



TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

NOVEMBER 2020

CAO, KEN ANTHONY

The Town's Senior Management Team in communication with the Mayor and Members of Council are continuing to work to enhance the delivery of Town Services, which the taxpayers of our community expect and rightfully deserve. One component of this service delivery, is improving communication, with this E-Newsletter correspondence being a step in that process.

As we enter the 8th month of the COVID Pandemic, I want to take this opportunity to recognize and applaud the employees of the town for their commitment and dedication to the residence of our community. In addition to our employees, the men and women of the Woodstock Fire Department under the leadership of Chief Harold have answered the bell on more calls that we really wanted to have come into the station with professional and expertise to handle the situation(s) they faced.

In staying with COVID and directives from the Chief Medical Officer of Health, I would like to thank our many businesses for complying and the support demonstrated by people requiring the services when entering and occupying the respective businesses.

I'll finish my message, as I started; "Communication". The Town Office is your Office, so please do not hesitate to contact the office and/or drop in to discuss any municipal services.

Chief Administrative Officer/
Director of Economic Development
Ken Anthony

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MAYOR'S DESK, ARTHUR SLIPP

Since the arrival of the Covid-19 crisis and the declaration of the New Brunswick state of emergency in March, the town of Woodstock staff and members of council have attempted to continue to deliver the services provided by all our municipal departments. At present, all our services remain in place and each department has its operational plan and the personal protective equipment necessary to comply with all the directives and protocols mandated by the Chief Medical Officer, the Department of Public Safety and Worksafe NB.

In spite of the personal challenges many of you have endured, and the resulting impact of Covid-19 on your daily lives, we do have a lot for which to be thankful. Most importantly, we have not had to deal with a major outbreak of this disease in the Upper Saint John River Valley and, as a result, businesses and schools in the greater Woodstock region continue to remain open.

Town staff from all departments have worked very hard to make sure that the recreation and community programming offered at the AYR Motor Centre and in Connell Park continued to operate throughout the summer and fall seasons so that families could enjoy quality leisure activities together. The beautiful flowers and decorations in the downtown core were a joy to behold and the town received many compliments on how nice our downtown and waterfront looked.

Most of us have had to adjust to disappointments associated with the cancellation of our major annual social events. "Covid fatigue" is becoming a major concern but now that we have had a confirmed Covid case in the area, we must all remain vigilant in order to protect the health and safety of our community. Looking to the future, we have reason to be hopeful and optimistic. We have a wonderful community but, now, more than ever, our citizens must continue to make the responsible choices required to protect us all.

Recently, the town has been working with the ANAVETs and Legion to plan for the Remembrance Day celebration at the cenotaph. We are looking forward to gathering once again in recognition of our local veterans. The celebration will be different this year but Carleton County will pause on November 11th to remember each veteran's sacrifice.

Finally, the Greater Woodstock Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Woodstock are well underway in planning for our annual Christmas season. The schedule of events should be available shortly and we encourage you to support our area merchants. Now, more than ever, our regional businesses need our support so please shop locally this holiday season.

Warmest regards,
Arthur Slipp
Mayor

TOWN HALL UPDATE

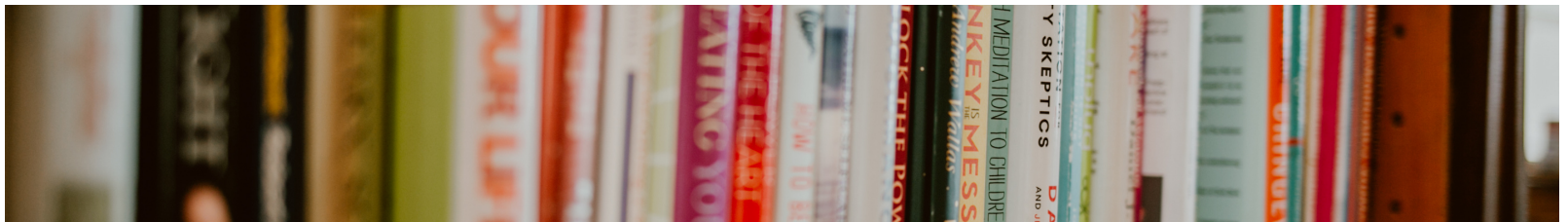
The Town Hall is open to the public, but social distancing rules are in place to protect us all from COVID-19.

- Only one person is allowed at the reception counter area at one time. If someone is already in the lobby, please wait in your vehicle until that person leaves.
- Contactless payment of utility bills or permits can be made via online banking, a cheque in the mail or a cheque in the drop box of our lobby at Town Hall. In person payments can be made at Town Hall or the AYR Motor Centre.
- Register to access our customer portal for your utility billing. Through this portal you can access your present and past utility bills, meter readings and pay your utility bills. Contact the Town Office for your access code to get setup.
- All our departments including, police, fire, building inspections, bylaw officer, recreation and public works, can be reached by phone for information and appointments.
- Register on the website in order to receive important information through email, text or phone calls. If you download our app you can receive push notifications.



Did you know...

- Council meetings are open to the public and are held the second and fourth Monday of each month - meetings typically begin at 7:00 PM.
- All Council meetings are now available for viewing online: www.youtube.com/channel/UCxBZhVrwKgDCnNGfq06Rh9w
- All individuals or groups requesting an opportunity to make a presentation to Council must contact the CAO's office at 506-325-4600 at least two weeks prior in order to be added to the Council meeting agenda.



LP Fisher Public Library & Thompson Centre



www.facebook.com/L.P.Fisher.Library/

The Library & Thompson Centre are currently open with reduced hours (see website or FB page for details). We have two computer workstations available, as well as printing, photocopying, and fax services.

Our Run/Walk Club meets every Thursday evening at 6:30 for a 3k. We also have 2 study rooms available for those needing a quiet workspace.

Woodstock Volunteer Fire Department



FIRE

Safety Tips

- Never try to put out a fire yourself. Call 9-1-1.
- Never touch matches, lighters, or candles.
- Never put anything over a lamp, heater, or radiator.
- Don't stand too close to stoves or fireplaces.
- Don't cook without an adult present.
- Don't play with electrical cords or outlets.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.
- Make a fire escape plan.

Woodstock Police Force



The Woodstock Police Force is grateful to our community for their partnership to ensure we all remain safe and protected during this pandemic.

We remind you to be aware that anyone telephoning or sending emails requesting your personal information is most likely fraudulent. Please do not share your account information, passwords, or pin numbers with anyone. If you suspect fraud, please contact the Woodstock Police Force at 1(506) 325-4601. Together, we can eliminate this crime in our community!

Gary Forward – Chief of Police

Woodstock Public Works

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK NOTICE WINTER STREET PARKING

By-Law # T-230 A By-Law to Control Traffic



The Town of Woodstock advises that overnight parking is prohibited in Woodstock between the hours of Midnight and 7:00 am from November 15th, 2020 to April 15th, 2021 inclusive on all streets.

Any vehicle restricting snow removal will be towed at the owner's expense. Note: By-Law accessible on the website under Town Hall section.

Woodstock Recreation & Community Services

AYR Motor Centre Hours of Operations:

Monday-Friday 5 am-8 pm

Saturday 9 am-8 pm

Sunday 10 am- 8 pm

Masks are mandatory in all public areas of the AYR Motor Centre effective August 31.

We know our AYR Motor Centre customers are anxiously awaiting the Field house lighting upgrade to provide effective lighting levels for all activities (as part of our Energy Retrofit Project) Due to COVID 19, the delivery of the light fixtures has been delayed. We will keep you updated on delivery and installation.

ARENA ACTIVITIES

Public Skating Saturday & Sunday 3:30-5:00

Patrons are to park and enter through the lower arena entrance (Entrance 1), payments will be taken at the door. Face masks are mandatory at entry and must be worn in the dressing also. Max 40 patron on the ice surface at one time. CSA approved helmets are mandatory. All spectators must wear masks at all times. All skaters are to wear a face mask until they put on their helmet.

- Tot Skate Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00-11 am
- Adult Skate Mon-Thursday 12-1pm
- Open Skate – ONLY \$2 Monday & Wednesday 2:30-3:30 | Tuesday & Thursday 1:00-2:00

Patrons Enter Through the Main AYR Motor Centre Lobby Face masks are Mandatory



Woodstock Tourism & Events

Enter your home to be part of the Woodstock's Home for Christmas Decorating Contest

All entries must be within 20 KM of Town limits

First 25 registered homes will receive a commemorative Christmas Ornament

Entries due by Monday December 14, 4:00 PM

Judging will take place on December 14, between 6 PM-8 PM

Please Remember to turn your lights on for the December 14 judging

For registration form email: info@town.woodstock.nb.ca

