

TRENTON talk

Welcome to Trenton!

Trenton Council Welcomes New CAO

Please join us in extending a warm welcome for the newest addition to the Town of Trenton team: Alanna MacDonald, who will serve as the Town's next Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), effective August 09, 2021.

Alanna brings over 16 years of experience working in municipal government ensuring the interests of the community and citizens are a priority. She completed the National Advanced Certificate in Local Authority Administration (Levels I and II) through Dalhousie University which concentrates on municipal government & the contribution to the development, best practices, and policies of local government.

Most recently serving as the Revenue Manager for the Town of New Glasgow, Alanna already has well-developed relationships with other units in Pictou County and the Property Valuation Services Corporation. She has previously served as secretary for the Association of Municipal Tax Collectors of Nova Scotia, a committee member for the Working on Wellness Committee in conjunction with the Nova Scotia Public Health Authority, a committee member for the UNSM Wellness Sub Committee and Chair of the Town of New Glasgow Wellness Committee organizing wellness initiatives for employees of the Town of New Glasgow.

We searched for someone who could facilitate the continued growth & revitalization of our community. With her extensive knowledge and experience, we are confident Alanna will excel in her new leadership role in Trenton and help guide our community positively forward through the challenges and opportunities in the years ahead.

Respectfully,
Mayor Donald Hussher & Trenton Town Council



**Back Row (from Left): Councilor Cotter, Councilor Earle, Deputy Mayor Head & Councilor LeBlanc;
Front Row (from Left): Mayor Hussher & New CAO Alanna MacDonald.**

Feeding of Wild Animals Prohibited

Trenton By-law No. 2018-001

Trenton, like many others in the province, is seeing a significant increase in "urbanized" wildlife. While deer are often the most visible indicator of this problem, many other forms of wild animals are also becoming a concern. The Feeding of Wild Animals By-law was approved in April 2018. In this by-law, it states that "No person shall feed one or more wild animals in any place within the Town in such a manner or to such an extent that doing so causes or may cause an unreasonable interference with another person's use & enjoyment of his or her property or of a Public Place".



From the NS Dept. of Lands & Forestry - Living with Wildlife (Source: www.novascotia.ca)

Many people enjoy the viewing opportunities provided by feeding wildlife in their yards. Others think it is necessary to help wildlife survive. However, this practice may cause more harm than good to the health and safety of both animals and humans.

In most cases, birds and other wildlife do not require food provided by humans. Maintaining natural habitat throughout Nova Scotia is of greater benefit to wildlife populations. Most wildlife populations vary in abundance over time due to habitat conditions, disease, predation and weather severity. Feeding wildlife will increase local populations through higher survival rates, which quite often interferes with natural processes. As more animals survive, there are fewer resources for the group as a whole, as well as for other species that depend on the same resources. Eventually a shortage of food, or disease, will affect unnaturally high populations.

Providing an abundant and consistent food source affects foraging patterns. Wildlife will continue to return to where they found an easy meal, and in residential areas, the animals' natural fear or shyness of humans will decrease. This has a particularly negative impact on juveniles, as they don't learn the necessary skills of recognizing and finding natural foods. Feeding frequently increases animals' travel near or across roads and highways endangering not only the wildlife, but the travelling public as well.

Bird feeding is very popular, but the practice is primarily for humans' own viewing pleasure and entertainment. Remember that feeders often attract other wildlife. This can be minimized by reducing spillage. For the safety of the birds, feeders must be kept clean. Be vigilant about removing wet, spoiled seed and bird droppings that can contaminate the feed and cause disease.

Feeding wildlife can be a health risk to you and your family. Rats, mice, squirrels, raccoons, skunks, and deer act as hosts for Blacklegged Ticks, carriers of the bacteria that cause Lyme disease. Most raccoons in Nova Scotia carry an intestinal parasite called 'raccoon roundworm'. When raccoons feed in residential areas, there is an increased risk of pets and people being exposed to the parasite. While rarely transferred to people, if it is, it can be very difficult to diagnose and treat effectively. Most confirmed cases have involved children who came in contact with raccoon feces. Dispose of any known raccoon feces (without directly touching it) as soon as possible and treat the area with bleach or a strong household disinfectant.

We are fortunate in Nova Scotia to share our environment with an abundance of wildlife. Attracting wildlife into populated and developed areas, however, has the potential to cause a host of problems for the animals and for ourselves, neighbours and pets. The best "care" we can provide wildlife to ensure their health and continued existence, is to maintain quality habitat and healthy ecosystems where possible... and keep wildlife "wild".

Water Billing Notice

Quarterly Water Billing Delayed

The Town of Trenton wishes to advise residents that the quarterly water billing regularly scheduled for late June was delayed due to unexpected software updates required for the water billing system. You may notice your most recent water bill is much higher than normal due to the bills being generated for a longer period (generally a billing period will cover approximately 12 weeks). The shift in this billing cycle will cause the quarterly bills issued in September to be for a shorter period; therefore, you should notice a lower cost at that time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and we worked with the software company to ensure the meter reads be done as quickly as possible.

Public Works Department

Public Works Welcomes New Superintendent

Please join us in welcoming our new Superintendent of the Public Works Department. – Darryl Marcott. After much consideration and consultation with Town Council, Darryl has accepted this new position with the Town of Trenton, effective immediately.



Darryl Marcott

This is not an entirely new role for Darryl as he has previously stepped in to fill this vacancy on multiple occasions. Most recently covering the supervision of the Public Works Department while continuing the efforts of Rink Manager since May 17 of this year.

Darryl is a long-serving Trenton employee having been with the Town for the past 28 years. He has been an integral part of the senior management team since 2011 when he took on the role of Rink Manager at the Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre.

We look forward to continuing our working relationship with Darryl Marcott in this new capacity and wish him all the best on this new adventure with the Town!

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Removal of Dangerous / Obstructing Vegetation

Pursuant the Municipal Government Act, 1998, c. 18, s. 321., the Town has the authority to require an owner or occupant of land adjoining a street to remove or trim a tree, bush, shrub, hedge, or other vegetation that is a source of danger to traffic on the street. Vegetation on private land should not obstruct pedestrians use of sidewalks or reduce visibility on streets or at intersections including signage. This necessary property maintenance is not the responsibility of the Public Works Department. If you are not physically capable of completing this work yourself, residents are encouraged to contact a local landscaping company to provide the service. Where the owner of the land fails to remove or trim the vegetation within fourteen (14) days after receipt of notice from the Town, the Town may cause the vegetation to be removed or trimmed. Any costs incurred in this manner will be the responsibility of the property owner. For any questions or concerns, please contact Darryl Marcott (Public Works Superintendent) by calling 902-921-4184 or email darryl.marcott@trenton.ca



Town of Trenton Public Hearing Notice

Re: Proposed Development Agreement on Dickie Street

Public Notice is hereby given that Trenton Town Council will hold a Public Hearing to receive public oral and written submissions on an application by Atlantic Edge Properties Inc. to enter into a development agreement to construct an eight (8) unit residential dwelling at 52-58 Dickie Street.

The **subject property** is situated in the Residential Designation, Pictou County Inter-municipal Planning Strategy, Generalized Future Land Use Map. This designation permits multiple residential uses by development agreement. Details regarding the application may be examined at the Town Office (120 Main Street, Trenton) prior to the Public Hearing, during public office hours - Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm (excluding holidays).

The **Public Hearing** is to be held on **Tuesday, August 31, 2021, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Trenton Rink Annex (75 Park Road, Trenton)**. Seating will be limited to allow for proper physical distancing protocols as set by the Province. To register your seat prior to the meeting, you must complete the Town Meeting Attendance Application and Self-Declaration Form and receive an approval from the Town to attend. Forms can be found on the Town website (www.trenton.ca) or picked up from Town Hall during public office hours. If approval is granted, you will be required to adhere to COVID-19 protocols during the meeting including use of face masks and physical distancing. Hand sanitizer will be provided.

Further Information may be obtained from Town Hall - contact Marilou Sutherland, Interim CAO at 902-752-5311 or Roland Burek, MCIP, LPP, Acting Town Planner at 902-752-4476, or by email at Roland.Burek@trenton.ca.

Town Office Hours Update

Temporary Public Office Hours: Monday to Friday - 9:00am to 3:00pm

The Town Office (120 Main Street) must have reduced public office hours starting on Monday, July 26, 2021 up to & including Friday, August 06, 2021.

The office will also be CLOSED for Natal Day on Monday, August 02, 2021. We apologize for any inconvenience & hope everyone is having a great summer!

Trenton Parks & Recreation

The Trenton Parks and Rec office is currently located at Trenton Rink (75 Park Road), and open for public office hours Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm.

August Events Schedule

- ◆ Tea party for seniors and families: Tuesday, August 3rd - 12:00pm to 1:00pm
- ◆ Lavender Farm Flower Potting: Monday, August 9th - 9:00am to 11:00am
- ◆ Decorative wooden sun catchers: Tuesday, August 17th - 12:00pm to 1:00pm

For more information, check out Trenton Parks & Recreation on social media.

Trenton Parks and Recreation Dept. to manage Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre

As the previous Rink Manager - Darryl Marcott was appointed the new Superintendent of the Public Works Dept., his change of positions left a major hole to fill at the Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre.

Town Council was quickly able to determine the appropriate course of action to fill this role. We are pleased to announce Trenton Parks and Recreation will take control of the Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre, effective immediately, with Director Craig Murray assuming the increased responsibility of Rink Manager. Craig joined the Town in February 2020, and with his expertise and knowledge of recreation we are sure he will take on the extra challenges with ease.



Craig Murray

Craig and his staff have already relocated to the rink office (75 Park Road) as revitalization construction began at the Trenton Park office (119 Park Road) in July and is expected to continue through late fall. During the winter months, the Parks and Recreation staff will continue working at the rink office with plans in place to relocate back next spring coinciding with the exciting reopening of Trenton Park!

We wish Craig all the best in his new role at the Trenton Minor Sports Community Centre and look forward to this new direction for the Trenton Parks & Recreation Dept.!

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50/50 Block Draw Fundraiser - Draw to take place on August 20, 2021

Funds raised are going towards the purchase of a new score clock to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2022! Over 200 blocks regularly sold - \$10 per block, prize will be 50% of the money taken in. Contact the rink (details above) to select your block. Winners will be announced on our Facebook page.

Congratulations to our July Winner: Pat Dunn (\$1010)!



New Glasgow Regional Police

For Emergencies: Call 911

Non-Emergency Inquiries: 902-752-1941
Community Policing Office: 902-755-8318

Have a wonderful & safe summer!



- 902-752-2382
- Recreation@trenton.ca
- @TrentonParksAndRecreation
- @trentonparksandrecreation
- @TrentonRinkNS

Water Works Department

- 902-752-1450
- dan.campbell@trenton.ca

Water Conservation at Home

Think about water - it's yours for the asking, 24 hours a day. All you have to do is turn a faucet. Unfortunately, the water you use does not come magically from nowhere. It is carefully treated (based on Provincial guidelines) to provide you with clean, safe water piped directly into your home. Water is a valuable resource that should not be wasted so we want to share some tips on how you can conserve water at home!



Toilets - Flushing

- ◆ Every time a standard sized toilet is flushed, about 13 litres of water goes into the sewer. There are two ways to cut down this water usage. First, don't use the toilet for things it was not meant for. Second, reduce the amount of water used per flush.
- ◆ Toilets should not be used to flush away tissues, gum wrappers, cigarette butts, spiders, diapers, disinfecting or baby wipes or anything else meant for a garbage can. All of us do it at one time or another but use of the toilet as a garbage can is just a phenomenal waste of water. Imagine pouring six and a half 2-litre sized bottles of water on an itty bitty spider or piece of tissue. Ridiculous! (Not to mention mean, just put the spider outside).
- ◆ Most toilets use more water than is really necessary and work just as well with less. Upgrading to a water-efficient model toilet is a great option but may not be economically feasible for everyone. Use heavy plastic bottles instead. It's safe, easy, and inexpensive. Fill a few bottles with water to weight them and put them in the tank. Do not use things such as a brick or rock that could cause too much weight and crack your tank, or disintegrate, causing serious/expensive problems in the plumbing. (CAUTION: Don't put the bottles where they jam the flushing mechanism and be sure you don't displace so much water that you have to double-flush to get the toilet to work as this wastes more than you save.)

Toilets - Leaks

- ◆ Toilets are notorious for their hidden leaks. They can waste hundreds of litres per day undetected. Leaks occur when the toilet is out of adjustment or when parts are worn, so it's important to check the toilet periodically. It's not hard or complicated. Most toilet leaks are at the overflow pipe or at the plunger ball. If it's at the overflow, the water level is usually too high, although the overflow pipe sometimes may leak below the waterline. Gently bend the arm until the valve shuts off the water about a half inch below the top of the overflow pipe. Sometimes the valve is worn and will run like a leaky faucet, it must be replaced. If you're an experienced "do-it-yourselfer", you can just do the job. Otherwise, call an experienced plumber.
- ◆ Plunger-ball leaks aren't as easy to spot. The best way to check is by dropping a little food coloring into a tank full of clear water and waiting to see if the color shows up in the bowl. If it does, you probably have a leak at the plunger-ball, either because the ball needs replacing or because the mechanism is out of alignment. This is a relatively simple repair for a "do-it-yourselfer".
- ◆ **Water Meters** - Your water meters are mechanical meaning they only show usage of water that has physically gone through your meter. If you have a meter with the counting dial visible, check the dial when you know there is no water being used. If the dial is still moving, this indicates a leak!