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IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 1 - Treaty Day: Mi'kmaq History Month Begins!

Oct. 5 - Police Commission

Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving: Admin Closed

Oct. 10 - Council

Oct. 23 - Committee of the Whole

Nov. 2 - Police Commission

Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day

Nov. 13 - Admin Closed

Nov. 14 - Council

Nov. 24 - Christmas Tree Lighting: Town Square

Nov. 27 - Committee of the Whole

Dec. 7 - Police Commission

Dec. 11 - Council

Dec. 22 @ Noon - Jan. 2: Admin Closed

Mayor's Message

Dear friends and neighbours:

Another Stellarton fall is upon us. As the leaves begin to change their colours, I've been reflecting on the summer we've had and the changes we've been seeing in our town.

Homecoming 2023 was a tremendous success and I'd like to thank the committee of dedicated individuals for putting on so many great events. There is always a learning curve to hosting weeks like this, and I know the committee has already begun work to continue enhancing this fun week in the coming years. It's great to have this annual week of festivities back in our regular rotation and we've already got the countdown on to next year!

This year has brought several changes to the administration side of the town. With the installation of water meters across the community, our admin team has had to learn new systems, take part in new training sessions, and relay information to residents in an easy-to-understand manner. Your latest tax bill will also be the first that reflects our first change to the tax rate since 1997 (\$1.88 residential, \$4.30 commercial). This change has brought on questions and concerns from residents, and it has been our admin team that has been on the front line to assist the community. We are so grateful for the dedicated administrative team that we have at Town Hall – always willing to help out with smiles on their faces. We certainly couldn't run things without them.

There are several projects that we have underway throughout the town. The first of these a new sanitary main being installed on St. Vincent Street in Lourdes. The replacement line has been installed, but at the time of this letter, we are still looking to see the asphalt patched where it had been removed.

You may have noticed the second project on the go, as it's quite



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a big one. Claremont Avenue is seeing some major infrastructure upgrades over the next few months. The water and sanitary lines, storm drainage, curbs, sidewalks, and asphalt are all being updated. This is thanks to funding we received through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. We are taking this project with a phased approach, so while we see the lower half of Claremont under construction now, the upper half of Claremont will be updated in the new year. The upgrades will provide better service to those in this neighbourhood!

One very exciting addition to Stellarton is a new fire truck for the Stellarton Fire Department. Council felt that this purchase would increase the Department's abilities with being able to put out fires throughout the town. We always consider the options and put the safety of our residents as the top priority. This decision was approved in 2022, so it's great to finally see this truck join our fleet.

There always seems to be something on the go throughout our community and I think that we are very fortunate to continue to see upgrades taking place. We're a town that's constantly growing in ways that your council feels benefit the town as a whole. I'm always proud to represent Stellarton everywhere I go.

Thank you for your continued trust.

Danny

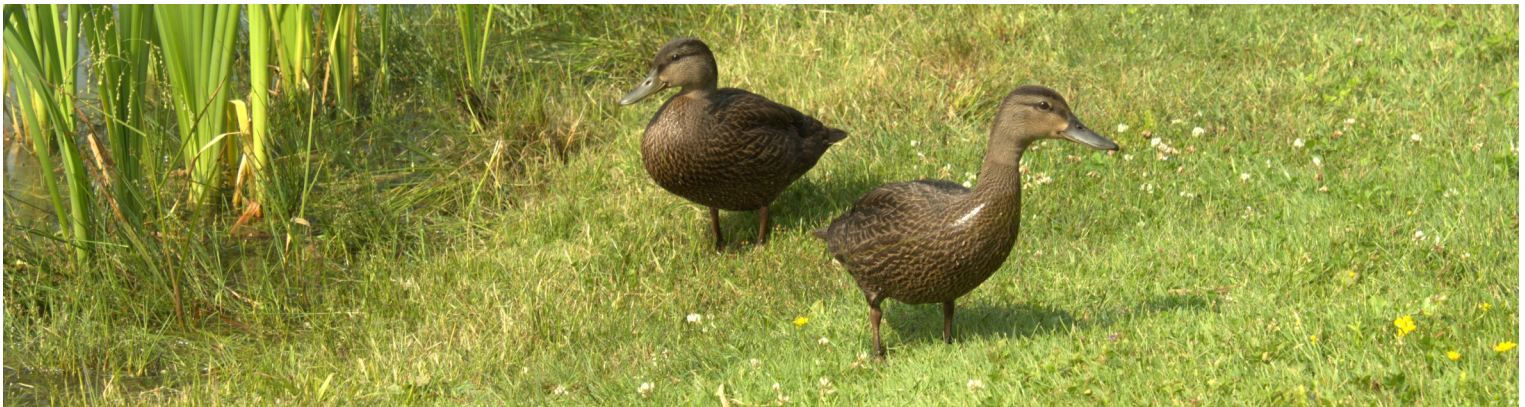


Image of ducks taken at the pond in Olympic Park.

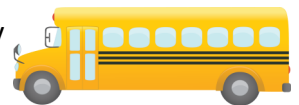
Police Department

Back to School

With school back in session, motorists are reminded to use caution and watch for children walking to and from school.

Buses make frequent stops to pick up and drop off children. When stopping, the bus deploys a yellow flashing light to warn motorists that they are about to stop and will flash red when fully stopped at a bus stop.

All traffic is required to stop while a bus has its red lights flashing. Motorists may only proceed once the lights have stopped.



Crosswalks

Crossing guards are in place at major intersections close to schools to provide a safe crossing for children. It is an offence under the Motor Vehicle Act to not obey the directions of a crossing guard.

Parking within 3m (or 15ft) of a cross walk or intersection is also an offence. This can hide or obstruct pedestrians trying to cross safely.



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Public Works

Claremont Avenue Infrastructure Upgrades Project

The Town of Stellarton has engaged S.W. Weeks Construction for infrastructure improvements on Claremont Avenue. The Town received funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for this project. This will involve the replacement of water, sanitary, storm, curbs, sidewalks, and asphalt infrastructure.

The project will consist of two phases. Phase 1 will include work on Claremont from Foord Street to Belmont Street – beginning in September and finishing up in December of 2023. The remaining section of Claremont will form Phase 2 and will be completed in 2024.

Sidewalks will permanently be removed along the north side of Claremont as per Councils' policy to keep sidewalks on one side only.

Throughout these upgrades, temporary workplace signage and detour routes will be in place. The Town apologizes for any inconvenience that may occur during this time.

For further information, please contact our Town Engineer, Blaine Murray.



Image of a sanitary manhole.

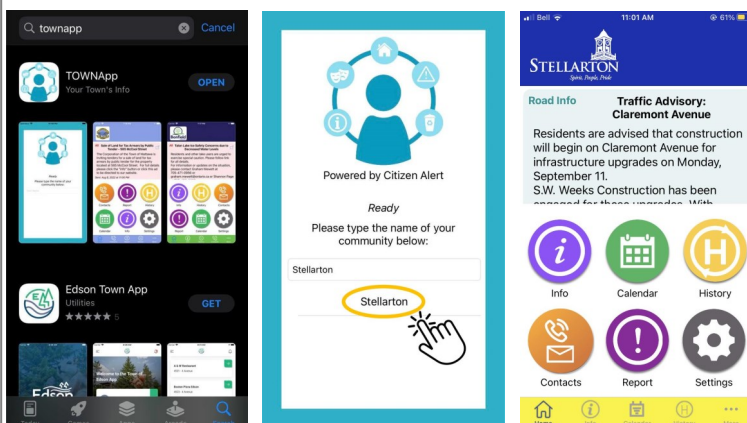
Stellarton Alert App

Stellarton is on TownApp!

Information like road and building closures, construction work, and more notices are shared through the app. You can get alert notifications and make reports directly through your mobile device.

It's free to download and can keep you up-to-date on all things Stellarton.

The app is available on the App Store and Google Play Store.



Stellarton Heritage Corner



"Sinking shaft, 1866"

The Foord Pit was opened in 1867 by the General Mining Association; and was sold in 1873, along with all other GMA properties in Pictou County, to the British-owned Halifax Company.

Reference: Nova Scotia Archives

Stellarton Fire Department

Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14, 2023!

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is "Cooking Safety Starts with You."

This is to educate everyone about the simple, yet important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking.



Did you know unattended cooking is one of the leading causes of house fires? Check out these fire safety tips to help keep you safe in the kitchen!



Clear the clutter.

Keep anything that burns—plastic utensils, dishcloths, paper towels—a safe distance from the stove.

Cooking & alcohol don't mix.

You must be alert to prevent cooking fires. You will not be alert if you have consumed alcohol or drugs.



Stand by your pan.

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Always stay in the kitchen when you cook.

Never throw water on a grease fire.

If a pot of oil catches fire, put a lid on it. Slide a lid over the pot and turn off the stove. Do not move the pot.



Install smoke & carbon monoxide alarms.

Install working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every floor of your home and outside sleeping areas. Make sure to test them every month.

New Truck for the Stellarton Fire Department

The Stellarton Fire Department now has a new piece of equipment to assist with fire calls!



A new fire truck was purchased by the Town to enhance the Department's abilities when it comes to fighting fires in Stellarton. Approved by Council in November of 2022, the Town borrowed \$670,000 to fund this capital item and are pleased that it is with the Fire Department in time for Fire Prevention Week (October 8-14).

"The Fire Department identified that a new truck could provide an additional layer of protection to Stellarton and Council was supportive of that cause," said Mayor, Danny MacGillivray. "It was important for Council to consider the options and prioritize the safety of our residents."

"This new fire truck has been in the works, and it is nice to see it finally arriving today," said Stellarton Fire Chief, Mike O'Sullivan. "We are trying to keep up with the latest technology to protect the citizens of Stellarton to the best of our ability, and this new pumper will definitely go a long way in doing just that."



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