



TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

SUMMER 2021

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MAYOR'S DESK, ARTHUR SLIPP

Covid-19 - As we approach the beginning of the summer season, we can all take hope in that current Covid protocols now appear to be becoming less restrictive and we may soon be able to return to the more normal lifestyle to which we are accustomed. In order for this to happen, we encourage you all to get vaccinated as soon as possible so the province can reach its target and the "Atlantic Bubble", and inter-provincial and international travel can be restored.

Town Council Oath of Office, June 15, 2021 - On behalf of the citizens of the Town of Woodstock, I would like to thank each candidate who ran for council in the May municipal election. We had 10 candidates for 6 council seats, and it was wonderful to see such strong interest from those willing to volunteer to provide leadership in guiding our future growth and development. Congratulations to incumbents Deputy-Mayor Amy Anderson, Councillors Jeff Bradbury and Councillor Randy Leonard and a warm welcome to incoming Councillors Trina (Jones) Millbury, Mark Rogers and Norm Brown. Provincial and local orientation sessions will be held in June and the new council is looking forward to implementing the priorities of the recently adopted 2021 Woodstock Municipal Plan.

Warmest regards,
Arthur Slipp, Mayor

CAO, KEN ANTHONY

As we welcome summer, we also anticipate less travel restrictions, however, we all need to continue to do our part in staying safe. With COVID, I would like to publicly thank the Mayor, Members of Council and the Employees of the Town of Woodstock for their unwavering dedication to the delivery of municipal services, during these not so normal times.

The management team has had a few changes, Mr. Andrew Garnett, is now the Director of Development and Planning, with Mr. Greg Stokes promoted from the superintendent of public works to the Director of Public Works and Utility. Mrs. Tobi Pirie's role as the Tourism & Event Coordinator is now the Director of Tourism, Events and Communication. Assistant Clerk and Payroll, Mrs. Fallon Lappage, is now Director of Human Resources and Payroll Services. With the retirement of Mr. Andrew Bird, Mr. Harold Boomer has returned to work with the town in the capacity of Utility Operator, and we would like to welcome Harold back, knowing his skill set will be a great addition to our team.

I'm pleased to inform our residents that the Well Project and the AYR Motor Centre Retrofit Project will be cluing up in late June and August respectively. Through a funding partnership, from the Federal and Provincial Governments, the Municipality, and our residents will have the benefit of a second secure water source, and a recreation complex that is second to none in our province. Please stay tuned for an official announcement on the opening of these town operations.

In staying with funding, the town has applied for funding through the Regional Development Corporation, (RDC) to upgrade the Town Square. The town has confirmed their financial commitment to the project, so now we're waiting on approval from the Provincial and Federal Governments. With Downtown, we will be promoting the sale of Town Owned Vacant Land (s). As a municipality, we are very much looking forward to working with developers, as we strive to address the lack of accommodations as per the Housing Assessment Strategy and the mandate, as per our Municipal Plan; 2020-2030.

As always, if you need to speak with me, or any members of the team here at the Town of Woodstock, don't hesitate to reach out or drop by. All the very best, take care and God Bless!

Ken Anthony, Chief Administrative Officer/ Director of Economic Development

Town Hall

- 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.
- 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.
- Water meter reading(s) will be received in the month of August for the next Water & Sewer billing on September 1, 2021.

Readings may be submitted by:

- Phone: 325-4615 (to leave a voicemail)
- E-mail: meterreadings@town.woodstock.nb.ca
- Website: www.town.woodstock.nb.ca (Click Quick Links)
- Drop-Box: readings may be dropped off in our drop-box (located inside the front door of the Town Hall, 824 Main Street)

Please include your full name, address, phone number or email address along with your meter reading. Deadline for submitting your meter reading(s) is **August 15th, 2021**

Did you know?...

- Your Blue Bin (Recycle) belongs to your house and should remain there if you sell your house.
- You can view agendas for upcoming Council Meetings on our website Under Town Hall-Documents-Council Minutes & Agendas. Agendas will be posted the Friday before the Council Meeting
- All Council meetings are now available for viewing online: www.youtube.com/channel/UCxBZhVrwKgDCnNGfq06Rh9w



Dates for upcoming Council Meetings: June 29, 2021 | July 13, 2021 | July 27 2021 | August 10, 2021 | August 24, 2021

Woodstock Public Works & Development

Public Works & Utility

In the early summer weeks, the Public Works Department generally has a number of jobs to conduct, one that includes line painting of cross walks and parking lots. To ensure the safety of the crew you should expect to see flaggers or detours to help with this work. Please drive safe and slowly while in these areas.

Extra Garbage Pickup

The Town of Woodstock is pleased to offer an extra garbage pickup, during your recycling week, for the months of June, July & August. The garbage truck will follow the recycling truck so make sure you place both your garbage and your blue bin at the street on the morning of your regular pickup (Tuesday or Wednesday).

Did you know:

The Water & Sewer By-Law states that all sewer connections are to have the appropriate apparatus, such as check valves and back flow devices to prevent the flow of any substance from the service connection pipes to enter the building or structure.

Development & Planning

We are excited to let you know that very soon the Development and Planning Department will be introducing new forms to better serve you. These forms are more user friendly and will provide a consistent method of providing services for you when applying for building permits to inquiring about rezoning. You will be able to pick these forms up at the town hall or by visiting our web page.

Woodstock Police Force

The Woodstock Police Force was proud to partner on June 5th with the Woodstock Fire Department in support of MADD. The event saw approximately 20 people walk to raise awareness related to the tragedy of impaired driving.

The WPF also unveiled two new educational pamphlets on Internet Safety and Fraud. The information provides helpful tips on how to recognize and report issues on bullying and scams. The pamphlets are part of our Community Resource Officer's proactive public safety presentations that may prevent these crimes before they can occur. To view pamphlets pick up a copy at Town Hall or online: www.town.woodstock.nb.ca/m/woodstock-police-force/news

Woodstock Volunteer Fire Department

What am I allowed to have for a firepits/places within Town of Woodstock Limits? According to By-Law 81-2 General and Penalty Provisions Section 22 is amended to read as follows:

- 22.1 No person shall set on fire any combustible material within the town, nor kindle a fire, nor cause or authorize a fire to be kindled in or upon any street, road, square, lane or highway within the town excepting as provided in section 22.2.
- 22.2 The supervised use of the following appliances/devices does not contravene section
- 22.1; propane/charcoal barbecues; structurally sound outdoor screened fireplaces of either metal, concrete or brick construction. Outdoor campground fires in an approved and supervised campground area require permission of the campground operator and must be attended by campsite occupier.

Just a reminder and no garbage or debris just clean dry wood when the provincial forest fire index allows. The Forest Fire index is updated daily at website: www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/public_alerts/forest_fire_watch.html

Woodstock Recreation & Community Services

Staffing:

- Graduates-Three of our aquatic staff will be graduating from WHS and will be pursuing their post-secondary education, Elizabeth Davidson (hired May 2019), Hannah McIntosh (hired Sept 2017), and Leah Jones (hired July 2019). Big Congratulations to them! These young people have done a fantastic job in keeping people safe and teaching the life skills of swimming. They will be missed!
- Summer Students -12 summer students have been hired to support summer programming and operations.
- Resignation-One of our full-time aquatic staff members, Elizabeth Mayzik (nee Williamson) has left us and is moving to Ontario to pursue new job prospects. We hired Elizabeth as a part-time student in 2011. She left to pursue secondary education and has since started a family. Liz came on as a full-time aquatic staff in the fall of 2017. We are happy for Elizabeth, her husband Jordan and young son, Calvin that they are continuing their life adventure but it leaves a large void in our aquatic team. Liz is a very valuable member of our staff, is great with kids and people in general. She has taught many the life skills of swimming and has trained many lifeguards over the last few years. Not to mention has trained many area youth to be good babysitters.

Summer Events:

- Senior Socials- Senior Socials will be held monthly, Jack MacPhee will providing live entertainment on June 30
- Kids of Steel Triathlon has been scheduled for July 24
- Get Muddy has been scheduled for August 21

Summer Programs:

- Couch to 5k – We currently have 22 registered for the C25k training program. Coaches, Meg and Krista, have returned to help us offer a program that progressively follows a run/walk program with the goal of running 5k at the end of 10-weeks.

• After School Junior Golf- we have partnered with the Woodstock Golf & Curling Club to offer an afterschool program. This is for youth that have golf experience but require supervision to go around the course. One of our summer students and one of the club's volunteers will each take a group out to play the course. We are looking to organize this program for summer as well.

- Swim Lessons- Summer swimming lessons begin July 11th and run for 8 weeks.
- Swim Team – July 13-Aug 26
- Youth Tennis- June 29-July 27
- Day Camp- we will be offering full week day camps with lots of activities and field trips planned
- Basketball Skills and Drills- our summer student Bree Hallett will be offering something new to youth ages 8 to 11yrs.
- Youth Fun Box – Youth ages 7-10, July 5-Aug 9
- Competitive Boxing – we are very excited to have some new coaches and leadership established and will be launching our new competitive boxing training classes, beginning this Friday. A grant was submitted to purchase new equipment. We are in the process of partnering with Woodstock First Nation for use of some new equipment and to run a youth program with them.

Facilities:

- Indoor pool will be closed June 28-July 10 to install piping for new HVAC unit in September
- The new Ice Plant is in the process of being installed.
- Tennis and Pickleball Courts-The condition of the McKinley tennis courts are being reviewed and upgrade considerations are ongoing

Email: ayrmotorcentre@town.woodstock.nb.ca or call 325-4671 for more information.

Please be kind and continue to support each other!

Woodstock Tourism, Event & Communication

Music in the Park is back for 2021! Thursday evening at 6PM at Citizen Square Park on Chapel Street. This is a free event, to come and enjoy the summer weather. Bring a chair, bring a friend, and have a great evening! *Social distancing applies* * Be prepared to wear a mask* Rain Location will be Gallery Room at AYR Motor Centre, announced the date of event.

- July 1st Tracy and Amy Anderson
- July 8th Noel, Cora and Country Connection
- July 15th Combo A La Carte
- July 22nd Atlantic Bridge
- July 29th Wood 'n' Nichols
- August 5th Cathy Hutch with John Rosengren
- August 12th The McGuires
- August 19th Katherine Moller
- August 26th The Martin Boys



Canada Day-The Town of Woodstock will be hosting Canada Day this year, flag raising, cake cutting, children's activities will take place. All Events are updated on website: <https://town.woodstock.nb.ca/m/woodstock-tourism/canada-day>

Partnership with Woodstock Farm & Craft Market, Royal Canadian Legion will be hosting activities as well. Each of these activities will comply with all provincial Covid-19 protocols that are in place on July 1st.

There will be no fireworks display this year. However look for later date that they may take place.



Details on the summer Explore NB Travel Incentive Program are now online! New Brunswickers can apply for a 20 per cent rebate on eligible expenses made while taking a vacation that includes a paid overnight stay in the province between May 27 and Oct. 31. Applications open July 5th. More information is available online: www2.gnb.ca/.../content/incentive-program.html