



# ROTHESAY READER

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The past few months have been filled with activity in the town of Rothesay. Town staff have been working on projects that help make Rothesay a desirable place to live. Our parks and recreation facilities have received a lot of attention this past summer. Town gardens as well as residential gardens have been most impressive this year. Despite the adverse weather and the deer population, a tour around any part of Town attests to the pride and joy our residents have in their homes and properties.

Upgrades to our road system were carried out by Town staff and private contractors. Council realizes the wants and needs for street improvements are in excess of the funds available. We will continue to work on a number of projects in various parts of Town.

The town of Rothesay, with funding from the Federal and Provincial Governments, will be undertaking major infrastructure projects during the next eighteen months. One project will see the Rothesay water line extended to Kennebecasis Park; this will enable K-Park residents to enjoy "good" water. In addition, major improvements will be made to our water storage and distribution systems. Special thanks is extended to Rodney Weston, MP and Hon. Stuart Jamieson, MLA.

The New Brunswick Minister of Transportation has recently announced that the Route 111 interchange is scheduled for major improvements. This is something Council has been pushing for some time. The overpass will become four lanes, ramps will be enlarged and traffic lights installed. We all look forward to the completion of this work.

As we enter the fall and winter months it is important for each of us to guard against the H1N1 flu, to keep exercising, and to help reduce health care costs.

Mayor William J. (Bill) Bishop



## FALL CLEAN-UP NOVEMBER 9TH -13TH

Rothesay will once again conduct an annual cleanup of leaf and yard waste this Fall. Scheduled for the week of November 9th, the cleanup will collect leaves and yard debris for composting. Because the material is relatively consistent, it can be handled differently from the organic material in the weekly compost collection resulting in lower cost to the Town. Everything must be curb side **by 7:00 a.m. on November 9th, REGARDLESS OF YOUR SCHEDULED PICK UP DAY.**

Residents are encouraged to use decomposable bags, non-waxed cardboard cartons or garbage cans that can be emptied into the trucks for storage of leaves and grass to reduce handling costs. Bundles should be no more than **four (4) feet long, less than 50 lbs. and must be only organic material. No trees larger than 4 inches in diameter. Construction material such as plywood, will not be picked up.**

Residents are encouraged to compost these materials on their own property for use in landscaping and gardening but if this is not appropriate or desirable, the annual pickup provides an environmentally sound means of disposal.



### ANIMAL CONTROL

The 2010 Cat and Dog Licenses will be available to purchase at the Town Office on November 1, 2009. The cost for a spayed female or male is \$5.00 and \$10.00 for an unspayed female. The Town requires proof of an up-to-date Rabies Vaccination Certificate. If your Veterinary Clinic's protocol does not require a Rabies Vaccination yearly, please request a letter from your Veterinarian informing the Town of this protocol.

It is imperative that your cat or dog be licensed on a yearly basis. The Town Office receives numerous calls regarding lost cats and dogs. Staff can aid in having your "best friend" returned home to you if you have purchased an annual license and make sure the tag is attached to your pet's collar.

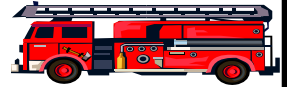


### Speaker Series

Rothesay Recreation Speaker Series will be taking place again on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm at the Rothesay Town Hall starting in January. Check out the Town's web site at [www.rothesay.ca](http://www.rothesay.ca) for an updated schedule in December.

### KV FIRE DEPARTMENT

As the weather gets cooler and the days get shorter, we tend to spend more time indoors, enjoying home with family and friends. This fall, make sure your home is safe from fire hazards and carbon monoxide. Before turning on the heat or using the fireplace for the first time, have your fuel burning devices professionally inspected and your chimney cleaned. Take an active role in ensuring a safe holiday season. It is a time when more candles, decorations, cooking and entertaining increase the risk of a fire. Respect the proper use of electricity when using appliances, extension cords, electric blankets and space heaters. Remember to change the battery in your smoke alarms this November. For more information about fire safety, a booklet highlighting home safety information for the fall season is available free of charge at both of our fire stations.



### HISTORY BOOK



A book is being written on the history of Rothesay which also includes the former communities of Fairvale, Renforth, East Riverside-Kingshurst, and Wells. The authors welcome anecdotal stories about life in these communities as well as old photos. If you have items to share, please contact Ellen Steeves at the Town office at 848-6665 or by e-mail: [EllenSteeves@rothesay.ca](mailto:EllenSteeves@rothesay.ca).

### LATIN LINE DANCING FOR ACTIVE OLDER ADULTS TUESDAY EVENINGS

Learn ball room dance steps through line dances! Dance to great music in a fun atmosphere. The best part is you don't need a partner! Sponsored by the Rothesay Recreation Department. Space is limited. Please call Lorraine or Peter Milburn at 849-0442 or email [petermil@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:petermil@nb.sympatico.ca).

### Saint John Kennebecasis Valley Newcomers Club

The Saint John Kennebecasis Valley Newcomers Club would like to invite all women to join this national organization. We get together for Lunch, Morning coffee, Bridge, Mahjong, Walking, Book Club, Moms & Tots and Family Outings, etc. For further information please call Linda at 216-0530 or send an e-mail to [sjknewcomers@hotmail.com](mailto:sjknewcomers@hotmail.com). For more information go to our blog at:

<http://www.sjkvnewcomers.blogspot.com/>

### Flooding

The end of August saw another major rainfall that caused flooding and wet basements in many parts of southern New Brunswick. An area that was particularly hard hit was the south end of Oakville Acres. Parts of this neighbourhood also experienced heavy flooding in September 2008 with Hurricane Hanna. These storm events have involved very heavy rain in a relatively short time and the Town storm system is unable to cope with these water volumes.

After last year's event Council engaged CBCL consulting engineers to examine the situation and the solution proposed is a large detention pond on Pettingill Road next to the Royal Bank. This pond would reduce the rate at which storm water flows through the natural water-courses and culverts in the subdivision and alleviate most downstream flooding in all but the most extreme events.

However, increased capacity in the town infrastructure is only part of the solution. Individual homeowners need to ensure rainwater is properly directed on each property and underground facilities are equipped with backflow prevention devices and storm water directed away from the sanitary sewer system.

More information on the project and the steps property owners should take on their individual properties can be found on the Rothesay web-site.

## **Town Owned Rights-of-Way in Kennebecasis Park**

When the lands in Kennebecasis Park were originally subdivided in the 1960s, the plan included a network of corridors intended primarily for the distribution of utilities. Though no longer needed for utilities in most cases, the land has not changed ownership and remains the property of the Town. The land is no longer required in most cases but may fulfil other functions such as drainage. Generally, abutting property owners are not entitled to develop the properties such that they obstruct access.

Some lot owners in the subdivision acquired permission to use the lands adjacent to the River as part of the title to their inland lot with wording similar to the following:

***...rights for swimming, sunbathing, boating and picnicking to all the lands being conveyed herein lying and being between the high water line of the Kennebecasis River and the ordinary line of the freshet of the said river...***

Council is not prepared to sell these utility lots but has delegated the authority to approve their use by abutting property owners subject to an agreement. It should be noted that any work on the utility lot will be subject to Rothesay by-laws including the Zoning By-law and Building By-law.

As part of the procedure for authorizing the work, the owners of other properties abutting the utility lot will be contacted to advise of the intention of the Town to approve the right to occupy and make improvements to the utility lot.

Anyone wishing to pursue this option should write to the Town describing how the area would be used, preferably with a small sketch.

**ROTHESAY is a Route Community for the Olympic Torch Relay!**  
***The Olympic Flame will make its way through Rothesay on***  
***Tuesday, November 24, 2009!***



***There will be over 12,000 torchbearers carrying the flame on its 45,000 km journey across the country. Please come out and support the torchbearers on***  
***Tuesday, November 24, 2009***

## RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Scary stories in the long shadows and the dark hollows of the Renforth woods will be shared by storyteller Don Goss, who will use props such as ghosts, witches, skeletons, black cats and bats, and cemetery markers to help create atmosphere on Saturday night, October 24, 2009. There will be a kilometer walk leaving the Bill McGuire Memorial Centre at the following times:

- Group 1 - 6:00pm children 8 and under (accompanied by adults and stroller accessible)
- Group 2 - 7:15pm children over 8 yrs (adults not essential, but not stroller accessible)

The walks will conclude at a witches fire where we will roast white grubs which some might think are marshmallows.



P.R.O. Kids

Positive Recreation Opportunities for Kids

*Healthy Children and Youth – Healthy Communities Working Together*



### Now available to residents of Rothesay!

**P.R.O. Kids** is a phenomenal program which raises funds to allow children and youth who, due to financial limitations, would otherwise be unable to participate in registered art, culture, recreation and sport activities. This program allows more and more children to experience the many benefits of recreation, which include:

- Increased school performance;
- Development of personal skills such as teamwork, accepting adult authority, regulating anger, forming new friendships, and learning basic life skills;
- Reduced costs in the areas of social services, justice and policing;
- Generates a sense of value and pride in one's self and a sense of "belonging" in the community.

For additional information or to request an application, please contact PRO Kids Manager, Tammy Desaulniers  
**Phone: 642-PLAY/7529 e-mail: prokids@saintjohn.ca**

### Canadian Tire Jump Start Program



Let's get started

The Canadian Tire Corporation has launched a national initiative called Jump Start. With the Jump Start program Canadian Tire has chosen to focus their charitable efforts on helping young people to increase their physical activity levels. Rothesay is pleased to be a member of the Greater Saint John Canadian Tire Jump Start Chapter and twice a year (May and September) will be allocating funds to assist children in need to register for sport or recreation programs. Rothesay needs your help in identifying young people in our community who wish to participate in sport and recreational activities but who do not have the means to do so. The process is easy and will be done in the strictest of confidence. The referring school, community group, parent should contact Charles Jensen who will then submit the information to the local Chapter at their semi annual meetings. Upon approval from the local Chapter the municipality will then forward a cheque to the community organization to pay for the child's registration. The way we see it, the answer to "Can I play?" should always be "Yes."

For questions or to make a referral please contact Charles Jensen 848-6606 or by email at CharlesJensen@rothesay.ca

### KENNEBECASIS VALLEY 11TH ANNUAL KV SANTA CLAUS PARADE



The towns of Rothesay & Quispamsis invite you to participate in the 11th Annual Kennebecasis Valley Santa Claus Parade. The parade is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 21st, 2009 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Kennebecasis Valley High School. Floats are to arrive at KVHS between 4:30 and 5:00 pm on the 21st in order to organize floats and finish decorating. If your business/group/organization would like to participate in the parade, application forms can be picked up at the both Town Halls and should be forwarded to the Town of Quispamsis—12 Landing Court, PO Box 21085, Quispamsis, NB, E2E 4Z4. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to telephone 849-5724 for more information.

**Storm Date: Sunday, November 22nd.**

### ST. PAUL'S ACW ROTHESAY 4 CHURCH AVE.

Invites you to our fundraiser

CARD & DESSERT PARTY  
 WITH DOOR PRIZES!

THURSDAY, OCT. 29, 2009

1:00 P.M.

TICKETS \$10.00

CONTACT THE CHURCH  
 OFFICE AT 847-1812



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