes with permanent hot mix asphalt! Work will continue over the coming weeks.

### **Land for Public Purpose (LPP) applications are now being accepted for community recreation projects**

The City's Land for Public Purpose (LPP) Trust Fund helps financially support community-led recreation projects on public lands. Funding is available to community groups within the City of Saint John whose new project aims to develop a public space for recreational enjoyment and use.

The LPP policy was recently updated after presentations to Growth Committee and Common Council. The funding limit at both the community and neighbourhood levels has increased to make the fund more responsive to the needs of the community. Clarification has also been provided around allowing for public lands to be used for LPP projects where appropriate.

Applications are now processed annually and must be submitted by May 30, 2022. Find the application form and policies [HERE](#) (see related documents).

### **Saint John Energy propelling community to net zero**

Saint John Energy is advancing a new era of green energy in New Brunswick with its newest offering: Renewable Energy Certificates. Known as RECs, the internationally recognized certificates help energy buyers achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by certifying that they are buying electricity from a renewable source. With the Burchill Wind Project, Saint John Energy will have enough green electricity to offer up to 150,000 RECs a year.

This will allow both Saint John Energy and the City of Saint John to certify all their corporate electricity supply as being from renewable energy while still leaving an abundant supply for others in the city looking for green electricity.

"This is a proud moment for the City of Saint John, as we take the next big step to achieve our ambitious Climate Change Action Plan goals and remain a benchmark for municipalities across Canada. As the world evolves to a low carbon economy, sustainability through innovation is a must have for our organization and community. I would like to congratulate Saint John Energy, our City team, and community partners for their efforts in reaching this milestone." - Mayor Donna Reardon, City of Saint John

Read the full press release [HERE](#).

Learn more about Saint John Energy's RECs [HERE](#).

### **Green Machine available to book for neighbourhood clean-ups**

The City is pleased to offer its Green Machine to residents again this spring and summer! Designed to help residents keep our community clean, the 14 foot trailer provides groups with a free mobile toolkit packed with all the equipment and supplies needed to support clean-up initiatives in parks and public spaces.



Many community groups have been busy so far this spring cleaning up their neighbourhoods, and the City thanks all those who continue to work together to keep Saint John looking its best.

To book the Green Machine for your neighbourhood clean-up, complete the online registration form by visiting [www.saintjohn.ca](http://www.saintjohn.ca).



## Growth At A Glance

So far in May, the One Stop Development Shop has received **35** building-related permit applications with a construction value of **\$2.9 million**.

Year to date, we have received **251** permit applications with a construction value of **\$54.1 million**.

There has been one high value building permit application so far in May:

- 930 Old Black River Road, \$1.9 million – Saint John Regional Correctional Centre upgrades



## 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

Council endorses eight key priorities for accelerating growth. Click [HERE](#).

Deputy Mayor says construction not slowing down. More [HERE](#).

Swoop touches Down in Saint John. Read [HERE](#).

Optimism for upcoming NB tourism season. More [HERE](#).

East Coast Games return after two-year hiatus. Click [HERE](#).

'Bash on the Bay' Memorial Cup concerts unveiled. Read [HERE](#).

Barriers being relocated along Harbour Bridge. Read [HERE](#).

Irving Oil cutting Saint John refinery greenhouse gas emissions as part of 30-million turnaround. Read more [HERE](#).



**Don't Forget!**

**Residential parking permits available online**

Residents of the South Central Peninsula are now able to apply for residential parking permits for May 2022 – April 2023. Visit the City's website [HERE](#) for more details.

**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](mailto: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.

