



# TOWN OF WOODSTOCK FEBRUARY 2021

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## MAYOR'S DESK, ARTHUR SLIPP

Over the past few weeks as New Brunswick has tried to contain the spread of Covid-19 within our health region, we have all been asked to adapt to, and to practice the changing protocols associated with each of the different coloured phases in the provincial recovery plan. While this may have been difficult and confusing to some, these changes have been very effective in limiting the impact of Covid in the greater Woodstock region.

We are all to be commended for our personal contribution in getting the spread under control. As a result, we are no longer considered a "Covid hotspot" so we currently enjoy less restriction and can return to more normal activities. If, at any time, you are not sure of the guidelines in each phase, please visit the Covid-19 section on the Town of Woodstock website for the most recent information and updates.

As we move into February and March, we invite you to participate in the Woodstock Recreation Department's, "A Winter in Woodstock-Let's Play Outside" program. The intent is to encourage all our citizens and their families to get outside and to enjoy some fun, fresh air and physical activity. You can go sliding on the golf club hill or cross country ski around the course, snowshoeing on trails throughout the area, skate on the Bobby Vail Outdoor Community rink, or go snowmobiling on local groomed trails. You can reserve and borrow some equipment from the AYR Motor Centre or the L. P. Fisher Public Library and Thompson Centre. Check out the AYR Motor Centre facebook page for more details.

When April arrives, it will be easier to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather. Until then, we need to find ways to get some exercise and to have some family fun. Fresh air and exercise play an important part in our mental and physical health so we encourage you to take advantage of the "A Winter in Woodstock" activities to help bridge the gap until we can enjoy being outdoors in the summer season. Perhaps, while we all have been trying to cope with the uncertainty of this pandemic, we have been guilty of not paying enough attention to maintaining good mental health. Let's do everything we can to stay safe and enjoy our winter season.

Warmest regards,  
Arthur Slipp, Mayor

## CAO, KEN ANTHONY

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our residents and their families a Happy and Safe New Year from my family. Staying "Safe", I applaud the efforts, although difficult at times, the great majority of residents who have and continue to adhere to the directives of the Province's Chief Medical Officer, as we work towards, what I'll call a normal life. Thank you.

Our Team here at the Town of Woodstock is committed to delivering quality municipal services to the taxpayers of our community. As we move forward, our mandate is to improve how we do business, in particular the accountability and transparency of our operations. To this end, effective Monday, February 1, the elected officials and department heads will start bi-weekly meetings where operational items will be discussed with the participation of the public welcomed. The meeting will be live streamed, with the agenda being posted on our website the week before the meeting, in the event that you would like attend in person and/or forward correspondence to speak to an agenda item. The Town Office is your building, so at any time that you would like to speak with me or one of my team members, please do not hesitate to reach out.

As you may be aware, the Town in partnership with community stakeholders and businesses are in the process of carrying out work on the Flemming Estate Property located in Upper Woodstock. Although planning is in the infancy stages. Two programs that we are working on is an active transportation trail system and a community garden for this area. Stay tuned, as we will be reaching out to the community for your suggestions and recommendations.

Until next time, stay safe and God Bless,  
Ken Anthony, Chief Administrative Officer/ Director of Economic Development

# Town Hall

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 in the drop box of our lobby at Town Hall. In person payments can be made at Town Hall or the AYR Motor Centre 8 am-5 pm
- 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. 506-325-4600
- 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 [www.town.woodstock.nb.ca](http://www.town.woodstock.nb.ca) in order to receive important information through email, text or phone calls. If you download our app you can receive push notifications.

It is now time to submit your meter reading(s) for the upcoming Water & Sewer billing on March 1, 2021. Readings may be submitted by:

- Phone: 325-4615 (to leave a voicemail)
- E-mail: [meterreadings@town.woodstock.nb.ca](mailto:meterreadings@town.woodstock.nb.ca)
- Website: [www.town.woodstock.nb.ca](http://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)

Please include your full name, address, phone number or email address along with your meter reading. **Deadline for submitting your reading(s) is February 13th, 2021**

## 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.

You can view agendas for upcoming Council Meetings on our website Under Town Hall – Documents – Council Agenda. Agendas will be posted the Friday before the Council Meeting • All Council meetings are now available for viewing online: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCxBZhVrwKgDCnNGfq06Rh9w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxBZhVrwKgDCnNGfq06Rh9w)

Dates for upcoming Council Meetings:

February 8, 2021 | February 22, 2021

March 8, 2021 | March 22, 2021

April 12, 2021 | April 26, 2021



# Woodstock Public Works & Development

Sidewalks play an important role in transportation, as they provide a safe path for people to walk along that is separated from the motorized traffic. The Public Works Department recognizes the importance of sidewalks and tries their best to ensure they are cleaned in a timely manner after a snow all. Please be cautious however, when using the sidewalks during the winter as ice may form due to the cold temperatures.

The Town of Woodstock has been working on a new zoning by-law. We are nearing completion and a draft is now finished. That being said, we still need public input to ensure we are creating the best possible by-law for years to come. We will be hosting a developer meeting at the AYR Motor Centre on February 24th from 7 pm-9 pm and the public hearing for the by-law will be held on March 8th at 7pm also at the AYR Motor Centre. To review the by-law, you can find it on the Town of Woodstock web page.

Do you have an animal control issue? Effective immediately, the New Brunswick SPCA will be providing dog control services for the Town of Woodstock. Residents are asked to report any issues pertaining to dog control to their toll-free number at 1-877-722-1522. Any stray or lost dogs that are found in the Town of Woodstock will be posted on the New Brunswick SPCA Animal Protection Facebook page and residents are asked to check there for information if your dog becomes lost. [www.facebook.com/newbrunswickspca](https://www.facebook.com/newbrunswickspca).

# Woodstock Police Force

As you know, various changes to provincial regional phases and measures, related to Covid 19, continue to be communicated by GNB Health and Safety officials. It may be reasonable to suggest and understand that these changes present varying levels of challenge to each of us in one way or another. It is therefore important not to ignore the difficulty and hardship experienced by many as a result of this Pandemic, nor the messaging from GNB. Coming through this ordeal will require all of us, working together, to make the difference.

Ever grateful, the Woodstock Police Force continues to ask for your collective assistance and patience in support of GNB health and safety measures so that we may all contribute to the well-being of our families, friends, and fellow citizens.

Thank you.

Chief Gary Forward – Woodstock Police Force



## Where and how should I display my civic number?

All owners of a residence or business in the province must display their civic address number in a way that is clearly visible from the main roadway leading to the home or business. It is important to always display a valid civic address number, so emergency service providers can find the address quickly in an emergency.

Guidelines for displaying a civic number

Your civic number should be easy to see from the road.

- It should be posted in a high position with year-round visibility.
- The number should be in a colour that contrasts with the building, mailbox or signpost (e.g. black on white, not gold on beige).
- Reflective numbers or blue plates are best. (Blue plates are bright blue civic number plates with reflective white numbers.)
- Use your mailbox only if it is on the same side of the road as your home.
- The civic number should be big enough to see from the road, preferably in a location that is visible to vehicle traveling in either direction.

-If the number is located on a signpost or a building within 15 metres (49 feet) from the roadway, it should be at least 65 millimetres (2.5 inches) in height.

-If the number is located on a building 15 metres or farther from the roadway, it should be not less than 100 millimetres (4 inches) in height.

- If the number is on a signpost, the post should be placed where the driveway meets the road.
- Never attach a civic number to road signs, telephone or "hydro" poles.
- Ensure it contains clear numbers, not words or Roman numerals (e.g., 12, not XII or Twelve).

### Where do I get blue plates?

Blue plates are available from a number of suppliers in the province. Please contact your municipality or the NB 9-1-1 Bureau toll free at 1-888-353-4444, or by email at NB9-1-1@gnb.ca, to find a supplier near you.

Except in cases where the NB 9-1-1 Bureau has initiated an address change, we do not provide or replace blue plates.

# Woodstock Volunteer Fire Department



### Important Tip:

Ensure all entry/exits in your home are cleared from snow to ensure you can get out in case of a fire. Make sure all windows are not frozen in case you need to use these as an escape mechanism.

If there is a fire hydrant near your home you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow so in the event it is needed, it can be located.

Woodstock Fire Department

# Woodstock Recreation & Community Services

The AYR Motor Centre continues to provide services in both the Yellow and Orange Phase. We are very happy to provide, mental, physical and social wellness opportunities through this very difficult time to our community.

Both licensed daycares, Afterschool Skiddle Club and Preschool are operational

FREE rentals of snowshoes, toboggans and snow tubes

During the **Orange Phase** the following opportunity are available:

McCain Walking Track is open by appointment

Tim Horton's wellness Centre is open by appointment

Lap swim by appointment

Public swim, 25 Max

Tot Swim

Public skate, 25 Max

Field house drop-ins (pickle ball, badminton, tennis & basketball)

Babysitting Course, March 5

Pool & Arena \$60/hr household bubble rentals

Field house household bubble rental \$20/hr for half court

Bobby Vail Outdoor Community Rink



During the **Yellow** phase these additional programs and opportunities will be available:

Boxing Classes

Swim Fanatics

Swimming lessons

Springboard Diving Program

Active Adults

March Break Camp, youth ages 6-12

Email: [ayrmotorcentre@town.woodstock.nb.ca](mailto:ayrmotorcentre@town.woodstock.nb.ca) or call 325-4671 for more information.

*Please be kind and continue to support each other!*

## Woodstock Tourism & Event

Woodstock Tourism is preparing for events to be held this summer, mostly virtual and in person with a covid-19 plan. We will host Music in the Park on Thursday evenings in July & August. If there are any groups/person interested in performing, contact [tourism@town.woodstock.nb.ca](mailto:tourism@town.woodstock.nb.ca)

### Did you know?

On the Town of Woodstock website you can add your events under the calendar? All you need to add is:

- Name of Event
- Location of the event including address.
- Where people can register, enroll, or purchase tickets.
- Attendance limitations if any (space limits, age limits, etc).
- The cost for attendees.
- A contact person, phone number, email address, or link for those seeking additional details or who may have questions.