



SAINT JOHN

# What's Happening Saint John

August 25, 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 asking for public feedback on the naming of the new public space at Market Slip

As site preparations continue for the Fundy Quay waterfront development, the City's Civic Commemoration Committee is inviting the public to help select a name for the (soon-to-be) newly redeveloped public gathering space near Market Slip.

The design elements of this new public space are rooted in the three foundations of the City: The Water, The Rocks, and The People. It will be a public space, a meeting place, and a destination for locals and visitors to enjoy. The public spaces are anticipated to be completed in 2023.

The public is being encouraged to submit name recommendations for this space using the following criteria:

- Recognizes a person, event, or group of people who have demonstrated exceptional service to the residents of the region
- Significance to the history and/or culture of the area
- Flora and/or fauna of the area
- Geographical or topographical features
- Must be original and not duplicates of other spaces or street names in the region
- Must not be offensive to a person or group of people
- Must not include parody, slang, inappropriate humour, or double meanings

Names will be evaluated by staff based on appropriateness, cultural and historical significance, diversity, originality, and the relation to the design elements.

Feedback will be collected until **Friday, August 26, 2022**.

For more details and to submit your recommendations, visit [shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca](https://shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca)

### Latest Saint John Story Series features City's new artist-in-residence

The Saint John Community Arts Board recently announced its selection for the City's artist-in-residence for summer/fall 2022. Congratulations to Saint John resident Nathasha Pilotte, a visual and fibre artist and published author and illustrator, who officially began her residency in early August.



Nathasha will be splitting her time between the City Market and the Interpretation Centre at Rockwood Park, taking inspiration from the natural surroundings and using her artistic vision and skill to make a large-scale puppet from textiles and objects found within the park.



The latest article in the City's new Saint John Story Series profiles Nathasha, explaining what techniques and materials she uses in her work and what she envisions to create during her residency. To read the article and watch a video about Nathasha, click [HERE](#).

### **QR code payment option added to City's parking by-law**

Saint John officially became the first city in Atlantic Canada to include the HotSpot secure QR code payment method in its municipal parking by-law. The City added the payment method to its by-law in July, after working closely with HotSpot over the last several years in developing a plan for parking technology upgrades. The City recently completed a trial of the new QR code technology as a alternative option to traditional coin-operated meters. The trial received positive feedback from users and the Saint John Parking department is currently developing a plan to make the QR code option more widely available across the City.

### **Another successful year for City summer student employment**

Each year, summer student staff play a big role in providing excellent service to our residents and help to keep our City looking beautiful during the summer months. This year the City hired over 40 summer students including:

- 18 staff for the Sunshine Program
- 16 Student Labourers
- 2 Student Ambassadors for Saint John Transit
- 2 Interpretation Centre staff at Rockwood Park
- 2 Special Events Coordinators

The City is proud to offer employment opportunities to students in many different service areas.





**Growth At A Glance**

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 August the One Stop Development Shop has received **33** building and development related permit applications with a value of **\$3.5 million**.

Year to date the One Stop Development Shop has received **441** permit applications with a value of **\$72.1 million**. There has been one high-value building permit application so far in August:

- 15 Golden Grove Road: \$1.3 million – Construction of Popeye’s Restaurant

As of August 22, 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!

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

- Sculpture Saint John – August 11 - September 10
- Fundy Fringe – August 22-27
- Saint John Community Celebration at Flemming Court Splash Pad – August 24
- 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
- Rides at Rockwood – September 18
- 55+ Games – September 21-23



### Stories To Share

Temporary closures of Harbour Bridge. Click [HERE](#).

Theatre design revealed for former courthouse. More [HERE](#).

Housing expo providing information for newcomers. Read [HERE](#).

Hoped-for ramp would help Saint John beachgoers in wheelchairs get to the water. Click [HERE](#).

Battle brews over future of N.B. heritage building. Read [HERE](#).

Three Saint Johners to be honoured for community contributions. More [HERE](#).

Cooke Aquaculture announce billion-dollar bid of seafood company Tassal Group Ltd. Click [HERE](#).

Cooke Inc. purchase a Belgian Seafood Processor Morubel. More [HERE](#).



**Don't Forget!**

**Harbour Bridge construction**

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

**Draft Affordable Housing Action Plan available for public input**

A draft version of the Affordable Housing Action Plan is now available on Shape Your City Saint John. The City continues to encourage feedback from residents and stakeholders. The plan can be viewed [HERE](#).

**Waste Wise program launch**

Waste Wise program information and updates are available on Shape Your City Saint John. Find out more [HERE](#).



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