



SAINT JOHN

What's Happening Saint John

September 9, 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

Update to City of Saint John Customer Service Centre and One Stop Development Shop hours

Public-facing hours of operation for the Customer Service Centre and One Stop Development Shop at City Hall have been adjusted. The new hours are Monday to Friday (excluding holidays), 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The City is committed to providing an enhanced customer support experience for those who live and do business in the city. Our customer service teams are the link between the community and the services the City provides.

For inquiries related to municipal services, the Customer Service Centre can be contacted at (506) 658-4455, by email at service@saintjohn.ca or by visiting the Centre in person on the Ground Floor of City Hall, 15 Market Square.



Splash Pads across the City to remain open until late September

With a mostly warm and sunny forecast predicted over the coming weeks, the City's splash pads will be staying open for the community to enjoy a few weeks later than usual this year.

The splash pads, which traditionally close after the Labour Day long weekend, will now be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. until September 25.

The City operates splash pads at Rainbow Park, Flemming Court, and Market Place.

For more information, click [HERE](#).



City's enhanced Waste Wise program launching in October

Following detailed planning, a successful pilot project and community consultations over the past two years, a more waste wise Saint John is coming in October. The enhanced collection service will be rolled out to all current City of Saint John solid waste customers and includes updates that are designed to modernize and improve waste collection services throughout the City.



The updated Waste Wise program is similar to those implemented in other communities and is designed to benefit residents by providing a convenient way to increase recycling, extend the life of the regional landfill and help protect the environment. It also enables the safer, more efficient collection of garbage with new helping-hand technology on the garbage trucks.

Carts, totes, and program information will be delivered to eligible residents beginning September 12.

The City recognizes that updates to waste collection services will require time for residents to become familiar with the new guidelines, and there will be questions. Communication about the program will continue throughout the coming weeks and months to ensure residents are provided with information and that all questions are answered.

To learn more about the service enhancements, click [HERE](#).

Latest edition of Saint John...At Your Service now available

The City is pleased to share the latest edition of Saint John...At Your Service, now available on the City's website.

This digital publication showcases City services, departments and community programs as a way of celebrating achievements and initiatives and reflecting on the many things that make the City of Saint John such a great place to live, work and play!

Enjoy the read and be sure to check out the links and videos throughout the latest issue by clicking [HERE](#).



Focus on back-to-school road safety

The City's crews were busy refreshing the paint on all crosswalks in school zones in preparation for back-to-school this week. All school zones also have new speed limit signs indicating a maximum speed of 30 km per hour. This is the first year that every school zone across the city is equipped with these signs.

Additionally, the Saint John Police Force have been conducting a back-to-school safety campaign. Through education and enforcement, Traffic Management Officers have been targeting offences in school zones and on bus routes that endanger students, pedestrians and other drivers.

Drivers are asked to be extra vigilant and aware of road safety at this time of year as children can be easily distracted, especially in the early stages of returning to school.

New dog park set to open in September

Dog owners can look forward to an additional place to take their dogs as preparations to open the new Irving Dog Park are almost done. The park is expected to open at the end of September, dependent on weather and how quickly the new grass grows.

To prepare for the opening, old paving in the area was removed, topsoil was added and hydroseed was applied. Repairs were also made to existing fencing (part of the former tennis courts) and some additional fencing was installed. The park will be maintained by the City, including winter access, however the park itself will not be plowed.



This project is a great example of community partners working together to create public spaces that are important to residents. The project has been primarily managed by the West Side Community Group.

Funding for the park was a combined effort, with \$10,000 being provided through the City's LPP fund and \$15,000 contributed by J.D. Irving, Limited. The City will also be contributing the waste receptacles, benches, and dog waste bags.

Latest Saint John Story Series highlights a successful year for the Sunshine Program

This year's Sunshine Program wrapped up in August and saw the highest registration ever with a total of 430 children registering to take part in all the fun offered at the six sites throughout the city.

The program, which offers daily activities including sports, active games, arts and crafts and off-site adventures for children aged 6-12, employed 19 summer students who had the chance to develop leadership, coordination, multitasking and personal development skills.

To read the full Saint John Story Series feature, click [HERE](#).



Moonlight Bazaar once again draws big crowds

The Moonlight Bazaar was a hit again this year, and early attendance estimates suggest well over 20,000 people attended the event which took place in the uptown core on Saturday, August 27.

Always a favourite highlight as the summer begins to wind down, this year's event featured live music, pop up vendors, arts and cultural experiences, and the new addition of Mars to the planet display. To watch a video from this year's event, click [HERE](#).



Growth At A Glance

In August the One Stop Development Shop received 53 building and development related permit applications with a value of \$5.6 million.

Year to date the One Stop Development Shop has received 461 permit applications with a value of \$74.2 million.

There was one high-value building permit application in August:

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

As of Sept. 6, 2022 this is how the 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 still a few late summer events to enjoy throughout the Saint John region including:

- Sculpture Saint John – wraps up September 10
- 2022 NB Intermediate Baseball Provincial Championships– September 9-11
- Saint John Culturescape – September 15-18
- Rides at Rockwood – September 18
- 55+ Games – September 21-23



Stories To Share

Director of Saint John Theatre Company humbled by City support for project. Read [HERE](#).

Saint John Rock Camp cranks up the volume. Read [HERE](#).

First draft of City's multi-year budget released. More [HERE](#).

Atlantic Premiers call on feds for more time to submit carbon plan. Read [HERE](#).

Port Saint John opens world-class Crew Lounge for cruise ship staff Read [HERE](#).

Air Canada To Add More Flights In Saint John. More [HERE](#).

Saint John Gallery Launches Auction House. More [HERE](#).

Affordable Housing Development Closer To Final Approval. More [HERE](#).

Sculptors wrap up new public art at final symposium. More [HERE](#).

Saint John prepares for garbage, recycling changes. More [HERE](#).



Don't Forget!

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](#).

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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