

# TRENTON talk



## Happy Birthday Trenton!

### Celebrating 115 years in 2026

The Town of Trenton was incorporated on March 11th, 1911.

*Did you know?* Trenton was first settled by Scottish immigrants as early as 1773, and was known to its earliest inhabitants as Smelt Brook. Trenton gained its name in 1882. Have any questions about our Town's history? Contact Trenton Heritage at:

[trentonheritageroom@gmail.com](mailto:trentonheritageroom@gmail.com)

## International Women's Day

### Celebrating 115 Years of International Women's Day (1911-2026)

**International Women's Day (March 8)** is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. IWD has been around for over a hundred years, as have many of the issues still impacting women's advancement. Since 1911, IWD belongs to all who care about gender equality. Celebrate women's achievement. Raise awareness about discrimination. Take action to forge gender parity. All IWD activity is valid, that's what makes IWD so inclusive.

The campaign theme for IWD 2026 is **"Give To Gain"**. When we give, we gain. Together, let's help forge gender equality through abundant giving. The IWD 2026 Give To Gain Campaign encourages a mindset of generosity & collaboration. Give To Gain emphasizes the power of reciprocity and support. When people, organizations, and communities give generously, opportunities and support for women increase. Giving is not a subtraction, it's intentional multiplication. When women thrive, we all rise. Whether through donations, knowledge, resources, infrastructure, visibility, advocacy, education, training, mentoring, or time, contributing to women's advancement helps create a more supportive and interconnected world. For more info, visit: [www.internationalwomensday.com](http://www.internationalwomensday.com)

## Viola's Place Society

 902-752-0550

 [www.violasplacesociety.com](http://www.violasplacesociety.com)

### Community Outreach & Support

Do you need help with housing, income support, or have questions about available resources? Join us at the **New Glasgow Library** (temporarily located at the Aberdeen Business Centre, 610 East River Road, New Glasgow) **every Tuesday from 10:00am to 12:30pm** to connect with our outreach team. We can help with housing, income assistance, and so much more. No appointment needed — just stop by, say hello, and let us support you. Everyone is welcome!

## March 2026 Council Meetings

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 & Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Council meetings begin at 6:00pm in Council Chambers (upstairs at Town Hall).

Live Stream Meetings at <https://www.youtube.com/@TownofTrentonNS>



## Connect with Council

### *A Message from Councillor Cullen*

As Winter fades, Trenton welcomes spring with optimism and gratitude to the Public Works crew's efforts in maintaining the streets after frequent snowstorms. A Special Shout-Out to Shaun Anderson for helping his Dad, Chief Ray, with digging out the fire hydrants after the snowstorms. He could have sat at home with the day off school but volunteered his time to help the Trenton Fire Department. This is a great example of giving back to the community that is much appreciated.

The Trenton Rink will begin removing its ice March 23, marking the seasonal transition. Thank you to everyone who joined us on the ice and in the stands this season!

Town Council extends Safe Travels to 48 NNEC students and chaperones, led by Teacher Zach Langlois, as they embark on a European tour during March Break. Their journey begins in Zurich, Switzerland and includes stops in Italy, Monaco, the French Riviera, and concludes in Barcelona, Spain promising a memorable cultural experience.

Council welcomes the opening of "The Burger Jerk" to Trenton at 102 Main Street. They're having great success with scrumptious tasting burgers, hand cut fries, and Spicy Jerk Chicken dishes. Having roots in Hamilton, Ontario, the owners were once featured on the "Your Gotta Eat Here" show on The Food Network. They have since reopened in OUR Town, and I can say, you really do Gotta Eat Here!!! I was able to get in on opening day and had the Southwest Smash burger which I highly recommend!

Looking ahead, Town Council will soon discuss the 2026/2027 Budget and a Strategic Development Plan, aiming towards forward-thinking improvements reflecting the Council's commitment to progress and community engagement. The construction of a new school brings fresh opportunities for the community.

Summer preparations are underway for Trenton FunFest, scheduled for July 9-12, with the newly established "Trenton Forge Society" organizing the weekend events. We will soon be on the ask for local sponsors to help with donations for a successful weekend. Residents are encouraged to volunteer for this annual signature event.

*Donnie Cullen*

COUNCILLOR, TOWN OF TRENTON

## Don't Forget to Spring Forward!

### Sunday, March 8, 2026

Daylight saving time will begin at 2:00am on Sunday, March 8, 2026. Remember to set your clocks AHEAD one hour on Saturday night before bed. This shift results in "losing" one hour of sleep Sunday morning but the beginning of longer days for the spring and summer months! This is a great time to change batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. You should also test them to make sure they're working!



## Pre-authorized Payments

Pre-authorized payments can be done for your tax or water accounts with the pre-approved amounts taken on the 28th of every month. Please note, this is a set amount monthly, not for the amount of individual billings. To set up a pre-authorized payment plan, you must complete a **Pre-Authorized Payment Plan Acknowledgement Form** available from Town Hall during public office hours or on the Town website and submit the signed form to Town Hall with a void cheque or automatic withdrawal form from your banking institution. For more information, call Town Hall at 902-752-5311.

### **Reminder for residents with tax account payment plans currently in place:**

You should re-evaluate your monthly payment amounts annually based on your property assessment from PVSC and current tax billings. If your 2026 property assessment has increased, expect your tax bill will increase this year as well. If your tax bill increases and your monthly payments do not, you could end up with an outstanding balance and accrue interest.

## Online Payments

### Account Numbers

Use your Municipal Account Number found on your tax bill and your Utilicode Number found on your water bill for online banking. The 8-digit account numbers needed will be numbers only (12345678) unlike your customer code which has letters & numbers (ABCDE001) - do not use this code for online banking. You also do not need to use the .00 at the end of your Utilicode Number.

### Processing Timeframe & Late Payments

Online payments may take **2-3 business days** (Monday to Friday) to be processed by your bank. For this reason, payments do not reach the Town on the same day the payment is made. For example, payments made on Friday, Saturday or Sunday are not likely to be received by the Town until at least Tuesday. Banking institutions are closed on many holidays which will also affect their processing time. Interest accumulates at 1.25% per month to all outstanding amounts following the due date.



## Online Health & Wellness Sessions

Join us for these free, online Zoom sessions designed to support your health and wellbeing. Classes are open to Nova Scotians 18+ with a valid NS health card. Classes are not recorded to protect participant privacy. Registration links are available online at: <https://www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaHealthAuthority>  
Need help registering? Email: [HealthyNS@NSHealth.ca](mailto:HealthyNS@NSHealth.ca)

- ◆ **Discover Your Strengths**  
Monday, March 2, 2026 from Noon to 1:30pm
- ◆ **Making Health Care Decisions for Someone Else**  
Wednesday, March 4, 2026 from Noon to 1:30pm
- ◆ **Mediterranean Inspired Eating** (2-week program)  
Thursdays, March 5 & March 12, 2026 from Noon to 1:30pm
- ◆ **Building Better Sleep**  
Friday, March 6, 2026 from 10:00am to 11:30am



## 2025-26 Season

**Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2026**

The Pictou County Fuel Fund offers fuel assistance once per heating season to individuals and households with a low income who need urgent assistance with their heating costs (includes oil, wood, wood pellets or propane). Please note that this is not an emergency service but is provided for urgent situations.

The Pictou County Fuel Fund is an assistance program for urgent fuel need which operates under the following guidelines:

- 1st year – If approved, the client is eligible for \$500 worth of oil or \$500 worth of wood, wood pellets or propane.
- 2nd year – If approved, the client is eligible for the same amount of assistance as previous year with a \$100 co-pay.
- 3rd year – If approved, the client is eligible for the same amount of assistance as previous year with a \$150 co-pay.
- 4th year – If approved, the client is eligible for the same amount of assistance as previous year with a \$150 co-pay.
- 5th year – The client is not eligible to receive assistance.
- 6th year – The client cycles back to 1st year of the program, if necessary.

Note: When a co-pay is required, the client must arrange to pay the fuel supplier prior to delivery.

### Options to Apply for Assistance:

Please use the online application form at [www.pictoucountyfuelfund.ca](http://www.pictoucountyfuelfund.ca). If unable to fill out the online form you can call **1-902-616-4328 (HEAT)** to leave a message and be sure to provide some indication of urgency of your need. We will return your call during office hours. Hours of operation will be Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm. A representative of PCFF will get in touch with you to review your situation and confirm the level of support that may be available.

## The Burger Jerk Now Open! #EatLocal

Building on a legacy that began in 2014, our family's culinary journey started with perfecting a fried chicken recipe in Hamilton, Ontario, which later gained recognition on the You Gotta Eat Here show, showcasing our burgers and brunch. After establishing roots in Nova Scotia, we seized the opportunity to bring The Burger Jerk to life, sharing our Jamaican/Canadian heritage and our passion for delicious burgers and chicken with our community.

Family owned and managed, The Burger Jerk uses local beef for their next level burgers and the jerk chicken is slow-cooked to bring out the best flavors! Check our the full menu on their website (below) & follow The Burger Jerk on Facebook.

THE BURGER JERK	HOURS OF OPERATION
102 Main Street, Trenton NS	Tuesday to Thursday: 3:00pm - 8:00pm
Tel: 902-695-2509	Friday & Saturday: 12:00pm - 8:00pm
theburgerjerk@gmail.com	Sunday (Brunch Only): 10:30am - 2:30pm
<a href="https://theburgerjerk.ca">https://theburgerjerk.ca</a>	Monday: Closed



## Trenton Parks & Recreation

The Trenton Parks & Rec office is currently located at Trenton Rink (75 Park Road). Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm.



### March Break Free Skate at Trenton Rink

Join us for a free skate on March 19th from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

### Final day of ice for the 2025-26 season: Sunday, March 22, 2026

We would like to thank everyone who rented ice time this year and look forward to welcoming you back on the ice next season!

### GO PLAY - Pictou County Equipment Loan Program

Looking for outdoor winter gear, board games or other recreational equipment? The Go Play program might have what you need! Contact: [emily.morton@trenton.ca](mailto:emily.morton@trenton.ca)

### After the Bell Programming - Trenton Middle School

Contact [emily.morton@trenton.ca](mailto:emily.morton@trenton.ca) to register your child for:

- Tuesday: Lunchtime Golf
- Wednesday: After School Multi-Sport

### Walking in Care – Volunteers Wanted

We are partnering with Ivy's Terrace to support the Walking in Care program. If you are interested in volunteering, contact: [emily.morton@trenton.ca](mailto:emily.morton@trenton.ca) for more info.

### Free Seniors Fitness Class

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM - Location: Trenton Fire Hall (Town Hall entrance)  
This is a free class. Please contact: [emily.morton@trenton.ca](mailto:emily.morton@trenton.ca) to register.

## March Break Studio Takeover!

**Creative Pictou County Studio: 99 Water Street, Pictou**  
Learn more online at <https://creativepictoucounty.com>



**Monday, March 16th - 1:00pm to 3:00pm**  
**ClickStart: with Bob MacEachern (Cost: \$25)**

Ages 11 and up - Learn the basics of photography, lighting and setting up the perfect shot. Bring your digital camera or phone.

**Tuesday, March 17th - 1:00pm to 3:00pm**  
**A Look at Winter: Scotsburn Food Forest (Cost: Donation)**

All Ages (9 and under with adult) - Create art with items from the food forest.

**Wednesday, March 18th - 1:00pm to 3:00pm**  
**Circle Weaving: with Jennifer Coveyduc (Cost: 25)**

Ages 8 and up - Learn the basics of weaving in the round. All materials are provided.

**Thursday, March 19th - 1:00pm to 3:00pm**  
**Stop Motion Movie Making with Amos Shelley - Chasing Lion Studio (Cost: \$25)**

Ages 8 and up - Youth will contribute to the next installment of Resilience - The Story of Pictou

Register by email with your child's name and age to: [sarah@creativepictoucounty.com](mailto:sarah@creativepictoucounty.com)  
Payment information will be sent when registration is received. Spots are limited and will be held with completion of payment.

## Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29 Trenton

**Keep up to date with the RCL Branch # 29 Trenton on their Facebook page at:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/RoyalCanadianLegionBr29TrentonNS>

### Easter Care Package Campaign - Thank you for supporting our troops!

Let's show our support and appreciation to our military personnel! Donations accepted at the Legion until March 8, 2026 (to be shipped out on March 11). Items that are allowed in care package:

- Snack items such as: beef jerky, protein bars, granola bars, trail mix, mixed nuts, sunflower seeds, pretzels, dried fruit, hard candy (individually wrapped), gum, individually wrapped flavoured drink packets, Rice Krispie squares individually wrapped, individual cereal cups
- Individual packs of condiments (pack in a ziplock bag)
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, unscented baby wipes, sunscreen, lotion, shampoo, soap, lip balm, hair elastics, travel size packs of Kleenex
- Entertainment items: crossword/puzzle/sudoku books, playing cards
- Cards: handmade cards, cards from stores, and letters showing your support and appreciation to our troops.

### Free Income Tax Clinics for Low Income & Seniors

Get help filing your taxes! When: March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm

### The Mind, Body & Spirit Wellness Event

When: April 12, 2026 from Noon to 5:00pm - Admission: \$4.00 at the door

### Band: The Dogies

When: April 25, 2026 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm - Tickets: \$5.00 at the bar

## Seniors Care Grant

### Apply for help with household, healthcare and home heating costs.

The Seniors Care Grant helps low-income seniors with the cost of household services (like lawn care, snow removal, grocery delivery, transportation, small home repairs and phone service), healthcare services (like physiotherapy and mental health support) and home heating. Grants are \$750 for each household. You can apply until **March 31, 2026** (only 1 person per household can apply).

To qualify for the grant, you need to be 65 or older by March 31, 2026 and meet all of the following criteria:

- have a household net income of \$45,100 or less
- live in a home or apartment that your own or rent
- have your name on the property title, Land Titles Initiative Certificate of Claim or residential lease agreement or a Band administrative letter issued by a First Nation community (reserve)
- have paid, or will pay, for household and healthcare services and home heating **between April 01, 2025 and March 31, 2026** (keep receipts).

The application is available online at [www.novascotia.ca/seniorscaregrant](http://www.novascotia.ca/seniorscaregrant), or you can get a paper application at Access Nova Scotia, MLA offices or at Town Hall (120 Main St.) during public office hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm). If you have questions or need help with the application: call 1-800-670-4357 (toll free), or email to: [seniorsgrant@novascotia.ca](mailto:seniorsgrant@novascotia.ca) or go to their website (above).