



SAINT JOHN

What's Happening Saint John

May 5, 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

Exciting updates on the Fundy Quay Development Project

As details continue to be confirmed around the construction taking place along the Saint John waterfront, the City and its partners have provided more updates.

Speaking to media last week while showcasing the newly installed project banners along Water Street, Brent McGovern and Jeff Cyr (Envision Saint John) described the exciting features the new development will include and provided an update on the current demolition and site preparation.



The new colourful banners featuring design renderings and a QR code linking to the project page were installed in time for the first cruise ship arrival. Additional banners will continue to be added to the fence at the intersection of King Street and Water Street in the coming weeks. Table tent cards with information about the project have been distributed to restaurants around the area to keep customers informed.

You can view some of the news coverage here: [CBC](#) and [CTV](#)

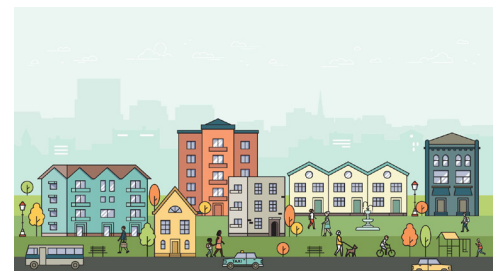
Learn more about the project at www.shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca

Affordable Housing Action Plan survey now open for public engagement

The City is seeking public input on the Affordable Housing Action Plan through an online survey on Shape Your City Saint John. The survey is designed to gather feedback on housing issues in Saint John and will be open for feedback until May 20, 2022. The survey takes 10 minutes to complete. Information gathered will help to shape Saint John's Affordable Housing Action Plan.

More information can be found by visiting www.shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca, including a summary of the initial findings of the Housing Needs Assessment.

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 of Saint John.



Saint John Fire Department provides training course for City of Moncton firefighters

The Saint John Fire Department recently conducted a Hazardous Materials Technician's course on behalf of NBCC for the City of Moncton. The course, which was developed as part of the overall provincial hazardous materials response program, trained 16 Moncton firefighters to the NFPA 1072, Standard for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications, Technician Level.



The Saint John Fire Department has operated the Hazardous Material Regional Unit for many years under contract with the Office of the Fire Marshal of New Brunswick and is proud to be sharing its expertise and experience with other departments in the province to enhance public safety.

City receives Heritage Canada funding grant

The City of Saint John received a grant of \$37,500 through Heritage Canada and the Celebrate Canada program. These funds will be used to support community events to recognize National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, Canadian Multiculturalism Day on June 27, and Canada Day on July 1.

More details on the events planned for these occasions will be shared on the City's Calendar of Events on www.saintjohn.ca in the weeks to come.

Free overnight parking on weekends returns to Saint John's uptown entertainment district

Supporting local just got easier; come uptown to enjoy a night out knowing you can leave your vehicle until the next morning if needed.

The City is pleased to offer free overnight parking on weekends between May 1 and October 31 within the entertainment district uptown. All metered parking spots and all City parking lots (excluding the Market Square and Peel Plaza Parking Garages) will be available for free overnight parking on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights from midnight to 7:00 a.m. The entertainment district defined in Schedule I-1 of the Traffic By-Law, generally speaking, is the area bounded by Water Street & Charlotte Street, from King Street to Duke Street.

All daytime parking rules apply as usual from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Celebrating the return of cruise ships to our port!

On April 28, the first cruise ship arrived in Saint John harbour for the first time in almost two years! The upcoming cruise season will see 70 ships docking in Saint John from now until early November. For the full ship schedule, click [HERE](#).



List of summer events continues to grow!

The City has steadily been receiving applications for special events 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 21 events are being organized:

- Queen Square Farmers Market
- Inspire Festival
- Port City Beer Run & Brew Fest
- East Coast Games
- Rompin' Rockwood Ultra Trail Run
- Shriners Parade
- Freedom of the City
- Memorial Cup Street Party
- Rockwood Park Triathlon by the Bay
- Loyalist City Shakespeare Fest
- Saint John Contemporary Dance Festival
- Marathon by the Sea presents Bay of Fundy 30km
- Area 506
- Velo NB Bike Race
- Sculpture Saint John
- Third Shift
- Fundy Fringe Festival
- Moonlight Bazaar
- Labour Day Parade and Picnic
- 2022 NB Intermediate Baseball Provincial Championships
- Rides at Rockwood



Growth At A Glance

In April, the One Stop Development Shop received **66** building related permit applications with a value of **\$12.3 million**.

Year to date, we have received **205** permit applications with a value of **\$69.3 million**. There have been two high-value building permit applications in April:

- 44 Whitebone Way, \$1 million – addition to an industrial building
- 21 Dunnett Drive, \$5.2 million – construction of a 24-unit apartment building

Policy updates to the City of Saint John Land for Public Purpose Program (LPP) are moving ahead 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 was also provided to allow for public lands to be used for LPP projects where appropriate.

Growth At A Glance continued...

Saint John is just one of several New Brunswick communities preparing for the arrival of Ukrainians fleeing the war in their home country. On April 20, City staff attended a provincial meeting hosted by Opportunities New Brunswick and the New Brunswick Multicultural Council to receive updates and details to help prepare. Read more [HERE](#).



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

Saint John Energy propelling community to net zero. Read [HERE](#).

Community Foundation awards \$500K in grants. Click [HERE](#).

Interim patio season to benefit boardwalk restaurants. More details [HERE](#).

Saint John passes ridesharing bylaw. Click [HERE](#).

Public asked to weigh in on the Future of Saint John City Market. Read more [HERE](#).

Saint John Airport expanding, set to welcome bigger jets and new airline. Read the details [HERE](#).

City of Saint John unveils plan to get rid of its carbon-emitting vehicles. Read [HERE](#).

Coverdale Transitional Housing Project will provide 12 new housing units for women. Listen [HERE](#).

Rockwood Park mountain bike trails featured in Explore Magazine. Read [HERE](#).

The average home price in Saint John has exceeded \$300,000. Click [HERE](#).

Earth Day event a success at Rockwood Park. Click [HERE](#).

Saint John welcomes return of cruise ships. Watch [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.

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.

