



SAINT JOHN

What's Happening Saint John

July 27, 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

First in-service electric bus added to Saint John Transit fleet

The future of green transportation in the City of Saint John took a big step on July 19 as the first full-sized, fully electric bus was officially put into regular service. The new bus was unveiled during a special ceremony to replace one of the diesel buses currently part of the Saint John Transit fleet.

"This event marks a major milestone in the transformation of the municipal transit system and highlights the City's commitment to cleaner, sustainable and green transportation," says Ian Fogan, Director of Saint John Transit. "When compared to a traditional diesel bus, this electric model will not only reduce carbon dioxide emissions by nearly 50 tons annually but will also save at least \$20,000 each year in fuel costs."

The 40-foot bus has a passenger capacity of 41 people, can travel almost 300 kilometres on a single charge and has a low floor making it fully accessible. The bus, which takes just five hours to fully charge, was manufactured by BYD, the world's leading battery-electric bus manufacturer with more than 50,000 vehicles on the road globally.



"Green transportation is the future of public transit systems around the world, and the City of Saint John will be a part of it," says Nick Cameron, Chair of the Saint John Transit Commission. "We are taking bold steps towards becoming emission-free while also better meeting the needs of transit users."

The electric bus is one of the first signs that riders and residents will see around the Saint John area as part of the broader Transforming Transit initiative. The City has a goal of running all Saint John Transit buses on electricity by 2040.

More information about Transforming Transit can be found on [Shape Your City Saint John](#).

Pride Week celebrations begin August 2

This year's Pride Week is just around the corner and there will be plenty of fun events for the community to get out and enjoy. Kicking off with a flag raising at City Hall by Mayor Reardon on August 3, the week's activities include a Market Square Pride Market, Pride Panel, Trans Performance Art Workshop, Drag Bingo, Pride Night at the Night Market, the Slay by the Bay Drag Extravaganza featuring Canada's Drag Race stars and many more.

The week will finish off with the always-exciting Pride Parade on Saturday, August 6, which will be followed by a fun-filled after-party at the City Market. For further details, visit the Pride Week Facebook page [HERE](#).

City launches Slow Down and Stay Alert construction zone safety awareness campaign

With the summer construction season well underway, the City of Saint John has launched a six-week safety awareness campaign to remind motorists to slow down and stay alert when driving in and around road construction zones.

Whether it's a family member, friend, or neighbour, many of us know someone who works in roadside construction. Residents can help keep everyone safe this summer by following posted speed limits and being aware of workers and their equipment.

"With the increased work going on along our roadways this time of year, it's important for drivers to remember to use extra caution in construction zones so that they're not putting someone's life at risk," says Director of Public Works and Transportation, Tim O'Reilly. "Road work can be a dangerous job, and we all have a shared responsibility to help keep these crews safe while they work."



Not only does driving carefully reduce the risk of injury or death to workers and fellow drivers, but residents are also reminded that speeding in one of these zones can result in double the minimum fine.

The Slow Down and Stay Alert campaign includes a variety of messages broadcasted on local radio stations and posted across the City's social media channels until the beginning of September.

All-female ocean racing yacht, Maiden, arriving in Saint John in two weeks

In a first for the City, Maiden, a 58-foot aluminum ocean racing yacht and her all-female crew will arrive in Saint John for a ten-day stop on August 3. Maiden will dock at Pugsley Slip in uptown Saint John, near the AREA 506 Waterfront Container Village from August 3-13.

Maiden's mission is to work with, raise funds for and support communities to enable girls into education, and empower and support them to remain throughout their teenage years to reach their full potential and create better futures for all.

There will be opportunities for the public to engage with the vessel and crew and private events will be hosted for local groups who work with girls in STEAM. There will also be a free screening of the [Maiden film](#) at the AREA 506 Container Village.

On Tuesday, August 9, DP World and Port Saint John are hosting a Maiden International Ports of Call fundraising dinner at the Marco Polo Cruise Terminal. The dinner is a fundraiser to assist the Maiden Factor Foundation in their important work. For more information and to purchase tickets or a table, click [HERE](#).

Sunshine program a huge success so far this summer

Halfway through the season, the City is pleased to report a record year for the popular Sunshine Program. So far this year, 400 children have been registered to participate at six program sites, the highest number to date. The Sunshine Program is an outdoor-focused program for Saint John children ages 6 to 12. Daily activities include sports, active games, arts and crafts and off-site adventures.



For more information, visit the City's website [HERE](#).

City of Saint John now accepting applications for seasonal ice time

The City is now accepting applications for seasonal ice time bookings for the period of October 14, 2022 - March 31, 2023. Ice bookings are available for the Charles Gorman, Stewart Hurley and Peter Murray arenas.

Applications can be found on the City's website [here](#), and completed applications can be emailed to darrell.fountain@saintjohn.ca.



Deadline for applications is **Friday, August 5, 2022**.

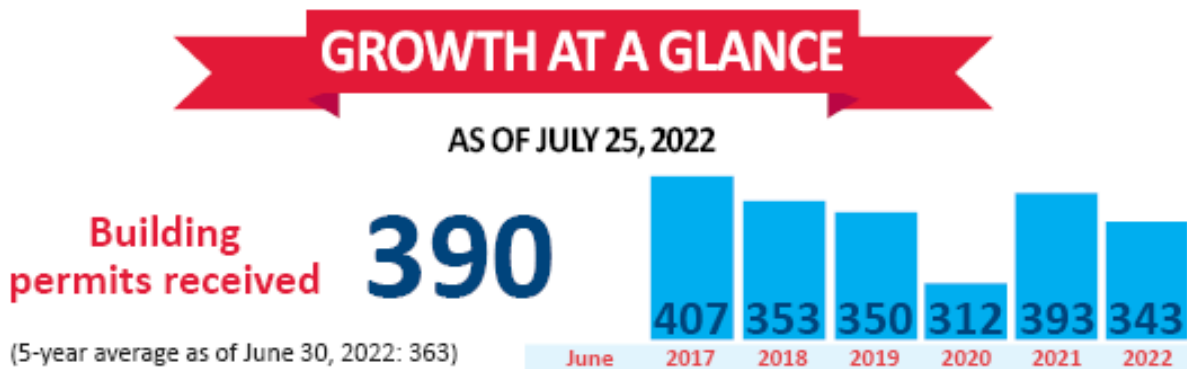


Growth At A Glance

So far in July the One Stop Development Shop has received **47** building and development related permit applications with a value of **\$3.5 million**.

Year to date the One Stop Development Shop has received **390** permit applications with a value of **\$66.6 million**. There have been no high value permit applications in July as of this update.

As of July 25, 2022 this is how our current growth numbers compare year-over-year:



Value of construction projects

\$66.6 million

(5-year average as of June 30, 2022: \$70.5 million)

The 20th annual Dickie Crossman Golf Tournament to raise funds for P.R.O Kids took place at Rockwood Park Golf Course on Saturday, July 16. This year's event raised approximately \$35,000 bringing the total raised over the past 20 years to over \$330,000.



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!

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

- 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 11-September 10
- 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

Hotel occupancy up in Saint John region. Click [HERE](#).

Chamber partnership to teach 'valuable' business skills. More [HERE](#).

Electric bus added to Saint John Transit fleet. Read [HERE](#).

New deputy chief for Saint John Police becomes highest-ranking woman in force's history. Click [HERE](#).

Update on City's Long-Term Financial Plan. More [HERE](#).



Don't Forget!

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

Waste-wise program information and updates available on Shape Your City Saint John. Find out more [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.

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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.

