



SAINT JOHN

What's Happening Saint John

August 30, 2023

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 launches performance dashboard to track progress on Council priorities

The City launched its Performance Dashboard earlier this month to share performance data and progress being made in achieving Common Council's 2021-2026 priorities – Grow, Green, Belong, Move, and Perform – with the public.

"The Council Priorities Performance Dashboard is an important step forward in helping us understand where we are today and how we're tracking towards our future strategic goals," said Kevin Fudge, City of Saint John Chief Financial Officer. "It puts transparency and communication at the forefront and will help us identify areas where we need to take action to ensure the long-term growth and prosperity of our community."



The Performance Dashboard is an ever-evolving resource and measures will be updated regularly with new ones being added as they are developed. Currently, the public can view insightful data and progress on annual population growth rate, new construction assessment growth, affordable housing initiatives, grant utilization, greenhouse gas emissions reduction, details about park improvements and more.

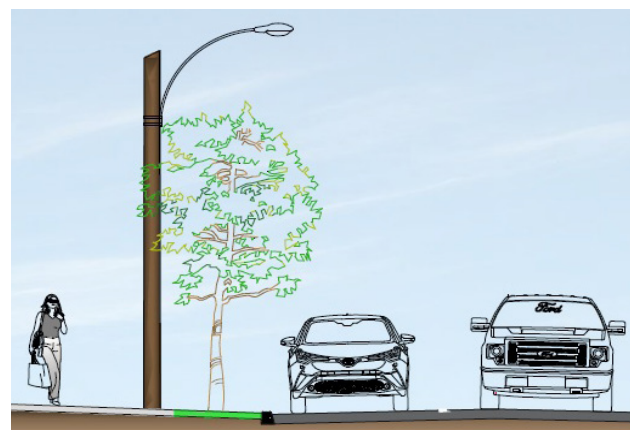
View the dashboard at www.saintjohn.ca/dashboard.

City invites residents to help reimagine Charlotte Street

The community is invited to help to shape the look and functionality of Charlotte Street by getting involved with the highly-anticipated Charlotte Street Reimagination Project.

A new public engagement page for the project has been launched on the City's online engagement platform, Shape Your City Saint John. Community members can view preliminary designs, project goals and timelines and take a short survey to help develop the future of Charlotte Street.

This important initiative seeks to improve safety, infrastructure, and access for all users, creating a vision for the area of Charlotte Street that stretches between Union Street and Broad Street. This area has



been identified as a key transportation corridor connecting the Uptown and South End areas of the South Central Peninsula and as one that requires improved access for all types of transportation.

The survey is now open and will be available for community input until September 5, 2023. Paper copies of the survey are also available to fill out at the Customer Service Centre at City Hall.

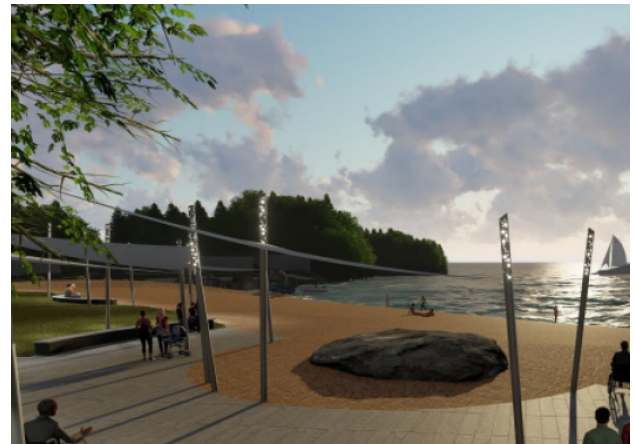
To get involved and have your say, visit www.shapeyourcitysaintjohn.ca.

Dominion Park unveils beach enhancements and new amenities

The official grand opening of phase one enhancements to Dominion Park took place on August 19 and the sunshine, blue skies, and crowds did not disappoint. MP Wayne Long, MLA Dorothy Shephard, Councillor Greg Norton and Derek Chiasson from the Dominion Park Community Association were all on hand to provide remarks and help celebrate this much-anticipated day. Along with the sunshine, hundreds of residents came out to enjoy the beach and participate in a Passport to Parks event that coincided with the opening.

With phase one now completed, visitors will see the following park enhancements:

- A permanent, accessible building equipped to house a canteen
- Accessible washrooms
- Designated area for lifeguards and maintenance operations
- A Sunset Plaza with seating and sun protection
- New picnic facilities
- Improved beach access
- Changerooms
- Improved electrical infrastructure and lighting



A master plan consisting of three phases was put into action jointly by the City and the community after the park sustained significant damage from historic flooding in 2018 and 2019.

Phase two and three of the master plan will include a playground, a multi-use sports court and a boat launch.

Read more about the master plan [HERE](#).

Final Passport to Parks event taking place on September 2

Last call! After a successful return this summer, there is just one more Passport to Parks event to enjoy, so don't miss out! The final wrap-up to this popular summer series is taking place on Saturday, September 2 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Rockwood Park, so be sure to take in all the fun!

These family-friendly events are free of charge and depending on the location, feature music, entertainment, water-based activities and more.

For up-to-date information, visit the Facebook event page [HERE](#).

Traffic calming pilot project launches in two neighbourhoods

The City has launched a pilot project to help calm traffic in two city neighbourhoods by targeting excessive speeding and encouraging residents to be cautious and drive safely.

Work has begun to install speed cushions along McNamara Drive in East Saint John and Cedarwood Drive in Millidgeville. These streets were identified as high risk based on results from a comprehensive speed and volume analysis that was completed within the last two years. Work to identify a potential third street to include in the pilot project is currently underway.



“Many Saint John residents are letting us know they are concerned with excessive speeding and the impact it has on the safety of their neighbourhoods,” says Tim O’Reilly, Director of Public Works for the City. “We are pleased to launch this pilot project and, based on the results, are hoping to expand these safety measures to other neighbourhoods.”

Read more [HERE](#).

Camp Courage invites community to attend live rescue simulation

Camp Courage, an interactive training camp that gives young women and gender-diverse youth a look into careers in first response, is inviting the community to attend its final training exercise – a hands-on live rescue simulation at the Saint John Exhibition Park on August 31, 2023.

Eleven female and gender-diverse youth aged 15-19 from across Canada are in Saint John from August 28-31 to participate in the first ever New Brunswick Camp Courage. The four-day camp will see participants take part in interactive training and skills related to emergency service careers such as Paramedic, Police Officer, and Firefighter.

The camp concludes with a final exercise where participants will put what they’ve learned to use by taking on various First Responder roles to respond to a simulated impaired driver scenario and multi-vehicle accident.

The event will take place next to the main building at the Exhibition Park grounds on Thursday, August 31 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Opening remarks will be delivered by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and Camp Courage. The rescue exercise will be narrated for attendees and a brief closing ceremony for camp participants will be hosted by Saint John Fire, Saint John Police, and Ambulance NB.



To learn more about Camp Courage, visit <https://campaecourage.ca>.

Wow, the waterfront is looking good!

Construction along the waterfront is on schedule and we can certainly see it continuing to take shape! Read below for the latest progress updates:

Tidal steps - work continues on the Tidal Steps and granite pieces are being placed into position to form the amphitheatre and stairs. As work progresses up the slope, retaining walls will be constructed to provide transition areas.

Skating surface - the concrete slabs that will support the ice rink surface have been installed and work is underway to install the controls and pumping equipment inside the stage building.

Stage - back in May we saw first signs of the new stage appear and we can now see the full structural formation in place. The enclosed areas on either side of the stage have now been framed in and will become the accessible washrooms and mechanical and electrical rooms. Work on the stage will be intermittent and will serve as infill for times when trades are not required elsewhere on the project.



Plaza area - retractable bollards are now installed and Silva Cells at tree locations (used to support tree growth by helping to prevent soil from getting compacted around tree roots allowing them to grow freely and help prevent buckling of the walking surface) have also been installed. The patterns and features within the concrete unit pavers will become more and more evident as areas are completed.

Harbour Passage extension - work has begun on the retaining wall at the far side of the passage (near the old pilot slip). Additionally, foundation work for the amphitheatre and prow features along the passage have begun.

All public spaces are still anticipated to be completed by the end of 2023.



Stories To Share

Electric bus pilot project in Saint John doubles ridership and saves money. Details [HERE](#).

Dominion Park celebrates grand re-opening in Saint John. Watch [HERE](#).

\$100M worth of building permit applications so far in 2023. Read [HERE](#).

Hundreds celebrate LGBTQ2 community at Saint John Pride parade. Click [HERE](#).

Saint John police launch aggressive driving campaign. More [HERE](#).

New welcome kiosk at Saint John Airport. Read [HERE](#).

Moonlight Bazaar postponed due to weather. Details [HERE](#).



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Events calendar

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