



SAINT JOHN

What's Happening Saint John

October 20, 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 of Saint John will benefit from an outdoor skating rink to bring people back to public spaces safely
On behalf of Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)

On Friday, October 14 Wayne Long, Member of Parliament for Saint John – Rothesay, announced an investment of \$300,000 through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) for the City of Saint John. The announcement was made on behalf of the Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Official Languages and Minister responsible for ACOA.

This support will allow the City of Saint John to build an outdoor skating rink in the city's uptown core. This new facility will be free of charge and will help promote physical activity for people of all ages and abilities.



"As Saint John continues to grow and move forward, the development of what is becoming one of the most iconic public spaces in the City's history is getting another boost today. We are grateful to ACOA for recognizing the importance of this public skating rink as a place for the community to come together and enjoy outdoor activities in the heart of the city. The look, feel and energy of our waterfront is transforming in a remarkable way, and it's drawing a lot of positive interest and attention from residents, visitors, businesses, and developers. There is truly nothing else like it in New Brunswick," said Mayor Donna Reardon.

Read the full news release [HERE](#).

Investment of \$102.2 million for construction and renovation of public housing units
On behalf of the Government of New Brunswick

On Monday, October 17, the provincial government announced it will invest \$102.2 million to build 380 new public housing units over the next four years and make immediate renovations to 110 vacant units.

"Significant cost-of-living increases, combined with a housing market boom, has contributed to an unprecedented demand for public housing units," said Social Development Minister Dorothy Shephard.

“This important initiative will result in the building of the first government-owned housing units in 38 years. This shows the commitment of this government in providing more affordable housing to eligible New Brunswickers.”

Read the full news release [HERE](#).

City's compressed work week schedule now in effect

Effective October 17 the City extended morning and evening Customer Service hours Monday through Thursday, while continuing to provide core municipal services throughout the week.

While many municipal employees will be shifting to a compressed work week on a trial basis, operations in the following service areas will continue to be provided to the community throughout the week:

- Police, Fire and 911
- Parks and recreation, including all facilities open as usual
- Solid waste collection services
- Saint John Water services
- Sewer treatment services
- Saint John Transit services
- Parking enforcement services
- Emergency road work
- City Market, open as usual
- Snow clearing operations

The Customer Service Centre, One Stop Development Shop and Community Services now offer extended morning and evening hours Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and be closed on Fridays.

Online payments and other online services are available by visiting www.saintjohn.ca.

Emergency after-hours customer service remain available. However, general inquiries and other non-emergency services will be addressed by the Customer Service Centre during extended Monday to Thursday hours.

Common Council and Committee meetings will continue to be held as scheduled and advertised on www.saintjohn.ca.

Saint John Fire Department provides safety education during Fire Prevention Week

The Saint John Fire Department promoted the importance of fire safety during Fire Prevention Week, which ran from October 9-15. This year's theme of “fire won't wait, plan your escape” focused on the importance of creating a home escape plan and practicing it regularly.



“Fire moves fast, and today’s homes burn faster than ever,” said Saint John Fire Chief Kevin Clifford. “You could have only two minutes or less to safely escape once the fire alarm sounds, which is why advance planning and preparation is so critical.”

Throughout the week, firefighters with the SJFD brought this message, along with their Safety House Program, to local schools. They also made presentations to members of the YMCA of Greater Saint John’s Newcomer Connections.

On Friday, October 14, the public were invited to attend an open house to learn all about fire safety. The event took place at Fire Station 5 and activities included the SJFD Safety House, apparatus tours, fire extinguisher safety demonstrations, a cake cutting, and more. Read more [HERE](#).

Reminder that the City’s enhanced Waste Wise program launch date is October 23

The City’s enhanced solid waste collection services will begin on October 23, 2022.

Most residents have now received their Waste Wise curbside collection kits (garbage cart, two recycling totes and one lid) and the City will continue to deliver kits to all residents City-wide this week, leading up to the October 23 start date of the new program. If you haven’t received your full kit by Monday, October 24, please contact the Customer Service Centre at 658-4455.



All current Solid Waste collection services and schedules remain in effect until the new Waste Wise program launches. New schedules can be found by using the Recollect tool found [HERE](#).

Residents are encouraged to use the new recycling totes to sort and store their recycling prior to the program launch. However, recyclables will not be picked up curbside until the new collection services begin on October 23.

Program highlights, important dates and detailed frequently asked questions about the updated Waste Wise program can be found by visiting www.saintjohn.ca/wastewise.

City of Saint John drinking water continues to place among the top in Atlantic Canada

With this year’s award, the City has now placed in the top best drinking waters in Atlantic Canada for all three of its drinking water facilities

The City raised a glass to Saint John Water earlier this month as the utility brought home a second place award from the Atlantic Canada Water and Wastewater Association’s (ACWWA) eighth annual “best of the best” tap water taste-testing competition. This year, the award was presented for water from the Loch Lomond Drinking Water Treatment Facility.



In recent years, the City of Saint John has won “best of the best” drinking water awards for the South Bay Wellfield and Harbourview Subdivision Wellfield.

The competition, which is part of the ACWWA’s annual conference, took place from October 2-5 this year at the Hilton in Saint John. Each year, Atlantic Canadian municipalities are invited to submit a water sample for the competition. The samples are tested by a panel of water professionals and then submitted to a panel of judges for a blind taste-test.

The judges for this year’s competition included the Treasurer of the AWWA Jon Eaton, Rothesay Mayor Nancy Grant, Grand Bay-Westfield Deputy Mayor Erin Toole and Saint John Deputy Mayor John MacKenzie.

This year, there were 11 entries from eight municipalities, and samples were judged on their appearance, odour, taste and overall impression.

The City of Saint John’s Loch Lomond Drinking Water Treatment Facility is a state-of-the-art facility supplied from the Loch Lomond and Latimer Lake watersheds. It serves over 13,000 Saint John Water customers in the east, north, south, and select west side areas of the City. Drinking water distribution began from the facility in August 2018 as part of the Safe, Clean Drinking Water Project.

For more information on Saint John’s award-winning drinking water, click [HERE](#).

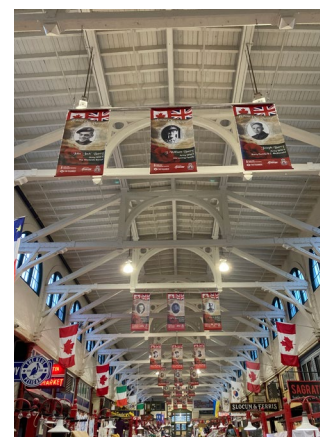
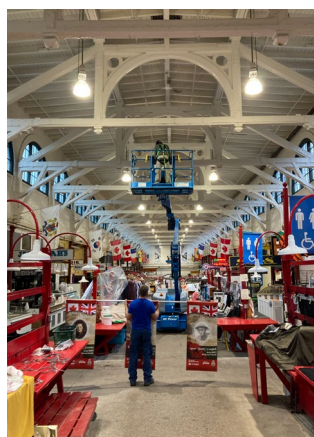
Banners honouring local veterans installed at the City Market

In preparation for Remembrance Day, a special installation took place at the Saint John City Market in honour of the City’s veterans. Honour Our Veterans banners, which feature photographs of local veterans, now adorn the rafters, and cover the entire length of the Market.

Thank you to the Royal Canadian Legion Lancaster Branch #69 and Cedar Hill Cemetery for lending the banners that will remain on display until after Remembrance Day.

The names of the local veterans on the banners include:

Pamela Ann Hoben	Robert G. Lawson
Charlie Lynch	Elzie LeBlanc
Jimmy Lynch	R. Dyson Thomas
Leo L. Richard	Lawson Thompson
Melvin Raymond Titus	Arthur N. Burgess
Adam Campbell	Paul Butler
Willard Causey	Kenneth Richard Campbell
Carl Ryan Gilmore	Harold C. Campbell
John “Jack” Barry	Cecil Burpee Foster
J. Wm Barry	James Talbert Foster
Joseph Barry	Byard Libby Fullerton
John Graves	
Marjorie Graves	
Thomas Moffett Bell	



Saint John Transit launches first phase of service enhancements

Saint John Transit is excited to announce that the first phase of service enhancements as part of the Transforming Transit Project are now in effect. Many transit users have already seen these improvements to their routes, with more scheduled to roll out in the new year.

The first phase of service enhancements include:

- Routes 9 and 15: Weekday service will begin earlier in the morning and run one hour later in the evening. Route 9 will leave from McAllister Place at 6:05 a.m., with its route ending at 6:55 p.m. Route 15 service from the King's Square will begin at 6:15 a.m. with its route ending at 10:40 p.m.
- Routes 3 and 9: During peak hours, common stops that serve these routes will see an increase in service frequency from every 30 minutes to every 15 minutes.
- Routes 1, 3, 9 and 15: Riders will now see digital bus signs indicating the direction the bus is travelling in.

The next phase of the project is scheduled to begin in January 2023 and will see enhancements on Route 1 and the introduction of FLEX on-demand service west. It will also include the introduction of new technology including electronic payment options and dynamic route planning.

More information about Transforming Transit is available [HERE](#).

Fall pothole blitz continues

Public Works crews continue to take advantage of the beautiful fall weather to repair potholes on priority 3 and 4 streets. Crews have been hard at work closing service requests for potholes across the city in order to have the streets in great conditions for the cold winter months ahead.

Market Square restaurants and businesses remain open during waterfront construction project

Temporary patios are now closed for the season but Market Square restaurants and businesses remain open during the construction period and can easily be accessed through the St. Patrick Street entrance, the entrance across from the Hilton Hotel and through the pedway connections in Brunswick Square.

For more on the project, click [HERE](#).



Growth At A Glance

In September, the One Stop Development Shop received **16** building and development-related permit applications with a value of **\$7.8 million**.

Year to date, the One Stop Development Shop has received **540** permit applications with a value of **\$86.6 million**.

There have been two high-value building permits so far in October:

- 408 Mill Street: \$5.4 million – Foundation for water treatment facility
- 35 Pat Rocca Way: \$1.5 million – Stage building at Market Slip

As of October 17, 2022, this is how current growth numbers compare year-over-year:



Events & Activities

Events Calendar!

Looking for things to do? Saint John has you covered with events in arts, culture, heritage, community, comedy, culinary, sports, music & performing arts. Visit [Discover Saint John](#) and check back often!



Stories To Share

Saint John's uptown is getting a skating rink. Read [HERE](#).

Transit continues to transform across Saint John. Click [HERE](#).

Four-day work week begins for many City employees. More [HERE](#).

Art exhibit projects the human condition onto Saint John streetscapes. Read [HERE](#).

Remembrance Day ceremony back at TD station. More [HERE](#).

City making progress in its Climate Change Action Plan. Click [HERE](#).

Changing economy means new plan for old Woolworth's site. Read [HERE](#).

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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 Thursday (excluding holidays), 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

