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Community Connections

Spring/Summer 2014



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2014 Capital Projects

Lots of changes will be noticeable in Town facilities during 2014. As the snow begins to melt at the Renforth Wharf Rotary Park, a series of improvements to the board walk, landscaping and a somewhat larger parking area will be evident. The project has been designed to replace the retaining wall along the boardwalk with a smaller structure and a grassy slope from which to watch the various activities on the river. New illumination effects on the lighthouse will add some excitement to the ambiance of the park. The Bill McGuire

Memorial Centre will also get a facelift.

The 2014 construction season should see some changes at the Rothesay Common with improved drainage and landscaping. There are also plans to replace the existing asphalt surface with one more suitable for maintaining ice skating in winter. A new architectural addition will see the existing skate house replaced by a slightly larger building in a style complimentary to the heritage preservation area that surrounds it.



The largest project to be undertaken will not be completed in 2014. A replacement for the Rothesay Arena, built in 1972, is in the planning stages. A new rink will be built on Scott Avenue and the existing building will be converted into a multi-purpose recreation facility with a floor suitable for a wide variety of activities including basketball, tennis and indoor soccer. The conversion will take place after the new rink is operational so there will be no interruption in access for ice users. This project has a budget of \$13M and it is hoped that Federal and Provincial Government contributions will make the cost to Rothesay taxpayers manageable. More detail on this project will be announced later in the spring.



Of course there are other significant projects with the continuous upgrading of streets and utilities. Among those streets being repaved are Green Road, Gondola Point Road and the northeast half of Hampton Road. The latter will be widened to create bike lanes and new boulevards and centre lane islands installed to create a new look for Rothesay's main street. A new, better quality, surface treatment on some streets in Rothesay East will also be an improvement on the chip seal used in the past. Preliminary work is also being done on a new wastewater treatment facility for the Town that could see the lagoons replaced by a mechanical treatment plant within the next several years.



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A Message from Mayor Bill Bishop

The weather must surely change and we can all look forward to sprucing up our properties by completing our annual Spring clean-up. Rothesay residents have always responded in a positive fashion in helping make our Town inviting and the place where people want to live – thank you!

I am sure you have noticed that roads in southern New Brunswick have suffered some serious damage during the past few months. Rothesay Works Department will respond with patching and paving as soon as weather conditions permit.

The majestic Kennebecasis River plays an important role in our way of life. During the winter months, dozens of fishing shacks can be seen off the Renforth Wharf and, come spring, residents will notice a vast improvement to the area around the Wharf. The park area has been completely renovated and the lighthouse refurbished. Citizens will enjoy the improvements and the Dragon Boat Festival on August 23rd will showcase this area of town. Town crews have started to remove some trees and bushes along the riverfront to improve the vistas of the river and Long Island – how fortunate are we to live in this part of the world! The Capital Projects 2014 article highlights other major projects the Town will be focusing on in 2014-2015.

As a final note, here is my usual message: KEEP ACTIVE and help your own body and the medicare system.

William J. Bishop
Mayor

Remember to license your Dog or Cat. You can get a tag for your pet from the Town Hall (Rothesay Animal Control Bylaw 1-12)

- It's free and you only need to provide proof of vaccination
- The tag is valid for lifetime of the animal or until change in ownership.

Call 848-6600 for details

Receive your Rothesay Utility Bills by E-mail

Rothesay sends over 11,000 utility invoices each year. Effective April 1, 2014 postage rates have increased. We offer a solution to make it more convenient for our residents to receive their invoices and also save the Town time and money. Send an email to utilities@rothesay.ca with your utility account number(s) listed and we can send your utility statement by email! Please keep us informed of your e-mail address changes. Thank you to our residents for making us more efficient!

Spring Cleanup Week

May 12
Solid Waste Pick-up

May 19
Organic Pick-up

All items must be at the curbside by 7am regardless of your scheduled pick-up day.

For more information on our Spring Cleanup Program and details on what is acceptable please visit our website www.rothesay.ca/operations

Ice Storm Cleanup Notice

The curbside cleanup of ice storm damaged trees will start **Tuesday, April 22nd**. This is a one time only pickup. Trees and branches must be curbside by 7am, regardless of your scheduled pickup day.

The Christmas ice storm caused considerable damage to trees on public & private property. To assist residents in cleaning up their properties, the Town, in cooperation with NB Power will conduct an early spring cleanup (weather dependent). This cleanup will involve a pickup of trees, tree limbs and similar debris at the curb. Property owners will be responsible for getting the debris to curbside as Town staff will not enter private property to collect the material.

If there are excessively large branches or trees in your yard which you are unable to manage resulting from pruning by NB Power, please advise the Town office as soon as possible. The Town will ensure the information is conveyed to NB Power.

The Town will redirect resources from other early spring activities so some normal cleanup such as street sweeping may be delayed slightly. See the side bar for the regular May Cleanup dates.

For more information on the ice storm cleanup visit www.rothesay.ca.

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Through the Lens - Photo Contest

A picture IS worth a thousand words! Where is your favourite spot in Rothesay (that you're willing to share)? Our Town is well known for its people, history, quality of life and picturesque location in the Kennebecasis Valley. Rothesay boasts parks, beach sites, wharves, playgrounds, hiking trails, biking lanes, many recreation sites and some hidden gems too! And here is your chance to share and spread the word!

"Through the Lens" of amateur photographers will show what a great place Rothesay is to live in! So get out in your community, photograph your favourite spot and send it along – spring, summer, winter, fall – makes no difference – we'll take them all!

You can submit up to 5 photos for the contest prior to the submission deadline of August 25, 2014. Submitted photos will be uploaded to the Rothesay Facebook page on August 27. Voting will begin on Wednesday, August 27 and close on Wednesday, September 10. You can vote by "liking" your favorite photo on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/RothesayNB. The contest winner will be determined by the most number of likes on the Rothesay Facebook Page.

Visit www.rothesay.ca for full details on the Rothesay Photo Contest

Kennebecasis Public Library

Where they have what you need to build a house, bake a cake, learn about computers, travel to distant lands, blast to the moon, or solve a murder.

Stay up-to-date on all that is taking place at your local library.

Visit their Facebook page to find all the details on the fun, enriching programs and events happening now.

www.facebook.com/kennebpl

Canada Day Celebrations

Come out and celebrate our Nation's 147th Birthday
ROTHESAY - Tuesday, July 1

Events kick off with a flag-raising and cake-cutting ceremony on the Rothesay Common* at **12:00pm**

After the ceremony enjoy:

- Live Entertainment! • Popcorn & Cotton Candy!
- Face Painting! • New Giant Inflatables & Kids Games!

*Rain location will be the Rothesay Arena

Saint John Dragon Boat Festival

Saturday, August 23
at the Renforth Wharf.

The Saint John Dragon Boat Festival is an exciting fundraising event that combines the thrill of team dragon boat racing with a unique cultural festival.

For more details visit:
www.sjdragonboat.ca

Town Greenhouse

Did you know? Rothesay has a new greenhouse that will grow new plant material for Town flower beds. We are producing all the bedding plants for 26 flower beds in Rothesay which will total over 5800 individual plants.

Some of the plants being grown are old favorites such as: Geraniums, Petunias, Lobelia, Ageratum and Marigolds. We are growing some not so well known species such as Salpiglossis, Osteospermum, Melampodium and Helichrysum.

Playground Programs

We have 3 different locations for our playground programs this summer for children ages 5-12: Wells Recreation Park, K-Park Elementary School, and Rothesay Park School. The morning sessions run 9am-12pm and the afternoon sessions are from 1pm-4pm. Don't miss out on a summer filled with Games, Crafts, Theme Days, Day Trips & MORE!

Register at Town Hall after May 5th - \$4.00 per 3 hours session (tax included) 5, 10, 20 session cards are available.

Summer Day Camp Programs

This summer Rothesay and the YMCA are partnering to bring new and exciting Day Camp Programs to the Bill McGuire Centre. For more information or to register visit the YMCA of Greater Saint John website www.saintjohnny.com or call 693-9622.



Swimming Lessons

Renforth & K-Park Beaches will open on June 23. K-Park Beach is lifeguarded Monday to Friday - 11am-5pm and Renforth beach is lifeguarded Monday to Sunday 11am-5pm. Canadian Red Cross Swim Kids Programs will be offered at both beaches. Early Bird Registration takes place at the Bill McGuire Centre June 23rd-27th from 11am-1pm. The cost is **\$30.00 per** two-week sessions (Mon-Fri). Classes run in 30 minute intervals from 10-11am. Times will depend on registration. For more info visit www.rothesay.ca.

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Concert in the Common 2014 Series

July 3rd - David Leask
July 10th - Thom Swift
July 17th - Mike Biggar
July 24th - Lindy Vopnfjord
July 31st - Tom Easley Band
August 7th - Bryan Potvin
August 14th - 50 Shades of Blue
August 21st - Jessica Rhaye
August 28th - The Hupman Brothers

If the weather is inclement, the concerts will be held at Rothesay Park School.

Emergency Preparedness Week (May 4-10)

Are you prepared? Register for emergency alerts at www.rothesay.ca

emergencyALERT

72 Hours
is YOUR family prepared?
www.getprepared.ca

Rothesay has an ad hoc committee examining activities and safety associated with the rail line. If you have questions or issues you'd like explored, please email Rothesay@rothesay.ca

P.R.O. Kids & Canadian Tire Jumpstart are two programs that are available to Rothesay children & youth who, due to financial limitations, would otherwise be unable to participate in art, culture, recreation or sporting activities. For more info call 642-7529 or e-mail prokids@saintjohn.ca



Community Event Signs

Rothesay Council recently made amendments to the Town's Sign By-law making accommodation for community event signs where previously community event signs were prohibited.

The changes to our Sign By-law make it possible to put community signs anywhere on private property in Rothesay but only twice per calendar year on a residential property and up to 6 times a year on commercial or institutional properties. Your community group or registered not for profit is allowed 3 signs per event. The signs must have a sign face not exceeding 3 square metres (32 square feet) in area. Please note that smaller double sided signs are considered as one sign if the total area of both sign faces does not exceed three square metres in area.

Other requirements include the following:

- not more than 2 community event signs per property;
- not located within 2 metres of any property line;
- not located within the public road right of way;
- not erected more than 14 days before the event; and
- removed within 48 hours after the event.

Option A
3 Small Double Sided Signs
4ft x 4ft maximum size per side



Option B
3 Large Single Sided Signs
4ft x 8ft maximum size



Option C
1 Large Double Sided Sign
4ft x 8ft maximum size;
plus one sign from Option A or Option B



Kennebecasis Regional Police - Rules & Safety Tips for Cyclists

Warmer weather means more cyclists using the roadway. Biking is a great form of transportation, not just for environmental reasons, but for health and exercise as well. Just like with any vehicle on the road, there are rules and safety tips to follow for cyclists.



- All riders are required to wear a helmet, regardless of age. It must be a proper bicycle helmet and it must be fastened at all times.
- Wearing an improperly fitted helmet or one with the straps not buckled does not qualify as "wearing a helmet". It won't protect you the way it should when you need it.
- If you ride your bike on the road you are considered a motor vehicle and are subject to the same laws as vehicle drivers.
- You must ride on the right hand side of the road, in the same direction as traffic. You must signal before turning or stopping.
- You must ride in SINGLE FILE if you are with other cyclists and you must obey all the road signs and traffic signals.
- Do not ride on sidewalks; those are for pedestrians.

Cycling is extremely fun and a great alternative to driving or walking. If everyone follows the rules of the road we can all share the roadway safely this summer.

Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department Safety Tips for Using Mulch

Mulch of all kinds can create its own heat. However, this appears to be more prevalent with black mulch due to the fact it draws greater heat from the sun and therefore heats the material and earth under it more so than other mulch. The heat generated in the mulch with older composed mulch underneath can create a fire hazard.

The Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department would recommend the following precautions be taken to ensure safety of your property when using mulch in your garden beds:

- Do not apply mulch within 18 inches of any combustible materials
- Remove the old mulch from previous seasons before applying new mulch
- Keep the depth of the mulch to 2-4 inches
- Periodically check garden beds for heat build up, especially when weather conditions have been dry & hot
- Consider turning over your mulch occasionally
- If you notice a smell similar to a camp fire, check your garden bed for heat and/or smoldering
- If you smoke, use a proper receptacle to discard your smoking materials and matches

