



SAINT JOHN

What's Happening Saint John

June 29, 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

City of Saint John received first electric transit bus from Damera Bus Corp

On June 20, Damera Bus Corp (Damera) and the City of Saint John introduced the Karsan e-JEST at an event on Long Wharf. The e-JEST is the first electric, low entrance, 20-foot transit bus in North America and will officially be added to the Saint John Transit fleet later this summer.

“Damera is incredibly proud to partner with the City of Saint John and Saint John Transit to bring cleaner transit to the city and support Saint John’s transition to zero-emission transportation,” said Raj Mahadeo, CEO of Damera. “Saint John Transit is establishing itself as a public transit leader by transitioning to



on-demand services with these buses. The size and quiet operation of the JEST is perfectly suited for residential areas and on-demand services. We hope this serves as inspiration for municipalities across the country aiming to do the same.”

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.

Mayor Donna Reardon says staff and Council are onboard and ready to lead the way in New Brunswick, stating that “Green transportation is the future of public transit systems around the world, and the City of Saint John will be a part of it. We are not only a forward-thinking community, but also a forward moving one; known as a city of firsts, and for always moving forward.”

Six 20-foot JEST buses will be put into service across Saint John this September as part of the City’s Transforming Transit Program. The program, first announced in 2021, will transform the municipal transit system using electric buses and an on-demand bus service expected to be launched later this year.

Canada Day celebrations set to return to Saint John

The City is pleased to announce an exciting lineup of free, family friendly activities happening on July 1, and residents and visitors are invited to enjoy all the festivities.

This year, the City is partnering with AREA 506 for the first ever Canada Day Waterfront Festival, which will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the new container village on Water Street. Festival activities include face painting, circus performers, arts and crafts, and much more.

A free Canada Day family swim will be open to the public at the Canada Games Aquatic Centre from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (limited to the first 400 people) and the City Market will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



For more details on the City's Canada Day festivities, which are funded in part by the Government of Canada, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Opportunity awaits: The City of Saint John is seeking expressions of interest for property overlooking the magnificent Reversing Falls

The City of Saint John is seeking expressions of business interest for the future use of the land and building located at and around 450 Fallsview Drive (former 14 ½ Café), overlooking the iconic Reversing Falls. Available properties represent approximately three acres owned by the City, and include a two-story building and significant parking associated to the street right-of-way adjacent to the properties.

Expressions of interest must be submitted prior to August 3, 2022.

For full details about this exciting opportunity, click [HERE](#).

Main Street Active Transportation Project open for public feedback on Shape Your City Saint John

As the City of Saint John continues to focus on finding ways to enhance the livability of our city, we are seeking public input into the proposed Main Street Active Transportation Project. This project will transform Main Street and the Viaduct to improve access and safety for walking, cycling, and transit on Main Street. The City is asking for public feedback through an online survey on Shape Your City Saint John.

The quick survey will help the City understand what changes residents would like to see and how they would use the newly designed Main Street as a transportation route. The survey will be open from June 27 – July 15, 2022.

The proposed project will include:

- Two of the six vehicle lanes converted to active transportation (i.e., cycling, walking) and more green space.
- A reduced speed limit.
- Protected bike lanes and shared bike/pedestrian spaces.
- Traffic calming measures at pedestrian and cyclist crossings.
- Improved Transit stops.
- Enhanced centre median to expand the Marigolds on Main project.

All those interested are invited to fill out the survey [HERE](#). Paper copies are available at the Customer Service Centre in City Hall.

Canada Games Aquatic Centre seeking expressions of interest for potential business opportunities

The Saint John Aquatic Centre Commission is collaborating with the City of Saint John to revitalize the Canada Games Aquatic Centre (CGAC). This involves identifying new revenue opportunities to ensure the CGAC continues to provide valuable services to the community for years to come.

The CGAC is currently accepting submissions for concepts and ideas that will increase the use of the facility's space and amenities. Input is welcomed from individuals, businesses, and other organizations from across the region regarding possible partnerships or opportunities.

The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, July 5, 2022. For more information please visit the City of Saint John website [HERE](#).

Sunshine Program returns this summer for Saint John children

The City is pleased to announce that the popular Sunshine Program has once again returned this summer. This free, eight-week recreation program includes daily outdoor-focused activities such as sports, active games, arts and crafts, and off-site adventures for children ages 6 to 12.

The program is offered at six locations across the city beginning June 27, and will run until August 19. Registration is required.

This year's Sunshine Program will be offered at the following locations:

- Lorneville Community Centre
- Island View School
- The Vineyard Church
- Glen Falls School
- Lakewood Heights
- Princess Elizabeth School (offered June 29 – August 19)



To register your child, click [HERE](#).

School's out and public beaches and splash pads are now open for the summer

The warm weather is finally here, and that means summertime fun in the sun for Saint John residents and visitors! The following public beaches and splash pads are officially open for the season:

- Dominion Park: West Saint John (Lifeguards on duty 10:45 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.)
- Lily Lake/Fisher Lakes: Rockwood Park, City Centre (Lifeguards on duty 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
- Little River Reservoir East Saint John (Lifeguards on duty 10:45 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.)
- Mispec Beach: East Saint John (Unsupervised saltwater beach)
- Tucker Park: North Saint John (Unsupervised)
- Market Place West, Rainbow Park and Crescent Valley
Splash Pads: open daily from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



For more information on parks, beaches and trails, click [HERE](#).

Artist in Residence applications now being accepted by the City

Applications are now open for the Community Arts Board's Summer/Fall Artist in Residence Program. The City of Saint John is inviting local artists of all mediums and practices to put their names forward.

The residency program will partner with Rockwood Park and the Saint John City Market for the summer and fall season, and artists will be offered space in one or both locations to help inform and inspire their work. The Artist in Residence Program emphasizes interactive community engagement and encourages applicants to use the opportunity to collaborate with the city, all while developing and advancing their artistic practice.

The program will accept one emerging or mid-career artist, who is a current resident of the City of Saint John. The deadline for applications is July 7, 2022.

For more information on the program including a link to apply, visit our website [HERE](#).

Flower beds and gardens uptown are showing their true colours

Public Works crews have been out putting their green thumbs to use on King Street planting the annual garden beds including the traditional Canada flag flower display in front of City Hall. Thank you to our crews for their hard work in keeping our city looking its absolute best throughout the summer!



P.R.O. Kids receive \$10,000 donation from J.D. Irving, Limited

In a very special presentation on Saturday, representatives from J.D. Irving, Limited made a generous \$10,000 donation to P.R.O. Kids to help youth in the Saint John region access sports, recreation, arts, or cultural activities, who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford to participate. Fittingly, the presentation took place during the ball hockey championships at the new ball hockey rink next to TD Station.

P.R.O Kids and the many youth and families this money will go towards assisting are extremely grateful for this important donation.

Heritage walking tour and concert to take place throughout the summer

The North of Union Heritage Walking Tour and the Saint John Arts Centre are offering residents and visitors the chance to enjoy a one-hour walking tour of heritage buildings around the Saint John Arts Centre. Led by local historian David Goss, each tour will be followed by a 45-minute concert of Loyalist-period music played by classical pianist Tim Blackmore. The tours are free of charge and take place at 10:00 a.m. each Thursday throughout the summer at the Saint John Arts Centre.

For more information or to register, contact the Saint John Arts Centre at 633-4870 or visit [HERE](#).

The annual line-painting program is underway with crews working on roads across the City

Did you know that each year the City of Saint John repaints over 600 crosswalks, 440 km of road and bike lanes, and over 2,600 various traffic symbols? Crews have already begun this year's program and will continue over the coming weeks and months.

Additional work completed in 2022 includes a reduction in traffic lanes on University Avenue from five lanes down to three to allow for the installation of bike lanes. Progress is underway for the addition of two new signalized crosswalks in the area as well.



Growth At A Glance

So far in June the One Stop Development Shop has received 65 building related permit applications with a value of \$2.9 million.

Year to date the One Stop Development Shop has received 327 permit applications with a value of \$60.7 million.

As of May 31, 2022 this is how our current growth numbers compare year-over-year:



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

Signs of growth throughout Saint John with several development projects underway. Watch [HERE](#).

North America's first electric bus of its kind key to Saint John Transit's major overhaul. Watch [HERE](#).

Woodcarver commissioned by City of Saint John to create Indigenous carvings. More [HERE](#).

Representatives from the CHL, Saint John Sea Dogs, and the City of Saint John celebrate the opening of the new ball hockey rink. Read [HERE](#).

Saint John Bakery expands into City Market. Read [HERE](#).

Wreath laid to honour 1977 jail fire victims. Read [HERE](#).

Decades-old migration records fall as newcomers by the thousands settle in New Brunswick. Read [HERE](#).

Toronto business expands to Saint John with colourful facility visible from the air. Read [HERE](#).

Five million marigolds and counting after 25 years. More [HERE](#).

Saint John fire station is becoming a local's dream home. Read [HERE](#).

Letter: Uptown Saint John is alive once more. Click [HERE](#).

New Brunswick's largest tennis facility planned for G. Forbes Elliott Athletic Centre at UNBSJ. Click [HERE](#)

Human Development Council have launched a Saint John Dashboard to track monthly trends in homelessness. View [HERE](#).



Don't Forget!

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

To keep residents informed, the Shape Your City Saint John project page includes all the details related to the new 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. Visit the page [HERE](#).

The Canada Games Aquatic Centre still seeking public input and feedback

The Canada Games Aquatic Centre is still seeking input and feedback through an online survey until July 3, 2022. Visit shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca to participate.

Harbour Bridge construction

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

