



SAINT JOHN

What's Happening Saint John

July 14, 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

Memorial Cup 2022: A success on and off the ice!

After months of anticipation and organization, the Memorial Cup finally arrived and it was even better than anyone could have imagined. The event not only energized the entire city and region while providing a significant economic impact to the community, but fans also got to see their Saint John Sea Dogs win the Cup!

Over the course of the 10-day celebration, dozens of activities were held throughout the city including themed street festivals, concerts, and fireworks. The event also left a lasting mark on Saint John with two legacy projects including a new outdoor ball hockey rink near TD Station and a beautiful new painted mural along the Station Street on-ramp by Montreal-based artist Kevin Ledo titled *It's Ice Time*.



An average attendance of 5,136 at each hockey game saw a total of 41,084 fans in the stands at TD Station. Although the final figure is yet to be calculated, the event is estimated to have contributed between \$10 to \$12 million in economic impact for the Saint John region.

More than 560 volunteers stepped up to help make this event a tremendous success and showcase all that Saint John has to offer. The Memorial Cup was a win for the City, the Sea Dogs and the region.

Thousands of people enjoyed Canada Day celebrations in Saint John

Canada Day celebrations were back this year, and events throughout uptown saw big crowds enjoying the activities. The first-ever Canada Day Waterfront Festival drew several thousand people to the AREA 506 Container Village where Mayor Reardon joined MP Wayne Long for the opening ceremony which included a Land Acknowledgement, the singing of *O' Canada*, greetings from the municipal and federal government and a recognition of new Canadian citizens.

Some of the activities included face painting, arts and crafts, a pet selfie station, circus performers, a meet and greet with princesses and action heroes, vendor tokens and music.



In addition to the Waterfront Festival, the Canada Games Aquatic Centre hosted a family swim that saw approximately 400 people come out and enjoy the pool. This event was sponsored by the City of Saint John and funded through the Celebrate Canada Fund.

Unfortunately, the fireworks had to be postponed due to fog. **A new date has now been set for Saturday, July 16 at 10:00 p.m. along Long Wharf.** For more details, CLICK [HERE](#).

New collective agreement reached with Saint John Firefighters Association IAFF Local 771

The City of Saint John reached a new Collective Agreement with Saint John Firefighters Association IAFF Local 771 on Wednesday, July 6. The new four-year agreement ensures continued quality service to the City, strengthens the City's financial sustainability, contributes to operational efficiencies, and provides fair compensation to firefighters.

"The service our courageous firefighters provide to the City is of the utmost importance and the respect we have for them as first responders can't be overstated," says Saint John Mayor Donna Reardon. "We are grateful to everyone involved in working to put this new agreement in place. The agreement ensures the appropriate fire service response is available when required by residents and the compensation is fair to firefighters for the work they do."

After Council voted unanimously in favour of the Collective Agreement on July 4, IAFF Local 771 notified City representatives on July 6 that Union membership had also voted in favour of the agreement, concluding the ratification process by both parties. The new Collective Agreement extends back to January 1, 2020 and continues through December 31, 2023. The previous contract between the two parties expired on December 31, 2019.

Among several items negotiated within the agreement is a wage increase for firefighters that, cumulative over the duration of the four years, falls within the City of Saint John Wage Escalation Policy. Firefighters will receive a 2.1 per cent wage increase in each of the four years of the contract, retroactive to January 1, 2020. Other changes to the agreement include return-to-work process enhancements and changes to long-term disability.

Modest wage increases, combined with the reduction in the size of the Fire Department in 2020, ensure that the City has financially sustainable fire prevention and response capabilities moving forward. The new Collective Agreement helps to establish a critical foundation for the development of the Fire Department's 15-year strategic plan, which will be presented to Common Council before the end of 2022.

This Collective Agreement is an important aspect of the City's ongoing efforts for excellence in service delivery at affordable costs.

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

As we continue to focus on finding ways to enhance the livability of the 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 until 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.

The survey can be filled out online [here](#). Paper copies are available at the Customer Service Centre in City Hall.

Municipal first responders work together to keep community safe

Over the last few weeks, there has been a significant rise in medical first responder calls. Fortunately, the Saint John Fire Department and Saint John Police Force have adapted to this increase in demand and continue to provide quality emergency medical assistance throughout the community. In one instance on July 2 the demand for medical assistance was so high that police and fire services worked together to quickly transport a resident in a police cruiser while a firefighter attended to the patient in the back seat. The City is proud of all first responders and their ability to adjust and adapt to the increasing and varying demands required to keep our residents and communities safe.

Intermittent closures to Shoppes of City Hall Pedway during construction

As the Fundy Harbour Group continues the extensive renovation work to the Shoppes of City Hall pedway, intermittent closures of some sections of the pedway will be required over the coming weeks and months to complete construction in the public areas.

The only closures at this time will be to the section of the pedway between the Chipman Hill and St. Patrick Street entrances (directly around the City Hall elevators) requires. Weekly updates indicating upcoming closures will be communicated through the City's website and social media accounts and signage will be posted whenever a closure is required.



Access to City Hall will remain open and accessible during regular hours, unless otherwise indicated.

Access to the Canada Games Aquatic Centre and all businesses in the pedway will remain open, however pedestrians may need to use external street-level entrances in some instances.

Updates to the pedway closures will be posted to the City's website and can be found [HERE](#).

Saint John Police establishing new community action group

The Saint John Police Force announced the implementation of the Chief's Community Action Group (CCAG). The focus of this group is to bring together representatives with the shared mission of a safe, healthy Saint John from across a broad spectrum to proactively address the significant issues faced in the City such as homelessness, substance use, mental health, and youth poverty.

"These issues and challenges affect our entire community in a very real way. Our individual agencies do an outstanding job dealing with the complexities of these specific issues, with limited resources and infrastructure," said Chief R.M. Bruce. "We feel, as a group, that because all these issues intersect at some point, we need to look at a more coordinated, integrated, collaborative way of addressing them if we are going to make a substantial and sustainable difference in our community. I cannot think of a more dedicated group to engage in shifting the paradigm on how we address these important social issues."



The CCAG has created six subcommittees: Homelessness, Substance Use, Youth Issues, Mental Health, Quick Reaction Teams, and Discharge Planning. These subcommittees are led by on-the-ground practitioners with diverse representation from a cross section of agencies, including municipal and provincial government.

"These subcommittees are in their infancy stages and are still seeking individuals from both the public and private sector who want to participate by making a positive contribution to our city and who can offer specific insight, expertise, or a kind and willing heart," says Chief Bruce. "This is our city, and we know there are many people out there who can and are willing to make a difference in addressing these complex issues. The time is now. Do not wait."

Anyone seeking to contribute their time or expertise, or to simply offer a suggestion, can visit the City website [HERE](#) to submit their information to a specific subcommittee.

To see the full list of member agencies, click [HERE](#).

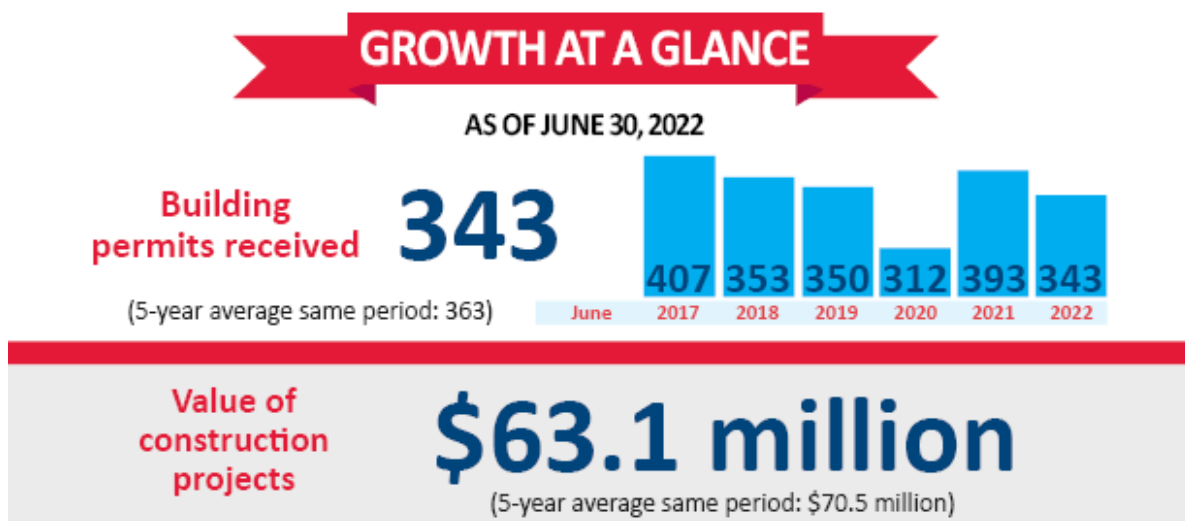


Growth At A Glance

So far in July the One Stop Development Shop has received **14** building and development related permit applications with a value of **\$582,250**.

Year to date the One Stop Development Shop has received **357** permit applications with a value of **\$63.7 million**. There have been no high value permit applications in July as of this update.

As of June 30, 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](https://www.discoverstjohn.ca) and check back often!

There are plenty of upcoming events throughout the region this summer for everyone to enjoy including:

- Loyalist City Shakespeare Fest – July 20-24
- Saint John Contemporary Dance Festival – July 20-24
- Marathon by the Sea Bay of Fundy 30km – July 29-31
- Area 506 – July 29-31
- Velo NB Bike Race – August 7
- Saint John PRIDE Week – August 2-7
- Saint John Pride Parade – August 6
- Sculpture Saint John – August and September
- Third Shift – August 19-21
- Fundy Fringe – August 22-27
- Moonlight Bazaar – August 27-28
- Labour Day Parade and Picnic – September 5
- 2022 NB Intermediate Baseball Provincial Championships – Sept 9-11
- Rides at Rockwood – September 18



Stories To Share

Envision Saint John contest encourages exploring greater Saint John. Click [HERE](#).

MP Wayne Long calls to revoke AIM recycling's operating licence. Read [HERE](#).

Firefighters ratify Collective Agreement. More [HERE](#).

Feedback sought for Main Street Active Transportation Plan. Click [HERE](#).

Police establish new community action group. Read [HERE](#).

Growing calls for action after two workplace deaths at N.B. recycling plant. More [HERE](#).

Saint John Airport set to lose two of its four daily round trip flights through Air Canada. More [HERE](#).

Saint John adds QR code parking payment option. More [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 City continues with its annual fire hydrant flushing program and are now working in West Saint John.

For details click [HERE](#).

Harbour Bridge construction

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

Beaches and Splash Pads are open for use across the City at the following locations:

- 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)
- City splash pads at Market Place West, Rainbow Park, and Crescent Valley are open daily from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Reversing Falls sidewalk reduced to one side

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure is inspecting the Reversing Falls Bridge over the next week. This inspection requires rope access from the bridge sidewalks. Every effort is being made to minimize pedestrian traffic disruptions. Signage is in place and personnel are stationed on site to direct pedestrians through the work area. For more details, click [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.

