



SAINT JOHN

# What's Happening Saint John

August 11, 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

### ACOA announced major funding for Dominion Park Revitalization Project

On Thursday, August 4 the City moved one step closer to seeing Dominion Park transformed. With a beautiful view of the water as a backdrop, and close to 100 children enjoying the beach, MP Wayne Long announced a \$185,000 contribution on behalf of Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) towards the revitalization plan for the popular west-side park.

The investment by ACOA adds to an impressive combination of federal, provincial, municipal, corporate, and community contributions representing the largest public/private investment ever made in Dominion Park beach. With a cost of approximately \$1,655,000, the project could not happen without the support of several funding partners. In addition to the significant contribution from ACOA and Regional Development Corporation (RDC), the City of Saint John prioritized and committed approximately \$1.1 million through its 2022 capital budget program, which includes funding from Infrastructure Canada through the Canada Community-Building Fund. Other partners that have stepped up to contribute include J.D. Irving, Limited, the Greater Saint John Community Foundation and the Dominion Park Community Association.



Phase one of the Dominion Park project is set to begin this fall and will be completed for the 2023 beach season. For more information about the project, visit [shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca](https://shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca).

To read the full news release, click [HERE](#).

### Special career fair hosted by City and local organizations

Inspired by last week's arrival of Maiden and her mighty all-female sailing crew, several organizations from across the City partnered to host a Women in Non-traditional Careers information event at the Area 506 container village on August 4. The event encouraged women and girls throughout Saint John to stop by and learn about career options they may never have considered or thought they could ever achieve. The event saw a strong turnout, reinforcing the importance and impact community outreach by female professionals can have in empowering young girls and women to achieve their dreams.

Participants included the City of Saint John, the Saint John Fire Department, the Saint John Police Force, NBCC, Canada Border Services Agency, and Port Saint John.

### Hot off the press - City launches new Saint John Story Series

The City has launched an exciting new feature called the Saint John Story Series. The series, which will be shared and promoted through the City's social media channels and website, will profile and highlight City of Saint John staff, service areas, public spaces, and the positive impacts City-led initiatives have within the community and throughout the region.

The first story in the series features Saint John Firefighter Melissa Martin and coincides with the arrival of the Maiden sailing crew on August 3. When Melissa learned the famous ocean racing yacht and her all-female crew would be sailing into Saint John, she knew she wanted to help support their mission and share their message. Read the full story [HERE](#) and continue to watch for future articles in the coming weeks and months!



### Parade and afterparty at the City Market capped off a successful Pride week!

After a week of fun festivities, this year's Pride celebrations were capped off with the always-colourful Pride Parade on August 6. The weather was perfect, the crowds were plentiful, and participants were eager to show their support and community spirit.

The City of Saint John Pride Committee coordinated an enthusiastic group of participants to walk in the parade and show their support including Mayor Reardon, several City Councillors, representatives from neighbouring towns and over 40 staff and their families.



Following the parade, Chroma hosted a Pride Afterparty in partnership with the City Market and several local organizations and community groups. Hundreds of visitors enjoyed music, live entertainment and more to wrap up another wonderful Pride week in Saint John!

### August community celebrations announced

The City of Saint John is happy to announce a series of community celebrations that will take place throughout August. These free, fun-filled family events have been organized as a way to encourage community members to come together with their families, neighbours and friends to enjoy some of the beautiful local parks and greenspaces throughout the City.

Community celebrations will include a variety of activities, along with face painting, music and light refreshments.

The community celebrations will take place from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- Saturday, August 13 at Flemming Court Splash Pad
- Saturday, August 20 at Market Place West Splash Pad
- Saturday, August 27 at Little River Reservoir

Find all the details [HERE](#). Any event updates will be posted to the City's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

## First-ever Emancipation Day Market held at City Market

As part of New Brunswick Day activities, the City Market partnered with Black Lives Matter New Brunswick to host the first-ever Emancipation Day Market, an event that provided a platform for black-owned businesses and organizations to showcase their products and services. The event was a success, seeing a steady crowd throughout the day and vendors reporting strong sales and support from the community.

## Sunshine Program continues to shine

On July 26, the City's Sunshine Program hosted a beach day at the Little River Reservoir. The event brought together over 150 kids for a fantastic event at the beach. P.R.O. Kids provided lunch along with some help from the SJFD BBQ crew, while DJ Dave Duffy kept the music hopping, Mr. Zap dazzled the kids with balloon creations and artist Cathie Wilson painted faces with works of art.



The Sunshine Program also recently held a fundraising raffle that raised approximately \$3,800 in support of end-of-summer parties at all six playground sites. 2022 has been a record-breaking year for the program as it continues to grow and play an important role in the community.



## Growth At A Glance

### Growth in Saint John continues to trend upwards

Development is on the rise in the Saint John region, with housing starts more than double pre-pandemic levels and outperforming 2021 by **80%** year-to-date.

Building permit values from January to June 2022 have also increased nearly **40%** above pre-pandemic numbers. For more details click [HERE](#).

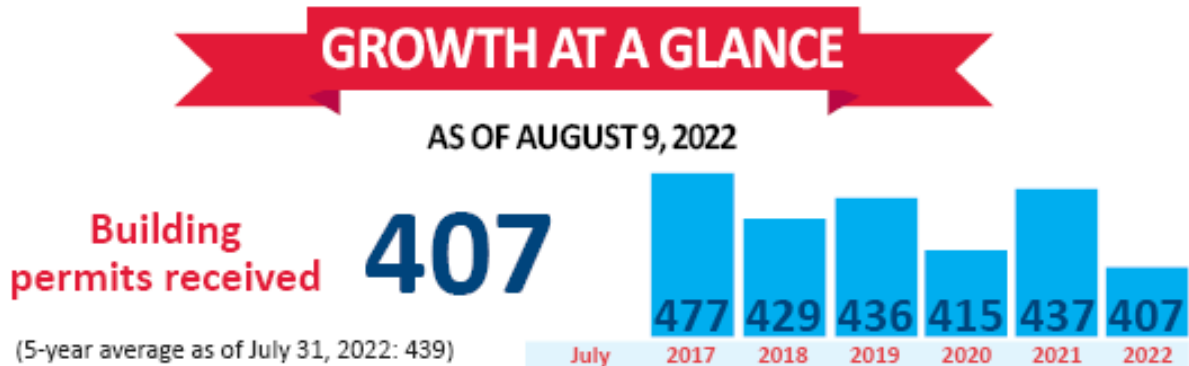
So far in July the One Stop Development Shop has received **64** building and development related permit applications with a value of **\$5.5 million**.

Year to date the One Stop Development Shop has received **407** permit applications with a value of **\$68.6 million**. There have been no high value permit applications in July as of this update.





As of August 9, 2022 this is how our current growth numbers compare year-over-year:



**Value of construction projects**

**\$68.6 million**

(5-year average as of July 31, 2022: \$77.9 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!

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

- Sculpture Saint John – August 11-September 10
- Saint John Community Celebration at Flemming Court splash pad – August 13
- Third Shift – August 19-21
- Saint John Community Celebration at Market Place West splash pad – August 20
- Fundy Fringe – August 22-27
- Saint John Community Celebration at Little River Reservoir – August 27
- Moonlight Bazaar – August 27-28
- Labour Day Parade and Picnic – September 5
- 2022 NB Intermediate Baseball Provincial Championships – Sept 9-11
- Saint John Culturescape – September 15-18
- Rides at Rockwood – September 18
- 50+ Games – September 21-23



## Stories To Share

Deputy MP visits Port Saint John. Read [HERE](#).

History making, all-women racing yacht comes to Saint John to mentor young girls. More [HERE](#).

Governments contribute to Dominion Park Revitalization. Click [HERE](#).

Saint John beach set for restoration projects. Read [HERE](#).

Popular Saint John marathon runs its course. Click [HERE](#).

One-stop record-keeping solution for Saint John Fire. Read [HERE](#).

Local officer wins six medals in international competition. More [HERE](#).

Interactive lighting coming to Jardine's Alley. More [HERE](#).



## Don't Forget!

### Shape Your City Saint John

Looking for updates and information about major projects being undertaken by the City of Saint John? You can visit [shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca](http://shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca) to learn more and have your say!

### 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.)
- Mispesc 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!**

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