

**TOWN OF
SAINT ANDREWS**



**SPRING
NEWSLETTER**



APRIL 2023



2023 LEAF BAG SALE & SPRING LEAF & BRUSH SERVICE

Paper leaf bags are now available for purchase for your convenience at Town Hall for **\$4.00 (cash only)** per bundle of 5 with a **limit of 3 bundles per household**. Bags will be available for purchase until Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

Public Works are now picking up ***leaves and garden brush within the old Town limits***. This service is provided Monday to Friday excluding holidays until **Monday, May 29, 2023**. Brush and tree branches need to be tied in bundles not exceeding 3 feet in length, 2 feet in diameter and 50 pounds in weight. Please note that after May 29th Public Works will **not** pick up leaves or garden brush and it will be the responsibility of the property owner to place these items curbside for the regular Thursday garbage collection.

Loose brush and tree branches may be brought to the Town Public Works Yard at 95 Patrick Street and placed in the designated area. Please ensure that all material is free of rope, wire, etc. ***This service will end on Monday, May 29, 2023, and is not available to large scale or commercial lot clearing.***

NOTE: Plastic leaf bags will no longer be collected beginning this fall.

REGULAR GARBAGE WITHIN THE OLD TOWN LIMITS



Just a reminder that per By-Law 98-02, a By-Law to Control and Regulate the Collection and/or Disposal of Garbage and Waste, residential garbage containers must **not** be placed outside for collection earlier than 8:00 *pm* Wednesday nights and no later than 7:00 *am* on Thursday mornings (the day of collection). Garbage must be put out in proper containers to prevent an unsightly appearance, pest infestation, or being accessible to dogs or other animals.

GLASS IS NOT CURRENTLY RECYCLABLE



A reminder that glass is ***NOT*** currently recyclable in Saint Andrews. All glass should be placed in your regular garbage bin for collection, **NOT** in your recycling bin.

PARKING INFORMATION

Beginning **May 15, 2023**, there will be four (4) “**30 Minute Parking**” only spaces with marked signage – two located on King Street by the Bank of Nova Scotia and two located on King Street by Home Hardware. There is currently one (1) “**Emergency Vehicles Only**” parking space with marked signage on King Street next to the post office. This parking space is restricted to **Ambulance, Police, Fire and By-Law Enforcement Officers**.

Just a reminder that there is *no parking at anytime*:

- in a designated “Accessible Parking” space without a proper permit
- in areas marked with **yellow-painted curbs** and/or yellow gridlines
- on a crosswalk or within 3 m in any direction of a crosswalk
- in front of any public or private driveway in part, or in whole
- facing the opposite direction of traffic on either side of the street
- in a fire lane, a fire hydrant access point, or within 5 m of a fire hydrant
- within 10 m of any STOP sign



SAINT ANDREWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kevin Theriault, Fire Chief, would like to remind citizens of By-Law 02-14, A By-Law to Regulate Open Air Fires Within the Town of Saint Andrews: fires are acceptable in fire pits, outdoor fireplaces, and structures following these guidelines:

1. Maintaining a minimum of 4.5 metres clearance from all buildings.
2. Must have enclosed sides made from bricks, concrete blocks, heavy gauge metal, stone, or other suitable non-combustible components.
3. A spark arrestor mesh screen of ¼ inch expanded metal (or equivalent) to contain sparks shall be provided over the fire.

Please check the provincial website www2.gnb.ca and search Forest Fire Watch or check the board in front of the Fire Hall, 80 Reed Avenue for burning information.

No burning of grass, leaves, brush or other garden, yard or general waste is allowed at any time within the old Town limits.

For more information contact Kevin Theriault, Fire Chief, at (506) 529-5150.



REMEMBRANCE PERIOD BANNER PROGRAM

The St. Andrews Legion #8 will be implementing a Banner program to honour members of the Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP. Any past or present member is eligible. The 24" x 36" double-sided banner will display the members name, picture, unit of service and/or time served. There is a one-time cost of \$100.00 to purchase a banner which will be displayed during the upcoming Remembrance periods. To request an order form please email: rc18banner@gmail.com or call Sue Coombs at (506) 529-4925 or Inez Thomas-Cuyllle at (506) 529-9095. All orders must be submitted by ***May 31, 2023***, for display during the 2023 Remembrance period.

ST. ANDREWS CIVIC TRUST

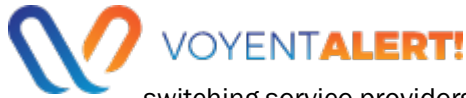
Celebrating 50 years, the St. Andrews Civic Trust has championed the architectural and cultural heritage of our town. On June 4, 2023, we are hosting an open house at the Charlotte County Courthouse between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. We would like to tell you "our story". Along with highlighting our many and varied activities and accomplishments, we are excited to outline our plans for the future. The new St. Andrews Civic Trust Website will be unveiled at this time. And, we have some special surprises! You are invited to attend. Bring friends too!

AGE FRIENDLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Age Friendly Advisory Committee has been busy this past year, applying to renew age friendly community recognition for Saint Andrews to 2026, successfully. We also participated in the Healthy Seniors Pilot Project, Civic Engagement, on supporting aging in place with the Lodge. Some of the recommendations from this project will be incorporated in our 2023 - 2026 action plan for Saint Andrews. The Town and community groups continue to implement improvements to the community to ensure healthy aging for all, of all ages. We welcomed 3 new Advisory Committee members, Rob Weir, Jamie Steel, and Gary Kenyon-Irwin - thanks for joining us. We also saw 2 very valuable members resign, Lezlie LeBlanc and Sue Corbyn; thank you for your years of tireless service, ideas and energy.



KEEP UP TO DATE ON EMERGENCIES



The Town is switching service providers from Sentinel to Voyent Alert! as Sentinel will no longer be offering this service. Anyone currently signed up to receive alerts with Sentinel will ***automatically be switched over to Voyent.*** If you are not currently signed up for our emergency broadcast system alerts, please contact Town Hall at (506) 529-5120 or the Fire Department at (506) 529-5150 and we would be happy to get you signed up!

AFTER-HOURS & CRITICAL RESPONSE LINE (506) 529-5120

The Town continues to have a 24-hour Urgent Response line for residents who need to report an after-hours Municipal emergency. This line is intended for use in matters *directly under the control of the Town*. This would include water leaks, fallen trees, street safety issues, flooding of storm water ditches, or any other issue which would be a health or safety concern to residents in general. Should an incident occur outside of normal business hours, a Municipal employee will be dispatched to assess the matter. Please call **(506) 529-5120** and follow the prompts for assistance.



RCMP

An RCMP member can be reached at ***any time*** of the day. You do not have to wait to physically see one at the office. There are no administrative staff at the Saint Andrews office and members are out on proactive work and attending calls for service. If you need to contact us, call our 24-hour non-emergency line **1-888-506-7267** (English) or 1-888-506-1472 (French), or you can use the telephone located at the front step of the Saint Andrews Detachment in the yellow phone box which rings directly to the “J” Division Telecommunications Centre. ***Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies.***

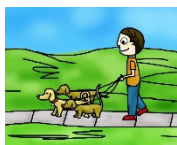
NCO i/c Saint Andrews Detachment RCMP, Cpl. Jayson Hansen



ST. ANDREWS OPEN DOOR FOOD PROGRAM

St. Andrews Open Door Food Program is the local food bank serving residents of Saint Andrews, Bayside, Chamcook and Bocabec. We are a volunteer-based program working to eliminate hunger and improve the well being of our community through the distribution of PC grocery gift cards. The gift cards allow our clients the ability to make food purchases that meet their own dietary needs. We are grateful for the space offered to us by the Wesley United Church, 77 William Street, where on a monthly basis we distribute the grocery cards to our clients. The success of our program is due to the support we receive from the business community, our volunteers, and the generosity of our donors. If you are in need of our services, or are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact us through our webpage www.opendoorfoodprogram, on Facebook - St. Andrews Open Door, or by phone, (506) 927-0000, where you can leave a message.

2023 DOG TAGS



2023 Dog tags are available for purchase in person at Town Hall, 212 Water Street. Please bring **proof of rabies inoculation** when purchasing your yearly dog tag. Tags are \$10.00 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$25.00 for any unaltered dogs. Please be aware that when walking your dog(s) in Saint Andrews they are required to be on a leash. Each person who owns or controls a dog must pick up after their pet. Waste bags are placed on poles in various locations around Town for your convenience.

NO FEEDING OF DEER



A reminder to residents that the feeding of deer is ***not permitted*** within the old Town limits. The fine for this offence is \$250.00 under By-Law 19-08, A By-Law of The Municipality of Saint Andrews Respecting Animal Control. New signage has been placed around Town as a reminder to residents.

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Please check our website for current job postings: www.townofsaintandrews.ca or visit us at the Saint Andrews Job Fair on May 2nd from 1:00 – 5:00 pm at the W.C. O'Neill Arena Complex.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Happy Spring to all residents of Saint Andrews! In particular, I wanted to recognize the residents of Bayside and Chamcook who, through reform, are now part of our greater community. I was fortunate to grow up in Saint Andrews, and through shared experiences in school and sports, always felt we were all from the “same place”. Despite my (and many others) concerns over the Local Governance Reform processes leading us to amalgamation, we must work together to seize the opportunity with the many provincially mandated service changes impacting our community. I am delighted to have Councillor Weare, Councillor Harland, and Councillor Bennett added to our Council to provide guidance and perspectives from our new Wards.

Council and Senior Town Staff have completed a strategic priority setting exercise to start a road map in addressing issues in our community and topics that require advocating to other levels of government. Council has identified the need for further attention required on diversified housing in Saint Andrews, and commencement on repairs to the approach of the Saint Andrews Market Wharf and Square. Reform will also have us revisiting our Municipal / Land Use Plans, and also determining service levels in our different Wards for the 2024 budget process.

With all attractions, shops, and restaurants soon opening, the Town Wide Yard Sale and Paddlefest fast approaching, Saint Andrews summer vibrancy is in the air. One cannot help but feel lucky to be able to call this community “home”.

Brad Henderson, Mayor



PARKS & RECREATION

My name is Merven Hanselacker, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Manager of Recreation for the Town of Saint Andrews. I am an experienced professional, with a strong passion for creating inclusive and adaptive programs, activities, and events to cater to all members of the community. If you have any questions for me or suggestions for programs, activities, and/or events you would like to see in the community please feel free to reach out by emailing us at recreation@townofstandrews.ca or calling (506) 529-5143. You can also follow us on Facebook at Town of Saint Andrews Parks & Recreation to keep up to date with all the recreational activities happening in Saint Andrews. I look forward to hearing from you.

ST. ANDREWS FARMERS' MARKET

The St. Andrews Farmers' Market returns to Market Square May 25th and runs from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm every Thursday through to September 28th.

For more information: www.standrewsfarmersmarket.com

Other special markets throughout the year include:

Canada Day - Saturday, July 1st

New Brunswick Day - Monday, August 7th

Harvest Market - Thursday, October 5th

Indulge - Saturday, October 14th

Christmas - Saturday, December 9th



CANADA DAY



Planning is underway for a weekend long celebration for Canada's 156th birthday! Activities include a parade, farmers' market, cake cutting, music and live entertainment, and of course fireworks!! Stay tuned for updates as more events will be added!



UNAUTHORIZED USE OF FIREWORKS



We kindly remind residents that the unauthorized use of fireworks in the Town of Saint Andrews is prohibited under Noise By-Law 06-04. Please do not launch personal fireworks within the community as they can be a safety risk as well as an issue for some residents and pets. Those that are in violation or contravention of this By-Law can be issued an administrative penalty of \$500.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

- Saint Andrews Job Fair – May 2
W.C. O’Neill Arena Complex 1:00 – 5:00 pm
- Changing Seasons St. Andrews
Farmers’ Market - May 6
Anglican Church Parish Hall
- King Charles III Coronation – May 6
- Pearl Mist Cruise Ship Visit - May 10
- Town Wide Yard Sale – May 13
- Paddlefest – May 18 – 21
- St. Andrews Civic Trust Open House – June 4
Charlotte County Courthouse
- Charlotte County Pride Week
June 10 - 17
- Charlotte County Pride Family Day – June 10
Katy’s Cove
- Charlotte County Pride March & Market – June 17
- 43rd Edition of the Saint Andrews Father’s Day Race – June 18
- National Indigenous People’s Day – June 21
- Canada Day Celebrations – June 30 - July 2
- Artists by the Sea - July 15 & 16
Anglican Church Parish Hall
- Saint Andrews Masters Tennis Tournament – Aug 4 - 6
- 15th Annual Antiques Market – August 6
- New Brunswick Day – August 7
- New Brunswick Wood Carving Competition & Sale
August 11-13 – *SJDA*
- Charlotte County Fall Fair – September 16 & 17
- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - September 30
- Indulge Food & Wine Festival – October 13 – 15



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Environmental Advisory Committee would like to inform the public on the upcoming EAC Newsletter that will be available digitally in the Month of May. You can find links to the newsletter at www.townofsaintandrews.ca, www.facebook.com/town.saintandrews, and at www.facebook.com/StA.EAC. The newsletter has information on Climate Change projects in the community, support for the Community Garden, information on land stewardship for homeowners and more! If you are interested in joining the Environmental Advisory Committee, please email Kalen Mawer, Chair, at kalen.mawer@gmail.com.

PLANNING TO RENOVATE OR BUILD?

The **Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission** provides planning, development and building services including building permits to the Town of Saint Andrews. Contact them with your questions today.

Planning Division

33 Wall St. St. Stephen, NB. E3L 2L5

(506) 466-7369 or visit their website: www.snbsc.ca



PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As of September 2021, the Town of Saint Andrews appointed the Planning Advisory Committee in accordance with Section 3 of the *Community Planning Act* of New Brunswick. The PAC is comprised of one Councillor and six local citizens.

The mandate of the PAC is to perform necessary duties related to community planning to provide advice and make recommendations to Council regarding land use, development and community planning.

The PAC's duties include making recommendations to Town Council on land use planning matters including Municipal Plan Amendments, rezoning of property, zone amendments, and subdivisions. In addition, the committee acts as the approving authority for most variances. Regular meetings of the PAC are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm unless posted otherwise.

Members of the PAC include:

Jill Stewart (Chair), Jeff Cross (Vice-Chair), Councillor Annette Harland, Dwight Ingalls, Jeremiah Kerr, Kevin Simmonds and John Tanner.



HOP-ON HOP-OFF BUS

Led by the Huntsman Marine Science Centre, a new Hop-On Hop-Off Bus Service will be running this July and August, on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 12:00 – 5:00 pm

The bus stops include:

- Huntsman Marine Science Centre
- Corner of Elizabeth Street and Water Street
- Corner of Princess Royal Street and Water Street
- Kiwanis Oceanfront Campground
- Kingsbrae Garden
- Algonquin Resort
- Welcome Centre at the W.C. O'Neill Arena Complex

Thank you to the community partners, Huntsman Marine Science Centre, Kingsbrae Garden, Algonquin Resort, Kiwanis Club of Saint Andrews, and Explore St. Andrews for supporting this *free service* for the summer of 2023.

SAINT ANDREWS MARKET WHARF

Saint Andrews Market Wharf is operated by the Town of Saint Andrews and welcomes visiting boaters to the area. Moorings are available for rent and limited dockside space can be reserved ahead of time.

For 2023, access to the Wharf will be limited to permitted vehicles, pedestrians, recreational boaters, and those with accessibility issues from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm from *Monday, May 15th to Tuesday, September 6th*. The public will be able to access the Wharf using their vehicles before 8:00 am and after 5:00 pm each day. Signage will be posted asking to please honour this process for the safety, and enjoyment of the Wharf by all. ***Please note there is currently a vehicle weight restriction of 11 tons.***

Recreational Wharf Access Permit holders are permitted vehicle access to the Wharf at any time of day. Parking spaces are limited. Boaters will be given time to offload supplies and people, but may be asked to park off the wharf due to space restrictions.

Contact the Wharfinger at (506) 529-5170 and/or email wharf@townofstandrews.ca

ONE-WAY STREET



One-way traffic on Water Street returns on ***Monday, May 15, 2023, until Monday, October 16, 2023***, from Edward Street to Frederick Street. Parking on Water Street will be allowed on both sides of the street. Businesses can approach the Town again this year to rent walkarounds for extending their business onto the sidewalk.

TOURISM ACCOMMODATION LEVY

In March 2019, the Government of New Brunswick adopted enabling legislation to provide authority under the *Local Governance Act* to permit municipalities to establish and collect a Tourism Accommodation Levy.

By-Law 23-01, *A By-Law Related to a Tourism Accommodation Levy in the Town of Saint Andrews*, was enacted as of April 17, 2023. All hotels, motels, inns, bed and breakfasts, Airbnbs, VRBOs, cottages, resorts, campgrounds, glamping and other short-term rental properties are subject to this Levy and must register with the Town of Saint Andrews by ***March 31st of each year***. Operators in the Wards of Bayside and Chamcook, must register their accommodation(s) this year by ***June 30, 2023***.

The Tourism Accommodation Levy is currently set at a rate of 3% of the base accommodation price of Tourism Accommodations within the Town of Saint Andrews. On July 1, 2023, the rate will be set at 3.5%. Bookings taken after July 1, 2023, are subject to 3.5% levy in Saint Andrews ***including the Wards of Bayside and Chamcook***.

Short Term Rental Defined

A short-term rental refers to any premises operated to provide, for remuneration, temporary accommodations for the public for a continuous period not exceeding 31 days.

Registration and Reporting

The operator of any property containing a rental room(s) within the Town of Saint Andrews, and that rent for less than 31 days is required to remit under the Tourism Accommodation Levy By-law. Any applicable operator must register with the Town of Saint Andrews. An operator requires a Registration Identification Number and certificate for each individual place of business and must be posted for the public to see. Registration Numbers and Certificates will be issued by the Town.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



2023 certainly has brought about a lot of changes. Although the process for local government reform took close to a year to complete, the reality is that it was somewhat chaotic at the local level (all across the province) and local administrators are playing catch-up to the expanded communities.

Towards the end of 2022, a By-Law was passed that stated the Town of Saint Andrews' by-laws that were in place prior to local government reform, only apply to the old town limits at Clarke Road. Subsequently, we have received inquiries on enforcement issues within Bayside and Chamcook. Provincial regulations still apply in these areas and staff are lobbying on behalf of the residents to have enforcement measures, when appropriate. So now Council will need to determine what by-laws should be incorporated in the new areas to ensure a consistent level of service. This will be highly transparent and rely on the recommendations of our new residents.

On a happier note, staff are eager to welcome Merven Hanselbacher to the team as our Manager of Recreation. He has been slowly working through the community to assess what resources we currently have including facilities, programs, and volunteer base. In addition, he is striving to increase the recreational activities offered throughout the year. The Bayside Community Hall will also be transferred to the Town, an additional recreational asset that needs to be utilized better.

The engagement level in Saint Andrews is high and we appreciate all correspondence received from the community. It is all reviewed, and in many cases, it is combined with other similar concerns for future use. The best example of that is the update of the Vehicular By-Law, which had letters and emails from the last two plus years incorporated into the review.

On behalf of Council, thank you to those who take the time to reach out, express an opinion or attend a Town meeting. This is a valuable gauge on your expectations and how your local government should move forward.

Chris Spear, Chief Administrative Officer/Treasurer





CONTACT STAFF

Residents requesting services from Public Works, Water and Sewer, Recreation or for Administrative Assistance, please contact Town Hall by phone at (506) 529-5120, by email to town@townofstandrews.ca or use the contact options on the Town website www.townofsaintandrews.ca.

WATER & SEWER BILLS



The semi-annual utility bills were recently issued. Payments for the Spring Water and Sewer Bills are due 60 days after issuance or by ***June 19, 2023***. Interest will be charged on any outstanding balances after this date.

The rate remains the same as the previous year, \$317.50 every six months or \$635.00 per year. New water meters continue to be installed with the goal of returning to billing based on consumption beginning October 1st of this year which will be reflected on your Spring 2024 invoice.

UPCOMING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

- Queen Street between Harriet and Mary – water main replacement and base asphalt
- Prince of Wales Street at Indian Point – water and sanitary services for the new washroom building
- Alexandra Crescent between Reed Avenue and Civic # 35 – water, sanitary, storm main replacement, and base asphalt
- Outdoor Exercise Park at Indian Point Park

TOWN HALL HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Town Hall will be ***closed*** on the following dates:

- Monday, May 22, 2023
- Monday, July 3, 2023
- Monday, August 7, 2023
- Monday, September 4, 2023
- Monday, October 2, 2023
- Monday, October 9, 2023



BY-LAW PROCESS

With Local Governance Reform as of January 1, 2023, the Town of Saint Andrews now includes the communities of Bayside and Chamcook. As part of the local governance processes, each municipal By-Law will be brought forward for consideration by Council. To help educate the public on the By-Law processes, the Town of Saint Andrews uses the following process steps:

- Draft By-Law discussion by Council for consideration for First Reading.
- By-Law moved to First Reading by Council.
- Host a Public Hearing of Objections and Comments.
- Council review of feedback from the public and discussions on By-Law amendments.
- By-Law moved to Second Reading by Council.
- By-Law moved to Third Reading by Council and enacted.

The best way to stay informed about By-Laws being reviewed by the Council, is to visit the Town of Saint Andrews website at www.townofsaintandrews.ca or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/town.saintandrews for updates, copies of the By-Law, and timing of meetings. The public can also contact Town Hall at (506) 529-5120, stop by Town Hall at 212 Water Street, Saint Andrews, or email pnopper@townofstandrews.ca for questions, and comments, or to have a hard copy of the By-Laws being reviewed by Council. The Town also conducts mailouts to residents to inform them of Public Hearings of Objections and Comments through mass mailouts. If you do not receive our notifications in the mail, it is recommended you speak with your local Canada Post staff to identify if you have a flyer filter on your mailbox.

CONGRATULATIONS

2023 SIR JAMES DUNN ACADEMY GRADUATES!



The Town and Council of Saint Andrews would like to congratulate the 2023 graduating class from Sir James Dunn Academy. Even in the hardest moments, you have proved you can succeed. We wish you all the best in your next adventures in life!



MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mayor: Brad Henderson Deputy Mayor: Kate Akagi
Councillors: Mark Bennett, Marc Blanchard, Kurt Gumushel, Annette Harland, Lee Heenan, Jamie Hirtle, Steve Neil, and Darrell Weare

COUNCIL MEETINGS



In person Regular Council Meetings take place every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers located in the W.C. O'Neill Arena Complex, 24 Reed Avenue. These meetings will also be conducted through Zoom. This system allows the public to participate by watching via live stream on the Town of Saint Andrews Facebook page, or CHCO TV. All meetings are recorded and uploaded the following day to the Town of Saint Andrews YouTube site for public viewing. The next scheduled Regular Meetings of Council are as follows:

- Monday, May 1, 2023
- Monday, May 15, 2023
- Monday, June 5, 2023
- Monday, June 19, 2023
- Tuesday, July 4, 2023
- Monday, July 17, 2023
- Tuesday, August 8, 2023
- Monday, August 21, 2023
- Tuesday, September 5, 2023
- Monday, September 18, 2023

Please note: Any changes to these meeting dates will be posted in advance on the Town of Saint Andrews website.

Council can also host Special Meetings of Council and Public Hearings of Objections. Agendas are posted beforehand on our webpage, our Facebook page and on the Town message board outside of Town Hall. All these meetings are open to the public to attend in person or to view online.

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