



SAINT JOHN

# What's Happening Saint John

November 3, 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

### Latest immigration data shows Saint John continues to head in the right direction

In a release of additional 2021 Census immigration and migration data on October 26 by Statistics Canada, the numbers for Saint John continued to show positive signs of growth. According to the data:

- Saint John attracted 2,490 immigrants between 2016 and 2021, a 228 per cent increase over the previous census period.
- The Saint John Census Metropolitan Area attracted 3,055 immigrants in total over that same period.
- The City of Saint John attracted 81.5 per cent of all immigrants living in the region, up from 78 per cent previously.
- 5,535 immigrants are now living in the City of Saint John; 45 per cent of all immigrants arrived between 2016 and 2021.
- 8 per cent of the City's residents are now immigrants; the Canadian Average is 23 per cent.



The City of Saint John Census population grew by 2,320 people in the last five-year census period to 69,895 in 2021. This means that net new immigrants accounted for the majority of the City's net positive population growth.

The City's new Immigration Strategy will be presented at the November 28 Council meeting.

### Saint John Story Series features a tribute to veterans

*Service and sacrifice: Local Legion partners with the City to help honour veterans*

Walking through the Saint John City Market, you only need to look up to see a special installation honouring the service and sacrifice of local veterans.

More than two dozen banners showcasing the names and faces of Saint John residents who have served their country have been installed in the rafters, leading up to Remembrance Day.

The banners are part of a commemorative project led locally by the Royal Canadian Legion Lancaster Branch #69 on the city's west side.

Read the entire story and watch the video [HERE](#).

### **SJ Fire Department welcomes 12 new graduates**

A graduation ceremony was held on Friday, October 28 by the Saint John Fire Department (SJFD) for 12 trainees who successfully completed the seven-week training and assessment program in the SJFD's Training Division.

The program included live fire training, technical rope rescue and fire suppression as well as certification as a hazardous materials technician.

Division Chief of Training, Special Operations and EMO Peter Ehler shared that SJFD are very happy with the crew and proud of the work they have done.

All 12 graduates will be recommended for hire and will be offered holiday relief positions with the department. Congratulations to the new graduates.



### **P.R.O. Kids 20th anniversary FUNdraising dinner taking place November 17**

P.R.O. Kids' annual FUNdraising dinner, presented by U.C.T. Jack Kidd Council 755, is returning after a two-year hiatus on November 17. In celebration of its 20th anniversary, the event will also honour two local P.R.O. Kids champions.

"We wanted to do something special to celebrate our 20th anniversary year," says Manager, Lori Lambert. "Our committee identified one individual and one group we feel embody the vision of P.R.O Kids: to empower all youth to grow in their community."

Chris Green, co-founder and coach of TOP Corner Hockey, a free hockey program for children, will be honoured along with the Dickie Crossman Memorial Foundation, a fundraising group who has contributed over \$370,000 to P.R.O Kids.

For event and ticket information click [HERE](#).

### **New sculpture is officially unveiled in front of City Hall**

The City of Saint John, in partnership with Uptown Saint John Inc. the business improvement association, and Sculpture Saint John officially unveiled a new piece of public art in front of City Hall on October 27.

Local artist Phillip Savage created the sculpture as part of the Sculpture Saint John Symposium held this summer. Titled *Portal*, the artist says the sculpture was inspired by both the natural formation of sand and stone along the ocean coast as well as the old stone arches of the past.

The sculpture was generously sponsored by Uptown Saint John.

Since the Symposium's inception in 2012, 38 sculptures have been carved by artists from around the world. All pieces now make up the New Brunswick International Sculpture Trail, which runs from St. Stephen to Moncton.

Two additional artists' sculptures were installed in the City as part of the 2022 Sculpture Saint John Symposium. They include the following:



- Paul Jaunzems: Revelations – Seaside Park in west Saint John
- Wiktor Kopacz: Circulation in Nature – Queen Square in uptown Saint John

### **Greater Saint John Sports Hall of Fame to welcome six inductees**

After being postponed last year due to COVID-19, membership in the Greater Saint John Sports Hall of Fame will grow by six at a ceremony on November 5 at Lily Lake Pavilion. The new inductees are Rick Gosselin, Cynthia Johnston, the late Bruce Melanson, Malcolm (Seward) Neilsen, Charlie Sullivan Jr., and Kevin Watson.

“Our region is fortunate to have had such high-calibre people representing us on the national and international sporting stages,” said Aaron Kennedy, chair of the Greater Saint John Sports Hall of Fame Committee. “We look forward to seeing the names of these six individuals on the walls at TD Station.”

The Greater Saint John Sports Hall of Fame is in the lobby of TD Station. For more information about the event including tickets, click [HERE](#).

### **Applications for the Community Arts Funding Program are available**

Applications are now being accepted for the City of Saint John Community Arts Funding Program.

This program is designed to provide project support for non-profit organizations or groups wishing to offer quality arts activities in any discipline of the creative arts within the City of Saint John.

Applications and information are available at [www.saintjohn.ca](http://www.saintjohn.ca).

The deadline for applications is 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2022.

### **Grand opening to be held for JDI west side community dog park**

Pet owners in Saint John have a new area to bring their dogs, with a grand opening for the new JDI west side community dog park, located at 701 Dever Road, scheduled for Sunday, November 6 at 12 p.m.

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 has also contributed waste receptacles, benches, and dog waste bags.



**Growth At A Glance**

In October, the One Stop Development Shop received **44** building and development-related permit applications with a value of **\$9.7 million**.

Year to date, the One Stop Development Shop has received **584** permit applications with a value of **\$91.8 million**.

There were two high-value building permits 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 31, 2022, this is how current growth numbers compare year-over-year:



**Stories To Share**

Fundy Regional Service Commission rejects budget. Click [HERE](#).

City sending letter to feds, province to discuss living wage. Read [HERE](#).

Royal Canadian Legion looking forward to 2022 poppy campaign. More [HERE](#).

Lower speed limits for 14 Saint John streets. Click [HERE](#).

The Chamber announces Outstanding Business Award winners. More [HERE](#).

Saint John police to start billing businesses if too many false alarms go out. More [HERE](#).

New public housing needs to be as diverse as the people it serves, tenants say. Click [HERE](#).

Interest rate hikes worsening 'perfect storm' says N.B. developer. Click [HERE](#).

New vacancies at uptown buildings seen as opportunity. More [HERE](#).



## 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!



## Don't Forget!

### The enhanced Waste Wise program is now underway

The City's new solid waste program began on October 23. For schedules, sorting guide, where to buy bag tags, and more information visit the Waste Wise page [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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TO HELP!**

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