



SAINT JOHN

# What's Happening Saint John

June 16, 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

### Waste Wise Program details now available on Shape Your City Saint John

Beginning October 2022, following detailed planning, a successful pilot program and extensive community consultation, the City of Saint John will roll out the new Waste Wise Program to all households that currently receive City garbage collection. The Waste Wise program will modernize and enhance the solid waste collection service for all customers by updating how and what the City collects at the curb.



The new municipal Waste Wise Program will include:

Curb-side pick up for recycling.

- Free green and blue bins for the proper separation and collection of recycling.
- A free garbage cart for the majority of households for safe, clean storage and collection.

Maximum allowable garbage:

- limit of one full garbage cart (approximately two large garbage bags)
- limit of two bags per by-weekly collection and one bag per weekly collection (for households that will continue to receive bag collection).
- Additional amounts will require the purchase of bag tags
- Curbside compost is an existing service that will continue to be offered under the new program.
- A bulky items pick-up service is also offered to all customers, by appointment by contacting Customer Service at 658-4455.

The new program is similar to those implemented in other communities, and is designed to benefit residents by providing a convenient way to recycle, extending the life of the regional landfill and helping protect the environment. It also enables the safer, more efficient collection of garbage with new helping-hand technology on the garbage trucks.

The Shape Your City Saint John community engagement website has all of the information related to the Waste Wise Program. On the site, the public can find helpful links, frequently asked questions, and a place to share tips and tricks for recycling and composting. Over the coming weeks and months, the page will be updated regularly to ensure residents have all the information needed to make a smooth and easy transition to the new Program.

To learn more about the new Waste Wise Program, visit [www.shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca](http://www.shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca).

## **Saint John Aquatic Centre Commission requesting public input through an online survey**

The City of Saint John is collaborating with the Saint John Aquatic Centre Commission in developing a plan to improve and revitalize the Canada Games Aquatic Centre. As part of this process, the Commission is seeking public input through an online survey on Shape Your City Saint John. The survey will help inform and identify potential new initiatives, services, regional partnerships, and revenue opportunities that will ensure the facility continues to provide valuable services to the community for years to come.



All those interested are encouraged to take the quick survey by visiting [www.shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca](http://www.shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca).

Paper copies of the survey are available at the Customer Service Centre in City Hall or at the front desk of the Canada Games Aquatic Centre.

The survey will be open for feedback from June 13 – July 3, 2022. To learn more about the Canada Games Aquatic Centre, click [HERE](#).

## **Details announced for City's Transforming Transit Program**

The City of Saint John is transitioning to an emission-free future with an ambitious goal to run all Saint John Transit buses on electricity by 2040. In a presentation to Council on June 13, the "Transforming Transit" plan was outlined, and includes several initiatives that will see comprehensive changes to the City's transit system which will include electric buses added to the fleet as well as an on-demand bus service to be rolled out later this summer. More details around the program will be announced in the coming weeks and months!

## **Freedom of the City ceremony an impressive success**

Mayor Donna Reardon and Members of Common Council were pleased to bestow the Freedom of the City on the Royal Canadian Air Force's 403 Helicopter Operational Training Squadron on Sunday, June 12. The ceremony took place in King's Square and began with a military parade, followed by flypasts of CH-146 Griffon helicopters and a reading of the official proclamation by the Mayor.

The Freedom of the City is the highest honour presented by the City and is granted to a military entity that has a long-standing relationship with a municipality. It is one of the most important distinctions received by a military unit. Click [HERE](#) for details.

## **Reversing Falls signage has been given a facelift**

Residents and visitors will notice some bright and clean new signage at the Reversing Falls site after a much-needed update was completed. New signage includes a main-entrance sign, directional signage to the viewing platform, and interpretive signs that include a QR code linking to the tide schedules. A temporary public restroom has also been installed on the site.



### **Campaign Launch: Saint John is a city where everyone belongs, and newcomers have the skills businesses need**

The Saint John Local Immigration Partnership and the City of Saint John have launched the See My Value campaign, highlighting the value of immigrants as experienced and skilled professionals, dedicated community members and passionate citizens of Saint John. The bus shelter at the bottom of King Street and pedway windows have been fitted with decals for the campaign and several billboards have been installed in various areas around the City. For information about the campaign, visit the website [HERE](#).



### **Planning for Canada Day festivities is underway**

The City of Saint John and AREA 506 have partnered to present a Canada Day Waterfront Festival at the 506 Container Village. The event will be free of charge and open to the public from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m on July 1. Special events and activities include an opening ceremony, face painting, circus performers, arts and crafts stations and Canada Day cake. More details will be announced on the City's [website](#) and through our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.



The City will also be hosting fireworks near Long Wharf, starting at 10:00 p.m. on July 1 (weather permitting).

### **Community prepared for unexpected Ukrainian newcomers**

A welcoming and collaborative group, consisting of representatives from the City of Saint John, Saint John Local Immigration Partnership, New Brunswick Multicultural Council, the Canadian Red Cross, and the Saint John Airport (YSJ) are actively working together to create a process should a Ukrainian newcomer(s) arrive unannounced at YSJ.

While YSJ is not an international airport, and the possibility of this happening is low, the group felt it was important to ensure clear steps are in place. Staff at YSJ have received information and contact numbers, and the Canadian Red Cross will be ready to assist individuals immediately after arrival. Local newcomer settlement service agencies will then be involved to provide further assistance.

### **Fundy Quay banners highlight the future of Saint John's waterfront**

The next time you are walking or driving down Water Street you will see more colourful banners along the Fundy Quay construction site. The City created and installed the banners to highlight and promote the exciting features and designs that will be part of the new waterfront. It's a fantastic way to get a glimpse of what is to come! Visit [shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca](http://shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca) for information about the project.





## Growth At A Glance

So far in June the One Stop Development Shop has received **28** building related permit applications with a value of **\$860,000**.

Year to Date we have received 290 permit applications with a value of **\$58.7** 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

Memorial Cup Festivities kick off in Saint John on Saturday. More [HERE](#).

DP WORLD Saint John Makes a Significant Investment to Better Enable the Flow of Trade. Read [HERE](#).

Temporary rent cap officially takes effect. Read [HERE](#).

Committee recommends funding for Courthouse project. Read [HERE](#).

Freedom of the City awarded to training squadron. Click [HERE](#).

Jeux de l'Acadie officially launched. More [HERE](#).

Saint John's new container village plays host to city's largest-ever cruise ship. Click [HERE](#).

Province invests in training simulators at Port Saint John. Read [HERE](#).



**Don't Forget!**

**Shape Your City Saint John has all the information you need to know!**

The City's public engagement platform continues to grow with new projects and all the information residents need to know about all the great projects and initiatives happening in Saint John! Check out [www.shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca](http://www.shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca) to learn more!

**Harbour Bridge construction**

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

**Pay your parking tickets online!**

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.

