



SAINT JOHN

# What's Happening Saint John

October 5, 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

### Public space at Fundy Quay construction has begun

The Fundy Quay development project marked another major milestone with construction now started following several months of preparation along the Saint John waterfront.

Construction equipment and crews have arrived on site and construction activity will be increasing over the coming weeks and months. The start of construction represents an exciting next step in the redesign of the public space at Market Slip and the extension of Harbour Passage.



As part of the initial work plan, the temporary restaurant patios at Market Square are scheduled to be removed beginning October 11, to make way for the construction of new permanent multi-season patios, which will open in time for next summer's patio season.

The restaurants will remain open for business 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.

Public signage reminding residents and visitors that the restaurants are open for business will be installed. To learn more visit [www.shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca](http://www.shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca).

### SJEMO team presented with exemplary service awards

On September 13, members of the Saint John Emergency Management Organization (SJEMO) who were instrumental in getting the City through the weather and emergency events of 2019 were each presented with an emergency management exemplary service award for outstanding contribution to emergency management, on behalf of federal, provincial and territorial ministers.

In 2019, SJEMO not only helped residents recover from a historic flood, but also responded to and managed a butane leak and a refinery explosion all in a 12-month



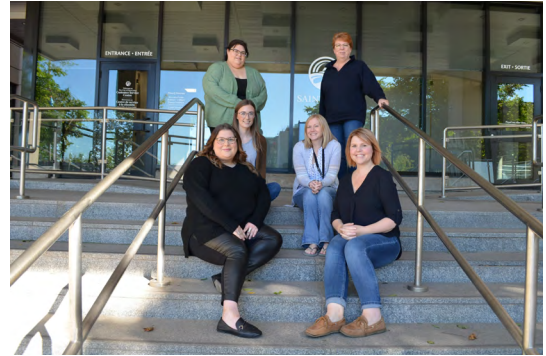
period. The work of the SJEMO team was recognized for their extraordinary efforts during these events.

### **First annual New Brunswick Municipality Week celebrated**

The City of Saint John joined other communities around the province this year in marking the first ever Municipality Week in New Brunswick from September 19-25.

The week was an opportunity to highlight the hard work and dedication of municipal staff and volunteers who help to make our community such a desirable and vibrant place to live.

Throughout the week, the City's Facebook and Twitter pages featured messages of appreciation along with group photos of employees. A photo contest was also held through Shape Your City Saint John inviting the public to share photos of their favourite places in the City.



### **City of Saint John names Brent McGovern as the incoming Chief Administrative Officer**

At its meeting on September 26, Common Council voted unanimously to appoint Brent McGovern as the incoming Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), a title currently referred to as City Manager.

Mr. McGovern has had a long and esteemed career with the City of Saint John, since first joining the organization as a municipal design engineer in 2000. Since then, he has held several engineering, director and executive leadership positions.

Mr. McGovern will assume the top municipal position in an acting capacity on December 15, 2022, and permanently following the current City Manager, John Collin's, retirement on January 3, 2023. For more information, click [HERE](#).



### **Call for applications for various City of Saint John Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Committees**

The City of Saint John is seeking applicants for consideration for appointment to the following: the Planning Advisory Committee, Rockwood Park Endowment Fund, and the Saint John Free Public Library.

The City encourages nominations for volunteers representing a wide cross-section of the Saint John community. Anyone interested in serving on the above mentioned agencies, boards and commissions is asked to submit an application in confidence on-line at the City's website [HERE](#).

The deadline for applications is **October 6, 2022**.

For more information, please call the City Clerk's office at (506) 658-2862 or at [cityclerk@saintjohn.ca](mailto:cityclerk@saintjohn.ca).

### City participating in homelessness strategy

The City of Saint John is part of a team of local stakeholders who are assisting with reviewing applications for funding through Infrastructure Canada's Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy program.

Reaching Home is a community-based program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness across Canada. This program provides federal funding to communities (urban, Indigenous, rural, and remote) to help them address their local homelessness needs.

In Saint John, the available federal funds are to be allocated to local non-profits who work to prevent and reduce homelessness. The total amount available through this funding for 2022 and 2023 is \$1,285,336 which is less than the total funding requested through the applications of \$2,093,643.

The application deadline closed on September 2 and the application review committee met on September 20 to begin reviewing funding requests. More information about the program can be found [HERE](#).

### City Hall new home to beautifully carved sculpture

City Hall prepared the front entrance to building for the installation of a carved sculpture from Sculpture Saint John on September 15.

One of three sculptures being installed around the City, this highly visible area will allow for residents and visitors to view the sculpture while passing through the uptown area. An official unveiling ceremony is being planned for this fall. More details will be announced once confirmed.



To learn more about Sculpture Saint John, click [HERE](#).

### Honouring National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

In honour of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the official unveiling of a large-scale mural created by local Inuvialuit artist Cassandra McLaughlin took place at the City Market on September 30. The mural is permanently displayed at the Germain Street entrance to the City Market.

Following the ceremony, the public were encouraged to participate in other events at the Market including viewing the Every Child Matters shadow box created by UNB Saint John's Indigenous Advisor and students, and watch short films and videos to learn about Truth and Reconciliation and its history.

In addition to these events, the City once again provided employees with an opportunity to focus on learning around National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Daily Truth and Reconciliation moments were sent to all employees throughout the week leading up to September 30 and many employees have completed an online educational module called The Path, an in-depth informative history of Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

To view these moments, click [HERE](#).



## City prepares to implement four-day compressed work week and extend customer service hours

Following a unanimous vote of approval from Common Council on the City Manager's policy recommendation, the City will implement a four-day compressed work week for most municipal employees effective October 17, 2022.

During his presentation to Council, the City Manager spoke to the many benefits of a four-day work week for employees and the employer and the benefit of extending morning and evening Customer Service Centre and One Stop Development Shop hours for the community, Monday through Thursday.

He added that while the shift will see most municipal offices closed Friday through Sunday, operations such as key services in public works, the City Market, recreation facilities, transit, parking enforcement, Saint John Water and public safety services will continue to serve the community reliably and without interruption throughout the week.

More information can be found [HERE](#).

## Gearing up for P.R.O. Kids

Hurricane Fiona didn't stop families from showing up at the Peter Murray Arena for P.R.O. Kids Gear Grab on Thursday, September 22 and Sunday, September 25.

This annual event provides families an opportunity to access much needed hockey equipment for the upcoming season. Staff and volunteers assisted approximately 65 children and youth in finding equipment and all families were extremely grateful for the assistance to offset these costs.

To learn more about P.R.O. Kids, click [HERE](#).

## Latest Saint John Story Series features local neighbourhood

Saint John Story Series is a place to profile and highlight City of Saint John staff, service areas, and the positive impacts of City led initiatives within our community.

The latest article features a special Saint John neighbourhood that is focused on staying connected.

For the past five years, residents of Saint John's Duck Cove neighbourhood have come together for an annual celebratory community picnic as a way of gathering as friends and neighbours and enjoying the place they call home. Read the full story [HERE](#).



### **Fire safety house and fire department demonstrations a hit at the Atlantic National Exhibition**

Fire Prevention crews alongside operational crews had an impactful presence at the Atlantic National Exhibition this year.

The Fire Safety Smoke House was on site to educate children and parents on the importance of fire safety and having a plan to escape a fire. Children were able to go into a “smoked out” trailer and practice getting out safely, and operational crews put on demonstrations of vehicle extrication, rope rescue, and fire hose operations. Overall, there was great participation by the public during this valuable way of connecting with the community.

Over four days 250 people were able to interact with fire crews and gain a greater appreciation for the offerings of the department and gain valuable fire safety information.

### **First Nations storytelling walks**

First Nations Storytellers are offering Indigenous Storytelling Walks in uptown Saint John this fall.

Participants can learn more about Indigenous culture and the history of Indigenous Peoples in Saint John all while enjoying the beautiful uptown area.

First Nations Storytellers will be running pop-up events at the Explore NB container in the AREA 506 Waterfront Container Village, and at Wasted Day Brewing throughout September and October.

Visit their website for more information or to book a tour [HERE](#).



### **Friendship Games a Success**

The opening ceremonies for the 30th annual 50+ Friendship Games took place on Sunday, September 25 at the Branch 69 Legion, kickstarting four days of friendly competition.

In total, over 200 participants competed in one or more of the 26 activities including cribbage, lawn bowling, pickleball, horseshoes, swimming, crokinole, golf, and more.

### **Celebrating Latin American Heritage Month**

Throughout October, Red Latin (Southwest N.B.) will be celebrating Latin American Heritage Month with activities around the city. Events include a soccer tournament, film festival, concerts, and parties. These events are made possible in part through the support of the City of Saint John and the Ethnocultural Grants program.

Learn more about all the events on Red Latin's Facebook page [HERE](#).



Growth At A Glance

In September, the One Stop Development Shop received **53** building and development-related permit applications with a value of **\$4.3 million**.

Year to date, the One Stop Development Shop has received **523** permit applications with a value of **\$78.9 million**.

As of September 30, 2022, this is how 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!



Stories To Share

Five recreation initiatives coming in 2023. Read [HERE](#).

Saint John Transit adds more trips. Read [HERE](#).

Mural unveiled for National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Read [HERE](#).

Business community welcomes more flights at YSJ. Read [HERE](#).

Affordable housing plan finalized. More [HERE](#).

L'Arche Saint John launches new independent living pilot project. More [HERE](#).

New CEO for Fundy Regional Services Commission. Click [HERE](#).

Dates set for Saint John Santa Claus parades. Read [HERE](#).

City firefighter added to national memorial monument. More [HERE](#).

Solar panels coming to Canada Games Aquatic Centre. More [HERE](#).

Lower speed limits proposed for 14 streets. Read [HERE](#).

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